



Office of Special Services

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2018-19 School Year

To Whom It May Concern:

East Allen County Schools will be hosting its sixth annual Autism and Resource Fair on **April 13, 2019**. This event is planned and organized by the district's Autism Team, and is held as a part of our team's mission, which is to increase autism awareness in both our school district and the community. Over the past five years, this event has brought in more than three hundred surrounding community members, and we hope to continue to increase this number each year. Autism is a prevalent disability that has touched the lives of many. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for a variety of stakeholders to learn more about the disability and be linked with local resources that can support those impacted by Autism.

We are reaching out to our students and staff within the district and asking them to get involved with an art project that will help promote Autism awareness. Our team has purchased blank canvases and will be providing them to our schools across the district where students and staff of EACS will add their unique style and design using a collage of puzzle pieces. The puzzle piece is a universal symbol for autism and represents a theme carried through, at our annual event.

Last year's Art for Autism projects helped raise over \$500 the day of the event and \$2000 in Corporate Sponsorships. These funds were applied to the team's efforts to continue to enhance autism awareness in the surrounding community and beyond. This year we are continuing our efforts to increase Autism awareness by providing local businesses and agencies the opportunity to purchase a canvas and become a sponsor of the Autism Fair for a small sponsorship amount of \$150. These sponsorship dollars will be used for our Special Needs and Autism programs district-wide. For your sponsorship, your business or agency will own one of the canvases that will be uniquely designed by EACS students. In addition, your business name and logo will be listed on all event materials.



To purchase a canvas, please contact Jennifer Hartman, EACS Transition Coordinator, via phone at 446-0100 (ext. 3119), via email at Jhartman@eacs.k12.in.us, or send a check made out to **EACS Autism Team** along with your company logo to East Allen County Schools Administrative ANNEX, 800 Homestead Drive, New Haven, IN 46774.

We hope you will consider sponsoring our efforts by purchasing a canvas and helping us in our mission to increase autism awareness. We would also like to extend an invitation to you to stop by the day of the event and experience the many activities and informational opportunities that will be present on April 13th from 10:00-2:00 at the Administration ANNEX building!

Sincerely,

East Allen County Schools Autism Team

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