



PREMIER IN THE COMMUNITY

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Autism Awareness

Nearly a quarter century ago, the Autism Society launched a nationwide effort to promote autism awareness, inclusion and self-determination for all and to assure that each person with ASD is provided the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life. The Autism Awareness Puzzle Ribbon is the most recognized symbol of the autism community in the world. Autism prevalence is now one in every 68 children in America and one percent of the world's population.

Autism is known as a complex developmental disability. Experts believe that Autism presents itself during the first three years of a person's life. The condition is the result of a neurological disorder that has an effect on normal brain function, affecting development of the person's communication and social interaction skills. People with autism have issues with non-verbal communication, a wide range of social interactions, and activities that include an element of play and/or banter.

ASD stands for **Autism Spectrum Disorder** and can sometimes be referred to as **Autistic Spectrum Disorder**. A person with ASD will typically prefer to stick to a set of behaviors and will resist any major (and many minor) changes to daily activities. Autism (or ASD) is a wide-spectrum disorder. This means that no two people with autism will have exactly the same symptoms.

Beach Cleanup

A big thank you to all who came out to the beach cleanup this past weekend. We had a great turnout for this amazing event. 21 Premier employees and their families attended.

Gumbo Limbo 10K

Gumbo Limbo works together with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to protect the area's sea turtles. Since the 1980's, the Boca Raton Sea Turtle Conservation and Research Program at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center has a Marine Conservationist and Marine Turtle Specialists that monitor, record, and study the sea turtle activity on the five miles of Boca Raton's city beach. This group also deals with reports of dead or injured turtles from the Boynton Beach Inlet to the Boca Raton/Deerfield Beach border.

The Gumbo Limbo 10K, which helps to raise money for the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. Volunteers from the local community significantly assist in the operation of this center and its events. Gumbo Limbo is best known for its involvement with protecting the area's sea turtles. The beaches of South Florida serve as a nesting habitat for the loggerhead, green, and leatherback sea turtles.

This event will take place on Sunday, April 14. Please feel free to sign up at: <https://runsignup.com/race/fl/bocaraton/gumbolimbo10k>



ABOUT PREMIER EYE CARE

Premier's People, Planet, Profit triple bottom line means we are dedicated to helping the community. Contributions to 501(c)(3) charities since 2012 have topped \$600,000 and include diverse groups like the American Heart Assoc., the Drug Abuse Treatment Assoc., the Girl Scouts, Kenya Rescue, Tampa Crisis Center, Preserve Vision Florida, and more. Stay tuned for company-wide opportunities.



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