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Dear Friend,

We write to you today to request a donation item for our 5th Annual Wine Tasting & Silent Auction to be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> at The Boulder Broker Inn. 97.3FM KBCO, Centennial Wine & Spirits and The Boulder Broker Inn are kindly co-sponsoring the event, which is a fundraiser to benefit our charitable non-profit organization.

Each year, Autism Society of Boulder County (ASBC) appeals to local businesses requesting donations to allow us to continue our important work for over 1,700 families currently coping with autism in our area. Donations provide a critical source of income for ASBC, our foundation is comprised **solely of volunteers** that are working together to make Boulder County the premier location to raise a family with or without special needs. ASBC's services are free to the public and **we have no paid staff**. You can find us online at [www.autismboulder.org](http://www.autismboulder.org)

Autism Society of Boulder County supports Boulder and Broomfield Counties and our mission is to raise autism awareness in Boulder and Broomfield Counties by supporting all Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) individuals and their families and professionals.

Facts about the silent epidemic of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD):

- **Once occurred at 1 in 10,000, it now affects 1 in every 150 individuals nationally, making it the fastest-growing developmental disability, outpacing childhood cancer, multiple sclerosis and cystic fibrosis combined;**
- **More than 1.5 million Americans have some form of ASD and another 15 million Americans are indirectly affected;**
- **This year 700 families in Colorado will be told their child has an Autism Spectrum Disorder.**
- **Prevalence continues to rise at the rate of 10-17% annually.**

Funds raised by this event provide critically needed support for our many venues that assist our families in their journey with autism. These funds will also allow our organization to continue our on-going community awareness programs, resource and information support and aids in raising awareness in our community of an ASD individual's needs and value to society.

Thank you in advance for your generous donation and consideration of our event. Donated items must be received by April 6<sup>th</sup> and we are happy to transport your item(s) to our event. Please feel free to contact our office for any additional information you may require.

Best Regards,

*Autism Society of Boulder County*