

## Team Tyler Kindness Challenge: A Fundraiser Benefiting POAC Autism Services

Our family is participating in the POAC Autism Services Walk for a Difference at ShoreTown BallPark (Jersey Shore BlueClaws) on Sunday May 18th. In preparation for the walk and as a way to involve the MES Community, we created a local fundraiser to be completed in the month of April, Autism Acceptance Month. This is a simple activity to be done at your own pace that encourages kindness and involves visiting some places in and around town.

If you would like to participate in the local fundraiser, please Venmo Tyler's mom Melissa \$10 for each child who will be completing the Kindness Challenge. In the note please include your child's name and homeroom teacher. Once payment is received, I will transfer your donation to the POAC Team Tyler fundraising page and a paper gameboard will be sent into school for your child to bring home. They will then have from April 1 - April 30 to fill in their gameboard.

To finish the gameboard, students will complete ten acts of kindness and visit five local businesses. You can mark off the acts of kindness yourself, but each business has a sticker unique to their location. If you cannot get to one of the businesses yourself, it is ok to send someone else with the gameboard in your place to get the sticker. The completed board must be dropped off at the Salty Whale by Wednesday April 30 in order to receive your prize.



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Please note, there are 100 prizes available, so once 100 Manasquan Elementary School students have signed up the registration will close.

Thank you for your consideration. Please see reverse side to learn more about POAC and why it is important to us, our sponsors, and other ways to get involved with Team Tyler.



Sincerely,
The Freeman Family

Questions?

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## Why We Walk

We are participating in the POAC Autism Services' Walk for a Difference for the second year now to bring acceptance and support to children and adults with autism. Last year we raised \$3,797 and this year we hope to raise even more. Personally, our family has benefited from membership in POAC because their events are safe, welcoming environments where children like Tyler can be themselves in a non-judgmental setting.



POAC provides hundreds of events for the autism community including training for parents and educators, recreational and support services to individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families, and very importantly: trainings for police and first responders which have saved the lives of children/adults with autism throughout the state.



## Another Way to Help

In addition to The Kindness Challenge, you can support Tyler and others with Autism by going to the Team Tyler page:

• Scan the QR code. From there you can share our page with your family and friends, donate, and join Team Tyler to help raise money and/or walk with us!



Team Tyler Page

## A Huge Thank You!

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the below businesses and organization whose contributions have allowed us to obtain materials and prizes for the Team Tyler Kindness







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We also want to thank Kindness Cafe, BookTowne, Katherine's, Quinnderella's Toys, and The Salty Whale and Guesthouse for their participation as the five stops along The Kindness Challenge gameboard! Also, a big thank you to Leigh Mallin for all her help!