



Adults Independent and Motivated

Making Independence Possible

November 6, 2021

Successful and Joyful 2021 Tutus & Ties Fun Run



The joy of being able to gather together in person once again was abundantly evident at the 5th annual Tutus and Ties Fun Run last month. See the fun from this year's event at this [link](#).

The weather was warm and sunny, the turnout was high, and the community spirit was strong. In addition, AIM had its most successful fundraising event yet, generating over \$33,000 for our organization thanks to the incredible leadership of Julie Buchanan, the generosity of our sponsors and donors, and the participation of everyone who walked, run, and tried their hand at the fun activity stations.

Please consider patronizing—and thanking-- these businesses that have supported AIM. For the next year, you can find the names of our top sponsors on our website, and the complete list of our 2021 sponsors is at the end of this newsletter.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you ALL for helping AIMers thrive. Because AIM does not charge a fee for our services, we rely entirely on fundraising to provide the supports that help make independence possible for the adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities who are part of our community. We think our [fun-run-kick-off video](#) illustrates it well.

Thank you, Julie, for your incredible leadership and for making this our best fun run ever!

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- Ashley Sanchez, President
- Ronda Phillips, Vice President
- Julie Buchanan, Secretary
- Kim Eudy, Treasurer
- Barb Lucido
- Hector Sanchez
- Suzanne Shepherd

Meeting to Learn More about AIM + Annual Membership Meeting

AIM Core Principles

1. Safety
2. Employment or Meaningful Regular Activity Away from Home
3. Lifelong Learning
4. Healthy Living
5. Social Activities
6. Family Engagement and Family Commitment
7. Increasing Independence
8. Continuity

Do you have questions about whether the AIM community might be the right fit for your son or daughter? Then come learn more at our Intro to AIM Presentation on Sunday, Nov. 14th from 1:00-1:30pm in the meeting room at the Keller Williams Lakeway Office, 1921 Lohmans Crossing Rd #100, Lakeway, TX 78734.

We will provide an overview of the AIM community and then open it up for questions with current AIM families.

The 2nd part of the meeting will be the annual Membership Meeting from 1:30-2:15. Members are current AIM parents who will conduct membership business, including filling 2 vacant board positions and reviewing AIM progress and accomplishments in 2021. Those attending the AIM overview are welcome to stay for the Membership Meeting if they would like to do so.

Spectrum Brands Gifts

When Board member Barb Lucido sought donations of George Foreman Grills for the Tutus and Ties silent auction, she learned that Spectrum Brands is the company that now makes those. She explained to Spectrum that for safety's sake AIMers often use their George Foreman Grills to prepare meals. Spectrum was delighted to learn that their products are one of the "hacks" that makes independence possible for AIMers, and so they donated a new grill for each AIMers' apartment. But they didn't stop there. They also donated toasters, facial scrub brushes, blenders, mixers, air fryers, hair dryers, and electric razors.

Last week, we had a celebration and unveiled these incredible gifts for the AIMers. They could not have been more surprised and delighted. It was Christmas in October, and they were thrilled with their new appliances!

We extend our deepest thanks to Spectrum Brands for their incredible generosity!

AIM Socials

AIM has socials for people who are taking the next step in exploring whether AIM is the right fit.

Recent socials have included get togethers as well as in-person active fun at Hill Country Indoor!



Drivers Wanted

None of the AIMers drive, so they rely on Sparky, AIM's minivan, to get to work. AIM is in need of additional drivers for Sparky. We offer competitive pay and a flexible schedule. Email us at info@aimtx.org to learn more about how you can help make independence possible while earning extra spending money.

Year End Giving

If you would like to make a donation before the end of the year, we would love for you to consider donating to AIM. Visit us [here](#) to make a donation!

We Extend our Heartfelt Thanks to our 2021 Tutus & Ties Sponsors

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