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SAVANNAH AUTISM CONFERENCE

Dear Friend,

On behalf of the Matthew Reardon Center for Autism, I am thrilled to announce that the world-renowned autism advocate and speaker, Dr. Temple Grandin, will deliver the keynote address at this year's conference. Dr. Grandin's transformative work has reshaped our understanding of autism, and her insights will be pivotal in making this year's conference a truly life-changing experience for all attendees.

Additionally, I would like to personally invite you to become a valued sponsor of our upcoming Savannah Autism Conference. Scheduled for Friday, February 28, 2025, at the Savannah Civic Center, this event is a significant opportunity to support our mission and make a difference in the life of a child with autism. The Savannah Autism Conference will gather over 300 experts, educators, healthcare professionals, and families to explore the latest research, therapies, and tools for improving the lives of individuals with autism. This event presents a prime opportunity for your company to showcase its commitment to this vital cause, directly benefiting the children and families served by our center.

Your sponsorship will not only enhance your visibility but will also play a crucial role in expanding our ability to provide essential resources and educational opportunities. Each sponsorship level offers unique benefits and visibility for your brand, detailed on page # of the attached packet.

We would be honored to partner with your company to ensure this year's Savannah Autism Conference a success. Your support will directly contribute to improving access to vital services and programs for the autism community.

As the new leader of this incredible organization, I am deeply committed to advancing our mission to support children and families affected by autism. By partnering with you, we can ensure that educators are well-informed, parents are empowered to support their children effectively, and communities become more inclusive and understanding of diverse needs.

Please feel free to reach out to discuss this opportunity further. I can be reached at 912.355.9098 or <a href="mailto:jsmith@matthewreardon.org">jsmith@matthewreardon.org</a>.

Thank you for helping every child at Matthew Reardon Center for Autism reach their full potential.

Warm regards,

Jackie Smith
President and CEO



### **About MRCA**

At the **Matthew Reardon Center for Autism** (MRCA), we believe that ALL persons deserve the opportunity to succeed. Since 2000, we have provided and promoted opportunities for success and full inclusion to persons, families and communities affected by autism through pedagogical and community education, advocacy, and support.

MRCA's **Advance Academy** (AA), southeast Georgia's only accredited, year-round day school for children with autism, began its 23rd school term in August 2023. Current and former students have traveled 60+ miles from home to attend AA. We serve southeast GA regionally through Outreach and Advocacy, providing direct & instructional support to families, children, self-advocates, educators & other professionals. MRCA has provided advocacy support and instruction to 7,000+ families & individuals.

Using Applied Behavior Analysis methodology, AA students participate in a communication-based, multi-therapeutic approach to education in academics, behavior self-management, and social and life skills. Additionally, students receive speech and communication, occupational, physical and music therapies as part of their regular curriculum. Advance Academy is a school setting where students can feel safe from bullying and other social ostracism while receiving the individual attention they need to learn and flourish. We maintain student to teacher ratios of 2:1 for elementary students and 3:1 for middle and upper school students. We also offer on-site one-on-one ABA support for some students.

Newly established in August 2023, our eligible, older students participate in **Transitions Academy**, an on-and-off-campus work preparation program which includes job internships with local businesses and non-profits to begin the process of transitioning from school to employment settings. Assessing aptitude and areas of interest, working independently and developing workplace social skills are the focuses of these curricula and experiences. The Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) Program is administered through our partnership with Employability and GA Vocational Rehabilitation Agency.

MRCA assists children and families affected by autism and other developmental disorders who are not enrolled in ADVANCE Academy. Our **Outreach and Advocacy** programs reach far into southeast Georgia. It is impossible to clearly define our sphere of influence, but MRCA has directly impacted more than 1,400 families in 50+ Georgia counties and the South Carolina Low-Country and has provided autism-related instruction and training to more than 7,000 autistic self-advocates, family members, caregivers, educators, therapists, other health professionals and potential employers.

## Sponsorship Levels

#### **Presenting Sponsor - \$15,000**

- Prominent recognition on all conference promotions and signage
- Full page program recognition
- 6 Conference tickets
- Additional 6 Keynote Address tickets
- Title Sponsor recognition on all printed and digital materials
- Exhibition Booth

#### **Keynote Address Sponsor - \$10,000**

- Keynote related recognition on conference promotions and signage
- Full page program recognition
- 4 Conference tickets
- Additional 4 Keynote Address tickets
- Secondary recognition on printed and digital materials
- Exhibition Booth

#### **Luncheon Sponsor - \$5,000**

per day

- Recognition on workshop promotion and signage
- 1/2 page program recognition
- 2 Conference tickets
- Additional 2 Keynote Address tickets
- VIP parking for 2
- Recognition on printed and digital materials.
- Exhibition Booth

#### **Workshop Sponsor - \$2,500**

per day

- Recognition on promotion and signage
- 1/2 page program recognition
- 2 Conference tickets
- Recognition on printed and digital materials.
- Exhibition Booth

#### **Friends and Neighbors**

- \$1,000 Full page program recognition
- \$500 1/2 page program recognition
- \$350 1/4 page program recognition
- \$150 Supporter's name/logo program recognition

# Sponsorship Pledge Form



Please fill out this form and return it by email to mwhite@matthewreardon.org, by mail to The Matthew Reardon Center for Autism, 11500 Middleground Road, Savannah, GA 31419 or by fax to 912-352-2460.

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