

# ERIN'S HOPE

FOR FRIENDS

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## Our Mission

Erin's Hope for Friends is on a mission to create lasting relationships through joyful interactions for autism spectrum teens and young adults.

## What?

Diagnosis has increased from 1 in 150 in 2000 years ago to 1 in 36 today (CDC).

Autism is the top risk factor for bullying among all neurodevelopmental disorders.

Anxiety, depression, social isolation and suicidal thoughts are common.

## Why?

Autistic teens and young adults find it challenging to interact with others and making friends.

They have difficulty understanding common gestures and social cues.

It is often frustrating and emotionally draining trying to "fit in", yet they long for friends.

Because of their differences they feel shy or intimidated.

60% experience bullying with High schoolers targeted more.

35% have contemplated suicide, 25% have attempted or have suicidal behavior.

## How?

We help develop relationships through our e's Club program.

E's club is free from fear or judgment, bullying, rejection and social isolation

A safe and loving place that provides activities for at risk Autistic teens and young adults.

Our vision is to have a presence in every major metro market using Atlanta as a hub and having satellite locations.

e's Club has impacted more than 5000 individuals since we opened our doors in 2016 through in person and virtual experiences.

With A Little Help  
From Our Friends



## The Gala

- When – Saturday, September 20, 6 PM to 10 PM
- Where – The Hotel at Avalon 9000 Avalon Blvd, Alpharetta, GA 30009
- Room block available at discounted rates
- Full dinner provided with a cash bar
- Live music provided by Run Katie Run
- Silent and Live Auction
- An event not to be missed, supporting an exceptional cause for exceptional people!

## We need your help!

- Consider sponsorship (see sponsorship guide) and attend the gala
- Donate items for our silent and live auctions
  - Gift cards for dining out or experiences
  - Donations of wine, liquor, jewelry, crafts or décor, artwork
  - If you are really creative create a gift basket!
- Help us promote the event by liking our page and following us
  - Like and share updates, tag us when you see something of value that would benefit our audience.
  - Comment on our posts
- Speak to your employer and introduce us to key decision makers as it relates to charitable giving
- Join our event planning team!

## Sponsorship Guide

- Individual Tickets \$160 per person
- Table Sponsor \$1,500 - Table for 10, table recognition signage, from the stage
- Silver Sponsor \$2,500 - Table for 10, table recognition signage, from the stage and on step and repeat
- Gold Sponsor \$5,000- 2 tables for 10, table recognition signage, from the stage and on step and repeat, social media before and after the event
- Platinum Sponsor \$10,000- 2 tables for 10, table recognition signage, from the stage, and on step and repeat, social media, website, newsletter, bidding platform, program brochure and press release
- Naming Sponsor \$25,000- 3 tables for 10, recognition signage, from the stage and on step and repeat, social media, website, newsletter, bidding platform, program brochure and press release, opportunity to speak.

Link to Tickets and Sponsorships-



<https://2025-gala-tickets-individual.cheddarup.com>