

**Sponsorship Packet**

 **5th Annual Southeast Adult Autism Symposium**

Informing and Empowering Autistic Adults & Young Adults and their Parents, Families, Caregivers, and Other Professionals to Make Life Better for All Autistics

**July 24, 2021 - 9:00 AM to 4:40 PM**

 **University Center of the University of**

 **Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, TN**

**Raising Autism Awareness, Autism Acceptance,**

**and Autism Inclusion**

# ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM

## MISSION

* Educate adults on the Autism spectrum, their parents, caregivers, and other interested persons about adult Autism Spectrum Condition issues.
* Present the latest research into Autism issues and empirically based strategies and treatments.
* Advance the skills of professionals and others who work with the Autism community.
* Forge personal connections between autistic adults, their parents/caregivers, professionals, and others.
* Showcase Autism-related service providers to help them connect with those seeking services
* Encourage collaboration between organizations in our community.

## AUDIENCE

This conference is intended for adults on the Autism spectrum, their parents/caregivers, professionals who work with this population, and other interested individuals.​ ​This is the fifth year for this event, and we expect 200 to 250 people to attend.

## WORKSHOPS

​Participants can choose from 15 different sessions. Topics range from employment, independent living, social relationships/skills, health and wellness, Autism and society, latest research findings, medical issues, transitions, support systems, preparing for life after school, and other topics of interest for adults, young adults, parents/caregivers, and professionals.

**BENEFITS OF SPONSORSHIP**

* Connect with an audience of adults on the Autism spectrum, self-advocates, parents/caregivers,​ professionals, agencies, businesses, government organizations, and other​interested individuals.
* Associate your organization with the GCA Centre for Adult Autism and Chattanooga Autism Center, the hub of Autism support and advocacy in the tri-state area.
* Help make it possible for Autistic individuals and their families to attend and participate in the 4th Annual Southeast Adult Autism Symposium Conference

 **2021 SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS**

**Founding Sponsor -** $3,000+​

* Free Premium Exhibitor Space plus free conference registration (2 total), also gets first choice of Exhibitor Space
* Full page ad in Symposium program
* Largest logo on website and conference programs
* Your organization’s literature placed at all tables at lunch and at check-in (optional)
* Largest logo on signage at conference and at check-in table

**Gold Sponsor -** $1,000​

* Free Premium Exhibitor Space plus free conference registration (2 total)
* Large logo on website and conference programs
* Large logo on signage at conference
* ½ page ad in Conference Program
* Recognition during conference

**Coffee/Refreshment Station Sponsor** - $750​

* Recognized as official refreshment station sponsor of the Symposium
* Free Premium Exhibitor Space plus free conference registration (2 total)
* Logo on website and conference programs
* Logo on signage at conference
* ½ page ad in Conference Program
* Recognition during conference

**Silver Sponsor** - $500​

* Free Premium Exhibitor Space plus free conference registration (2 total)
* Logo on website and conference programs
* Logo on signage at conference
* ¼ page ad in Conference Program
* Recognition during conference

**Premium Exhibitor** -​ $250

* Exhibitor table, linen, and two chairs
* Get to pick your exhibitor location in advance
* Listed on the conference program and Chattanooga Autism Center & GCA Centre for Adult Autism website as a “Friends of GCA” sponsor
* Up to two conference registrations and lunches provided. $10 for each additional person’s registration and lunch provided (if needed)​.

**2021 SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS (continued)**

**Friends of GCA Sponsor** - $175​

* Listed on Program and Chattanooga Autism Center/GCA Centre for Adult Autism websites as supporter

**General Exhibitor** -​ $50

* For for-profit organizations only
* Exhibitor table, linen, and two chairs
* Up to two conference registrations and lunches provided. $10 for each additional person’s registration and lunch (if needed).

**Not-For-Profit (501c3, etc.) Exhibitor** -​ $0

* For not-for-profit organizations with a 501c3 designation from the IRS
* Exhibitor table, linen, and two chairs
* Up to two conference registration and lunch provided. $10 for each additional person’s registration and lunch provided (if needed).

**Autism-Based Business** -​ $0

* For Autism families/individuals who have a product or service to offer and do not have a 501c3 designation from the IRS
* Must have an autistic individual in your family with you, unless you are the autistic individual representing your business
* Limited number of exhibitor tables available.
* Exhibitor table, linen, and two chairs
* Up to two conference registration and lunch provided. $10 for each additional person’s registration and lunch provided (if needed).

## A LA CARTE OPTIONS

▪ Quarter page ad in Symposium program (~4.3” wide by 5.5” tall): $100

▪ Half page ad in Symposium program (~8.5” wide by 5.5” tall): $225

▪ Full page ad in Symposium program ( ~8.5” wide by 11” tall): $400

▪ Business card sized ad in Symposium program (~3.5” wide by 2” tall): $50

▪ Underwrite lunch for all attendees: $2,000

▪ Your organization’s brochures to be included in “goody bags” for attendees: $50

*Brochures must be received by the Chattanooga*​ *Autism Center, no later than 5:00 PM on Thursday, July 22, 2021.*

#  Two Day Symposium Agenda

**FRIDAY, JULY 23, 2021**

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| 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm   | Welcome Reception, First-Centenary United Methodist Church, Chattanooga, TN for adults and young adults on the Autism spectrum  |
|  6:00 pm to 10:00 pm  |  Restaurant/Dining Out Event, Chattanooga, for attending adults and young adults on the Autism spectrum  |

**SATURDAY**​, **JULY 24, 2021**

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| 7:45 am to 8:15 am  | Registration Check-In for Exhibitors only  |
| 8:15 am to 9:00 am  | Registration Check-In for Speakers and Attendees  |
| 9:00 am to 10:00 am  | 1st​ ​ morning session  |
| 10:00 am to 10:20 am  | Break  |
| 10:20 am to 11:20 am  | 2nd​ ​ morning sessions  |
| 11:00 am to 11:30 am  | Exhibitors Lunch break  |
| 11:30 am to 1:00 pm  | Lunch  |
| 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm  | 1st​ ​ afternoon session  |
| 2:00 pm to 2:20 pm  | Break  |
| 2:20 pm to 3:20 pm  | 2nd​ ​ afternoon session  |
| 3:20 pm to 3:40 pm  | Break (vendors/exhibitors can leave after break)  |
| 3:40 pm to 4:40 pm  | 3​rd​ afternoon session  |
| 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm  | Social Parting Time (with refreshments)  |

**5th Annual Southeast Adult Autism Symposium Sponsor Form**

Please fill out and fax, email, or mail:

Email: dave.buck@chattanoogaautismcenter.org

Fax: 423-521-8094

Chattanooga Autism Center, 1400 McCallie Avenue, Chattanooga TN 37404

If you have questions, call Nathan Zimmerman at 423-531-6961 x7 or Dave Buck Phone: 423-531-6961 x4

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SPONSOR/EXHIBITOR LEVEL:

I would like to sponsor at the level of (please check one):

\_\_\_\_ Founding Sponsor – $3,000

\_\_\_\_ Gold Sponsor – $1,000

\_\_\_\_ Coffee/Refreshment Station Sponsor – $750

\_\_\_\_ Silver Sponsor – $500

\_\_\_\_ Premium Exhibitor - $250

\_\_\_\_ Friends of GCA Sponsor – $175

\_\_\_\_ General Exhibitor - $50

\_\_\_\_ Not-for-Profit Exhibitor - $0

\_\_\_\_ Autism-Related Business - $0 (see above)

\_\_\_\_ Other $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I would like to personalize my sponsorship level, please contact me to discuss the cost

PAYMENT INFORMATION (please check one):

\_\_\_Check enclosed​

\_\_\_ Invoice me (can pay in advance or on the day of the Symposium)​

\_\_\_ Charge a credit card (5% processing fee added) Call to process credit card over the phone.​

Make all checks payable to Chattanooga Autism Center, 1400 McCallie Avenue, Suite 100, Chattanooga,

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