SAVANNAH AUTISM CONFERENCE

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION



Thursday, February 18 – Friday, February 19, 2027

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The Matthew Reardon
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Dear Friends,

At the Matthew Reardon Center for Autism, we believe that all people 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.

As the prevalence of autism rises, so does the need for support, care, and resources. However, care is limited. Approximately 70% of Georgia's counties have no autism service providers. And, almost half of Georgia's autism care providers are concentrated in just 4% of Georgia's counties, leaving families facing vast diagnostic, care, and service deserts. Our annual Savannah Autism Conference aims to bridge these gaps by bringing together leading experts, service providers, and resources all in one place. Since 2016, more than 2000 family members, educators, health professionals, and autistic self-advocates from a dozen states and Puerto Rico have attended.

The Savannah Autism Conference is hosted by the Matthew Reardon Center for Autism, a nonprofit organization that has supported individuals with autism and their families throughout Coastal Georgia since 2000. Through education, therapy, advocacy, and community programs, the Center works every day to help children and adults with autism build skills, confidence, and meaningful connections. Since launching the Savannah Autism Conference in 2016, our goal has been to create a space where parents, educators, therapists, and community members can come together to learn, connect, and leave feeling better equipped to support individuals with autism.

Community sponsorships play a huge role in making this conference possible each year. Support from local businesses and community partners helps us bring knowledgeable speakers and valuable training opportunities to Savannah while also helping cover conference materials, venue expenses, and attendee scholarships. Most importantly, sponsorships help us keep the conference accessible and affordable for families, educators, and professionals across our region. With your partnership, we can continue to grow this event and provide meaningful resources, education, and support to the autism community.

Warm regards,
Shenequa Gresham
President and CEO

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ABOUT MRCA

At the **Matthew Reardon Center for Autism** (MRCA), we believe that ALL persons deserve the opportunity to succeed. Since 2000, we have provide and promote opportunities for success and full inclusion to persons, families, and communities affected by autism through teaching 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 26th school term in August 2026. 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 may 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.

Our Upper School participates in 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.

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SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Presenting Sponsor – $15,000

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

Keynote Address Sponsor – $10,000

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

Luncheon Sponsor – $5,000

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

Workshop Sponsor – $2,500

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

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