



# Canadian National Autism Foundation

April 2026 Newsletter

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## Foundation Goals

The objectives of the Canadian National Autism Foundation are charitable. The Canadian National Autism Foundation has been formed to provide funding for:

- \* Educating the general public and professionals;
- \* Providing information and resources to families of children with autism;
- \* Providing funding for Canadian based research and development; and
- \* Promoting national autism awareness

## Mission Statement

The Canadian National Autism Foundation promotes the positive improvement and quality of life for people with autism in Canada

## We Have Allocated Out in April 2026

~ **\$3,500.00** to **Ottawa Chamberfest**-focusing on the value of Artistic Excellence, Integrity, and Community and Social Engagement. Through their Community Engagement and Education Pillar, they provide free "Bring the Kids Concerts and "Adaptive Concerts" formerly "Sensory Friendly Concerts"

~ **\$3,000.00** to **Proset Autism** with continuing to bring therapeutic adaptive tennis program to over 300 people with autism with increasing the capacities in Ottawa, Montreal and Markham and Etobicoke.

~ **\$3,000.00** to **Autism Society of the RMWB** to support the delivery of Autism and Neurodiversity Awareness Training. High quality evidence informed training to the public, educators, healthcare professionals, parents, and employees, across the region

~ **\$2,500.00** to **Lotus Centre for Special Music Education** for supporting the expansion and enhancement of professional development workshops for educators, teaching students with autism spectrum disorder.

~ **\$4,000.00** to the **Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides** with \$2,000.00 going to Hamilton, Ontario and \$2,000.00 going to Peterborough Ontario area for an autism service dog

## Lots of Fun Giant Tiger Autism Fundraiser

# GIANT TIGER

gianttiger.com

Please be aware that from  
March 28<sup>th</sup> to April 4<sup>th</sup>, with April 2<sup>nd</sup> being

**WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY**

With the whole month of April recognized

**As World Autism Acceptance Month**

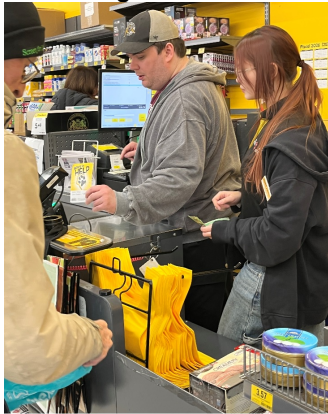


We will be having our ninth year of fundraising for the Canadian National Autism Foundation with all funds raised, going to the Hamilton area families that are within our initiatives.

33 Cannon Street East, Hamilton

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### Learning to do Cash



### Stocking Shelves



### Pricing Clothing



### Bagging Items Purchased



### Some of the Volunteer Gang



## Our Foundations Partnerships

- ~ Hamilton Police (Training/Programs)
- ~ Giant Tiger Hamilton (Cannon St)
- ~ Mazda of Hamilton (Leggat)
- ~ Hamilton Tiger-Cat Alumni
- ~ RexCom Computer Management
- ~ Hammer DJ Services
- ~ Dutchman's Florist
- ~ MasoniCh.I.P. Ontario (Masonic Child Identification Program)

## Our Foundations Autism Race Nights



- Brighton Speedway Race Track (Ont) **May 9 ,2026**
- Peterborough Speedway (Ontario) **June 20, 2026**
- Scotia Speedworld (Nova Scotia) **July 31, 2026**
- Petty International Raceway (New Brunswick) **Aug 2 ,2026**

### Past Event

Money raised totaling \$300.00  
Thank you Hamilton EMS For This Wonderful Fundraiser and Donation

### **MCCOYS TO HOST FIRST RESPONDERS NIGHT**

Dundas' community is filled with heroes -and many of them don't wear capes. Many wear fire, police, and paramedic uniforms instead. On Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm for their final regular season home game, the McCoys will honour these heroes during First Responders Night at the J.L. Grightmire Arena, with the Catharines Saints serving the evening's opponents.

The night will feature a ceremonial puck drop with representatives from Hamilton EMS , Fire and Police, and mascots from each of the emergency services will be on hand to meet young fans.

The team owner has reached out to honour local Paramedic's for this home game.

**Tickets are \$15.00.** Every ticket sold will go to a local Charity.  
**Local 256 Paramedics have decided to donate to the Canadian National Autism Foundation.**

Please come enjoy the evening and watch the Dundas Real McCoy's. Hopefully we could count on you to participate in supporting a local hockey team.

**START TIME: 7:30pm**

J.L. Grightmire Market Street Arena  
35 Market St S, Dundas, ON L9H 3B3

Contact Randy with any inquiries 905-512-2153



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Partnered for the the Event

**Acknowledging April Autism Acceptance Month with Family Fun Day Event**

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The Canadian National Autism Foundation in partnership with the Downtown Stoney Creek BIA acknowledging and presenting

**AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH AND**

**FAMILY FUN DAY IN THE CREEK**

**SUNDAY 26**

~~SAT 25~~

**APRIL**

**11am - 5pm**

games play fun

food & drink

free admission free parking

live music artisan shopping

King Street East in Downtown Stoney Creek



DATE CHANGE



## Sponsors of the Event



## Emergency Services That Are Part Of The Day



What a great day celebrating the Autism Acceptance Month with Fam Fun Day . Families had so much fun at the parkette with all our foundation games and free giveaways we gave out. Lots of great vendors . Thank you to the amazing friendly [Hamilton Police Service](#) officers and boy there were many and the ever so kind Mascot for joining us today we loved it. Everyone loved it. Amazing people. Thank you to [Hamilton Tiger-Cat Alumni Association](#) Rocky DiPietro for the autographing and picture taking with everyone . They were so thrilled . Shari Mosca thank you for helping every where for us . Thank you Councillor [Jeff Beattie - Ward 10](#) and also staff at [Neil Lumsden](#) office. A thank you to our volunteers for all of your help. All the support today was tremendous . Thank you so very much for ALL our event sponsors. You are all amazing. Thank you community friends and whom ever we may have missed in this post for a great day. [#autism](#) [#acceptance](#) [#inclusion](#) [#friends](#)

## Product Donations for the Event

## Event Sponsors

**UPCOMING AUTISM**  
Call or email the Office For You



Hamilton Ticat Alumni will be walking with the models on the speaking, & much more...Pro Wrestler Alumni Ang Mosca Jr



**Anonymous Sponsors**  
We have some sponsors who wish to keep their name anonymous.



## Event Clothing Donators

~ All models clothing was donated from Giant Tiger Stores in Hamilton  
-- Cannon St,  
-- Queenston Rd, Upper  
-- Ottawa St

Giant Tigers Very Own Teddy Bears all models will be also carrying

Thank you to our Sponsors and donators and more

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

**"Strutting Acceptance"**

**Fashion Show For Autism**

Featuring our wonderful friends with autism

**19th Annual Silent Auction & Specialty Lunch**  
(percentage of events proceeds going to autism service dog)

**MC Sunni Genesco**  
(Bounce Radio102.9)

**Special Guests Hamilton Ticat Alumni**

Sunday, May 24, 2026  
Doors Open 11:30 am

# Great News

## We have Started A New Program

Our foundation has started an **Art Program** that is now part of the Autism Support Group every month. There has been such great gains with some. With communicating, interacting, relaxed, enjoyment, Excited to come back the following month

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## Our Foundation Has Partnered in with the MasoniCHIP Ontario Program

This program uses modern, police –approved techniques to create a child identification kit for the ones you love. The kit collects photo, video, voice recordings, digital fingerprints, saliva swabs as well as traditional statistical information (height, weight, hair and eye color, etc).



This information is matched to work seamlessly with Ontario`s law enforcement providers. By being so compatible, the critical identifying information can be broadcast and shared more quickly than ever before to assist with the safe recovery of missing children

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## Hamilton Police Continued Partnership

We are on our 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Partnership with Hamilton Police working on De escalating Training in person as well as many other things to help the community and beyond. Also our foundation is working together with the police to bridge the gap with families, community with working on some projects we have in the works.

Lots of exciting news to come.

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## Ontario Pre Budget

Our Foundation CEO Tina has been involved for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row through the Finance Minister's Office or the Solicitor General's Office to be one of the selected few to be chosen to be part of the Pre Budget.

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## Education Ministers Office (EDU)

Also our foundations CEO was very honored to be given the opportunity to be in talks with the Education Ministers Office with the Happenings with the School Trustees. Some small things implemented. Not a full restructuring like it was to be. The brakes were put on for now. It's a start. She said it was great to have ideas going back in forth and being asked honest questions and possible solutions. Again it's a start.

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## We Have These Two Support Groups. Contact Our Office To See If We Still Have Spots Left We Have Offered Now With The Support Group An Art Program

### "PARENT AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP"

"Our Canadian National Autism Foundation (CNAF) will be starting a Parent Support Group starting with 7 people, with 2 to facilitate the group." YOU MUST CONTACT THE FOUNDATION AT INFO@CNAF.NET OR CALL 905-930-8682 TO ATTEND. SPACE LIMITED.This is being held at our office at 39A King St East Downtown Stoney Creek by the Village Restaurant.

We moved this from starting in January to now February.

This will be the "2nd Wednesday of every month Starting February 8 from 7pm-8pm starting in our foundation office". We have the ability to run over time if needed. If you wish to be a part of this and cannot make it into the office we can set up other ways for you to be involved.

Tina the President & Founder of CNAF and a mom of a loved one with ASD and Nancy Silva Khan who is a parent of loved ones on the ASD spectrum that will be facilitating discussions."

Again Please contact the office at 905-930-8682 or info@cnaf.net if you are interested in being put on the list. Please no contacting through facebook



### Autism Support Group



**For those on the Spectrum**  
**The first Wednesday of Every Month**

"AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP" For people with autism. One of our board Members with autism will be helping to host this as well. "Our Canadian National Autism Foundation (CNAF) will be starting an Autism Support Group starting with 5 people, with another 2 to facilitate the group (7 in total)." YOU MUST CONTACT THE FOUNDATION AT INFO@CNAF.NET OR CALL 905-930-8682 TO ATTEND. SPACE LIMITED.This is being held at our office at 39A King St East Downtown Stoney Creek by the Village Restaurant.

We moved this from starting in January to now February. This will be the "1st Wednesday of every month Starting February 1 from 7pm-8pm starting in our foundation office". We have the ability to run over time if needed. If you wish to be a part of this and cannot make it into the office we can set up other ways for you to be involved.

Tina the President & Founder of CNAF (or another parent) and also a Board Member who is himself on the ASD Spectrum Kyle Ukrainetz that will be facilitating discussions." Again Please contact the office at 905-930-8682 or info@cnaf.net if you are interested in being put on the list. Please no contacting through facebook. For ages 16 and up

## IT'S NOW BEEN 9 YEARS

### **Giant Tiger Cannon Street Hamilton has been in Partnership with Our Canadian National Autism Foundation**

This year they and our foundation have been fundraising with the washable cup and lids with Giant Tiger Logo and also the Autism Ribbon with the Canadian National Autism Foundation website on it **\$8.00 each**



### **WE STILL HAVE OUR FUNDRAISER THAT IS GOING ON FOR SHOES/BOOTS**

You can use this below online or use it from your cell phones when purchasing in store in lieu of a physical card if you prefer. When purchasing online at [www.factoryshoe.ca](http://www.factoryshoe.ca) during the checkout process there's a spot to enter the sku and card number. You can redeem the below cards/pictures. Save them to your phone. Or you can pick up a physical one in our Stoney Creek Office. For every footwear purchase over **\$35.00** our Autism Foundation will receive **\$5.00** from Factory Show Outlet which gets put into a bank account until this is over. Why not help by sharing with your friends and possibly purchasing yourself. If you do not have a card you can use the picture bar code below or use the one on our website at the bottom of the page.

#### **Front of the card**




#### **Back of the Card**

**www.FACTORYSHOE.ca**

- Card can be used at any Factory Shoe location
- Shoe purchase must be minimum \$35 (before tax)
- Card must be presented at time of purchase
- Redeem Online: Enter 7-digit SKU & Card# in fields provided.
- This card has no cash value

**CARD EXPIRY WILL VARY. PLEASE SEE YOUR FUNDRAISING ADMINISTRATOR**



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### **How Can I Donate**

You can make a donation to the Canadian National Autism Foundation by:

1. Make a secure online donation through PayPal.
2. Make a secure online donation through Canada Helps, Benevity or PayPal Giving Fund click on the picture.  
<https://cnaf.net/charityinfo.html>



3. Mailing a donation to account name Canadian National Autism Foundation, 39A King Street East, Stoney Creek, Ontario L8G 1J9 (Please do not send cash)
4. You can make a donation through email transfer to [cnaf\\_autism@hotmail.com](mailto:cnaf_autism@hotmail.com)
5. Make a [Memorial Donation](#) by filling out the form and mailing the information to us. We will send a Sympathy Card to the designated person's family in recognition of your donation in their name.

## How to Contact Us

### ***Mailing Address***

Canadian National Autism Foundation  
39A King Street East,  
Stoney Creek, Ontario L8G 1J9

### ***Phone Number***

905-930--8682

### ***Fax Number***

905-930-9744

### ***Email Address***

Cnaf\_autism@hotmail.com

### ***Website Address***

www.cnaf.net

### ***Charitable Organization***

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## How You Can Help

As a charitable organization, the Canadian National Autism Foundation strives to raise funds to achieve our goals and it is with the support of generous organizations, companies and people that we are able to put together fundraising events such as those we have had in the past in order to raise the funding needed.

At this time we are looking for financial support, and this can come in various forms:

- Sponsorship of portions of our events
- Purchase our foundation items online on our website or come to our office gift shop and purchase something
- Donations of prizes for our events
- Purchase of tickets to our events
- Financial contributions directly towards our goals (i.e. research)
- Hold an Autism Day at your establishment
- Casual Dress Days
- Payroll Deductions
- Host a Golf Tournament, Hockey Tournament, or Baseball
- Sponsor or run a Walk-a-thon
- And any other great ideas that you may have, big or small!

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