



*Pathways to Independence presents our 8th annual winter fundraising event:
'Connecting People One Neighborhood at a Time'*

Saturday, February 18, 2017

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Des Peres, MO

Dear Friend:

Thank you for all you do in our community! **Pathways to Independence** wishes to take a moment to introduce our organization and invite you to be a part of the ongoing success of more than 130 individuals with complex learning disabilities, certain levels of autism and associated disorders that impact social ability. Our Winter Fundraiser and silent auction is an event in which your support could make a difference in many lives. This is an evening dedicated to increasing community awareness of how Pathways to Independence empowers our participants to practice self-advocacy and experience new successes in their daily lives.

The Winter Fundraiser will assist **Pathways to Independence** to raise awareness for our continued mission to support the development of skills that positively impact the lives of adults with disabilities who seek greater independence and social success. Since 1987, our not-for-profit* organization has focused on developing social interaction and community participation skills that are commonly difficult for the participants in our program. Our participants gain independence and confidence while they build relationships, life-long friendships and increase awareness of their community along the way.

In 2015, PTI expanded its services and opened Inspiration Point, a space to discover direction, be inspired, and take action. With our added Anxiety Response programming and Growth and Potential training, PTI addresses the social anxiety and under-employment that many of our participants face. We hope you can partner with PTI as we continue to respond to and address the gaps in disability services. **As the need of the community expands and more individuals age out of the education system, we continually welcome more participants to our programming, requiring us to grow our existing services.**

We are requesting your support of our event through one of the following methods:

- silent auction items or
- event underwriting (see the page below and please contact Jamie at office@ptistl.org or Craig at craig@ptistl.org for information)

All underwriters and donors will be acknowledged in our event program, along with signage and verbal announcements during the event. **As a small not-for-profit with a big mission, we are so grateful to community members like you, whose support makes all the difference for our participants.**

All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. **Pathways to Independence** will provide all supporters with a letter of acknowledgement of your gift for tax purposes.

Thank you in advance for your support. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and makes possible our mission of helping individuals master skills that will enable them to become independent adults and contributing members of the community.

Sincerely,

Craig Strohbeck
Executive Director

Jamie Larson
Project Monitor

**Pathways to Independence is a Missouri not-for-profit corporation qualified under the Internal Revenue Services as a 501(c)(3) with a designation number 43-1504762.*



Pathways to Independence

Partnership Levels- Both Monetary and In-Kind

**All Partners will be recognized at the event with their business logos displayed*

Sponsorship	Amount	# Available	Tax Deductible	Cash/In Kind	Visibility
Event Partner	\$1500	2	Yes less value	Cash	Event Marketing Materials, Recognition during event, link on PTI website, Facebook mention, recognition in PathNotes, 1 complimentary VIP table for 8.
Auction Partner	\$1000	0	Yes less value	Cash/In-Kind	Signage at auction, recognition in program and on screen announcing auction, link on PTI website, Facebook mention, recognition in PathNotes, 1 complimentary table for 8.
Beverage Partner	\$500	1	Yes less value	Cash/In-Kind	Signage at beverage station, recognition in program, link on PTI website, Facebook mention, recognition in PathNotes, 50% discount on table for 8.
Round Partner	\$250	10	Yes less value	Cash	Assigned to round in event program, on screen introducing round, link on Website, Facebook mention, PathNotes, 50% discount on table for 8.
Food Partner	\$150	1	Yes less value	Cash/In-Kind	Recognition on each table, recognition in program, link on PTI website, Facebook mention, recognition in PathNotes.
Table Partner	\$100	35	Yes less value	Cash	Recognition on table being sponsored, recognition in program, link on PTI website, Facebook mention, recognition in PathNotes.

Yes! My business would like to partner with PTI for this event. We choose to be a _____ partner.

We wish to be recognized on all signage as: _____
 (please e-mail logo to office@ptistl.org)

We have included a check. (Please send to 200 S. Hanley Rd., Suite 103, Clayton, MO 63105)

We wish to be sent an invoice. Please send to: _____



SILENT AUCTION GIFT AGREEMENT

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Fundraising Event to Benefit: **Pathways to Independence**

Item Information & Description: _____

Value: _____

Donor Information: _____

Name / Company: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Item(s) _____ will be delivered / mailed to address below or _____ needs to be picked up.

Donor to be recognized in acknowledgement materials as: _____

Solicited By: _____

Contact Information:

Please contact the Pathways office at 314-863-0202, ext. 4 for additional information.

Returning Your Completed Silent Auction Gift Agreement:

Please mail, deliver or fax your completed Silent Auction Gift Agreement to:

Pathways to Independence
200 South Hanley, Suite 103
Clayton, MO 63105
Fax: 314-863-7865
Email: office@ptistl.org

**Arrangements can be made to have your item picked up or dropped off at the office

Item Deadline: February 13, 2017*

* To be listed in the official program, all items must be received by February 13, 2017; items received after this date will be listed in the official addendum.