



C.A.R.E. Be Aware



AUTISM



5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Walk



Benefiting the Center for Autism Resources and Education

Dear Prospective Sponsor,

The Center for Autism Resources & Education (C.A.R.E.) is pleased to announce the **Third Annual Autism Awareness 5K Run and 1 mile Fun Walk on Saturday, April 16th, 2011**. The event will begin and end on Main Street in beautiful Lakewood Ranch, Florida. Last years event was a huge success with over 1,000 people in attendance. Sponsorships and donations are now being accepted in order to make this highly publicized event a success.

As you may be aware autism has become an epidemic affecting 1 in 90 children in the United States. Autism is a "spectrum disorder" with symptoms ranging from mild to severe. Although there is no known cause or cure, many characteristics associated with autism can be treated with proven interventions. Autism is not evident at birth or detected by medical tests. Therefore, it often comes completely unexpected. Families find more questions than answers and are left to find support and become advocates for their children. The early intervention and resources provided by C.A.R.E. are critical for families in our community.

The Center for Autism Resources & Education is a 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization. The mission of C.A.R.E. is to provide support, education, and resources to families and professionals in our community who are facing autism. We are committed to raising awareness in our community by establishing business partnerships and increasing sensitivity to this rising developmental disability. In order to achieve this goal, C.A.R.E. is sponsoring "Autism-Care/Be Aware 5K Run and 1 Mile Family/Friends Fun Walk". You should know that 100% of the proceeds from this event will stay right here in our community to support our families affected by autism. You can read more about autism and C.A.R.E. by visiting our website at www.careautism.net.

Sponsorships will be available from \$250-\$5000. Please take a few minutes to review the sponsorship form. Your involvement helps to underwrite the costs of the event, allowing for the availability of more programs and resources in the upcoming year. The deadline for inclusion on t-shirts and sponsorship boards is March 15, 2011. For more information, or to sign up as a sponsor or participant, please call 941-758-4529 or email RunWalk@careautism.net.

With Children in Mind,

Board Members: Dr. Kirstina Ordetx, Mary Smith, Karl Ordetx, Ray Colombo, Jo Ann Koontz, Greg Pacitti, Mike Moran and Joe Holland.

A FEW FACTS ABOUT AUTISM



Autism is a complex brain disorder that often inhibits a person's ability to communicate, respond to surroundings, and form relationships with others. It is typically diagnosed by the age of two or three and affects people of all racial, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds. There is no known cure or cause and little is being done about the nation's fastest growing developmental disorder. Autism is now considered an epidemic affecting one in 90 children, and rising at a rate of 30% each year. Although these statistics are frightening, autism receives less than 5% of the research funding of many less prevalent childhood disorders.

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