

4RD ANNUAL FUNDRAISER DINNER GALA

"There is no better investment of time and money than in the life of a child. **They are the future...**"

THE AUTISM HERO PROJECT PRESENTS:

the 19th Hole GALA

BUILD THE FUTURE BY INVESTING IN THE PRESENT

SEPTEMBER 25TH
5:30 PM

THE HAWK COUNTRY CLUB:
5N748 Burr Rd, St. Charles, IL 60175



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Letter From **Our President**

Not all HEROES wear capes. Actually, all the heroes I know don't wear capes. They wear titles like sponsor, volunteer, donor, philanthropist, partner, book sister and friend. The success of The Autism Hero Project is only possible because of the kindness and generosity of people like you who are intentional about your time, talent and resources. And I know it's cliché but it really does take a village to raise a child. Just try to imagine, you have a child and all you want to do is give them a fighting chance in life but you literally can't, then a group of heroes that you don't even know show up! You are a HERO for showing up today and this is why we want to celebrate you, celebrate us and more importantly we want to help as many children in the process. Because you see there's this boy that I absolutely adore. He stole my heart when he entered this world 11 years ago and I would do anything for him even if that means changing the world so that he can fit in just the way he is. He is my heart, my soul, my why, my everything. He is the genesis behind The Autism Hero Project and he is **LEGEND**.

Tamika Lecheé Morales
#LaPresidenta

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Letter From **Our Vice-President**

Thank you for attending our 4th Annual Gala. We are so excited to have you here. In 2019, I was honored to be named the first ever *Philanthropist HERO of the Year*. In April 2020, I joined the board as Vice-President and can't believe how much we've accomplished in a short time. I am a mom to a beautiful six-year-old boy with autism and because of his special needs I moved to Saint Charles to ensure that he could be in a school district that could support all of his needs. So it is extra special that we are having the gala back in the community I grew up in and now live in. Ever since my husband and I attended AHP's very first gala we signed up as monthly donors. We have witnessed the great strides and progress that our own son has made and know first-hand the benefits of early intervention and therapy.

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support, donations, volunteer time and for being part of our village! We would not be able to provide medical insurance to so many families without you!

Jaime Clark
#SecondInCommand

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Schedule of Events

- 5:30 PM** Registration, Networking, Drinks & Cocktails
"Putt For A Purpose" on the putting green
Cigar Demonstration by "Puros Birriel"
Silent Auction bidding and Raffle Ticket Sales commence
- 6:50 PM** Welcome Remarks by Master of Ceremony **Hugo Morales**
Introduction of the **Board of Directors**
Sponsor Recognition
- 7:00 PM** **Dinner**
- 7:30 PM** Program & **Award Ceremony**
- 7:45 PM** Coffee and Dessert
- 8:00 PM** **DeJa Vu Band**, Dancing, Drinks & Cocktails
- 9:15 PM** **Raffle & Silent Auction Close.** Winners will be contacted immediately via text or call.



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About The Autism Hero Project

The Autism Hero Project (AHP) is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to “Preparing Kids with Autism for the World and Preparing the World for Them.” AHP is the financial bridge for children on the autism spectrum that are uninsured or underinsured, preventing them from accessing the therapies they need to thrive and strive in life including Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapy so that they can reach their full potential.

In addition, to purchasing medical insurance for children, The Autism Hero Project creates more than just Autism Awareness & Acceptance. AHP is intentional about creating a WORLD of Inclusion because it is NOT enough to just be aware about autism if it doesn't activate you to be an agent of change. We want to encourage you to be a part of the VILLAGE.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Tamika Lecheé Morales

Vice President – Jaime Clark

Treasurer – Angelica Silva - Roque



GALA VOLUNTEER HEROES

Edyta Agignoae, Aylin Ayala, Mary Jane Battaglia, Leonor Gil, Juan Graciani, Christina Hernandez, Maddy Hernandez, Berta Johnson, Hugo Morales, Marisa Munoz, Jeanette Miranda, Kristen Powell, Felix Sanchez, Sandee Thomas & Patty Villa

#THEVILLAGE



Dad to Sebastian and Maximillian (**The Legendary Kid**), volunteer to AHP, life coach and mentor to the youth at the Boys & Girls Club, a life in sales, loves the Patriots and arm candy to Tamika.

HUGO MORALES

Master of Ceremony

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Tech Legacy Award



BARBARA HERNANDEZ
State Representative

Tech Legacy Award



SENATOR KARINA VILLA

Tech HERO Award



ENRIQUE MENDOZA
Founder of Ollin Technology

The Angel Award



MARY JANE BATTAGLIA A.K.A.
#AbuelaShero

Photographers & Videographer:

Edyta Agignocae, Juan Graciani and Felix Sanchez

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



JUAN M. GRACIANI SR



Juan M. Graciani Sr. is the youngest of four. He grew up in and around Humboldt Park and now owns a property there. Juan has been in the financial world of banking for nearly two decades and five years ago he added life Insurance broker to his list of trades.

Juan is happily married to his beautiful wife, Julissa and together they have five beautiful children, Naima, Juan Manuel Jr., Jarilisse, Jeriah and Jonah. With Jupiter Max, their Goldendoodle, their beautifully blended family is complete.

Juan has two children on the Autism Spectrum and the youngest is non-verbal. Juan and his wife are the temporary VOICE for Jonah because by the Power of Our Living God, they know that the day will come when he WILL SPEAK. Juan has a passion for photography and has a new passion as an Autism Advocate, bringing "Awareness" for those who are not informed and bringing "Acceptance" for those who are. Juan is currently the President of his Local School Council, and has a goal to increase awareness and acceptance for families in the community. Juan is a panel participant in "*Latinas United in Love for Autism (LULA) - Meet the Poppas*". Juan and his wife have also recently become members of the Illinois Parents Advisory Council.

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Key Autism Services
Unlocking Your Child's Potential

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FAMOUS AUTISTICS

Elon Musk (Founder, CEO and chief engineer at Tesla and SpaceX)

Satoshi Tajiri (Creator of Pokémon)

Issac Newton (Teacher)*

Wentworth Miller (Actor, Prison Break)

Dan Aykroyd (Comedian, SNL)

Daryl Hannah (Actor, Splash)

Anthony Hopkins (Actor, Silence of the Lambs)

Courtney Love (Singer)

Sir Isaac Newton (Mathematician, Astronomer, & Physicist)*

Dan Harmon (Writer, Actor, Producer and Comedian)

Chris Fischer (Chef, Married to comedian Amy Schumer)

Susan Boyle (Singer, AGT)

Kodi Lee (Singer, AGT)

Temple Grandin (Scientist and animal behaviorist,) HBO Movie

Michelangelo (Sculptor, painter, architect, poet)*

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#BeautifullyAutistic



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