

# 11th Annual

## YOUTH HOCKEY FIGHTS FOR KIDS WITH AUTISM

**Saturday, February 11, 2023**  
**10 am - 7:30 pm**

**Followed by the WMU Stallions vs  
EMU Eagles at 8:15 pm**

The South Central High School Hockey League (SCHSHL) and the Kalamazoo Optimist Hockey Association are once again partnering with Great Lakes Center for Autism Treatment and Research (GLC) to host the 11th annual Youth Hockey Fights for Kids with Autism event to raise funds for autism treatment and build autism awareness for our community.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Great Lakes Center for Autism Treatment and Research whose mission is to partner with individuals and families affected by autism to improve their quality of life through effective and efficient diagnosis, assessment, and behaviorally-based treatment.



### **Sponsorship Opportunities are Available!**

Information requests and inquiries can be sent to:  
**[Hockeyfightsforautism@gmail.com](mailto:Hockeyfightsforautism@gmail.com)**

## Did You Know?

- Approximately 1 in 44 children in the U.S. is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder
- Most children are still being diagnosed after age 4, though autism can be reliably diagnosed as early as age 2
- Autism affects all ethnic and socioeconomic groups
- Minority groups tend to be diagnosed later and less often
- Early intervention affords the best opportunity to support healthy development and deliver benefits across the lifespan
- Over the last two decades, extensive research has asked whether there is any link between childhood vaccinations and autism.

**The results of this research are clear: vaccines do not cause autism**

**Your support will greatly impact individuals with autism and their families**

