



SURFING *for* AUTISM

Outer Banks North Carolina

Surfing For Autism is an **AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER** (ASD) awareness event held each Summer on the Outer Banks of NC providing individuals with an amazing experience and opportunity to surf.

A family with an individual on the autism spectrum will pay out of pocket, **\$20,000 EVERY YEAR** for treatment and therapeutic services. To not be an additional financial burden on these families, we offer Surfing for Autism at no cost to the participants. To continue this, we need your help.

Participating families gather for free, pre-event experiences like an open house at the NC Aquarium on Roanoke Island, a Meet-and-Greet dinner, and supervised pier fishing (offered to siblings of participants). We offer seasonal community activities throughout the year such as sensory sensitive Santa and Halloween experiences while participating in other community events as they become available.

**A SUPPORTIVE
ENVIRONMENT
OFFERING
OPPORTUNITIES
TO EXPERIENCE
THE
THERAPEUTIC
BENEFITS OF
SURFING**















INDIVIDUALS ON THE SPECTRUM are provided two surfers and a skilled therapist or teacher who are well-educated on the special needs of our individuals with ASD. They are partnered with individuals of all ages who have ASD, introducing them to paddling, surfing, and new ways to have fun in the sun.

LOCAL SURFERS are hand-picked because of their ability to connect with our individuals. We have some of the best surfers around but how they relate to our individuals is an even greater blessing than their impressive skills in the water.

THERAPEUTIC PROFESSIONALS are recruited from varying areas of practice: speech and language, occupational, and family therapists, Dare County teachers of Exceptional Children, to name a few. These professionals donate their time and expertise to spend the day engaging families, sharing intervention strategies, aiding transitions with the individuals from the sand to the water and back again, and so much more.

Surfing For Autism is volunteer-driven with no paid staff. Your donation helps a family struggling with ASD gain an experience that has been shown to impact them in powerful, meaningful, and life-altering ways.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

	IN-KIND	SILVER	GOLD
	donation of goods and/or services	\$250 - \$999	\$1,000-up
Business Sponsor Sticker			
Facebook Posts		2	4 + 1
Recognition at the Meet and Greet			
Recognition in a Pre-event Participant Email			
Name and URL on the Website			
Logo on the Website			
Sponsor Appreciation Swag Bag			
Name/Logo on Beach Banner at the Surfing Event			
Recognition and link on the Website in an Area Appropriate for Your Donation			
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Your sponsorship begins the day of your support through **August 31** after the surfing event.

Due to the time required to create signs and banners, the deadline to become a sponsor and be acknowledged on the beach during the surfing event is **July 1**.

To become a sponsor, visit **[SURFINGFORAUTISM.ORG/SUPPORT](https://surfingforautism.org/support)**. Contact Lisa Ammons, (lisa@surfingforautism.org) with any questions.