



# 2019 YEAR-END ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FY 2019

OCTOBER 2018 - SEPTEMBER 2019

## 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.*



## FINANCIALS

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



## 16,420 individuals served

### 6,052

Individuals reached through resource fairs and awareness events



### 5,235

Individuals participated in recreational activities



### 2,529

Parents, professionals, and students trained



### 1,642

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



### 962

Resource Center clients served



## Evening with Lewis Black



Nearly two thousand fans enjoyed an energetic performance by the Grammy-Award Winning standup, actor, and author, Lewis Black to benefit Pathfinders for Autism and Cystic Fibrosis Foundation - Maryland Chapter. Special thank you to Media Star Promotions for helping us raise over \$85,000 for this one of a kind event in 2019!"

## Run Wild for Autism



This year we celebrated our first **SOLD OUT** Run Wild! Over 1500 runners and walkers joined us on September 29, 2019 and we raised an astounding \$115,000 for our mission. Special thank you to TTI as this year's Presenting Sponsor, Altus Group as our TOP CORPORATE TEAM and Ryan Goldman of Team Torny It up for raising close to \$6,000 as our Top Family Team. Save the Date for Run Wild 2020- September 27, 2020 at the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. This will be our 10th Run Wild for Autism, an event you will not want to miss.

## What the Community is Saying

"This is the best job I've ever had! I love being a trainer for Pathfinders for Autism because I love talking to people. I can't believe I get paid to tell my story to people! I also like attending the meetings at Pathfinders because I get to talk with the other self-advocates about what's important to us and what we would like to do.. - Tom Whalen



"I love working with Pathfinders because we are like a big family. I like that I've gotten to do more and more in my work. I love when all of us [self-advocate trainers] meet so we can talk about our work and plan new things." - Josh Smith



"Pathfinders is one of Altus Group Employees' favorite organization to volunteer with. Working with the self-advocates and forming those friendships is one of the greatest draws to volunteering with Pathfinders." - Noelle Lipira

"I just want to say thank you for the Night Out at the Aquarium. It is hard to take my son to new places. I worked on a social story for a whole month. He did great! My family felt comfortable when my son started stimming or humming loudly! I told my friends that I found "my people." I heard other parents using the same phrases and techniques. As a mom, I started crying because I didn't feel the awful anxiety that I carry when we go to something new. We all were able to have a good time." - Kristie Turner

# Your dollars stay in Maryland.

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

Be sure to follow our journey as we celebrate our 20th Anniversary in 2020. Follow us through social media, events and media as we honor those individuals and corporations that have helped to shape our mission and vision over the last 20 years. We invite you to join us as we embark on the next 20 years and beyond!

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