



Village of Lake in the Hills News Release

600 Harvest Gate
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156

(847) 960-7400
Fax: (847) 960-7415
www.lith.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: February 14, 2025

Department: Administration

Contact Name: Trevor Bosack, Assistant Village Administrator

Phone Number: 847-960-7412

The Place for Children with Autism Named 2024 Gordon Larsen Business of the Year

Lake in the Hills, IL—The Village of Lake in the Hills is proud to announce The Place for Children with Autism as the recipient of the 2024 Gordon Larsen Business of the Year Award. The award was presented to representatives of the organization at the February 13, 2025, Village Board Meeting in recognition of their exceptional contributions to the community.

This year, the Village celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Awards. To honor this milestone, the Village changed the format to recognize a single “Business of the Year” from six nominated businesses as follows:

- **Costco** – Major Employer & Facility Investment
- **Ziegler’s Ace Hardware** – Longevity in the Community
- **The Annex Restaurant & Lounge** – New Business
- **Lucas Orthodontics** – Community Choice
- **The Place for Children with Autism** – Community Partner

Nearly 500 votes from the community helped determine The Place for Children with Autism as this year's winner. The organization’s efforts to create inclusive experiences for families of all abilities have had a profound impact on the Village. In 2024, they participated in numerous events, including Family Bingo, Unplug LITH, and the Summer Sunset Festival, where they provided sensory-friendly activity tables, donated prizes, and supported entertainment. They also introduced the Village to the Rockin’ the Spectrum organization, further advancing the Village’s goal of offering inclusive events for everyone.

“The Place for Children with Autism has been an incredible partner, going above and beyond to support our community,” said Village President Ray Bogdanowski. “Their contributions have made a meaningful difference in the lives of so many families, and we are thrilled to honor them with this award.”

For more information about the Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Awards
lith.org/gordonlarsen.

[see attached photos]

###



