



October 1, 2014

Dear Friend of Alexander Leigh Center for Autism ,

**Alexander Leigh Center for Autism (ALCA) is changing lives by helping children with autism and those that love them to thrive!** Our school was founded and developed by two mothers who have children with autism. Together with a Board of Directors, staff, and donors, we are working to nurture the potential of children with autism by providing them with a full range of educational and individualized development services. We have become one of the premiere schools for children who have autism as evidenced by our 50% increase in enrollment over last year.

Alexander Leigh Center for Autism (ALCA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, full day, year-round Therapeutic Day School approved by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). The Day School services children 3-18 years old with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), OHI, multiple disabilities, developmental delay and/or intellectual disability. ALCA is based in Crystal Lake, Illinois and we currently have children coming to our school from Cook, DuPage, Lake, Kane and McHenry counties.

The odds are alarming: 1 in 68 school children in the United States today has some form of autism according to the Center for Disease Control 2014 statistics. There is no known cause or cure. But, there is hope and help at the Alexander Leigh Center for Autism. ***We need you help to make this year's annual fundraising event on Saturday, March 7th, 2015 at Concord Banquets a success!*** We are reaching out to local residents, businesses and organizations in areas where our children we serve reside. As an outplacement school for other districts, our funding streams are very limited. The majority of our funding comes from our predetermined daily rate from the State of Illinois. You can help us fill in the gaps in one or more of the following ways:

- Make an outright unrestricted gift to support our most urgent needs
- Be an event sponsor
- Donate a product or service certificate for our silent auction or raffle
- Volunteer time to help prepare for or at our event
- Attend the event on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

We may not be able to solve what causes autism, but in partnership with our community we are able to make a real difference in the lives of the children we serve and will serve in the near future. In order for us to continue to provide them with strong education and support services, we need your help. If you have any questions about donations, sponsorships, event tickets, volunteering, or to schedule a donation pick up please contact Rhienna at 815.455.2722(ALCA) or rtrevino\_alca@yahoo.com. Thank you in advance for your consideration of your participation!

Sincerely,

Co-founder and Executive Director

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Events Director