



Winter 2023

Dear Community Member:

What would you need to provide care for your child for the rest of his/her life?

The long-term needs of a family affected by severe autism are significant and costly. In a world where every child's dreams should know no bounds, we invite you on a journey that will make a lasting impact on these families.

Inspired by a moving documentary about a local special needs single dad who faced a life-threatening health crisis alone, the Autism Society of Mahoning Valley decided to make a difference in his daughter's name. **Sophia's Gift** is a three-part family trust project. It will provide family education workshops, fund financial plans for today and when parents are gone, and create an emergency endowment for crisis support.

Join us to celebrate the love and make a difference for Mahoning Valley autism families. The Sophia's Gift Fund will host its inaugural fundraiser, the **Wine & Chocolate Dinner**, on **Friday, February 16, 2024**, at the beautiful, recently-restored Von Isley Estate in Niles. It promises a delectable five-course wine-paired dinner, live entertainment, and chocolate dessert tasting perfectly timed to enjoy with your colleagues or your special Valentine.

It also will serve as the Mahoning Valley premier of the award-winning, powerful short short film that chronicles the autism family experience of Sophia and her father, Scott Austalosh. The filmmaker, as well as Scott, will be with us this evening to share his and Sophia's stories, dreams, and triumphs.

**This event is not only about raising funds, though;
it's about stories that inspire, like Sophia's.**

We hope you will be a part of this critical family empowerment effort. It is an opportunity to be a catalyst for change and a partner in creating a safety net for local autism families who need your help.

Your support is not just a sponsorship; it is a lifeline for families in need. Together, we will write a new chapter of hope and opportunity for every autistic child and their families.

Yours truly,

Andréa Cika Heschmeyer, Chair
Autism Society of Mahoning Valley

Robin Suzelis, Director
Autism Society of Mahoning Valley

PS: A complete list of sponsorship opportunities is enclosed. We think one of them will be a great fit with your philanthropic goals.



Fundraising Dinner Sponsorship Benefits

SOMMELIER – Donation of \$5,000 (Presenting Sponsor - one available)

- Logo displayed at ASMV website with link to your website for all of 2024
- Logo displayed on ASMV monthly newsletter with a link to your website for all of 2024
- Recognized with "Presented by" at the Dinner Event and in all Sophia's Gift promotions for 2024
- Recognized with "Presented by" on the Sponsor Thank You signage at all event entrances
- Recognized with "Presented by" on event invitations, ticketing website and promotional materials
- Recognized with "Presented by" in ongoing 2024 ASMV social media featuring logo and website link
- Recognized with "Presented by" on programs presented to attendees
- Opportunity to host an 8 ft table/chairs/banner to hold promotional materials
(*sponsor provides materials and staff*)
- Invited to be part of Dinner Event Ceremonies with the opportunity to speak and uncork the first bottle!
- 8 complimentary tickets/one table at the dinner event

SPARKLING WINE - Donation of \$2,500 (Naming Sponsor, six available)

- Logo displayed at ASMV website with link to your website for January and February 2024
- Logo displayed on ASMV monthly newsletter with link to your website for January and February 2024
- Logo displayed on event invitations and promotional materials
- Logo displayed on the Sponsor Thank You signage at all event entrances
- Logo and website link on Autism Society social media before and after the event
- Logo in programs presented to attendees
- Opportunity to display your branded material on a shared table at the event
- 8 complimentary tickets/one table to the dinner event



WHITE WINE - Donation of \$1,000

- Logo displayed on ASMV website with link to your website for January and February 2024
- Logo displayed on ASMV monthly newsletter for January and February 2024
- Logo displayed on the Sponsor Thank You signage at all event entrances
- Logo displayed on Autism Society social media before and after the event
- Logo in programs presented to attendees
- 4 complimentary tickets to the dinner event

RED WINE - Donation of \$500

- Company name listed on ASMV website for January and February 2024
- Company name prominently on the Sponsor Thank You signage in ballroom
- Company name mentioned on Autism Society social media before the event
- Company name in programs presented to attendees
- 2 complimentary tickets to the dinner event

ROSÉ WINE - Donation of \$250

- Company name mentioned on ASMV social media before the event
- Company name in programs presented to attendees
- 1 complimentary ticket to the dinner event



Fundraising Dinner Sponsorship Agreement

Inspired by the moving true story and documentary of a local special needs single dad, Scott Austalosh, and his daughter Sophia, who faced a life-threatening health crisis alone, the Autism Society of Mahoning Valley is launching Sophia's Gift, a three-part family trust project. To support this important effort by participating in this important Fund Kick-Off Event on Friday, February 16, 2024, featuring a five-course wine-paired dinner and chocolate dessert tasting. It also will present the first local screening of the short documentary *Sophia, I Love You*. The award-nominated filmmakers and the film's subjects will be in attendance.

**ASMV agrees to meet time-sensitive sponsorship commitments
if the sponsor payment is received by December 30, 2023.**

We agree to participate at the _____ level for \$ _____

Contact Information:

Business / Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

ASMV Solicitor/Committee Contact (if any): _____

Payment Information: *Payment must accompany this form to receive sponsor benefits*

Check Enclosed Checks can be made payable to the *Autism Society of Mahoning Valley* and returned with this signed agreement to *Autism Society of Mahoning Valley*, 755 Boardman-Canfield Road, Suite D3, Boardman, OH 44512.

Autism Society of Mahoning Valley is a 501(c)(3) public charity [EIN #47-5553257], which enables your donation to be tax-deductible.

Credit Card Payment Via Website - www.autismmv.org/donate

For more info call 330.333.9609 or visit autismmv.org.