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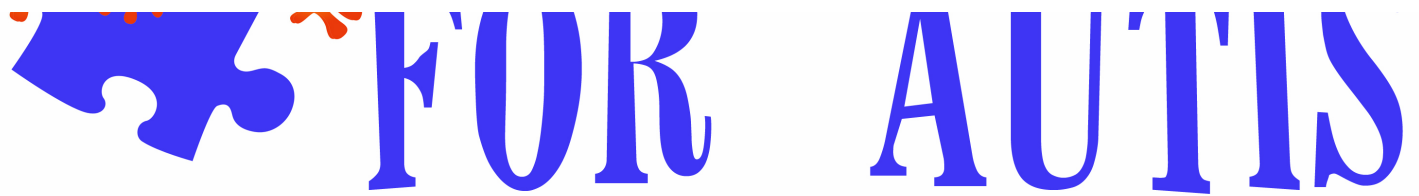
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You helped us reach our goal!

Last month, we got so excited and told you all about our [Leaps for Autism walkathon](#). So happy to see you were excited too! With your help, we raised close to \$10,000 for kids on the spectrum and their families and community! We bow to our sponsors: [Monograms&More](#), [ALTUS Infusion](#), [Charity the Clown](#), [Blue Coast Technologies](#), [Parks Behavior Therapy](#) and [UnitedHealthcare Community Plan](#) and say THANK YOU! But we couldn't have done it without our amazing community and for that, we are truly grateful. Go Fro





What else have we been up to?

Glad you asked!

- We've partnered with local children's book author, Mr. Bruce Van Alstyne to do some spring reading for a good cause! The Sweet Adventures of Henry P Twist is a fantastic read for all ages! And guess what? Half of the proceeds get donated to your local Easter Seals to help kiddos with different abilities. We love it when people come together to help our patients, but when they get on local news about us, that makes us even happier! You can watch Mr. Van Alstyne [here!](#)
- Have you cooked with us yet? Thanks to [Superior HealthPlan](#) and their generous \$5,000 grant, we've partnered with our local [Cook'n Grow](#) program to offer cooking classes to our patients and the community. Sure, we think self-sufficiency skills, day-to-day activities, following instructions, etc, but we know how much CUTENESS OVERLOAD - aprons, hats, little chefs in training. If you haven't stirred any pots, you may register for a cooking class [here.](#)

Question of the month: what's happening with the Autism program at BVRC?

Due to staff moving in and out of state, we've had to hit the pause button in the Autism program. Is that all by no means! We've reached out to the community and had some really good conversations with other professionals and stakeholders in an effort to resume services as soon as we can. In the meantime, we're still serving children on the spectrum through our Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy programs. We'll keep you posted.

Cool Kid of the Month (drum roll please..)

...is **Dr Carol Binzer, Chairwoman of our Board of Directors.** Carol has been serving on our Board since 2008, but when she is not out playing with us, she is the Director of Administrative & Support Services in the Department of Residence Life at Texas A&M University. Carol made possible our Hill Hopper bike ride which raised \$4,000 in support of our services. Carol made sure we had everything in place for a successful ride: permits, insurance, police, EMS, t-shirts, volunteers, etc and for that, we are so grateful. We like to send a high-five to Carol [here's her e-mail address.](#)



- Director of Administrative & Support Services, Department of Residence Life, Texas A&M University
- Board service since 2008-Brazos Valley Rehab Center
- College Station Noon Lions Club member since 2006
- United Way Board of Directors member 2009-2012
- St. Mary's Catholic Student Center Parish member 2002-present

You're invited to..

The 8th edition of **Power of the Purse** - May 19th 2017, at the Hilton Hotel in College Station, **st pm. Power of the Purse** is our signature annual fundraising event benefiting Brazos Valley Re Center. Catered to those with a passion for fashion, **Power of the Purse** hosts a designer handb: While typically a ladies' night, men have also been seen to have a great time! So come classy and support kiddos with disabilities get the therapies they need!

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us!

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