



DERBY DAY INFO SHEET

Loyal Source & Derby Day Impacting Lives in Central Florida

Since 2008, Loyal Source has been honored to host our 'Derby Day 4 Autism' event featuring a Golf Classic and Derby Day Party aimed at raising money to help UCF – with the assistance of Providing Autism Links & Supports (PALS) – provide services and support to **nearly 18,000 Central Florida families** affected by Autism and Related Disorders.

Since our first event almost 16 years ago, **we've raised more than \$1.5 million dollars that have helped PALS truly impact lives** through a variety of camps and state-of-the-art programs that provide:

- **Education & Training** – PALS offers didactic social skills programs for children ages 8-24 with ASD, as well as conferences and professional training.
- **Social Opportunities** – Community-based outings that support social skills enhancement and friendship development in natural setting.
- **Family Events** – Fun-filled activities offered at various times of the year in Central Florida for the entire family.
- **Community Collaborations** – Partnerships with community programs allows individuals with ASD to thrive with extra support from PALS.

In 2023 alone, PALS had:

- Almost 10,000 **individuals participated at nearly 800 community events;**
- More **than 3,000 attended social skill classes;** and
- Almost **3,000 participated in community collaborations** that included Judo, Tennis, Pickleball, Dance and Soccer!



To learn more about Derby Day and upcoming events, follow Loyal Source on our all our social networks, then visit the Derby Day Orlando website:

www.DerbyDayOrlando.com



Loyal Source Donations Help Programs Thrive!

In 2023 alone, Loyal Source raised more than \$400,000 that helped UCF and PALS provide the following programs throughout our community:

- **Level Up** is a Transition Program designed to provide intervention to students with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) leaving high school moving into adulthood to become self-dependent with necessary employment skills and increased self-management.
- **'The Collaborative'** is designed to serve as a problem-solving forum around issues for college students with ASD living as adults. Discussions may include concerns regarding classes, syllabus structure, roommate situations, homework and even time management.
- **ASPIRE** group is a fun way to make friends and connect with others who may have similar interests. Participants can attend events in any county. ASPIRE has a private Facebook group page and private website.
- **Teen Group** is designed for adolescents with ASD to practice social, work, and self-advocacy skills in a fun and relaxing atmosphere in community social settings.
- **Eight-12** is a social emotional regulation interactive program for individuals, 8-12 years old, with ASD to become flexible thinkers, team players, and problem solvers while increasing social interactive skills to communicate effectively with others.
- **U 13** is a social interactive program for individuals who are under the age of 13. This group meets on a regular basis and offers interactive games, movement activities, crafts, and social time.
- **Autism Early Intervention Opportunities and You (AEIO&U)** is for children ages 2-7 years of age to enjoy community fun with parents. The program enhances social skills, builds communication, and reduces behaviors.

To learn more, visit PALS online or call:

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