

#### Letter from Brevard Autism Coalition, Inc.

#### Dear Community Partner:

Imagine Jimmy, a vibrant seven-year-old boy with a heart as big as his smile. But behind that smile lies a struggle—a struggle that saw him kicked out of six camps in a single summer. You see, Jimmy is a special kid with autism spectrum disorder, and while he loves nothing more than playing and connecting with others, his emotional regulation deficits sometimes lead to outbursts that can be misunderstood as aggression.

For Jimmy's parents, watching their son face rejection after rejection was heartbreaking. They enrolled him in camp after camp, hoping to find a place where he could belong, where he could thrive. But each time, their hopes were dashed as Jimmy's challenges proved a greater challenge than they could meet.

Then they found Camp 2 Can—a beacon of hope in a sea of disappointment. Unlike other camps that simply couldn't meet Jimmy's needs, Camp 2 Can had something special: a fully trained staff equipped to understand and support him through his struggles by utilizing his strengths and creating opportunities for success. Finally, Jimmy found a place where he wasn't just tolerated, but truly embraced.

The summer of 2023 was a turning point for Jimmy. For the first time, he completed a full six-week camp session without incident, surrounded by understanding counselors who helped him navigate his emotions and build his confidence. He was able to return to Camp 2 Can 2024 for another successful summer, made new friends and created lasting memories.

But Camp 2 Can isn't just about providing a safe environment—it's about fostering a community where kids like Jimmy can flourish. Our staff doesn't just have the training; they have a genuine passion for making a difference in the lives of these incredible campers. And it's that passion that sets us apart.

As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, the Brevard Autism Coalition relies on the generosity of donors like you to keep programs like Camp 2 Can, Adventure Coffee Prevocational Camp, advocacy efforts, educational seminars, workshops, and sensory sensitive events running. Your support allows us to offer vital services and events, ensuring that families affected by autism have access to the support and community they need.

When you donate to the Brevard Autism Coalition, you're not just supporting a efforts like Camp 2 Can—you're changing lives. You're giving kids like Jimmy the chance to belong, to grow, and to thrive. Your contribution isn't just an investment in our programs; it's an investment in the future of our community. Together, we can make a difference—one camper at a time.

All donations are tax deductible, and your generosity will be acknowledged through recognition and advertisement on our social media pages and website. Will you partner with us and invest in the future of our community?

# FOUNDER HIGHLIGHT



Dr. Joseph Werner, a distinguished Doctor of Clinical Occupational Therapy, is a passionate advocate for children and families, particularly those affected by autism. As the Owner of Child and Family Consultants and the Founder of the Brevard Autism Coalition, Dr. Werner has dedicated his career to providing comprehensive support and resources for individuals and families navigating the challenges of autism.

Dr. Werner's commitment to this cause is evident in his hands-on approach and personalized care. He has built a reputation for his empathetic and innovative strategies that cater to the unique needs of each child and family he works with. His expertise in clinical occupational therapy, combined with his deep understanding of autism, allows him to make a significant impact on the lives of those he serves.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Dr. Werner is actively involved in the community, offering workshops, seminars, and support groups to educate and empower families dealing with autism. His leadership in the Brevard Autism Coalition has been instrumental in creating a network of support and resources, fostering a sense of community and solidarity among affected families.

In addition to his professional commitments, Dr. Werner is an avid marathon runner and an enthusiastic reader. These activities not only reflect his dedication to personal health and well-being but also serve as a source of inspiration and balance in his life. Through his marathons, he often raises awareness and funds for autism-related causes, further extending his impact beyond his clinical practice.

Dr. Joseph Werner's life and career are a testament to his unwavering dedication to improving the lives of children and families, particularly those touched by autism. His work continues to inspire and create positive change within the community.

# **Our History**

Founded in 1993, Brevard Autism Coalition, Inc. has been a vital support system for individuals and families affected by autism spectrum disorder (ASD) in Brevard County, FL. Recognizing the lack of resources for the autism community, a group of dedicated parents, educators, and healthcare professionals united to establish an organization focused on providing essential services and fostering a supportive network.

Driven by the belief that every individual with autism deserves to be celebrated, Brevard Autism Coalition's mission extends beyond practical support to creating an environment where differences are cherished. Offering various programs, educational workshops, social groups, and advocacy efforts, Brevard Autism Coalition addresses the diverse needs of the autism community.

Over the years, Brevard Autism Coalition has expanded its impact through community events like awareness campaigns and inclusive recreational programs. These initiatives promote socialization, skill-building, and a sense of belonging.

Through collaboration with local schools, healthcare providers, and other organizations, Brevard Autism Coalition has built a robust support network that helps to comprehensively meets the needs of individuals with autism from early childhood to adulthood.

Today, the Brevard Autism Coalition is a vibrant community-based organization where every person touched by autism is embraced and empowered. Continually innovating and adapting, Brevard Autism Coalition is dedicated to enhancing the lives of those it serves through education, advocacy, and community-building efforts, creating a brighter future for individuals with autism and their families.



## Mission Statement

Empowering unity and understanding, our mission is to forge a vibrant alliance among medical professionals, educators, community champions, and parents. Together, we illuminate the path forward, tirelessly identifying and addressing the diverse needs of families and individuals navigating the journey with Autism in Brevard County. Through collaboration, compassion, and unwavering dedication, we aspire to create a brighter, more inclusive tomorrow for every individual touched by Autism.

## Vision Statement

Envisioning a world where every individual with Autism is embraced with empathy and opportunity, the Brevard Autism Coalition aspires to be the beacon of hope and support in our community. Our vision is to cultivate a society where understanding and acceptance flourish, where individuals with Autism thrive in every aspect of life. Through relentless advocacy, innovative programs, and collaborative partnerships, we strive to build a future where differences are celebrated, potential is unlocked, and every person impacted by Autism finds their rightful place in our shared journey towards inclusivity and empowerment.

#### Goal Statement

Our goal at the Brevard Autism Coalition is to foster a community where individuals with Autism and their families receive comprehensive support, resources, and opportunities for growth and success.







# What We Offer

#### Camp2Can Summer Camp:

- Fun and enriching experience
- Focus on social skills, communication, and independence
- · Activities for children and young adults with autism and related conditions

## **Spring Prevocational Camp:**

- Teaching skills for future employment
- Empowering teenagers and young adults with autism and related conditions

#### **Advocacy Efforts**

- **Community Awareness Campaigns:** Organizing events and initiatives to increase public understanding and acceptance of autism.
- **Legislative Advocacy**: Working to influence local policies and legislation that affect the autism community, ensuring that their needs and rights are represented.

#### **Social Groups:**

- Vital space for socializing and building connections
- Improving social skills for individuals with autism

#### **Family Fun Days:**

- Supportive environment for families
- Activities for individuals with autism and their families to enjoy and bond

#### **Sensory Sensitive Events:**

- Inclusive environment for individuals with sensory sensitivities
- Participate comfortably in various activities and experiences

#### Free to Low Cost Seminars, Workshops, Resource Events

- Valuable resources for families and caregivers
- Covering a range of topics related to autism



#### Help Make a Difference

The Brevard Autism Coalition, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, relies on donations, grants, and fundraising efforts to fund our programs. This support allows us to offer many of our services and events for free or at reduced costs, ensuring they remain accessible to families affected by autism.

We play a critical role in providing support, education, and community for individuals with autism and their families. Your donation will help us continue our mission and make a meaningful impact in our community.

Together, we can support and empower those living with autism and their families. Thank you for your generosity.

#### **Sponsorship Promise**

Sponsorship opportunities involve a donation, enabling us to sustain and expand our programs and services. The benefits of sponsorship extend beyond initial recognition. As a sponsor, you and/or your company support a shared vision for our children and youth, helping to shape their dreams and aspirations.

As a sponsor, we promise the following benefits at all levels of sponsorship:

- The opportunity to build trust and establish rapport within the local community.
- The potential to generate new sales and develop business partnerships.
- Community involvement and giving back.
- Distribution of samples or trial offers.
- Increased brand awareness and recognition.
- Media exposure to help promote your business or brand.
- Tax deductions and write-offs for business expenses.

We would be honored to have you as a Corporate Sponsor. As a sponsor, you will receive various benefits and positive media attention from your association with Kids on the Move for Success, Inc. These are just a few of our prior sponsors and/or donors:











If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or donating, please contact us. We would love to discuss the levels and benefits sponsorship. Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you!

Brevard Autism Coalition, Inc. A Nonprofit 501(c)(3) Organization

# **Support Made Easy**

The organization wants to make things as easy as possible for you, when you choose our organization to support. There are many ways that you can get involved; individual events, multiple events, program sponsorship, general donation and third-party fundraising.

#### **EVENT SPONSORSHIP**

Event sponsorship is a great way to support the organization, enjoy an event, and have your business promoted. Whether you want to focus on one event, or support multiple events, we can find something that will work for you and your budget. Every event offers varying levels of sponsorship opportunities including the benefits that come with your support.

#### PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP

Are you interested in your support going directly to a specific program? Whether in dollars or employee time, your support of specific programs can make an incredible impact!

#### **GENERAL DONATIONS**

Would you prefer to make a donation and receive a tax receipt? A donation may be what you are looking for! When you donate you can choose if you want your dollars to go to the agency to put where it is needed or you can donate specifically to a program

#### THIRD PARTY FUNDRAISING

Interested in raising funds for the agency with your co-workers, friends or families. We can provide you support to organize an event that makes sense for you! BBQ, bake sale, dress down days, silly hat days - the sky is the limit!

Sponsorship Brevard Uncorked Gala Custom Amount



Camp 2 Can Sponsor
Donations
Custom Amount



General Donations
Custom Amount



# **Brevard Uncorked Wine Tasting Gala**

This Annual Wine Tasting Gala, dedicated to raising funds for local nonprofits, aims to bolster initiatives and activities catering to individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and related exceptionalities, along with their families and support professionals.

## Presenting Partner: \$10,000

- · Recognition as a primary sponsor in all media ads (radio and print). Guest speaker at event.
- Company name and logo displayed at the event entrance.
- Company logo and website link on our website for one (1) full year and recognition on our social media platforms.
- Company logo will be displayed on overhead screen throughout the evening (duration determined by level of sponsorship).
- Company logo (and/or name) displayed on banner at the banquet hall.
- Full page advertisement in Brevard Uncorked Gala program.
- Twenty (20) tickets to Brevard Uncorked Gala with specially decorated tables.

#### **Event Partner: \$5,000**

- Company name and logo displayed at the event entrance.
- Company logo and website link on our website for one (1) full year and recognition on our social media platforms.
- Company logo will be displayed on overhead screen throughout the evening (duration determined by level of sponsorship).
- Company logo (and/or name) displayed on banner at the banquet hall.
- Half page advertisement in Brevard Uncorked Gala program.
- Sixteen (16) tickets to Brevard Uncorked Gala with specially decorated tables.

## Platinum Partner: \$2,500

- Company name and logo displayed at the event entrance.
- Company logo and website link on our website for one (1) full year and recognition on our social media platforms.
- Company logo will be displayed on overhead screen throughout the evening (duration determined by level of sponsorship).
- Company logo (and/or name) displayed on banner at the banquet hall.
- Third page advertisement in Brevard Uncorked Gala program.
- Twelve (12) tickets to Brevard Uncorked Gala with specially decorated tables.

# Gold Partner: \$1,000

- Company logo and website link on our website for one (1) full year and recognition on our social media platforms.
- Company logo will be displayed on overhead screen throughout the evening (duration determined by level of sponsorship).
- Company logo (and/or name) displayed on banner at the banquet hall.
- Quarter page advertisement in Brevard Uncorked Gala program.
- Eight (8) tickets to Brevard Uncorked Gala with specially decorated tables.

## Silver Partner: \$500

- Company logo and website link on our website for one (1) full year and recognition on our social media platforms.
- Company Name listed in Brevard Uncorked Gala program.
- Four (4) tickets to Brevard Uncorked Gala with specially decorated tables.

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	Silver Partner \$500.00	Gold Partner \$1,000.00	Platinum Partner \$2,500.00	Event Partner \$5,000.00	Presenting Partner \$10,000.00
Recognition as a primary sponsor in all media ads; guest speaker at event	_	<u> 14—13</u>	_	_	<b>√</b>
Company name/Logo displayed at the event entrance	_		1	1	<b>\</b>
Company Logo displayed on screen throughout the evening at the event	-	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Company Logo display on banner at the banquet hall	=	1	1	1	<b>\</b>
Company name/Logo and website link on our website for (1) one full year and recognition on all social media platforms	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Advertisement in Brevard Uncorked Gala program	Name Listed	1/4 Page	1/3 Page	1/2 Page	Full Page
Tickets to Brevard Uncorked Gala with specially decorated tables	4	8	12	16	20

# **Camp 2 Can Direct Sponsorship**

## Camp Partner - \$10,000

- Prominent Logo Placement: Logo prominently displayed on the Brevard Autism Coalition website Sponsor page.
- Social Media Acknowledgment: Weekly acknowledgment on social media platforms
- Feature in Newsletter: Dedicated feature in the monthly newsletter.
- Camp T-Shirts: Logo prominently displayed on the front of camp T-shirts.
- Special Recognition: Special recognition in all press releases and media communications.
- Plaque of Appreciation: Personalized plaque to acknowledge their support.

# **Community Sponsor - \$5,000**

- Logo Placement: Logo displayed on the Brevard Autism Coalition website sponsor page.
- Social Media Acknowledgment: Bi-weekly acknowledgment on social media platforms.
- Newsletter Mention: Mention in the monthly newsletter.
- Camp T-Shirts: Logo displayed on the back of camp T-shirts.
- Plaque of Appreciation: Personalized plaque to acknowledge their support.

## Platinum Sponsor - \$2,500

- Logo Placement: Logo displayed on the Brevard Autism Coalition website sponsor page.
- Social Media Acknowledgment: Monthly acknowledgment on social media platforms.
- Newsletter Mention: Mention in the monthly newsletter.
- Camp T-Shirts: Logo displayed on the sleeve of camp t-shirts.
- Certificate of Appreciation: Certificate to acknowledge their support.

# Gold Sponsor - \$1,000

- Logo Placement: Logo displayed on the Brevard Autism Coalition website sponsor page.
- Social Media Acknowledgment: Monthly acknowledgment on social media platforms.
- Newsletter Mention: Mention in the monthly newsletter.
- Camp T-Shirts: Name listed on the back of camp t-shirts.
- Certificate of Appreciation: Certificate to acknowledge their support.

# Silver Sponsor - \$500

- Logo Placement: Name listed on the Brevard Autism Coalition website sponsor page.
- Social Media Acknowledgment: One-time acknowledgment on social media platforms.
- Newsletter Mention: Mention in the monthly newsletter.
- Camp T-Shirts: Name listed on the back of camp t-shirts.
- Certificate of Appreciation: Certificate to acknowledge their support.











# **Employer Supported Volunteering**

An incredible way to support Brevard Autism Coalition, and the community we serve is to start a volunteering incentive program at your business. You can provide them with an hour off during the week to mentor a child, or provide other incentives to encourage your staff to volunteer on their own time. The benefits are many for our community, but there is significant benefits to businesses and employees as well.

#### **BENEFITS TO THE COMPANY**

- Increases business profile and public image in the media/community.
- Increases the skill base for employees who volunteer Increases community and social awareness/commitment of employees.
- Increases employee morale and loyalty.
- Increases customer base and support.
- Provides networking opportunities with community/customers.
- Provides team building across business Helps with recruiting and retaining quality employees

#### **BENEFITS TO THE EMPLOYEE**

- Creates opportunity for engagement in community where they live
- Offers alternative opportunities to demonstrate their leadership capabilities
- Provides an opportunity for recognition outside the work function
- Builds skills and enhances leadership and personal development
- Feels rewarding and gratifying
- Makes employees feel better about where they work
- Provides networking and team building opportunities



# **DONATE MONEY**

As a registered nonprofit organization, when you make a general donation, you can receive a tax receipt, which can be very beneficial when tax season arrives. All money donated stays in Brevard County, Florida and goes directly to supporting our autism community.

#### **GENERAL DONATIONS**

You can rest assured that when you donate money to the organization, that individuals and families with autism are getting the resources and support they need. Whether you want to mail or drop off a check at the office or make your donation online, we will do our best to make the process quick and easy for you. There are two types of donations that can provide the agency with support:

- 1. **One Time Donations:** You can choose to make a one time donation at any time and any interval you like. Do you want to donate once or twice a year? This is a great option!
- 2. **Monthly Donations:** This is a great option for ongoing support, budgeting and commitment to the agency. Monthly donors provide the organization with consistent funding, allow you to spread donations out through the year.

Scan the link below to join our cause

General Donations
Custom Amount



Checks can be made payable to:

Brevard Autism Coalition, Inc 1800 Penn Street, Suite 12 Melbourne, FL 32901

# **CONFIRM YOUR SUPPORT**

Thank you for your generous support. Your contribution enables us to continue offering life-changing programs, events, social groups, and workshops/seminars. By investing in the future of our autism community, you are making a significant difference. Whether you support a program directly, sponsor an event, volunteer, or allow your employees to volunteer during work hours, you are fostering positive change in Brevard County. We strive to make supporting our organization as straightforward as possible. If you have any questions or would like to explore customized support options, please contact us at 321-768-6800 or email Heather Morway at brevardautismcoalition@gmail.com.

