## **Adventures in Autism**

**My Autism Ally Newsletter** 

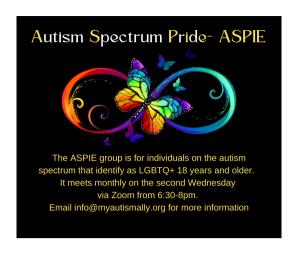
## DR. SEUSS - THIS SUNDAY



To celebrate Reading across America and Dr. Seuss's birthday, we are once again partnering with Purdue Fort Wayne School of Education to host 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 and get valuable information about resources in our community. **This event is FREE**. Join us on **Sunday, March 19th at the Walb Student Union Classic Ballroom on the PFW campus** - 2101 East Coliseum Boulevard Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Here is a campus map to help you. <a href="https://www.pfw.edu/campus-map">https://www.pfw.edu/campus-map</a> You can also check our our Facebook live video to help you find the event on campus. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/myautismally/videos">https://www.facebook.com/myautismally/videos</a>

## **TWO NEW Support Groups starting**

## **April 2023!**





My Autism Ally is excited to announce TWO new support groups for our autism community starting in April 2023.

Did you know that autistics identify as LGBTQ+ at rate 3 times higher than the general population? This means approximately 15% of autistics identify as LGBTQ+. We are excited to announce ASPIE- Autism Spectrum Pride. This group is for autistic adults age 18 and older that identify as LBGTQ+. This group will meet monthly on the 2nd Wednesday via Zoom from 6:30-8pm. If you have questions about the group or wish to attend, contact the group facilitator, Samantha Drudge at sdrudge@myautismally.org

The Adams/Wells Autism Support Group will meet monthly on the 4th Tuesday from 6:30-8pm. This group is our first support group to be hosted outside of Allen County.

Park Community Church 617 South Bennett Street Bluffton, IN

This group will meet simultaneously in-person and Zoom for caregivers of those on the autism spectrum. On site childcare is available with RSVP required. If you'd like more information about this group or to RSVP childcare email Cyndi Betz at cbetz@myautismally.org

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 <a href="https://www.myautismally.org/support-groups">https://www.myautismally.org/support-groups</a> If you have questions about any of our groups or need Zoom links email us at info@myautismally.org

### My Autism Ally - Autism Acceptance Walk

Sunday, September 10, 2023 Noon-3:30pm Allen County Fairgrounds 2726 Carroll Road, Fort Wayne, IN

This event is RAIN OR SHINE and is FREE to attend.



Food Trucks
Vendor Fair
Pony Rides
Music Play
Sensory Play
Face Painting



Petting Zoo Touch a Truck Balloon Artists Crafts and Games Cosplay and Mascots



The Autism Unity Walk Lap starts at 3pm.

Create your team and join us as we celebrate autism acceptance!

All money raised stays in Northeast Indiana and helps us serve local individuals and families affected by autism through one on one consulting services, autism advocacy, trainings, support groups and other community events.

Sponsorship and Vendor Opportunities available contact us at info@myautismally.org

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

A HUGE Thank You to our 2023 Autism Acceptance Walk Partners!









# **Gordon Homes CFA MassMutual Bowen Center**

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

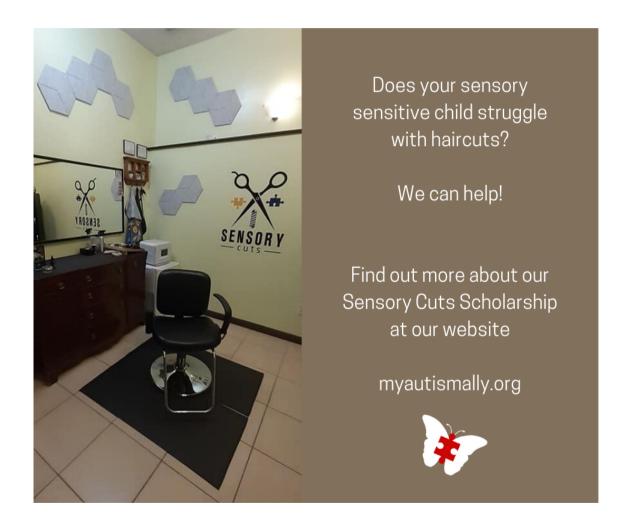
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https://www.myautismally.org/podcast

# **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 <a href="https://www.myautismally.org/scholarshipsandtrainings">https://www.myautismally.org/scholarshipsandtrainings</a> for more information.



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