

February 1st, 2024

The Arc Nassau



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**86051 Hamilton Road
Yulee, Florida 32097**

Dear Space Cadets,

We are proud to announce the **11th Annual Katelyn's Ride for Autism** Golf Cart Poker Run. This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. with an astronomical all-inclusive outer space theme of "Out of This World"!

In a galaxy far, far away lived a young girl named Cadet Katelyn. She and her mothership Mandy Conner not only wished upon a star, but decided to lift off onto their journey of acceptance and awareness for Autism and related disabilities. Thus, **Katelyn's Ride for Autism** was founded in 2013; born out of one five-year-old Autistic girl's enthusiasm for golf cart riding and a crater-sized need for funds to provide services. The event began with only 34 entries and the goal of being able to provide education, support, and therapeutic services for Katelyn and her fellow star troopers while encouraging their passions.

The Nassau County School District provides instructions for approximately 1600 children grades K-12 with special needs/developmental delays. Early Steps/Child Find supports around 200 children under the age of five, with special needs/developmental delays annually. The Arc Nassau is another local entity providing services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through a diverse body of programs geared towards life skills development, supported employment, employment services, and on-the-job-training experiences, serving approximately 100 individuals in Nassau County. This year all the stars are aligned to fully encompass all of our cadets and their mission control supports. With an intergalactic slogan, "Like the Stars, You Were Born to Shine!" This event's mission now is to create acceptance, awareness, safety, and support for special needs families of all ages in Northeast Florida.

Thanks to your cosmic generosity and support, this superstellar annual event is one of the **LARGEST** golf-cart poker runs in ALL of Northeast Florida. Participation has grown to over 223 golf cart entries! What started out as a small mission for one girl, instantly grew when her family witnessed the need for hundreds of similar children and families within our community.

With the help of sponsors like you, it is possible for our organization to provide these individuals and their families with the support they need to promote community inclusion and awareness of these charitable organizations. From providing grants to families in need, funding for inclusive sports programs, monthly Parent 2 Parent meetings, and IEP trainings, as well as work and collaboration with local law enforcement to provide crisis response training. We cannot express our gratitude enough for your generosity that gives invaluable experiences to individuals such as this year's inaugural Sensory Friendly Rodeo in addition to our sensory friendly outings, special guest shows, and providing golf carts for honorary families in the event.

We have included a sponsorship form for you to review. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of our event, or have any other questions, please call us at (904) 624-6148.

Thank you for your support! Your efforts help us positively impact the lives of hundreds of individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families within our community.

Smiles,

Mandy Conner
Event Coordinator

Sponsorship for 11th Annual Katelyn's Ride for Autism

For Awareness-\$1,000

- # Company logo on back of event t-shirt
- # Logo on event banner
- # Sponsorship recognition on website, social media and podcast
- # Company information spotlight in our monthly newsletter
- # Provided with space at the event for an information table (10x10 tent)
- # 5 event t-shirts
- # 1 golf-cart entry (must pre-register @ katelynsride.com with provided code)

For Acceptance-\$500

- # Company logo on back of event t-shirt
- # Logo on event banner
- # Sponsorship recognition on website, social media, and podcast
- # Provided with space at the event for an information table (10x10 tent)

For Independence-\$300

- # Company name on back of event t-shirt
- # Name on event banner
- # Name on event koozie (limited to first 16)

For Support- \$175

- # Company name on back of event t-shirt
- # Name on event banner

For Love-Product donation

- # Food
- # Beverage
- # Raffle item
- # Silent Auction item
- # Swag Bag items-250 needed

All product donation sponsors will be recognized on website and social media

***If you choose a display tent, please contact us to reserve your spot at one of our stops, the event t-shirts are pre-sold and available at the event with over 1,500 t-shirts sold last year, 600 koozies distributed at registration and the banner is displayed at every stop**

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Contact Name (please print) _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

___ \$1,000 ___ \$500 ___ \$300 ___ \$175 ___ (other)
All sponsorship levels are due by March 15th to ensure product print time.

Payment Information:

Please be sure to return this form via email to:
Northeastflorida.advocates@yahoo.com

___ Check

I have enclosed check # _____ in the amount of \$ _____

(Please make checks payable to: **The Arc of Nassau**)

Please send payment and completed form to:
Mandy Conner-Event Coordinator
18518 Conner Road, Hilliard, Florida 32046
Cell: (904)624-6148

By completing this Sponsorship Form I certify that I have read the terms and fully understand them. In addition, I agree to any and all regulations set forth by Katelyn's Ride for Autism, The Arc Nassau Inc, or any of their subsidiaries. Sponsorship of the April 20th, 2024 event, I will retain my own insurance for my property, staff and at no time will I hold Katelyn's Ride for Autism The Arc Nassau Inc, or any of their subsidiaries liable for any occurrence of damage to my property, belongings, or injury to my staff or volunteers. My booth space and surrounding area will be kept clean during the event.

For more information, please visit www.katelynsride.com or contact the planning committee on behalf of Katelyn's Ride for Autism at katelynsride@gmail.com

Signature: _____ Date: _____