

GOLISANO AUTISM CENTER



A COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY OF PROVIDERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CONCERN

The CDC estimates that 1 in 44 children are identified with autism. That is an increase from 1 in 59, or 30%, from the time this campaign began. The cost to care for these children in the United States in 2011 was estimated at \$60 billion. Services are generally not comprehensive or coordinated, and they are often not covered.

COMMUNITY NEED

Over 10,000 individuals in Monroe County are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). They and their families interface with multiple providers across the region to access needed resources. Many providers do not specialize in autism services, but attempt to fit individuals with ASD into existing services that may not meet their needs. To address this community need, the Golisano Autism Center:

- Served 2,000 (20% of population) in Year One
- Served 200 more (10% increase) in Year Two and will serve 5% more annually thereafter
- Will provide resources to thousands more each year

PROPOSAL

Transform delivery of autism services in the region by providing a comprehensive, enriched and innovative model of service delivery that co-locates and coordinates services and resources to achieve the following goals:

- Establish a centralized location where many providers specializing in autism work collaboratively, offering supports/services complementary to specialized medical services.
- Establish a centralized intake process with a Family Navigator to ensure individuals and families have access to desired services.
- Provide a “best practice” comprehensive model for delivery of a lifetime continuum of services (behavioral, educational, medical, and social) offering a broad array of options, evidence-based practices, innovations, and collaborations among providers to explore new techniques and service approaches.

LEAD PARTNERS

Al Sigl Community of Agencies – A collaborative community network providing services and support to a growing array of nonprofit organizations serving people with disabilities and special needs.

AutismUp – Founded by parents to support individuals with ASD and their families by growing opportunities to improve life, explore interests, and expand social circles.

CP Rochester – Provides early intervention, integrated preschool, dentistry, outpatient clinics, SportsNet, service coordination, residential opportunities, respite, WrapAround, transition, and transportation.

ADDITIONAL PARTNERS

Easterseals | Elevation Behavioral Services – Daniel W. Mruzek, PhD, BCBA-D | Happiness House | Holy Childhood | LIS MindCare – Laurence I. Sugarman, MD, FAAP, ABMH | Prime Care Coordination | Resources & Public Benefits Connections | Rochester Rehabilitation Center | SAGE Rochester | Room to Bloom | URMC Golisano Children’s Hospital Pediatric Behavioral Health and Wellness

COSTS

Site development and soft costs: \$1,300,000
Construction 30,500 sq. ft.: \$5,700,000 (\$220/sq. ft.)
Shared Annex: \$1,000,000
Development of outdoor space: \$250,000
Operational Costs: \$750,000
TOTAL: \$9,000,000

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Putting the Pieces Together Campaign will raise \$9M for construction and initial operation. B. Thomas Golisano personally committed a \$2.5M challenge gift, which was matched by May 2019. Golisano Foundation made a grant commitment of \$500K. The Campaign has quietly raised \$8M.

MAJOR DONORS TO DATE

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