

# Gifts of Acceptance



“ Thank you for every meeting, every call, every word of encouragement, and for consistently championing my son’s right to a supportive, enriching educational experience. I am truly grateful to have you as a partner in this journey and a steadfast advocate for my son’s well-being.



Dear Friends,

This holiday season, the Autism Society of Maryland (AUSOM) is grateful for supporters just like you! With your help this year, we connected 10,000 members of the local Autism community to resources, education, advocacy, community programming and social opportunities. Your donation makes it possible for AUSOM to offer these services at no cost. Together, we are helping individuals with Autism of all ages and needs, their families and caregivers create an inclusive community of care.

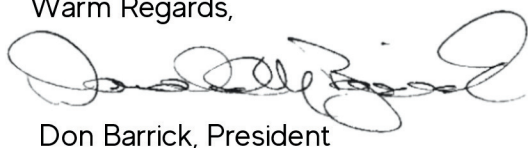
Help us reach even more people in 2025. Here is how your gift to AUSOM makes a difference.

- \$25 – **Monthly Support Groups** (English and Spanish) – Family members and caregivers share information, experiences, and encouragement in a safe, supportive setting.
- \$50 – **Social Events** – Community members of all ages build camaraderie at pool and trampoline parties, adaptive recreational activities, adult socials, mom and dad night outs, and Autism in the Park.
- \$75 – **Information and Resources** – Individuals, families, their support networks, and professionals get the help and guidance they need from our resource coordinators.
- \$100 – **Swim Lesson Scholarships** – NEW IN 2025! Swim lessons and water safety education can help prevent the heartache and potential tragedy of wandering.
- \$250 – **Madhu Fund Emergency Grants** – Basic needs, such as obtaining an assistive device or paying the car repair bill, can be a game-changer for families living with Autism.
- \$500 – **Autism Hiring Program** – Connecting talented jobseekers and prospective employers creates employment opportunities and builds a diverse and inclusive workforce.
- \$1,000 – **Patuxent Commons Housing Project** – After 13 years, construction is underway to address the need for affordable housing and supportive communities for individuals with disabilities. This is groundbreaking!

Make your year-end gift today! Your donation stays in Maryland and benefits the Autism community throughout the year. Donate online by scanning the QR code or send your gift by check in the enclosed envelope. Thank you for giving the gift of Autism acceptance!

Our very best wishes to you and your family for a safe, peaceful and joyful holiday season!

Warm Regards,

  
Don Barrick, President

  
Melissa Rosenberg, Executive Director

## Give the Gift of Acceptance



**Make your year-end gift today to the Autism Society of Maryland and ensure an even greater impact in 2024!**

Donate online at <https://autismsocietymd.org>, scan the QR Code or complete the form below and include it with your gift in the reply envelope to: AUSOM, 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, #308, Columbia, MD 21046.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to donate \_\_\_\$25 \_\_\_\$50 \_\_\_\$75 \_\_\_\$100 \_\_\_\$250 \_\_\_Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

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I wish to set up a monthly donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_Please set up that charge to my credit card.

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