



Dear Community Partner,

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Alexander Leigh Center for Autism, or as we call it ALCA, is a registered 501 c 3 not for profit, full day, year round Illinois State Board of Education, Therapeutic Day School serving children ages 3-18 years of age with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), OHI, multiple disabilities, developmental delay and/or intellectual disability. ALCA was founded by two passionate mothers with children with an autism diagnosis. Together with a Board of Directors, community partners and a dedicated staff we are making many improvements in the lives of the children we serve. We are working to nurture the potential of each individual child by providing them with a full range of tailored educational and developmental services. ALCA has paved the way for the future educating techniques in autism and has become one of the premiere therapeutic day schools for those children affected.

Diagnoses are on the rise and the odds are alarming: **1 in 68** eight year olds in the US today has some form of autism according to the Center for Disease Control. There is no known cause or cure, but there is hope at ALCA. But, we need your help to change the lives of more families. The reality is, every day we receive referrals for students in crisis, and unfortunately we are at capacity serving nearly 40 students from 6 surrounding counties. We need a place to call home to care for additional students and double our staff to accommodate those students. In addition we are developing a vocational day program for the adult population.

Join us on Saturday, March 12th, 2016 for our 10th anniversary "How Sweet It Is" Gala at the Crystal Lake Holiday Inn.

Please consider supporting ALCA and this event by donating your time, talents or treasure. As an outplacement school for local 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 assist in raising the difference by attending, sponsoring, donating goods or services or volunteering for this event. Please contact Rhienna McClain Trevino, Director of Events & Marketing at rtrevino@alcacenter.org or Lori Baker, Director of Development at lbaker@alcacenter.org or call 815-477-ALCA (2522) with your ideas on how to get involved in our annual gala or to discuss other opportunities.

We thank you in advance for your time and consideration. Looking forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

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Alexander Leigh Center for Autism (ALCA) is changing lives by helping children with autism and those that love them thrive!

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