

ASGO's Autism Walk & Family Fun Day

The Autism Society of Greater Orlando is in the planning stages of our 13th Annual Autism Walk & Family Fun Day inside the Orange County Convention Center's North Concourse on **Saturday, March 31, 2018**.

As part of our on-going collaboration with our local school districts, we have come up with a way to support our local schools, while meeting our mission of providing supports and services to individuals living with autism today.

Here is the proposal:

1. Purpose – to increase the number of schools participating in the Autism Walk & Family Fun Day
2. Plan –
 - a. Your school sets up a “Walk Team”
 - b. Name your walk team (most likely your school name)
 - c. Promote the walk through flyers and e-mails
 - d. Register people for your walk team (**Minimum 10 people per team**)
 - i. Registration fee is \$10.00 per person for ages 3 and above. This includes your admission and event t-shirt.
 - ii. Registration form must be completed and submitted with payment.
 - iii. Waiver must be signed and either sent in with registration form or brought to walk.
 - e. Raise pledge money (**Minimum \$100 per team**)
 - i. Ask for donations
 - ii. Hold fun awareness events (i.e. slime the principal, talent show, sell ice cream at lunch, etc). This could be used not only as a fundraising effort, but as an event to promote autism awareness.
 - iii. Ask local businesses to join the cause
 - f. Meet your Team Captain at the Orange County Convention Center's North Concourse on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at 8:00 AM.
 - i. Wear your school shirts to promote your school (you will get a walk shirt just for registering)
 - ii. Insure you are wearing your wrist band for entry
 - iii. Enjoy the vendor booths, kid friendly activities, massage area, games and prizes
 - iv. Participate in the walk portion.
 - v. Enjoy yourselves
3. Benefit – **100% of the funds raised stay right here in the Central Florida community to support families living with autism today.** With that being said, what better way to give back then to reward schools for their participation. Therefore, we have set up some criteria whereby **25% of the pledges raised by the school will go right back to the school to support your students with autism.** The criteria is simply:
 - a. Register participants for your school walk team (minimum of 10)
 - b. Collect pledges for your school walk team (minimum of \$100)
 - c. Turn in all money to your Team Captain who will bring it to package pickup
4. Distribution of funds - Once the walk is over, ASGO will verify all pledges received. Checks will be cut and delivered to each school. We are working in conjunction with the school districts to insure that the money returned to the school will be spent on students with autism.

I truly appreciate all the support that we have received in the past. In these trying budget times, ASGO and our local school districts must work collaboratively to continue to meet the needs of our children with autism. Together we can make a difference!

Attached is the Walk flyer and registration information. If you need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thanks for your support and participation.

Sincerely,

Donna Lorman