

Volunteer to Give Autism The Boot!

Thank you for volunteering for the 2012 Give Autism The Boot! Campaign! Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neurological disorder of the brain that usually appears in the first three years of a child's life. As a spectrum disorder, it has many different forms and levels of severity; there is no known cause or cure. According to the February 2009 report from the Center for Disease Control, 1 child out of every 110 births will have autism, which makes Autism the fastest growing disability in America. Autism can present physical, emotional, and financial challenges for families. Without adequate support for families, these challenges can be devastating.

The Great Lakes Collaborative for Autism (GLCA) was founded in 2004 by Bob and Suzy Tyner, through the Tyner Foundation to help people with autism and their families. As parents of an adult child with autism, the Tyner's created and developed the GLCA to help enhance the existing services for care and treatment already available in our community and identify additional services that need to be developed. The GLCA is dedicated to helping people with autism, their families, and the community cope with the disorder in an organized, knowledgeable, compassionate, and dignified manner for as long as the need exists.

Since its' inception, The GLCA through Give Autism the Boot! has organized heroes from local fire departments and sheriff's departments to join "civilian" volunteers at strategic intersections and retail stores and have succeeded in collecting and distributing over \$500,000 to various ***LOCAL organizations*** that provide programs and support for families affected by autism. Some of the organizations that have received GATB grant money include:

The Autism Society of Northwest Ohio
The Autism MODEL School
C.H.I.P. Preschool program
Kids 2 Treasure
Lucas County Education Service Center

Bittersweet Farms
Hope Talks
Agility Angels
Mary Immaculate
S.A.L.S.A

Geary Family YMCA
Tiffin Schools
University of Toledo
Toledo Hearing and Speech
Anne Grady Foundation

This amazing display of generosity by the people in the greater Toledo area demonstrates just how widespread an affect Autism has on our community. **All proceeds from the events are used for local families' right here in our region – your neighbors, friends, and relatives who have been touched by Autism Spectrum Disorder.**

Thank you to WTOL Toledo 11 and Melissa Voetsch for once again being our official Media sponsor and spokesperson! With their tremendous support, these events are sure to be made well known throughout the community!

How to Volunteer:

- **Choose what day (s) you would like to volunteer for:**
 - Collection dates are **Friday June 23rd and Saturday June 24th**- decide which day/time you can be available and fill out the registration form – this information is kept confidential and will NOT be shared with anyone. If you prefer a certain part of town, please enter that information in and we will do our best to accommodate you.
 - ***We are depending on each organization requesting funds to provide volunteers so it is very important that you are sure to include the rescue department or organization you are volunteering on behalf of.***
 - Use one registration form for each volunteer – please copy as needed, or you can get additional copies by downloading on the website at www.greatlakesautism.org and click on Give Autism the Boot or email gatb2012@gmail.com to request one.
 - Return registration form by June 15th
 - Check back to www.greatlakesautism.org for updates/news about collections

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Volunteer Registration Form

Please print clearly! Please return form by June 15th!

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

Most reminders or information regarding the event will be sent via e-mail. If you would prefer another method of correspondence, please indicate below:

Preferred method of correspondence: email phone if phone which number? _____

What rescue department or organization are you volunteering on behalf of? _____

Please select day(s) you would like to volunteer for:

Collection Days (times may vary somewhat depending on location):

Friday June 23rd

9am to 12pm

12pm to 3pm

3pm to 6pm

Saturday June 24th

9am to 12pm

12pm to 3pm

3pm to 6pm

Preferred area of city to collect: _____

T-Shirt Size (adult size)

Please Circle: Small Medium Large X-Large 2X – Large 3X – Large

Return this form to: Volunteer Coordinator, or email to: gatb2012@gmail.com
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