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LAUGH YOURSELF BLUE REVISITED

Thank you for your incredible generosity!

A few weeks ago we enjoyed an incredible evening of connection, networking, laughs and philanthropy at Laugh Yourself Blue. We are incredibly grateful for the time spent together and the support so many people shared with us that night. *More on the incredible impact of that night in a moment,* but first, just a moment to thank our sponsors who truly made this evening a reality.

Thank you to Saurabh Gupta and his company Gyan-I, our presenting sponsor, who also consults on our network security. In addition, we are are grateful to Han-Hsien Tuan and his firm, Tuan Olona, for once again being a key supporter of our work and our Luminescent sponsor this year. A heartfelt thank you for the many other significant gifts we received this year, including extremely generous gifts from Jeff Allen and Libby Anschutz, The Solich Fund, Pacific Office Automation, Steven and Elizabeth Kris, Symphonic HCM, and Gary Moore and Jane Constain- in addition to our numerous sponsors of tables and individual ticket purchasers.

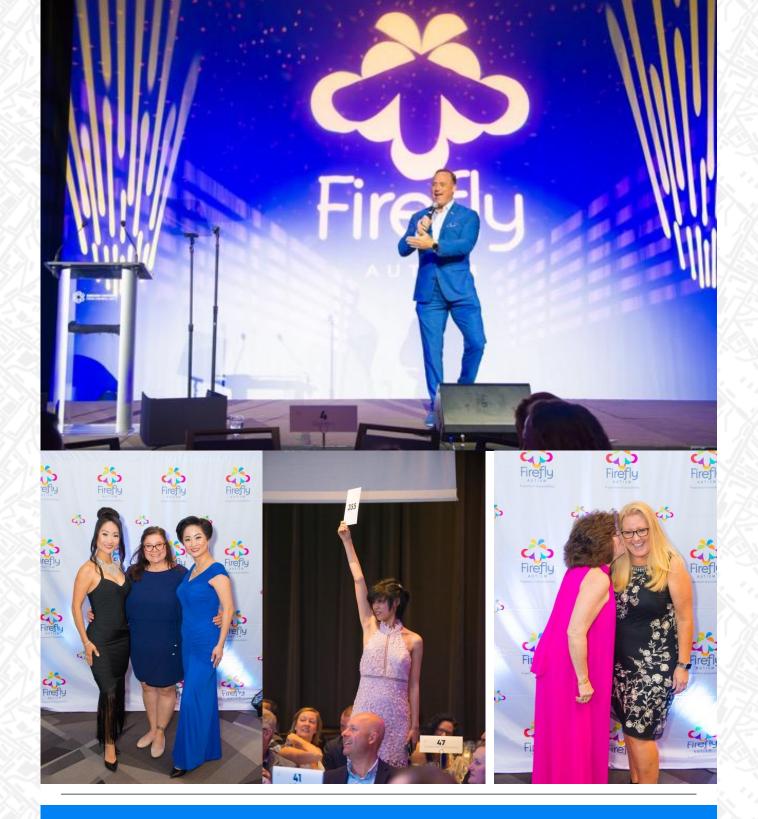
Speaking of Gary Moore, the recipient of the Max Appel Luminescence Award, it was such a privilege to recognize this kind, humble and generous man for his incredible, ceaseless impact he has made over the years to Firefly Autism. Thank you to our event co-chairs, Peter and Lara Svedin and Javier Soto and Belissa Alvarez for their time, vision and leadership this year. Thank you to our incredibly passionate and giving board of directors, who again and again provide leadership, financial support and their individual expertise to strengthen Firefly Autism. Thank you to our emcee and auctioneer Eric Goodman, whose passion for Firefly Autism is truly appreciated and recognized. Thank you to 9 News for being such a great media sponsor and giving us multiple opportunities to share our story with their viewers.

Finally thank you to our staff and volunteers who worked so hard to ensure this was a successful, beautiful event that would make a lasting impact in the lives of our clients

and learners. Below are a few pictures from this very special time together, and... let's do it again next year!!







MONTHLY DONOR SPOTLIGHT:

ILLUMINATING IMPACT

Each month Firefly recognizes one of our donors who has chosen Firefly, out of many worthy non-profits, to support. As we close the door on this year's Laugh Yourself Blue, we want to celebrate YOU, the many donors and supporters of this year's event. Thanks to your *remarkable generosity*, we raised \$860,000 this year! The impact of those donations is already well underway with the announcement of *immediate*

openings at our Lakewood clinic. This support will allow us to care for young children for half and full day therapeutic services to provide crucial programming with the goal of reintegration into their school settings. Share with your friends the good news that because of your giving, we are able to open up immediate opportunities for new learners. On behalf of the greater community that this impacts and benefits, **THANK YOU!**



Now Accepting New Clients

Firefly Autism's Lakewood location is now accepting new clients for full and half day clinic services. Ages 3-6 years old.



For more details, please contact Elyse Murrin emurrin@fireflyautism.org.

www.fireflyautism.org

PATH TO SUCCESS

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

All families, friends, community members, and alumni are invited to be a part of our Path to Success project! Your support can ensure a lasting legacy for Firefly Autism and our incredible community.



You can leave your indelible mark on Firefly Autism by purchasing a brick that will be placed in our community garden.

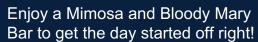
Bricks start at \$250 and may be inscribed with your name, dedication or in-memorium.

Visit <u>fireflyautism.org/donate/path-to-success</u> to dedicate your paving stone and contact Shea Ross at <u>sross@fireflyautism.org</u> for more information.

LIFETIME CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

AUGUST 12 - COLORADO GOLF CLUB

Back again for another year is the Lifetime Classic Golf Tournament. Featuring an exciting and competitive 4-person scramble, teams and individuals will compete for prizes in multiple contests including Closest Putt, Longest Drive, Best Team Score, and more!





Breakfast and on-course lunch are included, and the event will commence with cocktails, dinner, and a post-event prize ceremony.

And...get ready for an opportunity to bid generously on items during our silent and live auctions!

For another year, our friends at Lifetime Windows & Siding have chosen to give proceeds of this charity golf tournament to Firefly Autism! So a big thank you, once again, to Peter Svedin and the team at Lifetime Windows & Siding for your continuous and vital support of our work.

Register now by clicking here and we will see you on the green in August!

GROW WITH US

SIGN UP NOW FOR YOUR GARDEN SPOT



COME GARDEN WITH US!

WE HAVE PLOTS AVAILABLE IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN AT FIREFLY AUTISM

- 8'x8' plots open to all interested community members
 Season begins May 1st
- The garden space is ready to go, with well-amended soil and ample water sources

For registration information, contact Dustin Bacon at elefireflycommunitygarden@dug.org or (417)840-1044.



MAKE A WISH COME TRUE!

You can support Firefly Autism by helping to provide our center with niche items our

regular funding does not provide. Curious about what we need? Check out or newly curated wishlist **here**.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/VYCKZA9PXIN7 #DonateForAutism #AmazonWishlist #FireflyAutism

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HAVE A GREAT MONTH!

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Thanks for being part of our community. We truly value our supporters, or readers, our staff, our community.

We hope you have a great month and we will check in again with you in June!

As always, you can make a one-time or recurring donation to Firefly at through our giving partner, **ColoradoGives** anytime! Thanks for everything.













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