



Anderson
Center
for Autism

LIFELONG LEARNING™

...serves

children and adults on the
autism spectrum.



...helps children communicate.

...provides residential and
educational
programs.



...embraces the
future.

...prepares children
for life.



Anderson Center for Autism Needs Your Help.

A national epidemic that truly affects us all

With a diagnosis of autism still ringing in their ears, the parents and family of a once inquisitive and engaging toddler can only watch as their child slips further and further away... It is an all-too-familiar and heartbreaking story for millions of families across America. And with recent statistics demonstrating prevalence at an alarming rate of 1 in 150 children, autism is now recognized as the fastest growing disability in America today.

Autism has no known cause or cure. It is a complex developmental disability that affects a child in the areas of social interaction and communication. It is a spectrum disorder that touches each individual differently and to varying degrees of severity.

Society's challenge is to provide effective, nurturing programs that offer compassionate care while providing a safe, comfortable and enriching environment that motivates each individual to the limits of his or her own abilities. Anderson Center for Autism has met that challenge head on. With an evidence-based approach to treatment a state of the art campus and a progressive curriculum designed to promote countless opportunities for **LIFELONG LEARNING™**, Anderson Center is at the forefront of what was once a dream but is now a reality.



An unprecedented initiative

At Anderson Center, we are committed to enhancing quality of life and providing an environment conducive to educational enhancement. Over the past few years, we have completed a new state-of-the-art school for our students. Our Master Site Plan is well underway which will change the face of our older campus housing and facilities to a new village community.

We now focus our attention on the critical needs that affect our children and adults, our programs, and our long-term financial security. These are initiatives that are not funded through our state agency support but are essential to having Anderson School become a center for autism which remains on the cutting edge of practices and principles for those on the autism spectrum.

Through Our Capital and Endowment Campaign, with the support and generosity of our families, friends and community, we hope to provide the financial means to give the Anderson Center community our best. Our initiative will have 3 key components:

A Community Support Network - A resource center supporting the autism spectrum for families, schools and the community at large.

There is a critical need for the entire community to learn not just the facts and figures of autism but also the "whos, whys and hows" and what can be done about it. Families with loved ones who have been recently diagnosed need answers to a multitude of questions including where do they turn, who do they contact, what are their options? In addition, local school districts, service organizations and the community at large need information about the autism spectrum so that they can better understand and help educate those they touch.

A Regional Educational Center (REC) - A collection of facilities that support the center with training and conference space and housing.

A Regional Educational Center would reach beyond our campus and offer educational and community integration opportunities while promoting the important work of Anderson Center for Autism. Through the REC, we would hope to further early awareness that could potentially lead young people toward beneficial careers in special education. Related offices and housing for visiting Anderson families will also be included at the REC.



Specialized training in autism spectrum services - Anderson will provide a curriculum that will be instrumental in training future professionals in the field of special education.

In partnership with prestigious colleges, universities and fellowship programs, Anderson Center will develop a specialized curriculum designed to be instrumental in training the most promising special education professionals of the future, both in the US and worldwide. Anderson Center will provide a setting which will encourage cutting edge theories to be practiced and explored while fostering interchange between professionals. To recruit students, it is essential to provide proper funding for scholarships, necessary housing and all elements required for comprehensive internships.

You can help us make a difference in the lives of children and adults with autism

Throughout our history, with the ongoing support of generous community organizations, corporate supporters, government assistance programs and more, Anderson Center for Autism has built a strong foundation upon which we can build. But now we look to the future with anticipation of great things to come and we respectfully ask for your help.

Your support will allow us to remain at the forefront of specialized care while exceptionally serving the needs of those who need us most. Your contributions will go a long way in ensuring the best.

For more information on how you can help, please call Rosemary Hoffmann, Vice President of Development at 845.889.9201 or visit our website at www.AndersonCenterforAutism.org.



About Anderson Center

Offering the scientific-based treatment approach, nurturing environment, experienced staff and more necessary to provide exceptional lifelong learning opportunities for children and adults with autism, Anderson Center for Autism is a leader among residential care facilities. Located in Staatsburg, NY, Anderson Center draws upon its more than 80 year history of compassionate care along with its renewed energy and progressive outlook to singularly fulfill and expand its role as a trusted care giver, sound autism resource and dynamic community partner. A not for profit organization, Anderson Center continues to raise the bar with its outstanding facilities, high quality care, and innovative educational and employment programs for its staff.

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