



It's time for An Evening for Autism

The second annual event, which takes place in Newport Beach, aims to expand programs for children with autism.

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Barry Saywitz, president of [The Saywitz Co.](#), whose four-year-old son lives with the disease, is the brains behind [An Evening for Autism](#).

Proceeds from ticket sales and the silent and live auction will go toward [Easter Seals](#), a nonprofit based in Illinois, [Talk About Curing Autism](#) in Costa Mesa, the [Newport Mesa School District](#) and [Autism Society of America](#) to raise funds that will provide in-school and after-school services for children with special needs. Each organization will receive 25 percent of the total.

Saywitz hopes to raise more than \$250,000 and expects more than 500 guests at the event, which will be held at his Newport Beach home on Saturday.

The tropical-themed event will feature food tastings from Orange County restaurants such as [Tommy Bahama's Island Grill](#), [The Beach Pit BBQ](#) and [Newport Rib Co.](#); three live bands; and hostesses from the Miss California Beauty Pageant and San Diego Charger Cheerleaders.

Tickets cost \$150 and come with a 10 percent discount at the Tommy Bahama retailer in Corona del Mar or at Tommy Bahama's Island Grill.

