

Adventures in Autism

My Autism Ally Newsletter

SPECIAL NEEDS TRUSTS

Gordon Homes CFP Mass Mutual

Thursday, February 23rd @ 6:30pm on ZOOM

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL
CAREGIVERS REGARDLESS OF CHILD'S DISABILITY.**

My Autism Ally is happy to host another training with Gordon Homes, Financial Planner from MassMutual **via Zoom on Thursday, February 23rd from 6:30-8pm** and we will be addressing Special Needs Trusts. Gordon's presentations are always very informative and well worth your time. The presentation will last about 45 minutes with plenty of time afterwards for questions.

"My passion to serve is born out of my personal journey as a parent of a child with special needs. As a Special Needs Financial Planner, I help families who have children or other dependents with special needs address the serious questions concerning their future well-being. I work together with parents or caregivers to help ensure lifetime care and quality of life."

No matter what the age or disability, families face many questions about how to prepare for their dependent's future. This workshop will address critical issues such as Taking steps now will help your loved one's well being today and for tomorrow.

If you have questions about this workshop or wish to RSVP, contact us at info@myautismally.org or call at 260-207-4686. Your RSVP will guarantee your spot in the workshop and we will send the Zoom link to the email provided.

If you missed our 2022 events, watch them on our YouTube channel! [HERE](#)

You're Invited!

SENSORY FRIENDLY Dr. Seuss Party!

An event for individuals with disabilities and their siblings to celebrate reading along with games and crafts.

Sunday, March 19th

Noon-3pm

Walb Ballroom

Purdue Fort Wayne



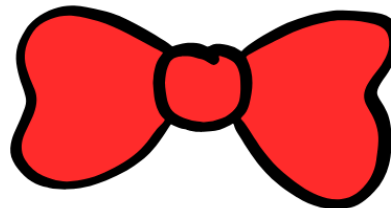
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FORT WAYNE

School of Education



"You're never too old,
too wacky, too wild,
to pick up a book &
read to a child."

Dr. Seuss



As we all know, winter gets sooooo... long - so we're planning a bit of fun to look forward to. You also know that My Autism Ally likes to do events that are unique and FUN! So to celebrate Reading across America and Dr. Seuss's birthday, we are once again partnering with Purdue Fort Wayne School of Education to put together a **sensory friendly Dr. Seuss Party** and you are invited to be part of the fun! The focus of the event is to celebrate reading, have fun with crafts and games as well as get valuable information about resources in our community. **This event is FREE.** Join us on **Sunday, March 19th at the Walb Ballroom on the PFW campus** - 2101 East Coliseum Boulevard Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Here is a campus map to help you. <https://www.pfw.edu/campus-map>

Check out our Support Groups!

Be sure to check out our support groups available for caregivers and autistic individuals!

- Allen County Autism Support Group
- AWETISM group
- Disability Caregiver Support Group
- Spectrum Sisters

To find out more about these groups and other support group offerings in our community go to our website <https://www.myautismally.org/support-groups>



The Allen County Autism Support Group is the longest continuously running autism support group in Northeast Indiana and is open to anyone who wants help with local resources, or advice from other autism parents who have "been there and done that".

WHEN: SECOND Thursday of the month
WHERE: Partners In Autism 601 Noble Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825
TIME: 6:30-8:00pm

QUESTIONS/ZOOM LINK: info@myautismally.org

NOW MEETING
SIMULTANEOUSLY IN-PERSON
AND VIRTUALLY.



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A graphic for the Spectrum Sisters support group. The background is a solid magenta color. On the right side, there is a vertical strip of pink and purple daisy-like flowers. The text "Spectrum Sisters" is written in a white, cursive font at the top. Below it, in a white sans-serif font, is the description: "Spectrum Sisters is for females on the autism spectrum ages 18 and older. The goal? Support one another and form friendships." Further down, it says: "This group will be meeting via Zoom for the next few months for their convenience. They will resume their simultaneous in person and virtual meetings in the early spring." At the bottom, it provides the email: "Email us at info@myautismally.org for the meeting link."A graphic for the AWETISM Group. The background is light blue with a pattern of various-sized blue squares. At the top left, there is a small crown icon followed by the text "awetism Group" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this, the text "Relax and Revel in our Neurodiversity 1st and 3rd Wednesday's 6-7pm" is written. Further down, it says: "The AWETISM Group is for anyone ages 18 and older. The goal? Support one another and form friendships." Below that, it lists the meeting location: "In person meetings are at Indiana ABA Institute 2270 Lake Ave #101, Fort Wayne, IN 46805". At the bottom, it provides the email: "Email us at info@myautismally.org for the Zoom link, if you prefer to join us virtually."A graphic for the Disability Caregiver Support Group. The background is a collage of hands of various skin tones reaching up and down to form a central circle. In the center of the circle, the text "ExtraCare" is written in a bold, sans-serif font, with "MINISTRIES" in smaller letters above it. Below "ExtraCare" is the tagline "Providing Families with Support". To the right of the text is a logo for "My Autism Ally" featuring a white butterfly with a red cross on its body. Below the logo, the text "Disability Caregiver Support Group" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. Further down, it says: "Third Tuesdays @ 10am" and "First Assembly of God 1400 W. Washington Ctr. Rd Office Entrance (door 16), Rm. 45C". At the bottom, it provides the contact information: "For more information: (260)490-8585 extracare@faw.org"

My Autism Ally *Autism Acceptance* **WALK**



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**SUNDAY- SEPTEMBER 10TH
NOON- 3:30PM**

**ALLEN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
2726 CARROLL ROAD
FORT WAYNE, IN**

Find out more about this year's event at our website.
Partnership and Vendor Fair information is also available.

<https://www.myautismally.org/autism-acceptance-walk>

**Check out the latest from our
Blog and Podcast**

<https://www.myautismally.org/blog>

<https://www.myautismally.org/podcast>

Sensory Cuts Scholarship

My Autism Ally wants to help families affected by autism and sensory processing disorder that cannot afford the cost of the Sensory Cuts program in our area. If you are in need of financial assistance, we invite you to apply for a scholarship.

Go to

<https://www.myautismally.org/scholarshipsandtrainings>

for more information.



Does your sensory
sensitive child struggle
with haircuts?

We can help!

Find out more about our
Sensory Cuts Scholarship
at our website

[myautismally.org](https://www.myautismally.org)



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