

## Spectrum Autism Support Group nominated for Gwinnett Chamber's IMPACT Regional Business Awards

Gwinnett County (METRO ATLANTA) GA – 3/20/2018 – Recognized as a leading organization, Spectrum Autism Support Group has been nominated for an IMPACT Regional Business Award.

Designed to be reflective and unique to Gwinnett and across metro Atlanta, the program pays tribute to premier organizations in top industries that are driving economic development and job creation, while enhancing our quality of life.

Claire Dees, Executive Director of Spectrum says "It has been amazing to see what a group of passionate parents have accomplished over the past 20 years. The impact of autism in our lives has motivated us to make a difference for our families and our community. We are so pleased to be nominated and recognized as a non-profit organization making an impact in Gwinnett county."

Recipients will be selected in the following sectors:

- AEC (Architecture, Engineering & Construction)
- Education
- Healthcare
- Hospitality
- Information Technology
- International
- Nonprofit
- Service
- Small Business

An overall IMPACT Regional Business Awards recipient will be selected from one of the above category winners.

"Now in its fourth year, the program has provided exposure to more than 1,200 best-in-class businesses. Bringing together leaders across these important industries is another example of how the Gwinnett Chamber can fulfill its mission to serve as a community forum," said Dr. Dan Kaufman, president & CEO of the Gwinnett Chamber.

The awards ceremony will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, at the <u>Infinite Energy Forum</u>. For more information, visit ImpactBusinessAwards.com.

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Spectrum Autism Support Group began in 1998 when a couple of moms banded together to start a support group to provide support, education, and resources for individuals and families impacted by autism. When over 100 showed up for the first meeting there was no doubt there was need for support in our community. Beyond monthly support groups, Spectrum now offers 7 weeks of day camp, 5 weekend overnight camps, monthly respite, social skills groups, community education and training and family events to help improve the lives of over 1500 children and their families living with autism in Gwinnett and surrounding metro Atlanta area counties. Families feel less alone and appreciate needed assistance in navigating information and resources needed to deal with the challenge of raising a child with autism, while feeling supported and accepted. With the growing rate of autism, the needs only continue to increase for services and supports and Spectrum is proud to be the leading autism resource for families in Gwinnett county. More info on Spectrum can be found at atl-spectrum.com