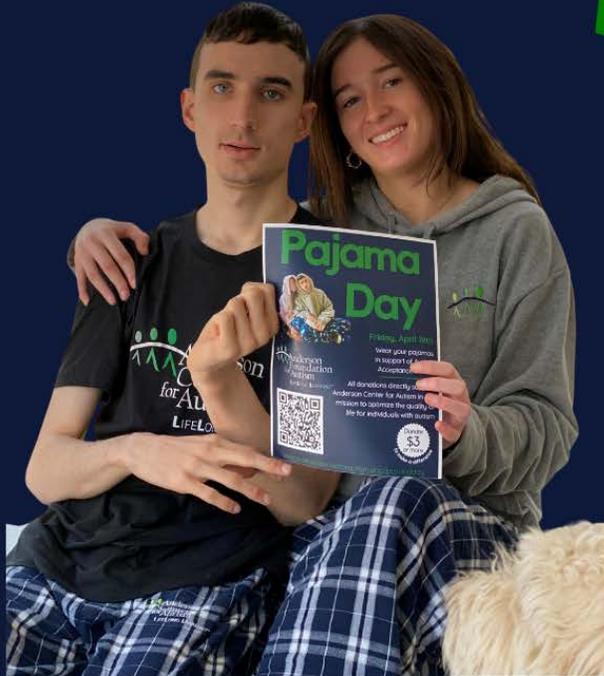


Pajama Day



Friday, April 17th



Wear your pajamas in support of Autism Acceptance Month!
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Dear friends, family, and community members,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Abby Edwards. I have just recently graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary, Early Childhood, and Special Education from Marist University. I am now pursuing my teaching career. I have two older brothers, Josh and Riley. Josh is working full-time, and Riley, who is autistic, resides at Anderson Center for Autism, where he continues to develop and thrive. Riley resides in an adult group home and attends a Day Habilitation program during the school week. At this Day Habilitation program, Riley participates in many exciting and enriching activities that are offered through Anderson's ability to optimize the quality of life for the individuals they serve.

Since 2017, I have been coordinating an annual Pajama Day fundraiser, made possible through the incredible support of school districts, local businesses, and you. Over the past 9 years, together we have raised over **\$100,000** in honor of my brother Riley, benefitting Anderson Center For Autism. Every April, in recognition of Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month, we celebrate Pajama Day to promote inclusion, understanding, and support for the autism community.

The CDC reports that 1 in 31 individuals are identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). This number is continuously increasing, calling for the need of an inclusive and accepting environment for all individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

My siblings and I are very close, and Riley living 185 miles away is difficult for us, it always has been, but my family and I know that Anderson has provided so many great opportunities for Riley, and he has truly flourished there. We are so proud of his growth and all he has achieved thus far. As Riley's sister, I must continue to do my part in supporting my brother Riley and all that attend Anderson Center for Autism.

The past 9 years of Pajama Day have been so successful due to your tremendous support and generosity. Together, we can continue to promote Autism Acceptance and raise funds so that Anderson Center for Autism can continue to provide services and programs to those on the spectrum such as the Special Olympics, the art program, cooking, gardening, and many more social and academic experiences.

We hope you will join us for this year's **10th annual Pajama Day fundraiser on Friday, April 17, 2026**. Put on your favorite pajamas, celebrate with us, and consider making a donation to support Anderson Center for Autism and their work Optimizing the Quality of Life for individuals on the spectrum.

Checks payable to: Anderson Foundation for Autism (Memo: Pajama Day)

Mailed to: Abby Edwards, 19 East Moriches Blvd, East Moriches NY 11940

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Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Let's make year 10 the best one yet!
With gratitude,

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