



ability
CONNECTION

SNEAKERS & SPARKLE

A night for every ability!

FEATURING

EMERALD CITY BAND

Dinner, Program, and Dancing
Thursday, September 11, 2025
Frontiers of Flight Museum 6:30-9:30 PM

ABOUT US

Mission

Established in 1953, Ability Connection is a 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to serving over 1,000 Texans with diverse intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Services and Programs

- Comprehensive Nursing Services
- Therapies
- Residential Services
- Case Management
- Medical Care
- Training Center
- Host Home Services
- Family Resource Information

COMPASSION-RESPECT-RESULTS



Many of our members have complex and chronic health conditions that require long-term assistance and support.



OVER 160,000
TEXANS ON THE
WAITING LIST FOR
LONG-TERM SERVICES

Some
long-term
services
require a
16-year
waiting
period

Funding from the government
hasn't matched the growing
need and cost of important
programs and services.

Where would
our members be
without us?

Many would have nowhere to go,
especially those whose disabilities
impact their lives most significantly.



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Government is
not the solution - You are.

SPONSORSHIPS

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration in becoming a valued
Sponsor of Ability Connection's 2025 Fall Gala,
Sneakers & Sparkle, A Night for Every Ability!

All of our generous Sponsors will receive special recognition with name
and/or logo prominently displayed on all event promotional materials,
signage, the website, and in social media.

Connection Builder \$45,000

Where would our members be without us? We offer a vast
array of essential programs and services to more than 1,000
Texans with disabilities.

- o One VIP Guest table
- o One First "CLASS" table of 8
- o Classroom Naming Opportunity
- o 16 Raffle Tickets

Ability Ambassador \$25,000

Our Community Living Assistance & Support Services
(CLASS) provides case management for our members to live
full lives as independently as possible, at home and in the
community.

- o Two First "CLASS" tables of 8
- o Therapy Sponsor Recognition
- o 12 Raffle Tickets

Group Home Champion \$10,000

We own and operate four residential group homes,
lovingly serving 16 of our members in nurturing, family
environments.

- o One First "CLASS" table of 8
- o Thank You Gift Sponsor Recognition
- o 4 Raffle Tickets

C.O.R.E. Partner \$5,000

Our C.O.R.E. (Communication, Organization,
Responsibility, Empathy) Skills labs offer youth the
chance to learn and practice fundamental skills and
strategies.

- o One First "CLASS" table of 8

Empowerment Emissary \$35,000

Ability Connection empowers individuals to live the best life
possible by removing barriers that inhibit independence and
autonomy through Compassion, Respect, and Results.

- o Two First "CLASS" tables of 8
- o Welcome Message Sponsor
- o 16 Raffle Tickets

Nursing Services Supporter \$15,000

Our nurses care for more than 200 members in our community
and in our Training Center daily. They provide medical
assessment, family resources, and much more to our medically
fragile population.

- o One First "CLASS" table of 8
- o Nursing Services Sponsor Recognition
- o 8 Raffle Tickets

Accessibility Advocate \$7,500

The Individualized Skills and Socialization (ISS)
certified Training Center provides a learning and
growth environment to our adult members and the
dedicated staff who care for them.

- o One First "CLASS" table of 8
- o Valet and Paratransit Sponsor Recognition
- o 4 Raffle Tickets

Member & Family Sponsor \$2,500

Sponsor attendance for members and families to attend.

- o 8 Reservations for Members and Families

Single reservations available at \$200 each
Table of 8 available at \$1,500 each

Choose to leave a legacy at Ability Connection.
Ask us about other Naming Opportunities at the Training Center!



For additional information, please contact Jennifer Rotter at
development@abilityconnection.org or 214.351.2500.



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Sponsors may bundle packages, and all packages are tax deductible.
All opportunities are presented on a first come, first served basis, and are subject to change.
Please return this form to Jennifer Rotter, development@abilityconnection.org.

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

I/We commit to sponsor Ability Connection's Sneakers & Sparkle at the following level:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$45,000 - Connection Builder | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 - Group Home Champion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35,000 - Empowerment Emissary | <input type="checkbox"/> \$7,500 - Accessibility Advocate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000 - Ability Ambassador | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 - C.O.R.E. Partner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000 - Nursing Services Supporter | <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 - Member & Family Sponsor |

I/We would like to purchase tickets for Ability Connection's Sneakers & Sparkle:

_____ number of reservations at \$200 per person
_____ table of 8 at \$1,500 each

I/We are unable to attend this year but would like to make the following donation:

☐ \$2,500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 Other: _____

Method of Payment

☐ Check ☐ Credit Card

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

CVV: _____ Name as it appears on card: _____

Signature: _____

This document is a binding contract between Ability Connection and the bearer of this signature.

Contributions are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

Ability Connection is a 501(c)(3) organization, tax identification number 75-0875525.

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IN-KIND DONATIONS

Thank you for supporting Ability Connection and our mission of enriching the lives of people with disabilities...one person at a time. All proceeds from Sneakers & Sparkle will directly support Ability Connection's programs and services.

Donor Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Package Description: _____

Estimated Retail Value: _____

Any Package Restrictions: _____

If item has an expiration date, please indicate: _____

Certificate: ☐ Enclosed ☐ Ability Connection to create certificate

Item: ☐ Enclosed ☐ Ability Connection to pick up

☐ Donor will deliver by: _____

Please print or type your name/organization EXACTLY as it should appear in printed materials.

The undersigned does hereby give and donate to Ability Connection as a charitable contribution, and Ability Connection does hereby accept all right, title, and interest in and to the property described. Ability Connection is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, tax identification number 75-0875525.

Authorized Signature of Donor or Staff Member

Date

Contact Jennifer Rotter, development@abilityconnection.org, for additional information or assistance.

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A LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Friends,

We are thrilled to announce this year's fall fundraising event for Ability Connection, Sneakers & Sparkle, A Night for Every Ability, featuring Emerald City Band! What a night to celebrate this amazing organization and its members! Founded in 1953, Ability Connection continues to enrich the lives of thousands of adults and children with disabilities, providing essential care, nursing, training, and residential services.

Ability Connection sets itself apart from other agencies by caring for many people whose disability is most significant and those who could not, or would not, be served by other organizations. Where would those members be without our services and support? Many would have nowhere to go.

With costs continuing to rise, your financial support is vital to fund these critical programs and services. State contract funding does not sufficiently cover expenses, and government is not the answer. Together, we can help serve this often-overlooked population.

Enclosed are the 2025 Sneakers & Sparkle Sponsorship Opportunities, along with additional information about Ability Connection and the important work done each and every day. There is an opportunity just right for you! We look forward to this special evening and hope you will choose to be a part of the celebration!

Thank you for your generous consideration and support.

With deepest gratitude,

Ability Connection Board of Directors

