

Autism Awareness NEPA 2024 Walk and Resource Fair



January 2024,

Dear Community Business Member,

We are pleased to announce that the Autism Awareness - NEPA is coordinating the 17th Annual Autism Awareness Fair and Walk to raise funds for local stakeholders providing quality care to individuals with Autism. Autism Awareness - NEPA will host a Kick-off Event on Friday, April 5, 2024 at The Cafe in Plains on Highway 315, where grant recipients will be honored and awarded grants to support services in NEPA. Our annual Autism Awareness Fair will be held on May 4, 2024, at the Luzerne County Recreation Complex in Forty Fort. Registration will begin at 8:30 AM for the Walk. Walk starts at 10:00 AM.

Autism Awareness – NEPA is a not for profit community organization whose goal is to promote awareness and to support community programs for individuals with Autism in Luzerne County. This event is being conducted under the auspices of the Luzerne Foundation.

Grants are made available every year to support the ongoing provision and enhancement of community programs. Previous recipients of the grants include: the Jewish Community Center of Wilkes-Barre, Step by Step, Inc., The JumpStart Cart, S.A.F.E., Brighter Journey's, Camp Orchard Hill, Wilkes-Barre YMCA, NEPA Inclusive, Wyoming Valley Children's Association and Parenting Autism United – to name a few.

These grants were used to provide camp opportunities, socialization/recreation programs, and vocational programming to children throughout Luzerne County. Sponsorships and contributions tallied from last year exceeded \$30,000. Autism Awareness - NEPA continues to be able to reinvest these monies into the community by way of grants to be awarded annually at the beginning of April. We are very excited to be able to continue this venture and are looking to obtain continued support from our community partners. Please help us as we strive to reach our goal of \$50,000 for 2024. Here are a few ways that you can help:

- Become a Sponsor! To become a sponsor please contact us autismawareness.NEPA@gmail.com or visit us at www.autismawarenessnepa.org
- Make a flat donation to the Autism Walk. Checks should be made payable to:
The Luzerne Foundation c/o Autism Awareness - NEPA
340 Market Street
Kingston, PA 18704
 - Venmo @AANEPA
- Donate a themed basket or gift cards to be part of the Basket Raffle If you are interested in walking or volunteering for the event, please email us at autismawareness.NEPA@gmail.com or visit us at www.autismawarenessnepa.org.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Respectfully,

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