

CELEBRATING 11 YEARS OF IMPACT, COMMUNITY, AND COURAGE TOGETHER

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2027 | 10AM - 4PM

Skydive the Ranch, Gardiner, NY

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Dear Participant,

Thank you for saying yes!

By registering for our **11th Annual Leap for Autism**, you have made the intentional decision to stand with individuals we support and their families. Your willingness to fundraise, show up, and quite literally take a leap speaks volumes.

This year marks our 10th Anniversary, a decade of courage, community, and collective impact. What began as a bold idea has grown into a powerful movement. Because of participants like you, funds raised through Leap strengthen Greystone's residential, day, and community-based services. Your effort helps ensure individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities have access to the supports they need to live full, meaningful lives.

As a participant, you are now a Champion for Autism. Whether you are skydiving tandem or rallying support in your own way, your role matters. Every dollar raised extends opportunity, stability, and dignity to the individuals we support.

Inside this packet, you will find everything you need to prepare for event day, including fundraising tips, FAQs, and important logistics. Our team is here to support you every step of the way. If you have questions or need assistance in reaching your fundraising goal, please reach out to us at **development@greystoneprograms.org**.

We are honored to have you with us for this milestone year. Together, we are not just taking a leap, we are building a stronger, more inclusive community.

With sincere appreciation,

Skip Pryce
Chief Executive Officer



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Take the leap for an unforgettable experience while supporting Greystone Programs and the individuals we support.

Leap for Autism is a signature fundraising event benefiting children, adults, and families living with autism and other developmental disabilities. Funds raised strengthen Greystone's residential, day, and community-based services, helping individuals live full, meaningful lives in the communities they call home.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

(MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE)

1 Register

- Sign up online and secure your spot
  - Choose to LEAP or Support From the Ground
- Create your personal fundraising page

2 Fundraise

- Set your fundraising goal
- Share your page with friends, family, and colleagues

3 Take the LEAP (Tandem Skydive) or Support the Day

- Experience the thrill of a tandem skydive

Raise $500 per person

- Includes a Tandem Skydive Experience
- Event T-shirt and Event Medal
- 1 Lunch and 1 Beverage Voucher

Raise $1,000 per person

- Includes a Tandem Skydive Experience
- Event T-shirt and Event Medal
- 1 Lunch and 1 Beverage Vouchers
- Video of your Tandem Skydive Experience

Raise $1,500 per person

- Includes a Tandem Skydive Experience
- Event T-shirt and Event Medal
- 1 Lunch and 2 Beverage Vouchers
- Video of your Tandem Skydive Experience
- $100 Amazon Giftcard

SCAN ME

REGISTER TODAY!

For more information, please contact
development@greystoneprograms.org

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Event Checklist

What to expect on Event Day

- ✔️ Safety briefing and training
- ✔️ Tandem or virtual experience
- ✔️ Viewing area for family and friends
- ✔️ Food trucks and beverages available
- ✔️ Celebration and recognition

What to Bring

- ✔️ Photo ID
- ✔️ Comfortable clothing and sneakers
- ✔️ Sunscreen
- ✔️ Lawn chair (limited seating available)
- ✔️ Positive attitude



Event Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is Leap for Autism and what do the proceeds support?
A: Leap for Autism is Greystone Programs' community fundraiser event that is open to all. Whether a tandem or virtual skydiver, you can be a Champion for Autism and raise awareness for autism and other developmental disabilities. Your contribution will support Greystone's programs and the individuals we support.

Q: What is peer-to-peer fundraising?
A: Peer-to-peer fundraising allows you to create a personal campaign page and share your fundraising goal with friends, family, and colleagues.

Q: Is there a minimum fundraising requirement to participate?
A: Yes. The minimum is $500 for tandem skydivers..

Q: What is a tandem skydive?
A: A tandem skydive pairs you securely with a trained professional who guides you through the experience, starting at approximately 13,500 feet.

Q: What are incentives?
A: Incentives are our way of thanking you for exceeding fundraising goals. Please visit the registration page for details.

Q: Are there any deadlines?
A: Yes, minimum fundraising levels must be met by **April 30**. Fundraising may continue beyond this date. If you need a short extension or additional support in reaching your goal, please contact us at development@greystoneprograms.org.

Q: Are there any restrictions to participate?
A: Yes, tandem skydivers must be 18 and older, and there is a weight restriction of 225lbs, more information can be found at www.SkydivetheRanch.com or call the ranch directly with details 845-255-4033 (there may be exceptions depending on your physical conditions.)

Event Frequently Asked Questions cont.

Q: What happens if I raise funds, meet my minimum qualifications and cannot attend the day of?
A: Fear not! Arrangements will be made for you to participate at a later date.

Q: How much time should I allocate for my tandem skydive from start to finish?
A: Plan to celebrate the day with us. We encourage you to allow at least four hours for your experience. If you need special scheduling accommodations, please contact us at development@greystoneprograms.org.

Q: Is there an area for my family and friends to watch?
A: Absolutely. Seating is limited, so attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair and make themselves comfortable.

Q: Are refreshments served and is there seating?
A: Yes, there will be food trucks, adult beverages, and more for everyone to enjoy.

Q: What happens in the event of inclement weather?
A: The event will be canceled, and participants will be issued a gift voucher for a tandem skydive at Skydive the Ranch.

Q: How will I know if the event is canceled?
A: We will communicate by email and through Greystone Programs' Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages, and a recorded message will be on our main number (845) 452-5772, the morning of the event.

Q: Is the event Family Friendly?
A: Yes, the event is family-friendly. Trained service animals are welcome. For everyone's safety and comfort, please leave pets and non-service animals at home.



Fundraising Toolkit

This toolkit is designed to make fundraising simple, effective, and rewarding.

Your Fundraising Goal

Tandem Skydiver Minimum: $500
Stretch Goal: $1,000+

Remember, every dollar raised expands opportunity and access for individuals with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities.

3 Simple Steps to Fundraise Successfully

1 Personalize Your Page

- Add a photo
- Share why you are participating
- Set a clear goal
- Thank donors publicly when possible

People give to people, not just causes.

2 Share Your Story

Tell supporters:

- Why this matters to you
- Why you chose Greystone
- How their gift will help

Authenticity is your greatest fundraising tool.

3 Ask Early and Often

Do not wait. Most participants reach their goals by asking multiple times in different ways.

Use:

✔ Email
✔ Text messages
✔ Social media
✔ In-person conversations

Easy Ways to Boost Your Fundraising

✔ Start with close friends and family
✔ Ask 3 to 5 people per week
✔ Share progress updates
✔ Thank donors publicly
✔ Ask for matching gifts at work
✔ Set mini-goals ($100, $250, $500)

Fundraising Toolkit cont.

Email / Text Message

Hi **[Name]**,

I'm participating in Greystone Programs' Leap for Autism to support individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities. I'm working to raise **$[goal]**, and I would be grateful for your support.

Every donation makes a difference. Thank you for helping me take this leap for a great cause.
[Link to your page]

With gratitude,
[Your Name]

Email / Text Message

Hi **[Name]**,

This year I'm participating in Greystone Programs' Leap for Autism, and I'm stepping outside my comfort zone to raise funds for individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities.

I've committed to raising **$[goal]**, and I would truly appreciate your support. Every donation helps strengthen residential, day, and community-based services that provide stability, opportunity, and dignity.

If you're able, please consider making a gift and sharing my page.

Thank you for supporting something that truly matters.

[Link to fundraising page]

Email / Text Message

Hi **[Name]**,

I'm reaching out because I'm participating in Leap for Autism and working toward a fundraising goal of **$[goal].**

This event supports Greystone Programs and the individuals they support through essential residential and community services. I'm proud to be part of it and would love your help in reaching my goal.

Any amount makes a difference. If 10 people give $50, I'm halfway there.

Thank you for being part of this with me.

Fundraising Toolkit cont.

Social Media Post

I'm taking a leap for autism with Greystone Programs. I'm raising **$[goal]** to support individuals we support and their families.

Please consider donating and sharing. Together, we can make a difference.
[Link]

Social Media Post

I'm taking a leap for autism.

Not just for the thrill, but to support individuals we support at Greystone Programs.
My goal is **$[goal]**, and I need your help to get there. Every dollar counts.

Donate, share, cheer me on.

[Link]

#WhereEveryoneSoars #SupportAutism

Social Media Graphics

Enhance your Leap for Autism posts using free online design tools such as Canva to create event-branded graphics. Customized visuals tied to the event help amplify your message and increase engagement when reaching out to friends, family, and colleagues through email and social media. Be sure to include your fundraising page link, the campaign name, and the official hashtag to make your graphic an even more powerful fundraising tool.

DOWNLOAD READY-MADE LEAP FOR AUTISM GRAPHICS HERE.

Scan QR Code for Graphics

Corporate Matching Gifts

Many employers match charitable donations. Ask your company's HR department if a matching gift program is available. This is an easy way to double your impact.

Need Help Reaching Your Goal?

You are not in this alone. Our team is here to support you.
If you need fundraising ideas, outreach support, or a short extension, please contact us at:
development@greystoneprograms.org.

Date:

Dear Supporter,

I am writing to share that I am participating in 11th Annual LEAP for Autism, a signature fundraising event benefiting Greystone Programs. This unique event combines skydiving and community engagement to raise awareness and critical funds for individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities.

Greystone Programs provides essential residential, day, employment, and therapeutic services that empower individuals to live meaningful and independent lives. Through LEAP for Autism, participants raise funds that directly support these life-enriching programs and services.

I have committed to raising **$500.00** to support this important mission. Your contribution, at any level, will help ensure continued access to high-quality care, support, and opportunities for the individuals and families served by Greystone Programs.

Your generosity will make a real difference in strengthening our community and improving lives.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Name: _____

Contact Information: _____

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