



## An Autism Awareness Organization Promoting Local Scholarships, Research & Advocacy

I am writing to you on behalf of Hope Helps, a 501 c (3) non-profit autism awareness organization. Hope Helps is dedicated to promoting local scholarships, research & advocacy for the needs of individuals diagnosed with autism and their families throughout Will and Grundy counties in IL as well as building & expanding all-inclusive playgrounds in our servicing area. Scholarships are given in the form of communication devices and equipment. In 2016, we built an all-inclusive, sensory playground for families of ALL abilities. Now, in 2019, we are looking to expand this facility with more inclusive equipment such as wheel chair glider, sensory tunnel, global spinner and high back teeter-totter. This is accomplished in part by hosting annual fundraisers, such as our annual raffle as well as seeking corporate sponsorships.

On Saturday, April 13, 2019, Hope Helps is hosting its 9th Annual Basket Raffle Fundraiser and Silent Auction for Autism and we are seeking your help! This year's event will be held in Coal City, IL and will include raffles, auction, Easter Bunny Visit and family entertainment. We will also be providing goody bags and samples at entry (1 per guest). We are collecting donations to raffle from businesses in the form of gift certificates, goods and services. Your help with our event would go a long way to helping Hope Helps reach our fundraising goals in 2019. We would greatly appreciate a donation from your establishment. In return for your generosity, your business name will be represented through Hope Helps advertisements on our social media, websites and at the event. **This Year Hope Helps Will Be Distributing "Goody Bags" to all attendees (approximately 300 guests—1 per guest). If you would like to participate, please include any promotional items with your donation (brochures, business cards, coupons, promo items) and we will distribute as a thank you for your support.**

Thank you for considering our request. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me.

With Gratitude,  
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