

## Together Autism is Limitless!

### Welcome Friend!

Thank you for joining our efforts in raising awareness and fundraising for the Great Lakes Collaborative for Autism (GLCA). The GLCA is a non-profit organization in Toledo, Ohio dedicated to growing the opportunities, future, and lives for all individuals with autism. We work to identify emerging needs so that we can draft a plan of action allowing us to improve, grow, and provide stellar services and support to those families touched by autism. We envision a community where families can live without limits. [www.greatlakesautism.org](http://www.greatlakesautism.org)



Bob and Suzy Tyner founded the GLCA in 2004 and with funds through the Tyner foundation to fund the administrative costs, 100% of all money donated makes a direct impact on the lives and futures of all touched by autism. Your participation with fundraising for the cause helps us to make direct impacts on those around the community. Together Autism Is Limitless.

### How to increase your fundraising:

- 1) Set a Goal: Setting a goal has been known to give motivation and encouragement to continue.
- 2) Fundraise: Locate a fundraiser idea and get started!
- 3) Get Creative and Have Fun. Find the ways in which you enjoy fundraising!

### Set a Goal

It's important to set goals so you stay motivated. It may help to create goals that are SMART: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time Bound. The more that you do in fundraising creates more ways for GLCA to distribute that back out to the community and organizations making impacts for those touched by autism.

### FUNDRAISE!

Consider all the opportunities you have to fundraise! Fundraise with friends and family, through third party events, social media, online opportunities, and various places of employment. There are many ideas out there! Learn all about the Great Lakes Collaborative for Autism and share that with your friends and family. Talk to them about who you're helping!

The following are various ideas for you! Feel free to use any of them or come up with something else that you would like. The options are limitless!



- + Birthday or holiday coming up? Instead of asking for gifts, ask for donations towards the GLCA cause.
- + Hosting a party? Ask friends to bring donations, ask for a donation to get in, or to have a drink.
- + Ask family, friends, or neighbors for donations.
- + Send out homemade postcards of your fundraising!
- + Ask a local grocery store or business if you can put a can by the register for donations.
- + Ask friends to bake items and go selling! (be sure to check if a specific place has regulations on selling baked goods)
- + Hold a mini-golf or golf tournament for those in your community.
- + Hold a Bowling Tournament at your local bowling alley.
- + Get kids of all ages involved with a Bean Bag or Corn Hole Tournament.
- + Want to get outdoors? Offer to walk dogs in the community for a donation.
- + Offer to wrap Christmas presents in your area for donations.
- + Parents need a night out! Offer to babysit for local parents to get a night out.
- + Start a Bike or Walk –A – Thon for those in your community.
- + See if your employer or a different company will match a specific number of funds raised.
- + Check your local restaurants out! Some will give 10% of bills for the day to a non-profit.
- + Look into your local sporting events. See if there can be donations made at the door or concession stands.
- + If you are or know of a representative for companies like Pampered Chef, MaryKay, Avon, etc., hold your own fundraiser through it!
- + Have a hidden talent? Show it off! Make something, hold a karaoke night, or play your instrument at a building or event in your community. Send or set up flyers to get the word out!
- + See if local schools will hold a penny drive for the kids! Provide breakfast or lunch for the highest earning classroom. Consider the same for the company you work for!
- + Hold a raffle night! Ask local businesses to get involved and donate items or gift baskets to the cause.
- + Have a car wash day! Ask local organizations or different grade levels at the local school to help. Show them your appreciation by donating snacks or a lunch.
- + Time to clean out the closet? Have a garage sale and put earnings towards the cause! Or even sell them on eBay.
- + BINGO! Create a Bingo night for families and ask for donations upon entering.
- + Cook-off. Ask local families to submit their famous recipe and hold a day of competition. Have an entrance fee for taste testing them all.
- + Text it. Find a service that allows your organization to receive \$5-\$10 in donation for every text sent.
- + Search online or ask around for different ideas!

### **Get Creative and Have Fun!!!**

Pick an idea for fundraising and make it your own! Have fun with the route you pick. Thank all those that donated to your efforts. Don't forget to celebrate afterwards because your fundraising efforts are creating possibilities.

**TOGETHER AUTISM IS LIMITLESS!**

