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HOUSTON

The Westin Houston Medical Center

Friday, February 5, 2021

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**





Dear Friend,

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*Committee Member*

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On behalf of Autism Speaks and the 2021 Houston Chef Gala Executive Committee, we invite you to join us on Friday, February 5, 2021, at The Westin Houston Medical Center for the 2021 Autism Speaks Houston Chef Gala.

Through combined efforts of members of our gala committee and our patrons who support us, you help Autism Speaks to promote solutions, across the spectrum and throughout the life span, for the needs of people with autism and their families. We achieve this through advocacy and support; increasing understanding and acceptance of people with autism spectrum disorder; and advancing research into causes and better interventions for autism spectrum disorder and related conditions.

Enclosed, you will find this year's Chef Gala Houston Underwriting and Sponsorship packet which will provide detailed information on the many ways you can support Autism Speaks' mission. We hope you will join us this year; as we enhance lives today and accelerate a spectrum of solutions for tomorrow.

In Kindness,

**Ivonne Delgado**  
*Chef Gala Chair*  
*Autism Speaks*  
*Houston*

**Joey Moppert**  
*Chef Gala Chair-Elect*  
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*Houston*

**Kaitlin Bracken**  
*Director, Field Development*  
*Autism Speaks*  
*Houston & Louisiana*



**Presenting Sponsor: \$50,000**  
**Exclusive Opportunity**

- Three (3) tables of ten (10) with premier, reserved placement and personal food and beverage concierge service
- Thirty (30) tickets to VIP Cocktail Hour Party with VIP check-in
- Name/logo on gobo lighting signage in the Grand Ballroom and event registration area
- Prominent recognition as Presenting Sponsor on event save the date\*, invitation\*\*, event website, all media announcements and promotional publications and up to five (5) additional night-of signage placements
- Name/logo listed as Presenting Sponsor on front of event journal and centerfold color ad placed within journal (two (2), 5"w x 8"h, color, no bleed)
- Opportunity to address guests during evening program
- Name/logo on event step and repeat
- Fifteen (15) VIP Valet Tickets for night of event

\*Save the Date Logo Deadline: July 17, 2020 \*\*Invitation Logo Deadline: October 16, 2020



## **Gala VIP Cocktail Hour Sponsor: \$35,000**

### **Exclusive Opportunity**

Join us as the host of our VIP cocktail hour honoring our most esteemed donors and guests. Your name/logo will be displayed throughout the evening including one lighting display, invitation\*\* and step and repeat.

- Two (2) tables of ten (10) with premier, reserved placement and personal food and beverage concierge service
- Twenty (20) tickets to VIP Cocktail Hour Party with VIP check-in
- Name/logo displayed with one (1) gobo during the evening
- Name/logo featured on invitation\*, event website, media announcements and promotional publications and up to three (3) additional night-of signage placements
- Name/logo in event journal and full page, color ad (5"w x 8"h, color, no bleed)

\*Invitation Logo Deadline: October 16, 2020 \*\*VIP Cocktail Hour Invitation Deadline: December 18, 2020

## **Bright & Brilliant Futures Brunch Sponsor: \$25,000**

### **Exclusive Opportunity**

New this year! Set the stage by hosting our pre-Gala Bright & Brilliant Futures Brunch at Truluck's on Sunday, November 1, 2020, honoring Britta Merwin, Meteorologist at KPRC, Channel 2. Your name/logo will be featured on the Bright & Brilliant Futures Brunch invitation\*\*, event journal, RSVP site\*\* and all promotional and marketing collateral. You will also have a reserved table for eight (8) with your name/logo displayed within the centerpiece along with the opportunity to address guests during the welcome and closing of the event. Includes brunch underwriting opportunity and Chef Gala benefits below.

- Table of ten (10) with premier, reserved placement
- Ten (10) tickets to VIP Cocktail Hour Party with VIP check-in
- Name/logo featured on invitation\*, event website, media announcements and promotional publications and an additional night-of signage placement
- Name/logo in event journal and full page, color ad (5"w x 8"h, color, no bleed)

\*Invitation Logo Deadline: October 16, 2020 \*\*Bright & Brilliant Futures Brunch Logo Deadline: July 31, 2020



**\$20,000**

**Opportunities Available (2)**

*Includes underwriting opportunity of your choosing and benefits below.*

**Live Entertainment (Entertainer) Sponsor**

Be the life of the party! Guests will enjoy the entertainment for the night thanks to your generous support. Your name/logo will be prominently displayed on the entertainment stage for all guests to see.

**Auction Sponsor**

Guests will get down to “bid”ness during the evening’s silent and live auction. Your name/logo will be featured on all bidder materials including item descriptions, online auction site, announcements and presentations display(s). You will have the unique opportunity to be featured throughout the event.

**Sponsor benefits include:**

- Table of ten (10) with reserved placement
- Ten (10) tickets to VIP Cocktail Hour Party with VIP check-in
- Name/logo featured on invitation\*, event website, media announcements and promotional publications and an additional night-of signage placement
- Name/logo in event journal and half page, color ad (5”w x 3.875”h, color, no bleed)

\*Invitation Logo Deadline: October 16, 2020



**\$15,000**

**Opportunities Available (2)**

*Includes underwriting opportunity of your choosing and benefits below.*

### **Stage, Sound and Lighting Sponsor**

Lights, camera, action! With your generous sponsorship, all audio and video for the event will be provided. Your name/logo will be prominently displayed within the main ballroom and during the event program for all to see.

### **Junior Sous Chef Sponsor**

Through your support, we will be able to highlight local aspiring chefs on the spectrum and give them the opportunity to work alongside Houston's best chefs and restaurants as a Junior Sous Chef for the night! Junior Sous Chefs are paired with a local chef to provide light bite tastings to all guests. Your name/logo will be placed on event signage at each chef station and embroidered on our Junior Sous Chef aprons.

### **Sponsor benefits include:**

- Table of ten (10) with reserved placement
- Ten (10) tickets to VIP Cocktail Hour Party with VIP check-in
- Name/logo listed on electronic display at event
- Name/logo featured on event website, media announcements and promotional publications
- Name/logo in event journal and half page, color ad (5"w x 3.875"h, color, no bleed)



**\$10,000**

**Opportunities Available (3)**

*Includes underwriting opportunity of your choosing and benefits below.*

### **Spirits Pull Sponsor**

Guests will have the opportunity to purchase and “blind pull” (draw) a number to determine which spirit bottle they have won! You will be recognized as the Spirit Pull Sponsor on event signage.

### **Cheers Sponsor**

Cheers! Guests will have full glasses throughout the night. Your name/logo will be featured on the bar stations featured throughout the event.

### **Decorations Sponsor**

Make the magic happen. Your generous support will set the stage and evening’s themed ambiance of a “big as Texas” party for over 300 guests. Your name/logo will be featured throughout the décor.

### **Sponsor benefits include:**

- Table of ten (10) with reserved placement
- One (1) night-of signage placement
- Name/logo featured on event website
- Name/logo in event journal and half page, color ad (5”w x 3.875”h, color, no bleed)



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**\$7,500**

**Opportunities Available (4)**

*Includes underwriting opportunity of your choosing and benefits below.*

### **Valet Sponsor**

Guests will enjoy valet services with this sponsorship opportunity. Valet attendants will stand next to a sign with your name/logo prominently displayed. Upon leaving, guests will also receive a small gift bag with your company name/logo on it filled with “midnight munchies.”

### **Sweet Treats Dessert Sponsor**

Enjoy a variety of sweet treats as the after party begins! Your name/logo will be featured on the dessert tables placed around the room where guests will mix and mingle throughout the after-party!

### **Cocktail Hour Sponsor**

Thanks to you, guests will enjoy tasty treats throughout the cocktail hour to kick off a night filled with fun! Your name/logo will be featured throughout the Grand Ballroom Foyer and guests will remember not only the food, but the generous sponsor who made it possible!

### **Photo Prop Sponsor**

Ready for your close up? Guests will have the opportunity to take memorable photos with your support. You will have the opportunity to co-brand photo props that guests can use throughout the night to take lasting pictures with. Opportunity to interact with guests at the photo booth and share information/resources with the evening's guests.

### **Sponsor benefits include:**

- Table of ten (10) with reserved placement
- Name/logo featured on event website
- Name/logo in event journal and half page, color ad (5”w x 3.875”h, color, no bleed)





**Buffalo Bayou Table Sponsor: \$10,000**  
**(2 Available)**

- Table of ten (10) with reserved placement
- Special thank you during night-of event program
- Full page, color ad (5" w x 8" h, color, no bleed)

**Brays Bayou Table Sponsor: \$7,500**  
**(2 Available)**

- Table of ten (10) with reserved placement
- Special thank you during night-of event program
- Half-page, color ad (5" w x 3.875" h, color, no bleed)

**Oyster Creek Bayou Table Sponsor: \$5,000**  
**(10 Available)**

- Table of ten (10) with reserved placement
- Half-page, color ad (5" w x 3.875" h, color, no bleed)

**Program Advertisements**

- Full Page Color (5" w x 8" h, color, no bleed): **\$2,000**
- Half-Page Color (5" w x 3.875" h, color, no bleed): **\$1,000**

**Gifts of Kindness Sponsor: \$2,500**

- Provide support for Autism Speaks to promote solutions, across the spectrum and throughout the life span, for the needs of individuals with autism and their families.
- Name listed on a special "Thank You" page of the program



# 2021 Underwriting & Sponsorship Commitment Form

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[autismspeaks.org/houstonchefgala](http://autismspeaks.org/houstonchefgala)

Please print all names legibly and exactly as they should appear in all publications. Underline the single letter under which this contribution should be listed alphabetically (Example: The Acme Co.).

**Save the Date logo deadline: July 17, 2020 Invitation logo deadline: October 16, 2020**

**Please submit logo artwork in JPEG or EPS format only. Email files to [houston@autismspeaks.org](mailto:houston@autismspeaks.org)**

- Presenting Sponsor | \$50,000
- Gala VIP Cocktail Hour Sponsor | \$35,000
- Bright & Brilliant Futures Bruncheon Sponsor | \$25,000
- Live Entertainment Sponsor | \$20,000
- Auction Sponsor | \$20,000
- Stage, Sound, and Lighting Sponsor | \$15,000
- Junior Sous Chef Sponsor | \$15,000
- Spirits Pull Sponsor | \$10,000
- Cheers Sponsor | \$10,000
- Decorations Sponsor | \$10,000
- Valet Sponsor | \$7,500
- Sweet Treats Dessert Sponsor | \$7,500
- Cocktail Hour Sponsor | \$7,500
- Photo Prop Sponsor | \$7,500
- Buffalo Bayou Table | \$10,000
- Brays Bayou Table | \$7,500
- Oyster Creek Bayou Table | \$5,000
- Full Page Color Program Ad | \$2,000
- Half-Page Color Program Ad | \$1,000
- Gifts of Kindness | \$2,500

DATE SUBMITTED \_\_\_\_\_

DONORS NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NAME/TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

ARTWORK CONTACT NAME (FOR LOGO AND PROGRAM AD) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT TYPE

- Please invoice me \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to Autism Speaks

### I wish to pay by credit card and will:

- Call (713) 724-5092 to process payment
- Visit Chef Gala Houston website to make a payment online

**Autism Speaks Tax ID No:** 20-2329938

SIGNATURE OF DONOR \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### Please sign, retain a copy for your files and return original to:

Autism Speaks, Attn: Chef Gala, 5826 New Territory Blvd. #723, Sugar Land, TX 77479

**Thank you for your support.**



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## **SPIRITS PULL**

On behalf of **Autism Speaks Houston** and the Chef Gala Executive Planning Committee, we are seeking in-kind donations of whiskey, tequila, and/or bourbon to help bring our Spirits Pull event to life. This event will help raise funds for Autism Speaks to enhance lives today and accelerate a spectrum of solutions for tomorrow.

We are currently preparing for one of Houston's most esteemed Chef Gala events and the only event of its kind focused on raising funds to support people with autism and their families.

Autism Speaks Houston's Chef Gala will be held on Friday, **February 5, 2021, at The Westin Houston Medical Center**, and attended by 300+ of our Greater Houston's most generous and prominent philanthropists.

During the event, "blind pull" opportunities are sold one (1) "pull" for \$25 and five (5) for \$100. Guests draw a numbered cap to determine which bottle of whiskey, tequila, or bourbon they have won.

Because we want to always be good stewards of our donor dollars, we are relying on exemplary bottles of whiskey, tequila and bourbon, and we would appreciate your consideration of donations to our Spirits Pull. Each bottle must have an **actual retail value of \$25 or higher**.

Additionally, **we are seeking a \$15,000 Spirits Pull Title Underwriter**. In return for this tax-deductible contribution as the Title Sponsor, you will be recognized on our donor signage and in the gala auction program.

Enclosed you will find more detail and information about our upcoming event and other opportunities available. We would greatly appreciate any support that you can provide by completing and returning the commitment form included along with your whiskey, tequila or bourbon donation to:

Autism Speaks Houston  
ATTN: Chef Gala  
5826 New Territory Blvd., #723  
Sugar Land, TX 77479

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration and generous support.



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Please print all names legibly and exactly as they should appear in all publications. Underline the single letter under which this contribution should be listed alphabetically (Example: The Acme Co.). Contributions received by **January 8, 2021** will be acknowledged in the Program.

CONTACT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

## SPIRITS DONATION

We ask that all donated spirits have an actual retail value of at least \$25.00

Quantity	Vintage (type)	Description	Value

**Cash/check donation: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery notes:

Will be delivered to Autism Speaks

Pick up (Please email [houston@autismspeaks.org](mailto:houston@autismspeaks.org) or call (713) 724-5092 to schedule pickup)

**Autism Speaks Tax ID No:**

20-2329938

SIGNATURE OF DONOR \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**Donation Type:**     Auction                       In-Kind                       Gift Bag

DONOR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT (IF DIFFERENT FROM DONOR) \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of donation:**

**Restrictions/expiration date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Value of item donated:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill out this form and return. Please mail all donations to:**

Email: [houston@autismspeaks.org](mailto:houston@autismspeaks.org)

Autism Speaks

Attn: Chef Gala

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Sugar Land, TX 77479

*Please retain a copy of this form for your records.*

**Autism Speaks is a 501c3 not for profit organization. Tax ID: 20-2329938**