



*To raise awareness and provide support  
for those impacted by autism*

## *Meet Ryan*



The meticulous assistant brewer and part time beer-tender at Natural State Beer Company. Has he served you? What's awesome about Ryan is he is on the autism spectrum. That's why he may not look you in the eye when you order or seem nervous and a little uncomfortable. He works hard to push himself out of his comfort zone everyday, but simple human interaction can be draining and extremely stressful for him. Working at NSBC Ryan has learned essential life skills that allow him to support himself and he is a beacon of light to many other families who are impacted by autism. Because of Ryan, Natural State Beer Company was compelled to show their support of Autism Involves Me through a Match Tip Monday fundraiser in January. Thank you Natural State Beer Company!

*NWA is full of Heroes, these are special to us!*

## *AIM Community Heroes*



## Natural State Beer Company

We were proud to present Natural State Beer Company with an AIM Community Hero award on Monday, January 27, 2020. They have a heart to serve their community and are doing a wonderful job of making a difference in NWA.

Pictured left to right, Tim Roat, Paula George, Ryan, Mark Smith, Vanessa Boomer, and Matt Bradford.

## Dr. Rhodes & Smile Shoppe Pediatric Dentistry



We presented Dr. Rhodes and the Smile Shoppe with an AIM Community Hero Award on February 4, 2020 for the impact they are making on the autism community in NWA. Dr. Rhodes and his staff specialize in treating children and teens with special needs.

Pictured left to right, Mrs. Rhodes, Dr. Rhodes, and Paula George

# *Facebook Support*



AIM has 2 private Facebook Groups for Moms and Dads of children (of any age) who are on the autism spectrum. These groups are a wonderful, safe space for parents to share stories, seek advice, find support and lasting friendships.

My favorite author, Rachel Macy Stafford, says "When we see each other's scars, we love each other more".

Never have I felt like this is more true, then when I sit at a table with my AIM Sisters.

*~ Dominique Paine*

# Are you looking for ways to make an impact in your local Autism Community?

## There Are So Many Ways To Support AIM

Select AIM as your Charity on:

**amazon**smile  
You shop. Amazon gives.

**PayPal**  
Giving Fund

Do you have experience writing grants for non profits?  
We could use your help!  
Contact us at  
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Like to help out at fun events?  
Sign up as an AIM Volunteer at  
[www.aimnwa.org/volunteer](http://www.aimnwa.org/volunteer)

And of course monetary donations are always welcome, very helpful, and will remain local.

### What your donation to AIM will mean for families in NWA...

\$25/month provides basic supplies to help families connect with local resources for their child to reach their fullest potential.

\$45/month provides therapeutic supplies, services or needs to one family through our AIM2Help grant program.

\$65/month provides classroom tools or curriculum to one special education teacher or therapist through our AIM2Educate grant program.

\$100/month provides a sensory sensitive event that allows children with autism, and their family, to enjoy a safe, judgement free experience they might otherwise not have access to.

Autism Involves Me is 100% donor funded and your donation will remain local, in NW Arkansas, allowing us to provide grants, events, and resources for families impacted by autism.