



Into the Light

APRIL IS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH (NAAM)

In the early 1970s the Autism Society began a nationwide campaign each April to raise awareness of the growing incidence of autism. Nearly 50 years later, April is still designated as a time to educate the public about autism and the issues within the autism community.

As we celebrate National Autism Awareness Month this April, we encourage everyone to become partners in a movement that doesn't stop at **awareness** but that also encourages **acceptance** and **appreciation**!

Join us in embracing a new NAAM perspective – one that promotes **belonging** and **inclusion** in schools and communities. We invite you to visit our Facebook page each day in April at noon, as we highlight local individuals with autism and celebrate their unique talents: <https://www.facebook.com/AutismSocietyCentralVA/>

Here are just a few ways you can support local individuals with autism during National Autism Awareness Month:

- Wear or display the puzzle piece ribbon.
- Check out the NAAM page of our website, <http://ascv.org/resources/national-autism-awareness-month/>, and share within your school or community.
- Share this newsletter and our weekly e-blasts within your network, inviting them to get involved with the ASCV and participate in the activities we offer.
- Encourage your school to participate in our April school fundraising competition (details on page 4).
- Designate the ASCV as the recipient of your donations in April. Ask your employer if they match your contribution!
- Partner with a restaurant or retailer to host a round-up campaign at their register or select a signature menu or merchandise item, donating proceeds to the ASCV.
- Connect us with organizations looking for community partners.
- Register and fundraise for our 16th Annual 5K Run/Walk for Autism! By supporting this event, you can be confident that you are making a positive impact for individuals with autism and their families right here in your local community.

We encourage you to share information about all of the resources, services & support the ASCV provides, not just in April but year-round!

AUTISM =
Inclusion

#StandUpForAutism

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 Participate  Advocate  Donate



Mission

To improve the lives of all affected by autism by maximizing the self-sufficiency, independence, and quality of life for all living with autism.

Vision

We are the local voice and resource of the autism community in education, advocacy, services, and support, and are committed to meaningful participation and self-determination in all aspects of life for individuals on the autism spectrum and their families.

Any age. Any stage.

Donate

Your gift will help support autism education, awareness, advocacy and most importantly, enable us to assist families and individuals living with autism in our community. You can help by making a donation today!



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We accept for consideration any comments, personal vignettes, book reviews, information, announcements, or advertisements for publication in our newsletter. The deadline for submission for the May newsletter is April 15th. You may send your contributions to the above address or email contributions to info@ascv.org.

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This edition was edited by ASCV staff.

Are you Registered for the 16th Annual 5K Run/Walk for Autism? May 26, 2018

It's time to gear up for the Autism Society Central Virginia 16th Annual 5K Run/Walk for Autism!!!

The competition is heating up between teams and individual fundraisers! But there is still time to get registered and go after one of the 11 trophies that will be handed out on race day!

Ways You Can Participate:

- **Register to Run/Walk** - <http://ascv.org/ascv-5k/register/>
- Form a **Team** and Recruit Members
- Start a **Fundraising** Page and Seek Donations
- **Share** this Information with Friends, Family, Co-Workers, Neighbors and Others in your Community
- **Volunteer!!!** We have volunteer opportunities for Friday, May 25th packet pickup, and for Saturday May 26th - <http://ascv.org/ascv-5k/volunteer/>
- Identify and Reach Out to **Potential Sponsors!** A wide range of sponsorship levels are available! <http://ascv.org/ascv-5k/sponsor/>

Have Questions: Check out the FAQ page of our website - <http://ascv.org/ascv-5k/faqs/>
Feel free to contact our Executive Director, Ann Flippin at Ann.Flippin@ascv.org to discuss sponsorships, recruiting company teams, or team fundraising ideas.

As you can see, there are numerous ways in which you can support the 16th Annual 5K Run/Walk for Autism on May 26, 2018, and help the ASCV with our mission ***to improve the lives of ALL affected by autism in Central Virginia.*** We hope to see you there!



2017 Top Fundraising Individual
and Top Fundraising Team



2017 Largest Team
and Most Spirited Team



Get your school involved during National Autism Awareness Month by raising funds to support the Autism Society Central Virginia!

It's easy, just follow these steps:

Step One: Sign up. Let us know that you're participating!

See bottom of page for contact information.

Step Two: Decide what type of fundraiser you're going to hold.

We are here to help with fundraising ideas!

Bake Sale • Car Wash • Change Collection • Hat Day

Step Three: Fundraise!

Step Four: Report your total and send funds to the ASCV office.

Please report totals by Friday, May 4.

Turn in donations by Tuesday, May 15.

Step Five: Wait for the winners to be announced!

Winners will be announced on Tuesday, May 15.

**Not only is this a great way to show support for students
with autism at your school, but you can also win prizes!**



- Each school raising at least **\$250 will receive a \$25 Amazon Gift Card**, given to the organizer to use at their discretion.
- Each school raising at least **\$500 will win a pizza party** for the top fundraising class or club. (Up to 25 people)
- The top fundraising school will receive an engraved trophy. (Must raise \$500 to qualify)



Contact Leanne at
leanne.petroziello@ascv.org
with any questions or to sign up!

ASCV Support and Interest Groups

Sometimes it can feel like you are all alone on this autism journey, and there is no substitute for a face-to-face connection when you need a friend. If you are looking for a group of people who are walking a similar path, join us at one of our ASCV support groups for a time to share triumphs, frustrations and to be around others who get the highs and lows of raising a child/supporting an adult on the autism spectrum.

We currently offer the following facilitated support groups:

- **NEW IN 2018** - Parents of Children ages 0-8 with ASD - Join other parents/guardians of young children with ASD for this monthly support group time. This group meets from 12:30pm-1:30pm on the second Saturday of each month at the Manchester YMCA in Chesterfield. Free onsite childcare is provided for this group on a first come - first serve basis for up to 12 children. Childcare participants MUST register in advance. Registration is also requested for support group participants for planning purposes. Registration links can be found on the event page of our website each month - <http://ascv.org/meetings-events/>. The first meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 14, 2018.

- Parents of Spectrum Adults - Once your child is out of high school there is a whole new set of challenges that you face as a parent. Find the support you need with other parents/guardians of adults on the spectrum. This group meets from 7pm-8:30pm on the last Monday night of each month at the River Road United Methodist Church location. No registration is necessary. The next meeting is on Monday, April 30, 2018.

- Adults with Asperger's/HFA Interest Group - This group meets at 7pm on the last Monday of each month at the River Road United Methodist Church location. Adults with Asperger's/HFA are invited to join us for support and camaraderie. This is an accepting group that will welcome you as you are; you do not have to pretend at this group, neurodiversity is embraced and celebrated here! Activities include discussion time, board and card games, snacks and other activities chosen by participants. No registration is necessary. This group meets at the same time as Parents of Spectrum Adults and the next meeting is Monday, April 30, 2018.



WELCOME LEANNE

Please join us in welcoming Leanne Petroziello to the ASCV team! Leanne joined the Autism Society Central Virginia as our Development & Operations Coordinator in March. In this new staff position for the ASCV, Leanne will manage 5K fundraising and marketing efforts, support 3rd party events and new development initiatives, and manage the financial processing and operational needs of the organization.

Leanne received a BA in Art History from City College of New York and worked for a diamond importer as an operations, sales & accounting manager. She and her husband made the move from NYC to Richmond in 2017. Most recently, she worked on the Light The Night walk campaign for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, supporting participant recruitment, logistics, marketing and administrative projects. In her spare time, Leanne enjoys reading, hiking, and walking her recently rescued greyhound dog Simon.



We are excited to have Leanne join our ASCV team! You can reach her at leanne.petroziello@ascv.org

AuSome Autism Awareness Feature Your Loved One!

April is National Autism Awareness Month (NAAM). As one way of celebrating autism awareness, acceptance, appreciation, and community belonging, we will be featuring individuals on the autism spectrum on our Facebook page during the month of April.

We need your help to make this happen!

If you would like an individual (or yourself if you are a self-advocate) featured, please email a picture and 1-3 sentences about the individual to info@ascv.org. Include the individual's first name and share their interests, hobbies, skills and talents, and why they are so very special to you.

Thank you for helping us highlight some of the Au-some individuals that live right here in Central Virginia!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR OUR 12th ANNUAL ASCV MEMBER FAMILY FUN DAY

Autism Society members are invited to join us for our 12th Annual Spring Family Fun Day, Saturday, May 5th from 12:00pm-3:00pm. As an Autism Society Central Virginia member, you and your IMMEDIATE household can enjoy:

- Free lunch for those registered
- Inflatables for the kids
- Games and activities – volleyball, soccer, bubbles, etc.
- A petting zoo with a variety of animals
- And much more



ASCV members check your e-mail for the Eventbrite registration.
Registration closes April 28th!

If you are not an ASCV member yet, it's easy to join. Find out more about ASCV membership here -- <http://ascv.org/membership/membership/>

Kevin and Avonte's Law Passes

On March 22, 2018, the United States House and Senate came together to pass Kevin and Avonte's Law (H.R. 4221/S. 2070) as part of the omnibus appropriations package for the fiscal year 2018 that includes critical funding increases for programs that support people with autism and other developmental disabilities. First introduced in 2014, Kevin and Avonte's Law reauthorizes the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program and provides essential resources to aid law enforcement, first responders, and community groups to better respond to and ultimately reduce the risk of wandering incidents involving seniors, people with autism, and other disabilities. President Trump officially signed the legislation into law on March 23, 2018.

"We are pleased that the appropriations bill includes the Kevin and Avonte's Law, a legislative priority for our organization for the last four years, said Scott Badesch, Autism Society President and Chief Executive Officer. "Kevin and Avonte's Law will infuse necessary funding to states to train first responders and help families supporting people with autism or other disabilities who tend to wander, sometimes resulting in death or injuries."

The National Autism Society looks forward to helping Congress and the Administration to implement Kevin and Avonte's and we all applaud Congress for the bipartisan agreement that allowed the necessary funding for this law and other laws supporting our families and individuals on the autism spectrum.



ASCV Advocating for Legislative Change

On February 2nd, our Executive Director, Ann Flippin, joined representatives from The Arc of Virginia and LRIDD (Legal Reform for Intellectually and Developmentally Disabled) for a meeting with members of U.S. Senator Tim Kaine's staff to present on the topic of legal reform for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our joint vision is for legal reform that stresses prevention, intervention, and diversion instead of prosecution.

The meeting was to specifically address the issue of individuals with I/DD who become involved in the criminal justice system for sex-related crimes. The current system is not effective for evaluating this population and knowing how to handle the mental and/or processing deficits often associated with autism.

We requested legislation that would include required training for people in the criminal justice system, including law enforcement, prosecutors, judges and prison systems. We also discussed the importance of legislation that would incorporate education for individuals with disabilities including relationship education in appropriate behaviors, social norms and laws on internet sexual content.

Senator Kaine's staff was receptive to concerns addressed and looks forward to continued conversations.

ADVOCACY ALERT PHONE CALLS NEEDED BY APRIL 10TH



The VA General Assembly adjourned without passing a budget. They return to session April 11th with the goal of approving a statewide budget. This is our **LAST CHANCE** to influence them to fund more DD waivers. Right now there are only 825 waivers in the budget. There are over 12,000 Virginians on the waiver waitlist with 1 in 4 of those being in **URGENT** need. Together we can get more waivers funded!

How can you help VA increase the number of DD waivers? **MAKE PHONE CALLS!**

No matter what district you live in, we **NEED** everyone to call these specific people who are the assigned Budget Conferees and represent the entire state in this process. Please contact them by **APRIL 10TH** in their home district.

THESE ARE THEIR HOME DISTRICT OFFICES. Call as many of them as you can and leave messages if you have to! We appreciate your support.

Delegate Jones (757) 483-6242
 Delegate Peace (804) 730-3737
 Delegate Torian (703) 785-2224
 Delegate Sickles (703) 922-6440
 Delegate Garrett (434) 455-0243
 Delegate Knight (757) 426-6387

Senator Norment (757) 259-7810
 Senator Hanger (540) 885-6898
 Senator Saslaw (703) 978-0200
 Senator Newman (434) 385-1065
 Senator Howell (703) 709-8283
 Senator Ruff (434) 374-5129
 Senator Wagner (757) 228-3333

Autism 5K Run/Walk Celebration Signs

Help us celebrate our 16th year of the 5K Run/Walk for Autism by honoring your friend or family member with ASD! Show your support on the 5K course by purchasing an Autism 5K Celebration Sign today! These 24x18 personalized signs will be displayed along the 5K course on the day of the event. Parents, family members, friends, or anyone who wants to celebrate a specific individual or group can purchase signs. The sign is yours to keep after the event.

Signs are available to purchase through May 10, 2018 at noon. You can find more info and purchase signs here - <https://5ksigns2018.eventbrite.com>



This April, the Autism Society Central VA will sponsor or participate in the following events. For information: 804-257-0192 or info@ascv.org.

04/07	9am	Cross Bearers Ride 4 Autism , benefiting ASCV; see page 15
04/11		Mellow Mushroom – Midlothian fundraiser, benefiting the ASCV; see page 16
04/13	7pm	Helping Individuals with ASD Use Scripts Effectively Workshop ; details and registration: https://scriptingwkshp2018.eventbrite.com
04/13	7pm	Aspergers/HFA Teen Social Club (Grades 6-10); free for ASCV members; check your e-mail for Eventbrite invitation
04/14	10am	Inclusive Lego & Game Club – Chester , details and registration: https://legochesterapril2018.eventbrite.com
04/14	12:30pm	Support Group for Parents of Children ages 0-8 with ASD ; Manchester YMCA; details and registration https://april14supportgroup.eventbrite.com
04/19	12pm	Vineyard Vines Fundraiser , benefiting the ASCV; see page 17
04/21	9am	SODMC Renegade Ride for Autism , benefiting the ASCV; see page 18
04/21	2pm	Sensory Friendly Movie at the Byrd Theatre, Carytown
04/22		Bowling outing for children/youth/adults with autism; free for ASCV members; check your e-mail for Eventbrite invitation
04/25	6pm	TGIFridays Bartender Flair Show , benefiting the ASCV; see page 16
04/26	7pm	Teaching Social Competencies with Social Thinking Workshop presented by Michelle Garcia Winner; details & registration: https://socialthinkingwkshp.eventbrite.com
04/28	10am	Inclusive Lego & Game Club – Downtown , details and registration: https://legodowntownapril2018.eventbrite.com
04/28	12pm	Cosby Autism Superhero Carnival benefiting the ASCV; see page 19
04/28	9am	Until the Pieces Fit Autism Fundraiser , benefiting the ASCV; see page 11
04/30	7pm	Adults with Aspergers/HFA Interest Group (open only to adults with Aspergers/HFA)
04/30	7pm	Parents of Spectrum Adults Support Group

AUTISM SOCIETY CENTRAL VIRGINIA

APRIL CALENDAR

APRIL COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

(Dates provided as published by sponsoring organizations; contact organizations for confirmation)

- 04/01 **Chuck E. Cheese's Sensory Sensitive Sunday** 9am-11am; 10430 Midlothian Turnpike, 23235; for more information contact 804-330-9865
- 04/02 **Sensory Story Time** at Glen Allen Library; more details at <https://tinyurl.com/y7zlgqkr>
- 04/02 **Virginia Museum of History & Culture Sensory Friendly Gallery Experience**; 9am-11am
- 04/02 **Sky Zone Special Needs Sensory Friendly Night** 5pm-6pm; for more information call 804-379-2500 or visit <http://www.skyzone.com/richmond>
- 04/03,04/07 **Sensory Story Time** at Varina Area Library; more details at <https://tinyurl.com/y7zlgqkr>
- 04/03 **Jumpology Special Needs Night** 5pm-7pm; <http://www.jumpology.us/Pricing-Hours> for more information
- 04/06 **Special Night for Special Needs** at Children's Museum Chesterfield at 5:30pm; for more information <http://www.c-mor.org/full-menu/calendar/>
- 04/09 **Hanover County Special Education Advisory Committee** meets at 7pm at Hanover County School Board Office, 200 Berkley Street, Ashland; open to the public
- 04/10 **Richmond City Special Education Advisory Committee**; 6pm-7:30pm; open to the public; for more information: <https://www.rvaschools.net/Page/1277>
- 04/11 **Chesterfield Special Education Advisory Committee** meets at 5pm at the Career and Technical Center, 13900 Hull Street Road, room A256; open to the public; topic: *Early Childhood Special Education*; contact 804-639-8918 for more details
- 04/12 **New Kent Special Education Advisory Committee**; Topic: *Transition to Life After High School*; 6:30-7:30pm; Media Center at New Kent High School
- 04/16 **Colonial Heights Special Education Advisory Committee**; meets at 6pm in the AV Room at Colonial Heights Technical Center, 345 Conduit Road; open to the public
- 04/17 **Monkey Joe's Special Needs Night** from 5pm-7pm; kids ages 2-12 with special needs are free; closed to the public; siblings welcome \$5; more details 804-897-5867
- 04/18 **Minds of All Kinds** free sensory friendly evening at the Science Museum of Virginia, registration required <http://www.smv.org/upcoming-events/minds-of-all-kinds-april-18>
- 04/19 **Dinwiddie Special Education Advisory Committee**; meets at 4:30pm at the Parent Resource Center, Room 305 at 12318 Boydton Plank Road; open to the public
- 04/21 **Pinkalicious, The Musical** a sensory-friendly performance at the Virginia Repertory Theatre at Willow Lawn; 10:30am; details & registration http://va-rep.org/sensory_friendly.html
- 04/24 **Henrico County Special Education Advisory Committee** meets at 6:30pm at Brookland Middle School, 9200 Lydell Drive, Richmond; open to the public
- 04/29 **Caminos Group** support group for Latino families with autism; meets at the Sacred Heart Center, 1400 Perry Street, Richmond, 23224 from 10am-12pm; RSVP at 804-646-0145

NEWS FROM THE AUTISM SOCIETY CENTRAL VIRGINIA BOARD

**In March, the Autism Society Central Virginia worked to fulfill our mission
To "improve the lives of all affected by autism" in the following ways:**

Education

- Hosted 10th Annual Recreation Resource Fair
- Presented IEP Boot Camp

Services and Support

- Sponsored a Sensory Friendly Movie in collaboration with the Byrd Theatre
- Sponsored Inclusive Lego and Game Clubs
- Sponsored Adults with Asperger's Interest Group
- Sponsored Parents of Spectrum Adults Support Group
- Sponsored a bowling outing for children, youth, and adults with ASD
- Sponsored HFA/Asperger's Teen Group

Advocacy

- Attended legislative advocacy meeting with Senator Tim Kaine's staff



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**Saturday, April 28th
9am to 3pm**

UPCOMING COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

- 04/06 **Fostering Healthy Relationships and Sexuality in Adults with I/D** Region IV REACH Workshop; 1pm-4pm at Chesterfield Technical Center; details & registration: <https://tinyurl.com/y6utffpv>
- 04/10 **Summer is Almost Here: Now What Do I Do? A Parent's Perspective**, free webinar presented by the ASCV's Tammy Burns; 3:30pm-4:30pm; details & registration: <https://tinyurl.com/ya79hv67>
- 04/12 **Creative Technology for Inclusion and Engagement**; free webinar; 4pm; details & registration: <https://tinyurl.com/y9gub399>
- 04/14 **6th Annual Family and Youth Leadership Summit (NAMI)**; 9am-3:30pm; DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Richmond – Midlothian; details & registration: <https://tinyurl.com/yb27996b>
- 04/19 **Assistive Technology Trends**; free webinar; 4pm; details & registration <https://tinyurl.com/ycy39oas>
- 04/25 **Family Learning Series Summit 2018** presented by Henrico County Public Schools; 9am-2pm at Hermitage High School; details and registration <https://tinyurl.com/ybs65zwj>
- 04/25 **Autism at Work Virtual Career Fair**; 1pm-3pm; online recruiting event open to people with ASD; details and registration <https://tinyurl.com/y7efnkh>
- 04/28,04/29 **Advanced Parent Leadership Training** sponsored by Virginia Family Network; Leesburg, VA; for more information & registration: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BWMBNVC>
- 05/01 **APPetizers at the PRC – Assistive Technology Open House**; 5pm-7pm; at the Hanover PRC; for more details call 804-365-4596
- 05/03 **Managing Focus and Attention Utilizing AT**; free webinar; 12:30pm; details & registration <https://tinyurl.com/yctl9e9p>

Put on the Puzzle!

Did you know ... The puzzle piece ribbon is the symbol of the Autism Society? The puzzle pattern reflects the mystery and complexity of the autism spectrum. The different colors and shapes represent the diversity of the people and families living with autism. The brightness of the ribbon signals hope – hope that through increased awareness, and through early intervention and appropriate treatments, people with autism will lead full, independent, and self-sustaining lives. April is a great month to share your love for individuals with autism and to start a conversation with others by wearing or displaying the puzzle piece ribbon!



Thank You To Our Volunteers

Lindsey Weeks
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Jaden Whitehead
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Kathleen Martin
Nebly Ogbamical
Amber Burns
Bradford Hulcher

**THANK
YOU!**



We would love to add your name to this list. We are always looking for individuals, 18 and older, who would like to get involved. Contact Tammy at outreach@ascv.org to find out how you can volunteer for the ASCV too!

Scholarship Opportunities

The Autism Society Central Virginia (ASCV) is pleased to offer three types of scholarships for 2018. Qualifying households and/or individuals may apply for any or all of the following scholarships:

- Recreational and Social Scholarship – award of up to \$300 annually per individual on the autism spectrum
- Education Enrichment Scholarship – award of up to \$300 annually per household holding current ASCV membership
- Membership Scholarship – award of up to \$25 annually per household

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**

More information and applications can be found here -
<http://ascv.org/about/recreational-scholarships/>

Thank You to the Following Donors

All donations stay in the Central Virginia area to support individuals and families affected by autism.

Mamie Mayo
Eric Schumde
Karl Koenig
Hussman Foundation
Center for Family Involvement
VA Department of Education
Noodles and Company
Larry Scarborough
Midlothian Friends Meeting

Amrinder Singh
Jessika Goodman
Jerry and Elsa Vick
Steven Glancey

In honor of Mason
Jennifer Paskat

In memory of Mrs. Fay Chapman Woodall
Carlton Robertson

Thank You




Behavioral Health & Wellness Center is pleased to announce our new ABA program to Richmond and surrounding areas. At present we provide services to individuals age 2 to 21 and their families in their home environment in a variety of ways ranging from improving communication to behavior support. Currently there is no waiting list. We accept Medicaid CCC+ and MCO insurance waivers.

2025 East Main Street
Richmond, VA
804-225-7150
Rehelen Hines, MA, DOS, Site Supervisor

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Save the Dates! Upcoming ASCV Learning Opportunities

Don't miss these fabulous upcoming learning opportunities:

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| April 13 | <i>Say What You Need to Say: Helping Individuals with ASD Use Scripts Effectively</i>
(rescheduled from February) |  |
| April 26 | <i>Teaching Social Competencies with Social Thinking</i> , presented by Michelle Garcia Winner | |
| May 4 | <i>Special Needs Trusts & Future Planning Workshop</i> , presented by Paula Peaden (Elder Law Attorney) and Kaylan Rubey (representative from Commonwealth Community Trust) | |

Cross Bearers Motorcycle Ministry Sponsors

“Ride 4 Autism 2018”

In support of

Autism Society Central Virginia

Date: April 7, 2018

Registration from 9 a.m til 10:45 a.m.
at Olive Branch Baptist Church
11119 Boydton Plank Road
Dinwiddie, VA 23841
KSU at 11 a.m. to Begin Ride!!!



Donation: \$20
per bike
\$10 for each
additional rider



Commemorative pins
for the first
100 registered riders

“Non bike riders welcome to eat for a \$10 donation”

For More Information on this fund raiser please

Contact Shogun @ (804) 732-1502 or Big Bill @ (804) 731-6821

*** All proceeds will be donated to Autism Society Central VA ***







Join RCG Behavioral Health Network for an all day spirit day at Mellow Mushroom in Midlothian where 20% of proceeds will benefit Autism Society of Central Virginia. Bring your flyer or mention you are with our group!

Where? Mellow Mushroom (1409 Huguenot Rd, Midlothian, VA 23113)
When? Wednesday, April 11th ALL DAY (11am-10pm)
Why? To raise awareness for autism.

rcghealthnetwork.com
ascv.org



13140 Rittenhouse Drive, Midlothian, 23112 (off of Hull Street and 288)

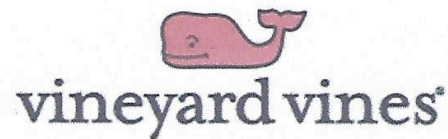
Bartender Flair Show

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Wednesday, April 25, 2018
6pm – 9pm

Raffles, Giveaways, and Fridays Finest Flair Show!
 Contact Kurt Kuhnle @ 302-233-6859 for info on how to donate items for the raffle or to purchase a seat or table



SHOP & SUPPORT A CAUSE

Join us while vineyard vines donates **20%** of all purchases to Autism Society of Central Virginia, an organization that is a nonprofit that improves the lives of all of those affected by Autism in Central Virginia.



Thursday, April 19 · 11AM-3PM

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*Discounts valid for purchases made at the Stony Point vineyard vines store on Thursday, April 19, 2018 from 11AM-3PM. 20% of all sales will be donated back to Autism Society of Central Virginia. Offer excludes gift cards, Yeti coolers, Titleist®, Costa sunglasses, monogramming & personalization, special collections, and all other third-party products. No price adjustments will be made to previous purchases. Purchases made with this offer are not eligible for future price adjustments. Cannot be combined with any other offer. vineyard vines reserves the right to change or cancel this promotion at any time. Use of this promotion constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions, except where prohibited by law. Discount applies to merchandise only and not shipping & handling, taxes or packaging.

SONS OF DOMINION MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Renegade Ride For Autism Saturday April 21st 10am

Registration begins at 9am at
Renegade Classics Richmond
7590 W Broad St, Richmond, VA



For more information email
president@sonsofdominion.com
or call Renegade Classics at
(804) 501-2453

Join the Sons of Dominion Motorcycle Club and Renegade Classics Richmond as we support the Autism Society Central Virginia in raising funds and promoting awareness, acceptance, and appreciation for the cause of autism. All proceeds support the ASCV.

Every \$25 ticket raises money for the ASCV and earns:

- A beautiful 90 minute group ride benefitting the fight against autism
- A raffle ticket for Renegade Classics gift cards (additional raffle tickets can be purchased separately)
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The poster features a background with a blue field of white stars and a red swoosh. At the top, the words "Superhero Carnival" are written in a large, red, hand-drawn font. To the left of the word "Carnival" is a Superman logo where the 'S' is composed of colorful puzzle pieces. Below the logo, the text "Join us for activities, entertainment, games, music, vendors, and MORE!!!" is written in a dark blue font. To the right, the event details "Cosby High School", "April 28, 2018", and "12-4 pm" are listed in a dark blue font. A cartoon illustration of Superman flying is positioned on the right side. At the bottom left, the text "Free Entrance! Tickets sold for games and activities." and "Donations are greatly appreciated." are written in a red font. Below that, "All proceeds will be given to the Autism Society of Central Virginia!" is written in a dark blue font. A small watermark "PosterMyWall.com" is visible in the bottom left corner.

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- Free monthly bowling outings for children, youth, or adults with ASD
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- Free ASCV sponsored social/recreational activities including our annual family fun day, holiday party, and much more
- Free childcare at ASCV monthly program meetings

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