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Dear Friend,

We write to you today to request a donation for our 7th Annual Wine Tasting & Silent Auction to be held on April 16th at St Julien Hotel. World Class Rock 97.3 KBCO, Google SketchUp, Boulder Weekly, Gordon Biersch, Boulder Community Hospital, Camera, and Centennial Wine & Spirits are kindly sponsoring the event, which is a fundraiser to benefit our charitable non-profit organization.

Each year, Autism Society of Boulder County (ASBC) appeals to local businesses requesting donations to allow us to continue our important work for over 1,700 families currently coping with autism in our area. Donations provide a critical source of income for ASBC. Our organization is comprised **solely of volunteers and we have no paid staff**. ASBC's services are free to the public; we charge no membership dues. You can find us online at www.autismboulder.org

Autism Society of Boulder County's mission is to raise autism awareness in Boulder and Broomfield counties by supporting all individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) their families and professionals.

Facts about the silent epidemic of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD):

- **Once occurred at 1 in 10,000, it now affects 1 in every 110 individuals nationally, making it the fastest-growing developmental disability, outpacing childhood cancer, multiple sclerosis and cystic fibrosis combined;**
- **More than 1.5 million Americans have some form of ASD and another 15 million Americans are indirectly affected;**
- **This year 700 families in Colorado will be told their child has an Autism Spectrum Disorder. Prevalence rate in Colorado is 1 in 133.**
- **Prevalence continues to rise at the rate of 10-17% annually.**

Funds raised by this event provide critically needed support for our many programs that assist our families in their journey with autism. These programs include educational lecture series, resource and information referral, respite funds and support groups. These funds also aid in raising awareness in our community about individuals with ASD and their needs and value to society.

Thank you in advance for your generous donation and consideration of our event. Donations must be received by April 3rd and we are happy to transport your item(s) to our event. Please feel free to contact our office for any additional information you may require.

Best Regards,

Autism Society of Boulder County