



2018 YEAR-END ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FY 2018

OCTOBER 2017 - SEPTEMBER 2018

Pathfinders for Autism

works to support and improve the lives of individuals affected by autism through expansive, individualized programming, and by providing resources, training, information and activities free of charge.

1 in 50 children in Maryland are now diagnosed with autism, and there are thousands more adults in the State in need of services and support.

Autism is a journey. Pathfinders for Autism is here to help you every step of the way.



17,690 individuals served

5,774

Individuals reached through resource fairs and awareness events



4,503

Individuals participated in recreational activities



3,225

Parents, professionals, and students trained



3,070

First responders trained, including fire, EMS, police, and healthcare professionals



1,118

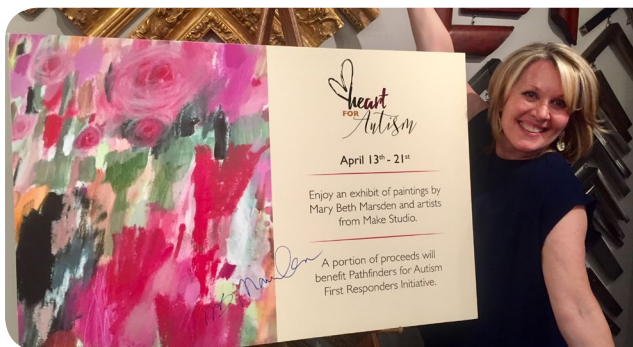
Resource Center clients served



FINANCIALS

Copies of PFA's most recent audited financial statements are available on our website or by contacting our office at 443-330-5370.

HeART for Autism



Our inaugural **HeART for Autism** fundraiser featured one-of-a-kind artwork by Mary Beth Marsden and Make Studio. Through your support, we were able to raise over \$8,500 to benefit our First Responders Initiative. The 2nd Annual HeART for Autism will be held on May 16, 2019.

Swim Parties



Thanks to a generous grant, we were able to hold three Swim Parties in FY 2018 across the state at **NO COST** to families. A total of 215 individuals attended and enjoyed a relaxing swim in a **judgement-free zone**. Water safety resources were available and siblings and parents were welcome at these autism-friendly events.

What the Community is Saying

“Pathfinders’ team-work in teaching Autism//DD is **unbelievable**. I am happy to know that they are always there to work with us and are always a part of our training program. They bring a family and self-advocate aspect that cannot be duplicated and the de-escalation skills and techniques they explain are **invaluable**. - Lt. Steven Thomas, Anne Arundel County Police Department

“These events allow my son and family to participate in activities we would have a difficult time doing otherwise. Thank you for helping to provide opportunities that help us feel a part of a community and allowing my child to share in the **wonderful experiences** he deserves but in an environment better suited for his needs.” - Rachel R., Parent



“You both are **truly amazing** in the way you share your experiences and the knowledge as professionals and parents with the students and faculty. I **truly appreciate it**. I just know it will make a difference in how the students understand and interact with patients with ASD.” - Mary Sharon Curran, RN, MS, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Nursing, Towson University

“The Curran Knittle Group of Harbor Investment Advisory is **proud to support Pathfinders for Autism**. We continue to find value in sponsoring the annual Aberdeen Ironbirds Fun Event which provides many families in Maryland’s Autism community an opportunity to enjoy a night of fun at the ballpark. We are proud to partner with this **incredible organization** year after year.” - Monty Knittle, Vice President, The Curran Knittle Group of Harbor Investment Advisory

Your dollars stay in Maryland.

Our accomplishments would not be possible without your support. Thank you.

