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The City of Opa-locka and the South Florida School of Excellence Announce the Second Annual 2023 Autism Support Walk

REGULAR & SPECIAL EDUCATION - GIFTED & AUTISM CENTER / PRE-K3 TO 12TH GRADE

SOUTH FLORIDA SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

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2023
Autism
SUPPORT WALK

Starting point begins at the Opa-locka City Hall, destination to Sherbondy Park.

9:00AM Ceremony | 9:30AM WALK Begins | 10:00AM - 1:00PM Fun in the Park

SCAN ME

\$20 Includes T-Shirt, Wristband & Lunch with Soft Drink. **PLUS** Slide & Climb too! Funds go toward supporting the **AUTISM PROGRAMS** at **SOUTH FLORIDA SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE**.

THURSDAY MAY 18

Rock Climbing
Double Lane Dry Slide

Pay CASH at SFSE School or CREDIT at the QR Code, and you can DONATE more if you would like.

OPA-LOCKA, Fla. - May 12, 2023 - The City of Opa-locka and the South Florida School of Excellence are pleased to announce the second annual 2023 Autism Support Walk. The event, created to raise awareness and support for individuals and families affected by autism, will take place on Thursday, May 18th at the Opa-locka Government Center located at 780 Fisherman Street, Opa-locka, FL 33054.



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Opening remarks from city officials and staff of the South Florida School of Excellence will begin at 9 a.m., with the walk happening directly after at 9:30 a.m., which will lead participants on a short route that ends at the centrally located Sherbondy Park.

Participants and spectators will then be welcomed to enjoy a band performance and fun in the park from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., which will feature rock climbing, slides, and several vendors including Universal Medical Clinic, Florida Department of Education, Opa-locka Police Department, and others.

The suggested donation for the event is \$20.00, which includes a commemorative t-shirt, wristband, and lunch. All proceeds will go toward supporting the South Florida School of Excellence's autism programs and other related resources.

For more information or to sign up for the event, please register to the EventBrite link [available here](#), or by scanning the QR code in the advertisement located above.

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About the City of Opa-locka

The City of Opa-locka is one of Miami-Dade County's oldest and most unique historic cities rich in architecture, industry, and culture. Boasting a diverse residential and business community that stretches 4.5 square miles in size and with a population of over 16,500, Opa-locka is strategically positioned as a central hub of South Florida, with access to all major transportation corridors, including the neighboring Opa-locka Executive and Miami International Airports, as well as higher education institutions, including the universities of St. Thomas, Florida Memorial, Barry, and Miami-Dade College. Founded on May 14, 1926 by American aviator Glenn Hammond Curtiss, who earned the nickname "The Father of Naval Aviation," Opa-locka has been awarded designations which include being a Main Street America community, Tree City USA, a Bird Sanctuary City and is also a member of the Florida League of Cities (FLC). Additionally, the city has four parks, a Tri-Rail station connecting to the larger public transit system, and the largest collection of historic Moorish Revival architecture in the country.

For more information, please visit: www.opalockafl.gov.



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About the South Florida School of Excellence

South Florida School Of Excellence - General & Special Education - Gifted & Autism Center is the first state of Florida clinical/educational school designed as a private school for grades Pre-K 3 through 12th grades. We are the first private school to host an Autism Support Walk for children and adults with disabilities. The school offered an accredited curriculum to all grades likewise: Odysseyware, Edgenuity, Unique Learning System, State assessment IOWA and i-Ready Math and Reading. All students are offered their personal chromebooks, headphones and communication tablets. The school provides well structured, academically focused classes with high rigor curricula for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), Project Based Learning (PBL) and Community Based Learning (CBL) skills for college readiness. Instructions offer a unique combination of the personalized curriculum from highly qualified special needs instructors and assistive therapies from certified contracted professionals to comprehensively serve the intellectual, physical, and emotional needs of every general and special needs student. For more information please visit www.sfschoolofexcellence.com.

Editor's Note: Interviews with city and elected officials available on request.