When businesses and community partners join AutismUp, they don't just support a program — they help create coordinated lift across thousands of lives.

Together, we align. Together, we rise. Together, we soar.

Dear Friend,

In nature, birds rise in breathtaking formations not because of a single leader, but because they stay connected, aligned, and responsive to one another.

At AutismUp, we see that same truth every day. Progress happens when a community comes together with shared purpose — creating lift across every stage of the autism journey.

Funds raised at the gala directly support:

- Adult Academy & Lifelong Learning — building independence, confidence, and community connection
- Work Readiness & Micro-Business Programs — providing real-world job training and skill development
- Family Navigation & Support Services — helping families find direction and stay supported at every stage

These programs ensure individuals with autism are not navigating life alone — they are moving forward with structure, opportunity, and belonging.

Major donors play a vital role in guiding this shared momentum. Your support helps:

- Expand access to programs for more individuals & families
- Launch new opportunities in employment and community inclusion
- Sustain innovative services that evolve alongside lifelong needs

When a community aligns around shared purpose, lift becomes possible for everyone. **Please join us. Together, we align. Together, we rise. Together, we soar.**

Sincerely,

Sarah Milko

Sarah Milko, CEO | Founder

Our mission is to support individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder, and their families, by expanding and enhancing opportunities that improve quality of life.

Autism by the Numbers
1 in 31 is diagnosed with autism—impacting 20,000+ locally. We serve 4,000+ Families; 1,000+ Participants; and, offer 80+ Classes.

Free Family Support
AutismUp offers navigation, parent training, sibling workshops, meet-ups, advocacy, and social gatherings—at no cost to families.

Funding the Future
Only $2 of every $5 needed to run AutismUp programs comes from participation fees. Community support fills the gap.

Individualized Support Matters
Our participants need specialized support to be safe and successful in our programs. 76% of our expenses go toward recruiting, training & maintaining dedicated autism professionals and support coaches.

Breaking Barriers to Access
Since 2004, AutismUp has provided more than $800,000 in scholarships and free programs, ensuring opportunities are available to those in need of support.

Autism, A Lifelong Journey
From diagnosis through adulthood, AutismUp is building opportunities that wouldn't otherwise exist, including housing and employment training initiatives.

To discuss attendance, sponsorship, or a leadership gift, please contact: Amber Rodemerk, Fundraising & Events Manager at (585) 248-9011 x116 or arodemerk@autismup.org

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SOAR TOGETHER

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GALA SPONSORSHIPS

AN INVITATION TO SOAR TOGETHER

Lead the Ascent - Presenting Sponsor | $25,000

- Three tables of ten or one elaborate farmhouse style banquet table- for 30 guests - to enjoy a full service dinner, dessert, auction and entertainment in a prominent location
- 30 tickets to the VIP cocktail reception prior to general admission
- Special thanks and recognition as a Platinum Sponsor during the event
- Full page color advertisement on the outside cover of the event program book (8.5"H x 5.5"W)
- Your company logo hyperlinked on the AutismUp website throughout 2025
- You company logo displayed on an AutismUp billboard throughout Autism Awareness Month (April 2025)
- Prominent signage throughout the event
- Announcement in press release
- Sponsorship recognition printed in the event program book
- Sponsor logo/name looping on event monitors

Guide the Formation - Gold Sponsor | $10,000

- Two round tables of ten or one elaborate farmhouse style banquet table - for 20 guests - to enjoy a full service dinner, dessert, auction and entertainment in a premier location
- 20 tickets to the VIP cocktail reception prior to general admission
- Full page color advertisement in the event program book (8.5"H x 5.5"W)
- Your company logo hyperlinked on the AutismUp website throughout 2025
- Your company logo displayed on an AutismUp billboard throughout Autism Awareness Month (April 2025)
- Prominent signage throughout the event
- Announcement in press release
- Sponsorship recognition printed in the event program book
- Sponsor logo/name looping on event monitors

Strengthen the Wings - Silver Sponsor | $5,000

- One table for ten guests to enjoy a full service dinner, dessert, auction and entertainment
- Ten tickets to the VIP cocktail reception prior to general admission
- Half page color advertisement in the event program book (4.25"H x 5.5"W)
- Prominent signage throughout the event
- Announcement in press release
- Sponsorship recognition printed in the event program book
- Sponsor logo/name looping on event monitors

Join the Flock - Bronze Sponsor | $3,000

- One table for ten guests to enjoy a full service dinner, dessert, auction and entertainment
- Four guest entries to the VIP cocktail reception prior to general admission
- Quarter page color advertisement in the event program (2.1"H x 5.5" W)
- Sponsorship recognition printed in the event program book
- Sponsor logo/name looping on event monitors

Add Your Wing - Table Sponsor | $2,200

- One table for ten guests to enjoy full service dinner, dessert, auction and entertainment
- Sponsorship recognition printed in the event program book

Patron Sponsor | $1,000

- Two seats for dinner, dessert, auction and entertainment
- Two tickets to the VIP reception
- Patron name listed in event program book

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LIMITED GALA SPONSORSHIPS

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Entertainment Sponsor | $7,500
- One table for ten guests to enjoy a full service dinner, dessert, auction and entertainment*
- Ten tickets to the VIP cocktail reception prior to general admission*
- Full page color advertisement in the event program (8.5"H x 5.5"W)
- Name/logo appear next to the entertainment bio in the event program
- Name/logo appear on signage adjacent to stage
- Opportunity to introduce the evening's performers
- Name printed on prominent signage throughout the event
- Sponsor name listed in event program
- Sponsor name looping on event monitors
- Table sign

Print Sponsor | $5,000
- Four seats for guests to enjoy a full service dinner, dessert, auction and entertainment*
- Four tickets to the VIP cocktail reception prior to general admission*
- Full single page color advertisement printed in the event program (8.5"H x 5.5"W)
- Name appears on prominent signage throughout the event site
- Sponsor name listed in event program
- Sponsor name looping on event monitors

Production Sponsor or Photography Sponsor | $2,500
- Two tickets to the VIP reception*
- Two seats for dinner, dessert, auction and entertainment*
- Name appears on prominent signage throughout the event site
- Sponsor name looping on event monitors
- Sponsor name listed in event program
- Half page ad in the event program (4.25" x 5.5"W)
- Name/logo appear on individual poster size sign (24"W x 36"H) adjacent to registration or photo experience

Event Signage Sponsor | $1,750
- Name appears on prominent signage throughout the event site
- Sponsor name looping on event monitors
- Sponsor name listed in the event program
- Half page black and white advertisement in the interior of the event book (4.25" x 5.5"W)

Dates to Remember:
- **Billboard logo presentation deadline: March 20, 2025**
- **Deadline for all printed materials: April 15, 2025**
- **Deadline for logos: April 25, 2025**

*Denotes the option to donate tickets back to AutismUp for redistribution in your name should you choose not to use them

Fund-A-Need: *event tickets not included

Gift a Mixer Ticket: $25/ticket
Help us keep our social mixers free for hundreds of teens and young adults to make friends & dance. $100 pays for 4 individuals to attend.

Sound & Color Showcase: $150
Support AU's music and art education programming with a gift to ensure two recital/art shows each year that remain no cost to families & help us **give our participants a stage** they desire and deserve.

Bike Camp Scholarship: $500
Send a kid to bike camp for a week in July.

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Gala Sponsor Commitment Form

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Dates to Remember

YOUR COMMITMENT

20 April 2026

Purchase a sponsorship online at: **give.classy.org/Soar-Together**. Questions or to request an invoice email: **arodemerk@autismup.org**

YOUR LOGO/AD

30 April 2026

Send a high resolution JPEG or PDF to AU marketing at: **abuddendeck@autismup.org** by 4/30/2026.

YOUR GUEST LIST

1 May 2026

Please input guest names & any special instructions at **give.classy.org/Soar-Together** **or** submit guest list to arodemerk@autismup.org

YOUR ARRIVAL

9 May 2026

Register online in advance to preview the Silent and Live Auction, and check in upon arrival.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Business | Donor Name _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Mobile Tel.* (to receive activation text) _____

Other Tel. (please specify) _____

Email* (to receive gala information) _____

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS (UNLIMITED)

☐	Presenting Sponsor	$25,000
☐	Gold Sponsor	$10,000
☐	Silver Sponsor	$5,000
☐	Bronze Sponsor	$3,000
☐	Table Sponsor	$2,200
☐	Patron Sponsor	$1,000
☐	Individual Ticket(s)	$225
	_____Quantity x $225 =$_____	

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☐	Entertainment	$7,500
☐	Print	$5,000
☐	Production	$2,500
☐	Photo	$2,500
☐	Event Signage	$1,750
☐	Bike Camp Scholarship	$500
☐	Sound & Color Showcase	$150
☐	Gift a Mixer Ticket: $25/ticket	$_____

COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION ONLINE: give.classy.org/Soar-Together

Please make checks payable to AutismUp and mail to the attention of: **AutismUp Attn: Spring Gala | 50 Science Parkway | Rochester, NY 14620**

Payment may be also be made via electronic check or credit card. To request an invoice or direct a question about payment, please contact Christina Hilton, CFO, at chilton@autismup.org or 585-248-9011 ext. 105. AutismUp is a 501c3 not-for-profit, EIN #: 04-3833868. Further documentation is available upon request. A receipt for the portion of your donation that may be tax deductible will be mailed to the contact indicated above.

AD SPECS/SIZES

PRESENTING · GOLD · ENTERTAINMENT · PRINT SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:

FULL PAGE COLOR 8.5" H X 5.5" W

SILVER · PRODUCTION · PHOTO SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:

HALF PAGE COLOR 4.25" H X 5.5" W

BRONZE · EVENT SIGNAGE SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:

QUARTER PAGE COLOR 2.1" H X 5.5" W