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MICHIGAN SHINES FOR AUTISM GALA

FIGHTING FOR CIVIL RIGHTS
FOR BETTER LIVES

April 22nd
2023

MotorCity
Casino Hotel
Detroit, MI



AutismAlliance
of Michigan

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One in 44 Americans are on the autism spectrum, and 1 in 5 have a disability. Yet people with autism continue to face biases and barriers that systematize poverty within and prejudice against the community.

Too many people with autism live separate and unequal lives, particularly those from minority and low-income households. Autism Alliance of Michigan affirms that people on the spectrum and all Michiganders with disabilities were born with unalienable rights. The fact that these rights are denied to so many highlights the unjust and intractable social-political forces that must be overcome.

**Join us at the 2023 Michigan Shines for Autism
Gala and demonstrate your support & advocacy
for Michigan's autism community.**



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Autism Alliance of Michigan works to better the lives of autistic people simultaneously on three levels:

ON A SYSTEMIC LEVEL

The Alliance is changing health care, education, employment, and housing systems for people with disabilities with a goal of making Michigan the best state in the U.S. for autism.

ON A COMMUNITY LEVEL

The Alliance is dismantling social barriers to inclusion and acceptance.

ON A PERSONAL LEVEL

The Alliance, one family at a time, is working to empower self and family advocates in their quest for services and acceptance – keys to high qualities of life.

**DAVE & PEGGY MEADOR, MATT & HEATHER PAUL
AND MARGARET TRIMER**

INVITE YOU TO THE **14th Annual**
Michigan Shines for Autism Gala

Date:

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Time:

6:00pm-12:00am

Location:

MotorCity Casino Hotel, Detroit

SCHEDULE OF THE EVENING

6:00pm: Registration & Cocktail Hour

7:00pm: Dinner and Live Program

9:00pm: Your Generation in Concert in Sound Board

12:00am: Event concludes

Featuring: Cocktail hour followed by a gourmet dinner, inspiring on-stage program, silent & live auctions and a paddle raise. The night continues into Sound Board with dancing, drinks and late-night snacks alongside live music.



MEET OUR CO-CHAIRS!

2023 GALA CO-CHAIRS



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- 2021/** Dave Meador | DTE Energy, Mark & Amy Miller, Carla Walker-Miller |
- 2022:** Walker-Miller Energy Services, Chris & Carrie Yatooma
- 2020:** Dave Meador | DTE Energy, Carla Walker-Miller | Walker-Miller Energy Services, & Mark LaNeve | Ford Motor Company
- 2019:** Raj Nair | Multimatic & Mark LaNeve | Ford Motor Company
- 2018:** Ron Fournier | Truscott Rossman
- 2017:** Cynthia Pasky | Strategic Staffing Solutions
- 2016:** Jim Nicholson | PVS Chemicals, Inc.
- 2015:** Brian Calley | Lieutenant Governor

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TICKETS

\$300

Ticket to attend the Michigan Shines for Autism Gala at MotorCity Casino

\$3,000

One table of Ten Guests at the Michigan Shines for Autism Gala at MotorCity Casino

SPONSOR LEVELS AND BENEFITS

\$3,000 | Bronze Sponsor:

Four Guests + Sponsor Benefits

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\$10,000 | Gold Sponsor:

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Twelve Guests + Sponsor Benefits

\$25,000 | Diamond Sponsor:

Sixteen Guests + Sponsor Benefits

\$50,000 | Premier Sponsor:

Twenty Guests + Sponsor Benefits

\$100,000 | Presenting Sponsor:

Thirty Guests + Sponsor Benefits



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\$3,000-\$15,000 SPONSORS WILL RECEIVE:

- One page advertisement in program booklet distributed to all participants
- Name recognition on all event marketing & promotional materials (eblasts, website, social media, etc.) including prominent recognition during the live broadcast

\$25,000-\$100,000 SPONSORS WILL RECEIVE:

- All benefits listed for \$3,000-\$15,000 above, with inclusion of company logo
- Opportunity to participate in event-specific media coverage
- Recognition in event press release
- Recognition on a full page advertisement in Crain's Giving Guide
- Personalized Lunch N' Learn hosted by AAoM professional staff at your chosen location



HOTEL RESERVATIONS



We have reserved room blocks at MotorCity Casino Hotel for this event for a special discounted rate.

Guests have until March 22, 2023, to book a room using our group code.

VACCINATION POLICY

Although guests are not required to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination to attend this event, Autism Alliance of Michigan (AAoM) reserves the right to update this policy and instate vaccination, masking, and social distancing requirements if an unexpected surge in COVID-19 occurs leading up to the event.

The health and wellness of Michigan's autism community continues to be our top priority. AAoM supports current United States Center for Disease Control and American Academy of Pediatrics vaccination guidelines for COVID-19 vaccination and recommends children and adults are vaccinated accordingly.



REGISTER TODAY



Register online at AAoMGala.org



or

Complete the enclosed Registration Form and submit via:



Email

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Mail

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