January 3, 2012

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Dear Business Owner:

Ten years ago, many people hadn’t heard of the word ***autism***. And it was just as unlikely to know someone dealing with the life-long diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), a neurological disorder that now affects 1 in 110 children. But autism in 2012 has a face…the face of a child, an adolescent, an adult. Now, it’s nearly impossible not to know someone who is living with autism and the effects it has on day-to-day life.

We know these people. We know the parents dealing with the diagnosis of autism for their young child. We know the teenagers dealing with social issues that are intensified by ASD. We know the young adults who are trying to figure out “what’s next” as they transition into adulthood. We know the professionals who work with those with autism and understand their need for the latest information about a disorder whose diagnoses continue to rise at an alarming rate. We know these people because we help these people… *every single day.*

**ABOARD’s Autism Connection of PA – formerly *ABOARD (Advisory Board on Autism and Related Disorders)* – is proud to provide critical support in the areas of education, advocacy, referrals and other assistance to parents, families and professionals dealing with autism.**

We are pleased to be hosting our **12th Annual Gala fundraiser on Saturday, February 18, 2012** at Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. Over 250 people are expected to attend, and will enjoy an evening filled with fabulous food, drink, and entertainment. **The silent auction portion of the evening is a very important one, and we ask for your support by donating an item or service that guests can bid on.** Your donation will most definitely make an impact in the lives of the more than 1,000 families we serve throughout Western Pennsylvania.

**Please contact me by January 31, 2012** at the phone number or e-mail address below with any questions or to make arrangements for delivery or pick-up of your donation. As the parent of a young son with autism, and on behalf of the staff and directors of ABOARD’s Autism Connection of PA, I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

MJ Crane

2012 ABOARD’s Autism Connection of PA Gala Co-Chair

Phone: 412-651-4084

E-mail: mj\_crane@comcast.net

**12th Annual Gala – ABOARD’s Autism Connection of PA**

**Saturday, February 18, 2012**

**Auction Donation Form**

**Please complete the following information and return to the address listed below or fax to 412-781-4122 by January 31, 2012.**

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\*Please date any gift certificate donation to expire at least 6-12 months after February 18, 2012.

***Please check one:***

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Our donation is enclosed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Please call/e-mail us to arrange for pick-up

Public Acknowledgement:

*How would you like your organization’s name listed in the event program and/or signage?*

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***Thank you for your support!!***

**Please respond by January 31, 2012 to:**

**MJ Crane, Gala Co-Chair**

**ABOARD’s Autism Connection of PA**

**175 Summerlawn Drive**

**Sewickley, PA 15143**

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For more information about autism and/or our organization, please visit www.aboard.org.