



*Light up  
the*  
**Disco**  
*for* **AUTISM**



Thank you for coming  
to my disco show  
for AUTISM  
Love, Andrew



**7:00**

**Cocktails**

**Casino**

**Silent Auction**

**Raffles**



**8:45**

**Casino Closes**

**Star Room Presentation**

**Live Auction**



**10:50**

**Silent Auction Closes**



**11:00**

**Raffle Winners Announced**

**Special Thanks to our Super Stars!**

84 Lumber - Rich Vesco, John Becker, Mary Schumacher Becker, Felicia Carrino, Crown Heating - Mark Fahrney, Duncan Press - Jud Parker, Heather DelVecchio, Faculty and Staff of Plain Local Schools, Jason Geist, Sherri Gesiotto, Ben Kelp, Kiko Auctioneers - Dick Kiko and Sarah McIntosh, Harper Painting - Tim Harper, Heritage Carpet - Denny Clay, Brandon Mayberry, Anthony Morello, Christina Morello, North Central Insulation - Jimmy Stewart, Jerry Pol, Pulse Entertainment - Harrison Zoldan, Q92 - Donnie Peterson, Rick Roesel, Rick Sanner, Dani Scheetz, Larry Scheetz, Beth Schumacher, Bill Schumacher, Paul Schumacher, Jr., Jayson Shenk, Art Shingleton, Troyer Electrical - Steve Troyer, Troyer Framing - Dave Troyer, Roger Wacker, Shawn Walker, James Waters, Meridith White, Luann Worstell, Lindsay Zimmerman, Shingleton Drywall - Art Shingleton

## Take a Chance on Me - Raffles

### iPad Pro

Gold 128 GB 12.9" WIFI iPad Pro

Tickets 1 for \$25 3 for \$50

### David Yurman Ring

David Yurman ring fashioned in Sterling silver with a black onyx faceted stone surrounded by diamonds. Gorgeous! Donated by Alson Jewelers

Tickets 1 for \$10 3 for \$25

### Burberry Peyton House Check Crossbody Bag

Tickets 1 for \$10 3 for \$25

## If You Like Pina Coladas - Sign Up Party

Are you having fun tonight? Wanna do it again this summer? Sign up here. We're getting together at Nicole and Paul's house for a rip, roarin' time in the sunshine. Wear your shorts and flops and get ready to twirl your drink umbrella as you dance the night away! DJ, cocktails, and divine catering! Invitations provided by Paper Couture.

Donated by Paul and Nicole Schumacher, Bill and Beth Schumacher, Paper Couture/Meridith Foster-White



## Night Fever (We Don't Have to Show It) - Silent Auction

### **Disco Lady (100s)**

#### *100. Respect Yourself*

Seven-month premier membership to Canton's hottest new workout facility.

Donated by Orangetheory Fitness - Belden Village

#### *101. Cool Cat*

Armani Sunglasses

Donated by Dr. and Mrs. Kaleel Shaheen

#### *102. I Wish It Could be Christmas Everyday*

Paper Couture \$50.00 gift certificate toward your Christmas card purchase.

Donated by Paper Couture - Meridith Foster White

#### *103. Savoy Truffle*

Enjoy dinner for four (4) at The Blue Door in Cuyahoga Falls, home of Chef Torsten Schulz.

Chef Schulz was instrumental in the opening of Georgio Armani's NOBU in Milan, Italy and sustained a Michelin star rating as the Executive Chef of Restaurant Sao Gabriel -

Almancil, Algarve, Portugal for three consecutive years. Bring your own alcohol.

Donated by The Blue Door

#### *104. You Don't Bring Me Flowers*

Smell the sweetness of flowers in your home for an entire year with this \$50.00/month arrangement from Twigs and Twine. You can also take home the beautiful arrangement made for Light up the Disco! Delightful!

Donated by Twigs and Twine

*105. American Woman*

Nicole's favorite things all wrapped up in this incredible basket!

Donated by Paul and Nicole Schumacher

*106. Pump it Up*

Tory Burch basket that includes a Fitbit with striped grosgrain bracelet, neoprene tote and a logo cross-body.

Donated by Paul and Nicole Schumacher

*107. I Will Survive*

Kate Spade summertime basket filled with all of the glorious things you need to look stunning in the sun.

Donated by Paul and Nicole Schumacher

*108. Oh Girl*

Coach handbag in Pebble Leather Black

Donated by Ply Gem Industries Inc.

*109. Lady Marmalade*

The furriest of benches, leopard coffee mugs, a photo frame, an inspiration board and an assortment of flowers to add fun and frolic to your home.

Donated by Laura of Pembroke

*110. More Than a Woman*

Coach handbag in Signature Canvas

Donated by Ply Gem Industries Inc.

*111. She's Always a Woman to Me*

Crushed white pearl and silver bracelet

Donated by Ms. Franca D'Antonio

*112. You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet*

Say cheese with this \$400 gift certificate to Tina Slusser-Ley Photography. Tina's award winning portraits are created in a laid back, casual atmosphere. Always an unforgettable experience resulting in fun, spontaneous, real photos. Tina poses and lights to enhance every person. Tina works with you to create images that are uniquely you.

Donated by Tina Slusser-Ley

*113. Three Times a Lady*

Kate Spade black and white purse

Donated by Bill and Beth Schumacher

*114. Time in a Bottle*

One (1) Hour Signature Solaire Massage or Deep Cleansing Facial at Solaire Hair Studio and Spa in Hudson, OH. The Signature Solaire Massage is a full body massage designed to reduce tension, soothe sore muscles and increase circulation. The Deep Cleansing Facial starts with a personalized skin assessment, followed by deep pore cleansing and thorough exfoliation to sweep away dulling surface cells. The choice is yours!

Donated by Bill and Mary Becker



*115. Long Cool Woman*

Break the Ice Kate Spade cooler bag and wine.  
Donated by Bill and Beth Schumacher

*116. Imagine*

Transform your skin with this clinically tested regimen designed to help reduce the top ten visible signs of aging. Ever Skincare is a line of clinical grade skincare that delivers transformative results with good-for-you ingredients. The Pure Results regimen includes: Luminous Nutrient Rich Cleansing Balm, Reveal Peel Pads, Youthful, Daylight Radiance Moisturizer with SPF 20, and Hydralift Moisture Injection Cream.  
Donated by Alicia Gempel, Founding Specialist

*117. Shake Your Booty*

Two tickets (4th row on the floor) to see country superstar Tim McGraw on August 5th at 8:00 pm at the Pro Football Hall of Fame Stadium.  
Donated by Q92

**Ramblin' Man (300s)**

*300. Tumblin' Dice*

Enjoy a night of gaming entertainment in the comfort of your own home for up to three hours with your choice of two casino gaming tables (blackjack, craps, roulette, poker) and one professionally trained, uniformed dealer. Mutually agreed upon date. Excludes major holidays and must be within a 50-mile radius of Highrollers.  
Donated by Highrollers

*301. Born to Run*

Replica Ohio State leather football helmet  
Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Tony Magistro

*302. Sultans of Swing*

Signed jersey of Baseball Hall of Famer Robin Yount; 20-year, hard-hitting shortstop and center fielder for the Milwaukee Brewers.  
Donated by U.S. International Media

*303. The Perfect Season*

A very unique collectible signed by Coach Tressel! Sold out over ten years ago, the Scarlet edition of "The Ticket to a Perfect Season" was limited to 100. The Ohio State University Football team captured the 2002 National Championship during an unforgettable year. Untorn tickets from all eight home games at Ohio Stadium and the Fiesta Bowl Ticket framed in a premium black frame matted in scarlet suede.  
Donated by Chris and Alicia Gempel

*304. The Boys are Back in Town*

Golf and lunch for three at Brookside Country Club, one of the finest golf courses in the area designed by legendary golf course designer, Donald Ross. Since 2000, Brookside Country Club has appeared in Golf Week Magazine's Top 100 America's Best Courses. Winner must golf with member Scott Whetstone, Paul Monaco, or Chad Isler. Mutually agreed upon date.  
Donated by 415 Group

*305. Paradise by the Dashboard Light*

Cruise in style with this BMW 5 series for an entire weekend. Winning bidder must have a valid Ohio driver's license and proof of insurance. Must be 25 years of age. Pickup is Friday at 3:00 p.m. with return by Monday at noon. 350 mileage limitation; non-transferable.

Donated by Cain BMW

*306. Let Your Love Flow*

Wrap yourself in "Love," pour yourself some whiskey, and you are ready for the playoffs. This basket is made for a Cavs super fan. You. Enjoy a Cavs wine barrel tray, an etched Cavs whiskey decanter, Cavs whiskey, a Cavs throw blanket, a Kevin Love autographed jersey and a voucher for two tickets to a mutually agreed upon game during 2016/2017 regular season.

Donated by Cleveland Cavaliers

*307. Free Bird*

Watch a Sunday drive you will never forget down the 16th fairway from the Sherwin-Williams hospitality suite at the 2016 Bridgestone invitational. This package is for four people. Tournament date is July 3, 2016. Includes a \$300 gift certificate to the Firestone Country Club Golf Shop.

Donated by The Sherwin Williams Company

*308. Philadelphia Freedom*

Start your holiday off with a bang with this \$500 gift certificate to American Fireworks. Also included are sparklers and smoke bombs -- everything you need to have a blast in your own backyard!

Donated by American Fireworks Co.

*309. Good Times*

Drive on down to Muirfield Village Country Club on Saturday, June 4th to watch your favorite golfers putt around the Memorial Tournament. This package is for four and includes access to the Golden Bear Club.

Donated by Simpson Strong Tie

*310. Like a Rolling Stone*

Prove your manhood with this indestructible cooler and \$550 worth of meat. The YETI Tundra 75 cooler has a recommended 50-can capacity that makes it ideal for keeping your family and friends fed and hydrated during a tailgate, BBQ, or day at the beach or lake. Wherever you take it, the grizzly-proof design of the Tundra 75 cooler will protect your vittles from burly party crashers. Doughty Valley Meats is located in Millersburg, Ohio.

Donated by Trademark Exteriors - Mr. Steve Lapp

*311. Come and Get Your Love*

Cabela's \$50.00 gift certificate

Donated by Panasonic Ventilation Solutions

*312. Rocket Man*

Panasonic A1 Ultra-Light Wearable HD Action Cam and Head Mount

Donated by Panasonic Ventilation Solutions



313. *Go Your Own Way*

Brett Farve signed football

Donated by U.S. International Media

314. *Dream On*

Basketball signed by LA Clippers

Donated by U.S. International Media

315. *All Right Now*

Two (2) tickets to the U.S. Open at Oakmont Country Club in suburban Pittsburgh on Saturday, June 18, 2016, on the Trophy Club Grounds. Hospitality access included.

Donated by Kwikset

316. *Just What I Needed*

Tahoe TPI 6521 Air Compressor

Donated by Branson Excavating (Falling Star)

317. *Rock and Roll*

Sphero Orbotix Ollie for Android and iOS app controlled robot

Donated by Paul and Nicole Schumacher

318. *Money, Money, Money*

Wish upon this lottery star and you just might get lucky!

Donated by The Thompson Family

319. *What's Going On*

Enjoy one of the finest Donald Ross-designed golf courses in the state of Ohio with this package of golf for three (3) at Congress Lake Country Club in Hartville. The championship-style layout and impeccable course conditions are among the best available. Must golf with member Rob Stradley on a mutually agreed upon date.

Donated by Rob Stradley

320. *Stairway to Heaven*

Play where the pros play. The South Course at Firestone Golf Course, designed by Bert Way and redesigned by Robert Trent Jones Sr. in 1960, is best known for its legendary history of tournament play. Noted for its length, the par-70, 7,283 yard South Course includes a series of intimidating, long par-4 holes and one of the longest par 5's anywhere. This package is for four (4) golfers on the South Course on the date of your choosing.

Donated by WCCV Flooring

321. *You Sexy Thing*

Choose from hundreds of fabrics and design your unique custom-made Italian sport coat.

Donated by Vasiko Clothiers by Athena



### **Knock Three Times (200s)**

#### *200. The Night the Lights Went Out In Georgia*

These three Bluetooth full spectrum light bulbs operate via a free app, which lets you adjust the color and brightness of your lighting.

Donated by Illumi - Mr. Corey Egan

#### *201. (Don't Fear) The Reaper*

This 32-pc. Ultimate Cutco knife set features super-sharp American-made cooking knives that deliver clean cuts and make prep work fast and easy. Complete with 12 steak knives and an oak block that will safely store and protect the edges of your knives.

Donated by Ply Gem Industries Inc.

#### *202. Changes*

Heritage Carpet is one of the best known and most reliable carpet and flooring suppliers in the North East Ohio and Western PA area. Enjoy their more than 35 years of quality carpet and flooring with this \$1,000 gift certificate.

Donated by Heritage Carpet and Flooring

#### *203. Light My Fire*

Whether for family fun or friendly camaraderie, nothing beats gathering around a fire pit under the stars! This one comes with all the fixins for s'mores!

Donated by The Thompson Family

#### *204. More than a Feeling*

Make a statement with this dramatic monochromatic oil on canvas.

Donated by Josette Kark



## Shining Star Live Auction

### *1. We Are the Champions*

The 2016 U.S. Open Championship will be held at Oakmont Country Club in suburban Pittsburgh. Consistently ranked as one of the best tests of championship golf in the country, Oakmont has hosted more major championships than any other club in America. This package includes four (4) tickets plus a Trophy Club pass good for one day of the 2016 U.S. Open event. The Trophy Club is an air-conditioned pavilion offering comfortable seating, live network coverage of the championship in a sports bar-like setting, and a wide variety of food and beverage options that may be purchased at an additional charge. All tickets include complimentary general parking and transportation. Date must be arranged in advance.

Donated by Shuster's Building Company

### *2. With a Little Help from My Friends*

A night of memories and merriment with friends awaits with this package from Gervasi Vineyard. Enjoy stunning views and decadent dining for eight (8) with an overnight in The Farmhouse at Gervasi Vineyard. Nestled between the Bistro and Villas, The Farmhouse provides guests the unique opportunity of staying in the property's original farmhouse from 1830. Completely restored and modernized, this beautiful 2200 sq ft home combines charm and convenience for you and your guests as you relax, and enjoy private chef services (Up to \$30 per person food cost included. Beverages not included.) A continental breakfast is also included with your stay. Valid for one night Sunday-Wednesday.

Donated by Gervasi Vineyard

### *3. Two Tickets To Paradise*

Enjoy a decadent weekend in Malibu for two (2), including airfare! You'll spend two (2) nights at the intimate Malibu Beach Inn, enjoy a day at stunning Malibu Family Wines with a private tour, dine for two at the world-renowned Nobu Malibu (celebrity sightings galore!), and fly home with a case of wine and memories of the beach. It's an amazing weekend in one of the most beautiful parts of the country!

Donated by Phenomenon

### *4. Hot Stuff*

Four tickets and a Meet and Greet with Charlie Puth, one of the hottest young musical stars at one of his concerts at the Ohio State Fair at Celeste Center in Columbus, OH (July 29th). Nominated for a Grammy twice this year and known for huge songs with Meghan Trainor and Wiz Kalifa.

Donated by The Search Agency

### *5. You Light Up My Life*

A well-designed lighting plan can completely transform the look and feel of a room. Think about your home. Are you due for an update? Are you thinking of building a new home? Stay inspired and up-to-date with today's top lighting trends -- like pendant lights over nightstands and kitchen islands -- and chandeliers in the master bedroom. Let the team of lighting experts at Progress Lighting bring the latest in form and function to your home with a WHOLE HOUSE lighting fixture update!

Installation included.

Donated by Progress Lighting and Steve Troyer Electric

### 6. *Spirit in the Sky*

Indulge your desires for two (2) nights at ARIA Sky Suites, a luxurious AAA Five Diamond retreat high above the Las Vegas Strip. With exquisite amenities, incredible views, personalized assistance, private Sky Suites only pool and effortless access to some of the city's most enticing offerings, Sky Suites is the ultimate destination for discerning guests. Celebrate Las Vegas on your own terms at this prestigious Forbes Five Star Award-winning destination, one of only 228 hotels in the world with this exceptional service rating. Airfare included.

Donated by Schumacher Homes

### 7. *Beast of Burden*

Emma Watson. Need we say more? Hit the red carpet with the stars as you enjoy two (2) tickets to the worldwide premiere of Disney's new movie *Beauty and the Beast* (expected release March 2017 in Los Angeles). What an amazing opportunity to see the all-star cast of Emma Watson, Ewan McGregor, Luke Evans, Emma Thompson, Ian McKellen and Josh Gad!

Donated by The Search Agency

### 8. *Hang on Sloopy*

Friends don't let friends root for Michigan. This is your chance to cheer responsibly. Get started on Saturday, November 26, 2016, with quality tailgating, then stake your claim of four (4) seats at the famed rivalry of Ohio State/Michigan. Feel free to tear up Columbus after the big win because we have you slated for an overnight at the Blackwell Hotel to rest and recoup before the drive home!

Donated by Dr. Dominic Bagnoli and Dr. Vivian Von Gruenigen

### 9. *Life in the Fast Lane*

Ladies and Gentlemen... Start your engines for four (4) Infield Passes to the Coca Cola 600 Sprint Cup Race at Charlotte Motor Speedway. These passes gain access to the infield activities beginning Wednesday, May 25, through Sunday, May 29 -- an exclusive up close and personal NASCAR experience! What's more, Kerry Earnhardt, son of legendary racecar driver Dale Earnhardt, Sr., will personally meet you at the track to kick-off your NASCAR excursion. You'll have access to pit row sights and sounds, watch drivers and crews preparing for the race and witness first-hand all of the behind-the-scenes race day excitement that you can't experience in grandstand seats or see on TV!

Donated by Kerry and Rene Earnhardt

### 10. *Drift Away*

Get ready for the time of your life at world class luxury resort Nemaocolin Woodlands. Enjoy a two-night accommodation in the Chateau and a \$1,500 resort credit. Get ready for adventure with the Jeep Off-Road Driving Academy, experience the great outdoors with sporting clays and fishing on 100 acres, roll the dice at Lady Luck casino, relax at the Woodlands spa with your choice of over 100 treatments, and play 36 holes on a PGA TOUR rated course. That's not even mentioning the 15 amazing options for dining and seasonal adventure activities. You don't even need to drive. Luxury transportation to and from Canton is provided!

Donated by 84 Lumber and Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort



*11. San Francisco (Be Sure to Wear Flowers in Your Hair)*

Get the sports star treatment. Fly first class to San Francisco where you'll receive a personal tour of the Comcast Sports Network Studios before taking in the Cincinnati Reds vs the San Francisco Giants game from two premium seats! It all takes place July 25, 2016. Comcast is the TV and Digital home of the Giants, World Champion Golden State Warriors, Oakland A's, San Jose Sharks and Sacramento Kings!

Donated by U.S. International Media

*12. Octopus' Garden*

What if you could increase the value of your home in one fell swoop? Here's your chance. Delta Faucets offer technological innovations that delight smart consumers with a better way to experience water. From kinetic showers that actually save water to touchless faucets that spare us from germmy handles. This isn't just a package you want, this is a package your family needs. So go ahead and bid on this WHOLE HOUSE of new plumbing fixtures by Delta. Installation Included.

Donated by Delta Faucets

*13. Going to Carolina in My Mind*

Experience the game of golf at one of the most beautiful locales in America. For pure lowcountry luxury, look no further than the Colleton River Plantation Club, the premiere private residential golf community in coastal South Carolina, located just minutes from Savannah and the world-class beaches of Hilton Head Island. This package is for four (4) people for two (2) nights. Play two nationally acclaimed championship golf courses—one designed in 1991 by the legendary Jack Nicklaus, and the second designed seven years later by World Golf Hall of Fame architect, Pete Dye. Enjoy your stay in a cottage with a spacious living room with a fireplace, separate bedroom suites with full baths, a full kitchen and wireless Internet connection. Also included is unlimited use of the tennis center, fitness center, pool, and play on the Borland Par 3 Course. Schedule at a mutually agreed upon time.

Donated by Paul and Nicole Schumacher

*14. Reeling in the Years*

Because everyone needs a good story of how they reeled in that big one! Fly into Ft. Lauderdale from either Akron or Cleveland for a three (3) day, two (2) night trip for two to the Florida Keys where you'll enjoy an entire day's fishing charter! The boat holds up to six, so feel free to bring four more friends but this package only covers airfare and hotel for two. Hotel and rental car are included. Your choice of three dates: May, June or July.

Donated by Marty Stiffler of 84 Components

### 15. *Wild World*

The Quintess Collection opens the doors to the finest multi-million dollar vacation properties in the hottest destinations worldwide, from Aspen to Africa, San Francisco to St Croix. Wherever you choose, you'll stay seven (7) glorious nights in a luxury home. Bookings are made within a 120-day window on a calendar that is constantly updated with hundreds of choices. Transportation is not included. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Brian Coughlin

### 16. *Mr. Blue Sky*

"Hey there, Mister Blue Sky, We're so pleased to be with you, Look around see what you do, Everybody smiles at you" - Electric Light Orchestra  
Have your picture drawn by Mr. Blue Sky himself, Andrew Schumacher! This talented young artist loves to draw his friends, neighbors and supporters. A one-of-a-kind personal experience and a unique piece of art we promise you will treasure forever. Donated by Andrew Schumacher

## **Superstar**

This Sunday, our friend Felicia Carrino will be running in the Pro Football Hall of Fame Marathon wearing her Love, Andrew Autism Foundation Shirt and blue sneakers - All for autism acceptance. Felicia used her participation in the race as a platform to raise money for Love, Andrew. To date, she's raised more than \$10,000. Way to go, Felicia! We appreciate you. If you can make it to the race, cheer her on!



## General Auction Rules

### Terms and Conditions of Purchase

1. The cashier checkout stations are located in the Galley, and the items for pick up will be located in the dining room.
2. At the conclusion of the auction, your purchases will be totaled. Payment by check made payable to "Love, Andrew Autism Foundation" is preferable. MasterCard, Visa and Discover are also accepted. Please keep in mind that Love, Andrew Autism Foundation is charged a fee for credit card use. No credit card will be honored after the night of the auction.
3. All sales are final, and there are no refunds or exchanges on items.
4. Unless otherwise specified, all auction items and services must be used within one year before April 22, 2017.
5. Everything is sold "as is." Love, Andrew Autism Foundation makes no express or implied warranties with respect to property or services sold. By purchasing at tonight's event, the buyer waives any claims for liability against Love, Andrew Autism Foundation. Love, Andrew Autism Foundation is not held responsible for any personal injuries or damage which may result from the use of property or services sold. Values of given items were determined by the donors and not by the Auction Committee.
6. All items must be removed by the buyer from the club by the close of the auction event on Friday, April 22, 2016.

### Live Auction Rules

1. The Live Auction begins following the presentation and will continue without interruption until all items have been auctioned.
2. To enter a bid, you must raise your hand and attract the attention of the auctioneer. This action must be repeated each time you initiate or increase a bid. Bidding will be fast-paced, so bids must be made quickly. Please note conditions of sale in the program. Winning bids are charged to your bid number.
3. The highest bidder will be acknowledged by the auctioneer. In case of dispute, the auctioneer shall have sole and final discretion to determine the successful bidder or to re-offer and re-sell the item in dispute.
4. A designated runner will come to the winning bidder and have him or her sign the winning bid sheet.
5. Payment must be made as stated in the General Auction Rules.
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## The Star Room

The Star Room™ is built as a sanctuary for the senses, using top-quality building components to create a sensory-neutral environment. It's therapeutic, eliminates sensory over-stimulation and provides the students with a calming, comforting and safe environment to regain their footing.

It's the first of its kind to address the entire environment – From a specifically designed paint palette of soothing colors to the non-flickering fiber-optic ceiling lights to hospital grade air filtration to recording studio grade soundproofing.

The design is based on consultation with autism medical experts and 45 years of research with treating sensory processing conditions. Upon completion, a thorough training of faculty and staff is implemented on proper usage of the room.

While created for children with autism, students with other sensory related issues, such as attention deficit/ hyperactivity disorder, that present challenges related to sensory processing and overstimulation, have benefited greatly from the room. These disorders can produce high levels of anxiety and stress, which can interrupt learning and lead to disruptive behavior.

A student experiencing such feelings can check into the supervised Star Room, choose an appropriate tool or technique to help “de-escalate,” spend some time winding down, then return to the classroom ready to learn.

This purposeful sensory space isn't used as a means of discipline or reward, but solely to provide an appropriate, calming environment for students who need to de-escalate.

This one room helps students with autism do all the stuff kids should be able to do at school. Children with autism in every school system could benefit from a Star Room, and it's our vision to build them one.

### How it Helps

The Star Room has proven to be “an incredible, incredible success,” says Mark Parent, special education director for Plain Local Schools (Canton, Ohio) 6,000-student district.

Mark said The Star Room's success is not based just in terms of its impact on the students who use it, but by the program's effect on teachers, caretakers and other students. He said these outcomes have been achieved:

*Improved time on task. Students deescalate and return to classrooms able to access learning to a much higher degree*

*Reduction in stress for teachers, caretakers and classmates*

*Reduction in students' “acting out” through disruptive behavior such as hitting, biting and outbursts*

*Reduction in trips to the principal, early dismissal from school, bullying and name-calling by classmates*

*Increase in parents' comfort level and confidence that their child has a better chance to be successfully assimilated into school*

*Increase of classmates' understanding that “episodes” are only temporary and behaviors don't define people*



# THE STAR ROOM DONATED BY YOU.

## Name Your Own Star Room.

Feeling inspired? Are you or your corporation interested in sponsoring a Star Room of your own? We'll name it after you for \$10,000. The Love, Andrew Autism Foundation's mission is simple - A Star Room for every public school. You can make this happen. Your gift will establish your legacy for future generations of children. This is a contribution that can be viewed for years and will help so many. Every year the incidence of autism escalates. In 2002, 1 in 200 kids were affected. Today it's 1 in 68.

We'll design a plaque with your name on it to be displayed on the door of your Star Room. If you need some time to think about it, just contact Beth Schumacher at 330.413.2832 when you're ready.



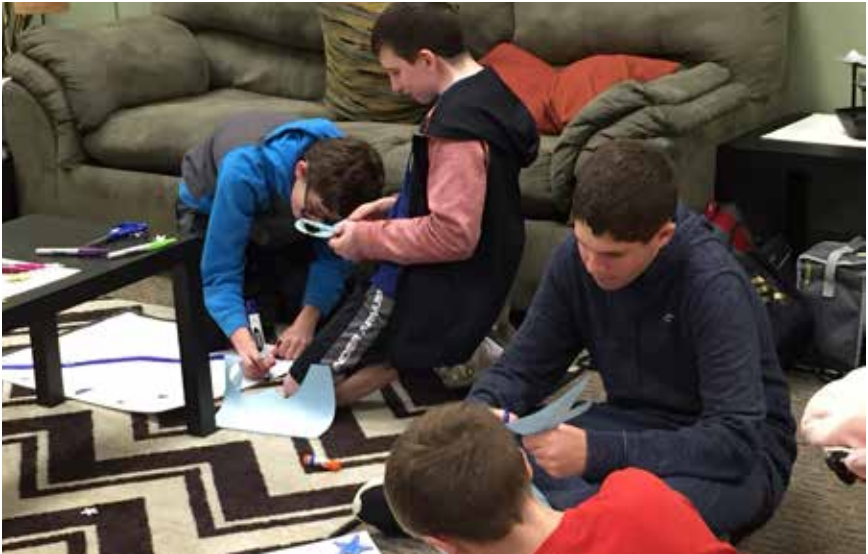
## More Than A Room

To build communities of caring, we see a need to teach and promote empathy. Most programs for children with special needs place the emphasis on modifying the child's behavior. We know that autism is not a behavioral disorder, so the Love Andrew team with the help of Oakwood Middle School is putting together a new group program designed to help typical kids understand and be friends with someone with special needs.

Since the school day is so structured, the kids don't have time to develop deeper friendships - we want to help them move past the hellos and high-fives. The pilot group consists of seven boys, chosen because they display good character, empathy, and kindness. In order to give the boys an idea of what things are like for Andrew, a special demonstration was set up to illustrate what being overwhelmed by sensory input is like. The boys were asked to complete a trigonometry test, hard enough by itself, but with the addition of strobe lights and constant sounds for competing phone ringtones. No one was able to concentrate and finish the quiz.

Everyone has things they're good at and things that are challenging for them. What this exercise showed the boys was that people with autism have to do their challenging activity 24/7. Without a place like the Star Room, there's no way for them to regroup to put their best effort forward.

As the program unfolds, we will take what we learn to develop and refine it. Next year it will be open to other children and ultimately become a program that other school counselors can use wherever there's the need.



Inclusion groups students preparing posters for National Autism Awareness Month.

Never in a million years or beyond would I have imagined that the early days of my life with Andrew would ever explode into this level of enthusiasm and support. After all those years of feeling isolated, I am truly shocked and humbled by your willingness to share in my mission to educate and enlighten our community of the needs that children with Autism require to become engaged and welcomed members of our society.



I set out with the vision that the Love, Andrew Autism Foundation would create a community of compassion, and here you all are. I have always been touched by the philanthropic spirit of this city, but tonight, I am truly amazed.

I think as humans we all want to make a difference, especially when it comes to the happiness of others. I can tell you unequivocally, that your presence here tonight makes not only my heart happy, but fill the hearts of my family, the teachers, the district representatives, and the other families of children with autism that have work tirelessly to make our current star rooms a reality.

It is from my heart that I thank you all tonight. You are all stars, and you are making our vision of a constellation of caring a reality.

*Nicole Schumacher*



## The Warstler Star Room



Currently under construction, the Warstler Star Room will benefit more than 50 children when completed.

## Is Your District Next?

The Love, Andrew Autism Foundation aims to install The Star Room™ program in every public school in the United States. But Love, Andrew can't accomplish this goal alone. It will require partnerships with school administrators and principals and the financial support of sponsoring organizations, companies, parent groups and individuals committed and motivated to provide the program at their local school.

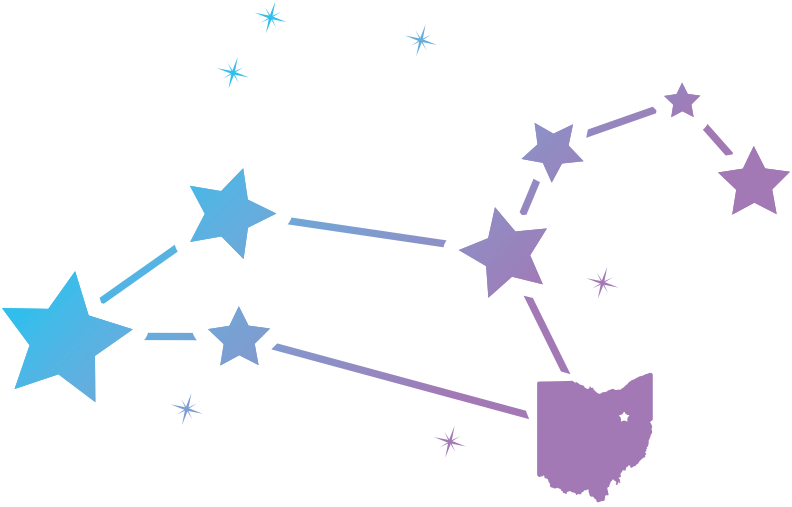
Love, Andrew is proud to be teaming up with individuals, small businesses and corporations in the Sponsor a Room Program. This program depends on local leadership and participation which:

- Helps build community spirit and school pride
- Creates a strong sense of local ownership
- Encourages grassroots activity and teamwork
- Keeps all locally-generated and designated funding in the community
- All the money donated goes into The Star Room program in the designated local school

Here's how the Sponsor a Room Program works:

If you're interested in spearheading a Star Room in your school district, please fill out the Request for Proposal form on our website at [www.loveandrew.org/request-for-proposal](http://www.loveandrew.org/request-for-proposal).





To think it all started here, in Canton, Ohio.