



One Step Closer Walkers and Runners Show Their Support for HCAS



The rain did not stop One Step Closer walkers and runners from celebrating their loved ones on the autism spectrum. All contributions from the Oct. 1 event support Howard County Autism Society (HCAS) programs and services for individuals on the spectrum, their families, and the local community.

Several HCAS community partners braved the rain to show their support. Costumed Star Wars performers from [Jedi Saber Combat](#), [The Mandalorian Mercs](#), and the [501st Legion](#) entertained and cheered on the runners and walkers. [My Life Learning Center](#) and Alexander's Art for Autism shared information on job skill training and starting a micro business. Allan Kittleman, Howard County Executive, and Guy Guzzone, Maryland State Senator, attended the event.

If you didn't have a chance to contribute to the One Step Closer Walk and Run, you can [donate online](#) through Oct. 31.

Thank you to our top fundraisers and sponsors. [Read more.](#)

EVENTS

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[Dad's Night Out at Glory Days Grill](#)

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[Social Security Disability Programs: Understanding the Benefits, Utilizing the Work Incentives](#)

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[HCAS/PFA Brown Bag Series - Cyber Safety: Tips for Gaming and Socializing](#)

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[HCAS Asperger's Support Group](#)

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[HCAS General Support Group - Strategies for ASD Children with Anxiety](#)

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HCAS Receives Service Award from the Howard County Commission on Disability Issues



The Howard County Commission on Disability Issues recognizes the Howard County Autism Society with an award for its service to the community on Oct. 6.

The Howard County Commission on Disability Issues recognized the Howard County Autism Society (HCAS) for its dedication to improving the lives of people affected by autism at their annual awards ceremony on Oct. 6. A service award winner, HCAS was recognized for its commitment to empowering individuals with disabilities to live self-directed, meaningful lives as full participants in their communities.

The 22nd Annual Commission on Disability Issues Award Ceremony honored the outstanding efforts of individuals and organizations that advance full participation in community life for all people and promote the spirit and intent of the Americans with Disabilities Act and other disability rights laws.

[Read more.](#)

Board of Education Election: Make Your Voice Heard

As the general election approaches, HCAS would like to remind everyone of an important election right here in Howard County; the Board of Education (BOE). We want to send a special thank you to Mavis Ellis, Robert Miller, and Kirsten Coombs. Each candidate took time out of their busy schedules to meet with us to hear about our concerns, goals, and priorities as they relate to HCPSS, and got to learn about our HCAS mission in general. We also would like to thank Vicky Cutroneo and Christina Delmont-Small who attended our annual walk/run and talked with those who braved the rain to support our cause.

HCAS is thrilled that each of the five newcomers to the BOE race has recognized the work we do to advocate for of our students in Howard County. We strongly encourage all of you to research each of the candidates, and hit the polls to vote for the candidates you believe will work with the community to serve the interests of our students. This is an important election for the community. Let's make our voices heard!

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[How Can My Child Be Involved in the IEP Process?](#)

The IEP conference can be an excellent opportunity for your student to learn self-advocacy and life skills.

[K-12 Career Explorer](#)

Based on the Maryland Career Development Framework, the K-12 Career Explorer guides you and your student through activities that introduce you to career possibilities.

[Reporting Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation](#)

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Learn what tools are available to report bullying, harassment, or intimidation in HCPSS schools.

[Do you have questions about special education services and rights?](#)

We are here to help. Email AskUsSpEdQuestions@howardautism.org or call 410-290-3466.

Now you can contribute to HCAS through the United Way of Central Maryland



Consider designating your contribution to HCAS.

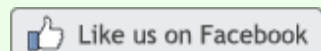
There are two ways to search for HCAS: Howard County Autism Society, Inc. Agency code: 46730

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Team Phoenix (also the largest team with 28 members)

Trey's Train

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