

# Giving

Anderson Center for Autism has successfully optimized the quality of life for people with special needs for a century. Our **COMMITMENT** to you is to increase our impact every year. Your expectation of the **HIGHEST QUALITY** of care and instruction is reached every day because of hard work, dedication, and expertise of all Anderson team members.



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## A Culture of Giving

How can I make the biggest impact with my gift to Anderson?  
Thanks for asking! There are many ways to make a lasting impact.

## Individual Gifts

Your personal generosity is very much appreciated. Checks can be made out to **Anderson Foundation for Autism** and sent to:

**Anderson Center for Autism**  
**Attn: Development**  
**4885 Route 9**  
**P.O. Box 367**  
**Staatsburg, NY 12580**

You can also make a donation by credit card online, at [www.andersoncenterforautism.org/donate](http://www.andersoncenterforautism.org/donate). Additionally, Anderson Foundation for Autism happily accepts stock transfers and direct bank transfers.

## Corporate Sponsorships

As a member of a corporate community you already understand the value in corporate sponsorships. In addition to the tax benefits, a corporate sponsorship with Anderson Center for Autism (ACA) brings your business message to our 900 employees and 300 families throughout the entire year! Our public relations team will harness the power of social media, display technology, and our vast array of events to brand your business as being supportive of our mission to optimize the quality of life for individuals with autism! Partnering with ACA offers an exclusive invitation to become a part of the autism community. We offer opportunities to engage your employees in the joy of giving back to their community in a unique way, with a strong sustainable organization.

## Event Sponsorships

Do you love getting dressed up for a special party or celebration? Perhaps you're more of a golf enthusiast, or maybe you want to become part of a new unique autism community event with something for everyone. ACA's events are always special, designed to show our guests a great time while offering information and education about autism, directly from the students, adults, and families we serve. Event sponsorships are a fantastic opportunity to support a single event as an individual or business, and come at varying levels offering something for everyone. Whether your focus is on branding your business, engaging your employees or bringing friends, family, and colleagues out for a great day of fun and fundraising, ACA events are the place to be in the Hudson Valley!

## Host Your Own Event

Do you like to throw parties? Hosting a third party fundraiser to raise money and awareness for ACA may be a perfect opportunity for you! If you have a favorite restaurant, gym, or other business we encourage you to talk to the owners about hosting an event where the proceeds from a certain day or party are donated to ACA. You can keep it intimate and invite only your friends, family, and colleagues, or you can work with our team at ACA to invite the entire community to your event! Big or small, New York City or small towns throughout New York State, each event helps ACA to fulfill our mission. All of your attendees will be thanked personally and we will provide updates to you as RSVPs and donations come in. Members of ACA's Team are happy to attend and personally connect with your guests. It is our pleasure to create long-term relationships with people you introduce to us.

## Gifts In Memory of Loved Ones

The passing of a loved one can be a time to reflect on memories and remember what was important to your loved one when they were alive. One way that many ACA supporters honor and recognize the memory of a loved one is to ask that in lieu of, or in addition to flowers a donation be made to Anderson



When you donate to ACA, you are joining a qualified group of professionals responsible for carrying out the most important work there is: supporting people with respect, integrity, and skill.



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Foundation for Autism. Donors are thanked personally and you will receive updates every time gifts in your loved one's memory are received so that you can also thank donors who choose to honor your loved one in this impactful way.

### **Anderson Legacy Circle**

Plan today, to put your estate to good work in the future. The idea that one has to have significant financial resources today in order to make a strong impact through estate planning is a commonly held myth. The reality is that your estate is likely worth far more than you realize. There are many ways to create a legacy gift to Anderson Foundation for Autism, several of which do not even require legal counsel. The decision to leave Anderson Foundation in your Will gains you admission into an exclusive group: The Anderson Legacy Circle. Your name will be added to a beautiful plaque honoring those who have made this decision and informed us. You will be invited to specific events and opportunities to encourage other stakeholders to follow in your footsteps. Contact us today for more information and an easy "how-to" guide.

### **Facebook & Social Media Fundraisers**

There is a reason why Facebook asks you to consider creating a birthday fundraiser as you approach your special day. It's because they are incredibly effective! Facebook has eliminated all fees associated with these fundraisers so you can rest assured that all donations will come directly to ACA. Facebook birthday fundraisers have raised nearly \$100,000 for Anderson Foundation for Autism. It's easy to set up and the rewards can be astronomical! We offer support and guidance in creating your personal message, providing pictures and helping with the "how to's" of setting up your birthday fundraiser. Consider this as your big day approaches!

### **Anderson Wish List**

Are you a gift-giver? Do you especially enjoy picking out something that you can see and imagine being used by ACA students and adults? Consider purchasing something off our ACA's Wish List which you can find on our website, [andersoncenterforautism.org/wishlist](http://andersoncenterforautism.org/wishlist). We'll even take care of ordering it and getting it all set up in the appropriate location! Your donation will be recorded and acknowledged, and we are happy to send you pictures of the item(s) in use! If you enjoy the feeling you get from seeing the smiles your gift generates, this is a wonderful way to support ACA!

### **In-Kind Gifts**

If you have a special talent or service that your business provides, consider an in-kind donation. Maintaining our programs, our beautiful campus and our adult group homes and LifeLong Learning<sup>SM</sup> Centers takes a lot of work! We have benefited tremendously from in-kind donations from electricians, masons, architects, and many other vendors. This is a unique and often easy way for business owners or private contractors to make an impact through the work they do with us.

### **Have another idea you don't see here? Let's talk!**

Love to wear pajamas? Proud of your favorite sports team? Get a kick out of running for a good cause? Consider starting a "pajama day", "team pride" or 5K in your local community! Donate the funds raised to Anderson Foundation for Autism. We will promote your event on our social media platforms and encourage our team members and families to get involved! Turn something that you already like to do into a fundraiser for ACA - it's a winning combination.

For more information or to learn how to support ACA's mission please visit:  
**[www.andersoncenterforautism.org/giving](http://www.andersoncenterforautism.org/giving)**

**We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give**  
– Winston Churchill



Your generous donation and support can help to create a lasting legacy and improve the lives of the children and adults ACA serves.





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