



2023  All Friends Network INC
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HIGHLIGHTS
& PLANS FOR 2024

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All Friends Network had an exciting year in 2023. It's been so rewarding over the past three years, creating and expanding our programs by increasing our virtual events, enhancing our In-Person Events, and creating new relationships and gaining more resources to continue to provide our programs for our members. Below, we have highlighted some of our amazing events and achievements and provided a brief plan for 2024 with a drive to continue to increase our In-Person Events and our overall membership.

AFN Meet & Greet at Truman's Tap & Grill – January

AFN hosted a great event in January at Truman's Tap and Grill. This event was a Meet & Greet event for our members. Members were able to meet each other, face to face, and spend an afternoon connecting with and enjoying each other's company, while enjoying a delicious meal. It was truly an eye opener, and proud moment for AFN, to see how many members and their family members came out to enjoy an afternoon together.

AFN Creates Video Promoting AFN! – February

All Friends Network had a professional video created to highlight All Friends Network's Mission and all the wonderful opportunities and benefits AFN has to offer to our members. You can find our video on our YouTube channel and on our website, allfriendsnetwork.org. The video highlights our Mission, programs offered, and the overall impact that AFN has in our community and to the neurodivergent population. Take a look at our video using the QR Code below.



AFN Video QR Code



AFN Hosts Safari Rides & More at Refuge Retreat - March

Safari Rides & More was an incredible triumph and one of our most successful In-Person Events yet! AFN hosted 75 members and their families for an exciting day filled with field day activities at Refuge Retreat's outstanding property, located in Arcadia, Florida on Bethel Farms. All Friends Network's members and their families spent the day participating in all the exciting activities the day had to offer including; swamp buggy rides, caricature drawings, viewing local wildlife with the help of an Environmental Officer, ice cream truck treats, and enjoying the beautiful serene venue of Refuge Retreat. Members had a blast participating in all the events, getting to spend time together, enjoying a cook out, and making new friends. AFN hopes to return to Refuge Retreat to have another exciting day of fun.



AFN Night On The Ice Event with Tampa Bay Lightning - April

AFN had an exciting *Night On The Ice* at the Amalie Arena cheering on the Tampa Bay Lightning! Members had a chance to come together, in an exciting environment, routing for the Tampa Bay Lightning. To make the night even more exciting, the Lightning had a shut-out game against the Islanders 5-0! This was a special experience that created memories to last a lifetime.



In-Person Game Night at Blaze Pizza – May

AFN hosted In-Person Game Night at Blaze Pizza.

Members were able to participate together, in-person, and virtually! It was exciting to see

new and familiar faces during the game. Not only did members get to participate in the game, but also got to enjoy the delicious pizza prepared by Blaze Pizza. AFN is so thankful to Blaze Pizza for offering their space to allow our members to enjoy a game night in-person, but they also generously donated 20% of their proceeds back to our organization. We are so thankful to have such incredible support in our local community to help achieve our mission.

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AFN at Blue Surf American Grill – June

Blue Surf American Grill hosted All Friends Network for an evening of delicious food, great friends, and Bingo! AFN members were able to get together in a fun environment and get to spend some quality time together. Members enjoyed delicious food prepared by Blue Surf American Grill and had a fun time playing Bingo and Jeopardy!



AFN Featured In Media Publications – June

All Friends Network was featured in Voyage Tampa Magazine and “The World of Autism” podcast. Voyage Tampa highlighted All Friends Network in their Change Makers: Stories that Inspire column. This article allowed AFN to discuss our programs and the benefits that they provide to our members. We appreciate Voyage Tampa for providing a space and giving AFN the opportunity to spread our mission and bring awareness to the community.

“The World of Autism” podcast, hosted by one of our members Michelle Vinokurov, featured Trevor Kelliher as a guest and discussed the creation of All Friends Network and describe the mission of our organization and the programs we provide. Michelle also discussed

her experience of being an AFN member and how the program can benefit many people in the neurodivergent community.



AFN Awarded \$20K Golisano Foundation Grant- August

All Friends Network is honored to announce we have received a grant of \$20,000 from the Golisano Foundation to enhance and expand our In-Person Events Programs, designed to promote friendship while enhancing quality of life. This grant will make a significant difference in the success of our organization and will allow for further outreach to the disabled community. The ability to enhance our In-Person Events program will directly impact the success of the program. This grant will allow the

opportunity for increased member participation, allow for enhanced, high-quality events, and will help spread our mission of inclusive friendship for all. We are so honored and appreciative to be recognized and supported by the Golisano Foundation, one of the nation's largest foundations dedicated to supporting programs for people with intellectual disabilities.



AFN KenCrest Community Champions Award – September

All Friends Network was honored to be nominated by KenCrest for their Community Champions Award. KenCrest nominates and celebrates

the people and organizations who have made a positive impact in their community. "Community Champions is the celebration of the people and organizations who go above and beyond in helping to bring our mission to life" – KenCrest. On September 21st, All Friends Network was thrilled to accept the Community Champions Award. We are so grateful to be recognized by KenCrest and are proud to share our passion for making a difference for individuals with disabilities with such empowering and inspirational organizations, like KenCrest.



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In-Person Game Night at Grillsmith – September

All Friends Network hosted an In-Person Game Night at the Grillsmith in Sarasota. AFN members and supporters came out for a night of fun, good food, and great friends. Members had a great time spending time together while dining at the delicious Grillsmith Restaurant. After dinner, members had a blast playing games at our In-Person Game Night. It was so fun to play all together, while getting to play with members who were playing virtually. The night was made especially exciting with AFN being awarded the Community Champions Award from KenCrest while our members were able to cheer us on and support us as KenCrest presented AFN with their Community Champions Award.



All Friends Network 2nd Annual Golf Tournament – October

All Friends Network hosted our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament and Fundraising Event at Serenoa Golf Club. Serenoa Golf Club and their Club Professional Andy Secret graciously hosted our organization for the second year in a row. We had an incredible day on the course this year. We were fortunate to have 14 teams participate in our tournament. We are so thankful to grow our annual fundraising event and welcome new and current supporters to our cause. This year we had multiple individuals and companies donate their services and products to our very first silent auction! It was an exciting new fundraising opportunity that proved to be a great success. We are also proud to highlight two AFN members who came out and supported our organization. Jared came out and participated on the course with his family. He did an outstanding job and we are so proud to have a member come and show their extraordinary skills. We were also fortunate to have another member, Mike, get the party started with his DJ skills during our luncheon. His skills and passion for music made our event special and one to remember. We could not have achieved such a positive outcome without the collective efforts and support of our sponsors, volunteers, and participants who came together to support our mission of Friendship For All. We hope that we can continue to make a positive impact on the neurodivergent community and enhance the quality of life for the individuals we serve.



**Thank You to all our supporters, auction donors,
and hole sponsors for making our event a great success!**



All Friends Network with The Haven at Fall Fest – October

All Friends Network is excited and thankful to be collaborating with our good friends at The Haven. This year, AFN joined The Haven at their Annual Fall Fest. AFN members had a great time celebrating the festive Fall season with fun activities, games, and delicious food. Everyone who attended with AFN had the chance to meet new friends at The Haven and got to share and create



some wonderful new memories. Members got to play fun games and participate in a basketball shooting contest, dunk tank, and bean bag toss! Everyone enjoyed a great meal together while creating new friendships.

\$10K Gulf Coast Community Foundation Grant – October

All Friends Network is honored to announce we have been awarded a grant of \$10,000 from Gulf Coast Community Foundation to assist in obtaining an ADA accessible van to allow the opportunity for all members within our program to participate in our events and gain the benefits our programs have to offer, through the assistance of member transport. We are

incredibly grateful to Gulf Coast Community Foundation for the very generous grant awarded to All Friends Network. This grant will make a significant difference in the success of our organization and will allow further outreach to the neurodivergent community. Thank you for your recognition and support of our cause. We are so honored to have the support of Gulf Coast Community Foundation and know that with their support we can achieve our mission of Friendship For All.

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ALL FRIENDS NETWORK RECEIVES
\$10,000 GRANT
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THANK YOU GULF COAST
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

AFN Hosts In-Person Game Night at The Haven – November

All Friends Network had such a great time with The Haven during their Annual Fall Fest, we were excited to collaborate together again! AFN hosted an In-Person Game Night at The Haven for double the fun and excitement! During our event, AFN members were able to meet with members and residents at The Haven and give a bit more information about the benefits of our program. By collaborating together, we are able to work together and share the benefits of our programs to each of our members and further spread awareness to the community to support individuals with disabilities. Both AFN and The Haven had a blast playing in our In-Person Game Night. It was exciting to get our two organizations together to share a night of fun and laughter. Not only did we have a great time participating in our games, but members were able to mingle, make new connections and foster new relationships.

All Friends Network at Josh Blue Comedy Show – December

All Friends Network had a great time at Side Splitters Comedy Club in Tampa seeing the hilarious Josh Blue comedy performance. AFN members and supporters came out for a night of fun and laughter. We had an awesome experience getting to see 3 comedians and headliner Josh Blue. Josh Blue is an incredible comedic performer, with numerous accolades, who has the unique quality of having Cerebral Palsy. The audience, especially our members, enjoyed Josh's performance and how he finds humor in his disability, by making others laugh. We were so lucky to be able to meet Josh in person after the show! It was really inspiring to see someone who has achieved so much and is spreading awareness of his experiences throughout the world.



AFN at The Buccaneers Game – December

All Friends Network was so thrilled to attend the Tampa Bay Buccaneers game!



ALL FRIENDS NETWORK UPCOMING IN 2024

All Friends Network is so thankful and excited to be able to share the incredible year we had with you, and even more excited to let you know our plans for 2024! With the help of the resources awarded to All Friends Network by the generous and distinguished Golisano Foundation, Gulf Coast Community Foundation, and Baycross Christian Family Foundation, All Friends Network is excited to enhance our In-Person Events Program and expand our membership to allow the opportunity for all individuals with disabilities to benefit from all that friendship and companionship have to offer. Stay tuned for upcoming events being announced soon after the new year! We are again planning monthly In-person Events, including fan favorite Safari Fun & More at Refuge Retreat in Arcadia FL, Aquarium Adventure, and an afternoon at the Tampa Bay Rays baseball game! Be sure to meet with us virtually every Tuesday and Thursday nights for trivia and games!

It's programs like these that will help us fulfill our mission of enhancing quality of life for individuals with disabilities through the joy of friendship and social activities. Together, we can help encourage each other, support one another, and provide long-lasting, meaningful relationships.

Be sure to keep an eye on our social media outlets and website! You will be able to find all of our scheduled events posted there. If you have any ideas you want to share for events or want to help in any way, please contact us!

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Our Mission is to help young adults with disabilities find friendship and enhance their quality of life through the joy of friendship.

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Membership is 100% Free

If you interested in supporting our programs, you can make a one-time donation, or join our "Coffee Club" and make a monthly recurring donation, directly to All Friends Network on our website at
<https://allfriendsnetwork.org/donate/>

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