

Community Comment
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Hi, my name is Clay Carver.

I am a board member for Families Advocating Autism Now or F.A.A.N.

F.A.A.N. was founded by 7 mothers from Humboldt County, California whose children were diagnosed with Autism. The F.A.A.N. board now consists of Mothers and Fathers of children with a diversity of needs. F.A.A.N. is committed to putting forward projects that directly impacts the lives of individuals with Autism.

We funded several different programs including a swim program, an equine program and a sensory screening program at the local movie theater and a program that donates money to schools in the Humboldt County area. We have funded over 60 ipads and \$20,000 in monetary donations to the local education system. The funds and technology were specifically provided for students on the spectrum to use and benefit from in their classroom. The swim grants have helped with over 250 therapy sessions to support water safety for children with Autism.

We depend on the generous financial support of our community to continue to carry out our mission. To help us to continue to carry out our mission, many local businesses have agreed to donate a portion of their profits to support F.A.A.N.

As a part of our fundraising efforts to allow our organization to help those in the community with Autism F.A.A.N. celebrates Autism Awareness Month in April by asking local businesses to sponsor a takeover day. The businesses choose their day or days and on those days donate a portion of their sales or profits to F.A.A.N. Additionally two of the local breweries, Six Rivers in Mckinleyville and Mad River in Blue Lake are donating money for the entire month, as well as selling F.A.A.N Pint Glasses.

We at F.A.A.N. would encourage to seek out our calendar of businesses events on our Face Book page Families Advocating Autism Now or our website humboldtfaan.org and shop on their donation days. Also these fine businesses deserve our support year round for their generous donations to make our community a better place. In addition to daily takeovers, F.A.A.N. and Eureka's East High are also sponsoring an Autism Awareness Walk and Run on April 8th from 11a.m. to 3p.m. at the track at Eureka High School with games and food and fun. All proceeds go to F.A.A.N. to support our programs. This has been Clay Carver for Community Calendar on KINS.

As heard by J.D.