

Autism Society Bayou

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WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE

Organization Background

- Autism Society Bayou was established in 2001 and has been in existence for almost 20 years
- Affiliate of Autism Society, which is the oldest and largest grassroots organization within the autism community
- Autism Society Bayou serves families/individuals affected by autism
- Area of service: Assumption, Lafourche, St. Mary and Terrebonne parishes
- 25 to 30 families/individuals impacted overall

Mission of Nonprofit

- The mission of Autism Society Bayou is to promote and advocate for the general welfare of person with autism, to support the families of individuals with autism spectrum disorders and to raise awareness of all aspects of autism which affect the families.

Fundraising Objectives

- Annual Autism Awareness 5k/Family Fun Day, Annual Miss Bayou Voice for Autism Pageant, Annual Trivia Night and Annual Bowling Tournaments
- The source of our funding comes from Autism Society Bayou having fundraisers throughout the year
- Our fundraising efforts allow us to have free events for our families, like our Annual Summer Art Camp, Annual Family Fun and Annual Christmas Party.
- Autism Society Bayou also offers mini-grants for teachers that work with individuals with autism and scholarships to individuals with autism wishing to further their education

Request for Funds from Women's Giving Circle

- Autism Society Bayou's reason for applying for the WGC Gift of funds is to be able to provide the much needed Emergency Training for parents, caregivers and 1st Responders
 - The greatest need is to educate parents, caregivers, and 1st Responders on how to handle emergency situations
- The amount needed to help Autism Society Bayou provide this essential training is approximately \$8,000
- Autism Society Bayou has not applied for any other grants to assist with this initiative

Organization Future Growth Goals

- Our future goals are creating new fundraising ideas, capture new potential donors, and recruit volunteers who are willing to share their time and knowledge of autism. The primary goal is to raise awareness of autism and of the work of Autism Society Bayou.

Testimonial of a family/individual impacted by your organization

- Testimonial Statement from Loretta Dupre: There is literally not one negative thing to say about this wonderful organization and those who work so hard and give so much of themselves to it. The events held throughout the year are so appreciated, and make families feel as if they have a safe haven where their kids are free to be themselves. Art camp, bowling, Christmas party, family day.... they are so wonderful.

Some Faces of Autism

