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July 28, 2016

Dear Community Business Member:

SAFE, Inc. is an organization supporting families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders. Our Hazleton area families with autism continue to describe a lack of support and resources in their area. Thus, SAFE, Inc. is organizing our annual **SAFE Autism Walk & Resource Fair 2016** to help bring crucial information to this community.

SAFE AUTISM WALK AND RESOURCE FAIR 2016
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016 • HAZLETON AREA HIGH SCHOOL • 9:00AM UNTIL 12:30PM

We celebrate these individuals and families that live with autism and want to raise awareness and funds which support them through ongoing SAFE, Inc. programs.

Will you partner with us and support this important event? You can help!

 Become a sponsor!  Make a flat donation  Host a provider booth  Donate a Raffle Basket

 Walk for Autism!

This event will be a safe, family-friendly way for the Hazleton community to gain knowledge, promote awareness, and connect with others in their community who want to make a difference, as well as other families with autism. It will be a community event in its truest sense as people unite to promote awareness and show support for those who live with autism.

The **Resource Fair** will provide crucial information about business and organizations serving the Hazleton area that are “autism-friendly.” The **Autism Walk** will benefit SAFE, Inc., enabling us to continue to support and serve our ever-increasing population of individuals with autism and their families through ongoing programs. All funds raised through the event will benefit people living with autism in Luzerne County.

Your support will help SAFE, Inc. continue to serve a rapidly increasing population who are both deserving and underserved: our special needs community. Please indicate your commitment to participate in this important event by completing the sponsorship form and returning it as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, or are interested in volunteering for the event, please call 570.822.7259.

Thank you so much for your support of the special needs community!

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Warm regards,

Eileen Perchak and Wendy Heiberg
Walk Co-Chairs

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ABOUT US: For 20 years SAFE, Inc. has united concerned families, caretakers, professionals and community leaders with the ultimate goal of improving the lives of individuals with autism. We have a strong track record of identifying and advocating for research-based programs to assist individuals with autism both in the community and in public systems and agencies. All SAFE, Inc. programs and events are open to members and no families are turned away for any reason.

Our goal is to help people with special needs live full and independent lives. We are an EOE grassroots organization focusing on serving individuals with autism and those who love them in a variety of ways, including:

- 🧑‍🦯 Providing information pertinent to the autism community;
- 🧑‍🦯 Support group meetings in Hazleton and in Wilkes-Barre;
- 🧑‍🦯 Weekly recreational swim program on Saturday mornings in Hazleton and in Wilkes-Barre;
- 🧑‍🦯 PALS, a social skills/activity program for children age 6-12, specifically designed to meet the needs of Lower and Middle School students with ASD in Hazleton and in Wilkes-Barre;
- 🧑‍🦯 Teen Club, a social skills/support group specifically designed for teens with Asperger's/PDD-NOS/High Functioning Autism in Hazleton and in Wilkes-Barre;
- 🧑‍🦯 Autism Musical Experience, a program that provides for our members individualized, free 1:1 weekly music lessons on the instrument of the student's choice in both Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton locations with a professional music instructor;
- 🧑‍🦯 Special Education Law and Advocacy Training using Wrightslaw materials via CD-ROM, a training program offered periodically that is designed to meet the needs of parents, educators, health care providers, advocates and attorneys who represent children with disabilities regarding special education;
- 🧑‍🦯 Conferences and trainings providing timely and pertinent information with an emphasis on education, interventions, educational practices and therapies;
- 🧑‍🦯 Outings and field trips providing safe opportunities for individuals and their families to practice overcoming socialization challenges; and
- 🧑‍🦯 Special events (such as family camping, holiday parties, summer camp, local musical or sporting events), providing occasions for individuals and families to unite, encourage, build confidence and practice transitions and natural environment socialization.

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ABOUT AUTISM PREVALENCE: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its estimate of autism prevalence in the United States to 1 in 68 children (1 in 42 boys and 1 in 189 girls). By comparison, this is more children than are affected by diabetes, AIDS, cancer, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy or Down syndrome – *COMBINED*. (Comparison based on the prevalence statistics of the Child & Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative.)

The figures come from data released on the prevalence of autism in the United States, and represent more than a 1,000 percent increase in reported prevalence over the last four decades.

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Name: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

<input type="checkbox"/> I wish to be a Corporate Sponsor for the Autism Walk & Resource Fair. <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum \$1,000: includes logo on the walk tee-shirt in largest font; 3 sponsorship signs on walk path; a resource fair booth if applicable (for providers and autism-friendly businesses); appreciation and recognition on SAFE's website; <input type="checkbox"/> Gold \$500: includes name on the walk tee-shirt (medium font); 2 sponsorship signs on walk path; a resource fair booth if applicable (for providers and autism-friendly businesses); appreciation and recognition on SAFE's website; <input type="checkbox"/> Silver \$250: includes name on the walk tee-shirt; 1 sponsorship sign on walk path; a resource fair booth if applicable (for providers and autism-friendly businesses); appreciation and recognition on SAFE's website.
<input type="checkbox"/> I have enclosed a one-time cash donation in the amount of \$_____ to support the event.
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a special needs provider or autism-friendly business and wish to host a resource fair booth at the event. I have enclosed a donation in the amount of \$150. (Includes 1 table and 2 chairs; business name in small font on the walk tee-shirt)
<input type="checkbox"/> I cannot participate on Community Awareness Day but wish to participate as a Virtual Walker. I have enclosed a one-time cash donation in the amount of \$_____ to support the event.
<input type="checkbox"/> I wish to donate a raffle basket or gift card to support the event.
<input type="checkbox"/> I wish to donate items on the wish list to support the event. (Wish List: prizes; toys; tents; tables; chairs; hot dogs; buns; chips; water; soft drinks; paper products)
<input type="checkbox"/> I wish to volunteer for the event. Please contact me.
<input type="checkbox"/> I wish to be contacted for more information about the event.

Please make checks payable to SAFE, Inc. and mail completed form to:
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PLEDGE FORM

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We encourage event participants to solicit friends and family for donations to support SAFE, the event and the special needs community. This form can be used to track pledges.

TEAM NAME: _____

Donation given by	Email (mandatory for receipt)	Amount \$	Received ✓
TOTAL COLLECTED			\$

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