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### OCTOBER 11, 2025

**BAYOU MUSIC CENTER**  
520 Texas Avenue, Houston



AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENT EXPERIENCE DEDICATED  
TO CHAMPIONING THE HOUSTON AUTISM COMMUNITY

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Thank you so much!  
This gives me hope...  
I've never had anyone  
help me with information  
and resources [on therapy  
providers, educational  
advocates and financial  
assistance] before and  
you helped more than  
you'll ever know.

– Carrie, Texas

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Dear Friend,

On behalf of Autism Speaks, the Houston Executive Leadership Council and the 2024 Houston Chef Gala Executive Committee, we invite you to join us on **Saturday, October 11** at Bayou Music Center for the 2025 Autism Speaks Houston Chef Gala.

Through the combined efforts of our gala committee and our patrons, you help Autism Speaks create an inclusive world for all people with autism throughout their lifespan. We achieve this through advocacy, services, supports, research and innovation and advances in care for autistic individuals and their families.

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 October as we help create a world where all people with autism can reach their full potential.

In Kindness,

*Kait Bracken*

Kaitlin Bracken  
Area Executive Director  
Autism Speaks  
Central Texas & Gulf Coast

Stephanie Mayo  
Chef Gala Co-Chair

Linda Ramcharan  
Chef Gala Co-Chair

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**2025 SPONSORSHIP LEVELS**

**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 save the date\*, event 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 event journal cover and two-page centerfold ad
- Opportunity to address guests during evening program
- Name/logo on event step and repeat
- Fifteen (15) VIP Valet Tickets for night of event
- Invited to attend post-event special benefactor reception

**VIP COCKTAIL HOUR SPONSOR: \$40,000**

*Exclusive opportunity*

Join us as the host of our VIP Cocktail Hour honoring our most esteemed donors and guests. Your name/logo will be printed on the VIP Party invitation and prominently displayed at the pre-event function. Your name/logo will be displayed throughout the evening including one lighting display and step and repeat.

- Two (2) tables of ten (10) with premier, reserved placement
- 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 save the date\*, event 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 ad
- Invited to attend post-event special benefactor reception

\*Save the Date Logo Deadline: January 31, 2025 | \*\*Invitation Logo Deadline: June 30, 2025

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**You provided a great amount of information and valuable resources about therapy services for my child and navigating insurance details which are very helpful to us. Thank you so much.**

– Matthew, Texas

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I want to thank you so much for your kindness and care...what an asset you are to so many people that have children they love with special needs. Thank you so very very much...this breakdown [of state assistance programs, grants and parent support groups] that you did really helps!

– Sally, Texas

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**\$35,000**

*Opportunities available (2)*

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

- Table of ten (10) with reserved placement
- Ten (10) tickets to VIP Cocktail Hour Party with VIP check-in
- Name/logo featured on save the date\*, event invitation\*\*, event website, media announcements and promotional publications and up to two (2) additional night-of signage placements
- Name/logo in event journal and full page ad
- Invited to attend post-event special benefactor reception

**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, bidder paddles, online auction site, announcements and presentations display(s). You will have the unique opportunity to be featured throughout the event.

**Culinary Champion 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 Culinary Champion for the night! Culinary Champions 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 coveted Culinary Champion aprons.

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*Opportunities available (2)*

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- Table of ten (10) with reserved placement
- Ten (10) tickets to VIP Cocktail Hour Party with VIP check-in
- Name/logo featured on event invitation\*, event website, media announcements and promotional publications and an additional night-of signage placement
- Name/logo in event journal and half page ad

**After Party Sponsor**

Keep the party going at our after-Chef Gala party, hosted by you! Your name/logo will be prominently featured on the dance floor, DJ booth and karaoke station.

**Kickoff Sponsor**

Through your support, we will be able to Kickoff the Chef Gala in style. Event sponsors and donors will have the opportunity to come learn more about the event, the opportunities to get involved and of course, have some great Houston fun!

*\*Invitation Logo Deadline: June 30, 2025*

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**Thank you so much!  
This is such wonderful  
information and  
resources for my son  
who just received an  
adult diagnosis.  
I appreciate you being  
so understanding as  
we begin to process  
this new journey.**

– Mary, Texas

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Thank you so much for all of this information about state and federal benefit programs. You have no idea. I have worried myself sick wondering how to accomplish this and make sure my son has a good life... Bless you for this.

– Billie, Oklahoma

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**\$15,000**

*Opportunities available (3)*

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

- 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 ad

**Live Entertainment Sponsor**

Help create the dinner mood! Guests will enjoy entertainment throughout the dinner hour thanks to your generous support. Your name/logo will be prominently displayed on the entertainment stage for all guests to see.

**Stage, Sound and Lighting Sponsor**

Lights, camera, action! With your generous sponsorship, all audio and video for the event will be provided. You will set the stage for the evening! Your name/logo will be prominently displayed as the Stage, Sound and Lighting sponsor within the main ballroom, during the event program for all to see and within our mission video shared night of.

**Spirits Putt Sponsor**

Guests will have the opportunity to “putt” for a chance to win a spirit bottle of their choosing. You will be recognized as the Spirit Putt Sponsor on event signage.

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**\$10,000**

*Opportunities available (3)*

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- 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 ad

#### **Cheers Sponsor**

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

#### **Wine Pull Sponsor**

Guests will have the opportunity to purchase and “blind pull” (draw) in a riveting and engaging activity that determines which bottle of wine they have won! Your name/logo will be featured throughout the activity.

#### **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.”

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**I am speechless at the thoroughness with which you responded to my question. Thank you so very, very much! You have given me very valuable information that will be crucial in finding the aides I will need for my daughter in the short- and long-term. I am deeply grateful.**

– Richard, Arkansas

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**\$7,500**

*Opportunities available (4)*

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

- Table of ten (10) with reserved placement
- Name/logo featured on event website
- Name/logo in event journal and half page ad

### **Champagne Wall**

Provide guests with champagne during cocktail hour in a lively manner! Your company's name/logo will be featured on the champagne wall.

### **Decorations Sponsor**

Make the magic happen. Your generous support will create the evening's themed ambiance of "a big as Texas" party for over 400 guests. Your name/logo will be featured throughout the décor.

### **Event Program Sponsor**

Your company's name/logo will be featured on the front cover of the event program given to guests the night of Chef Gala.

### **Photo Prop Sponsor**

Ready for your close up? You will have the opportunity to co-brand photo props that guests will use throughout the night. A rare opportunity to interact with guests at the photo booth and share information/resources with the evening's guests.

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**This is exactly what I needed...local programs for adults with autism, providers and parent support groups...you all are amazing thank you sooo sooo much from the bottom of my heart!**

– Linda, Colorado

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**BUFFALO BAYOU TABLE SPONSOR: \$10,000**

*Opportunities available (5)*

- Table of ten (10) with reserved placement
- Special thank you during night-of event program
- Full page ad

**BRAYS BAYOU TABLE SPONSOR: \$7,500**

*Opportunities available (5)*

- Table of ten (10) with reserved placement
- Special thank you during night-of event program
- Half page ad

**OYSTER CREEK BAYOU TABLE SPONSOR: \$5,000**

*Opportunities available (10)*

- Table of ten (10) with reserved placement
- Half page ad

**PREMIUM SEATING: \$2,500**

*Opportunities available (10)*

- Seating for four (4) with reserved placement
- Pre-placement of wine or spirits at your table upon arrival

**VIP EXPERIENCE ADD-ON: \$1,500**

*Opportunities available (10)*

- Pre-placement of wine or spirits at your table upon arrival
- Dedicated servers to keep your drinks filled and your plates full throughout the evening



**Thanks a bunch...  
all of this information  
about insurance options  
and grants for my son  
is the best help we  
have received.**

– Ryan, Colorado



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### SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <del>Presenting Sponsor   \$50,000</del> <b>SOLD</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sponsor   \$7,500</b>                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>VIP Cocktail Hour Sponsor   \$40,000</b>                       | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Buffalo Bayou Table Sponsor   \$10,000</b>     |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sponsor   \$15,000</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Premium Seating   \$2,500</b>                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sponsor   \$10,000</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>VIP Experience Add-on   \$1,500</b>            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I cannot attend but would like to make a donation \$ _____</b> |  |

After selecting your choice from the above, please indicate Sponsor Recognition Preference if applicable (ie: \$25,000 Sponsor – After Party Recognition) here: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

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### Payment Type

- To pay by check**, please make check payable to Autism Speaks and send to:

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Attn: Jen Derry/Chef Gala Houston  
2005 Lakewood Dr, Boone, IA 50036

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