Booker Autism Foundation of Learning, Inc. is fortunate to have the support of our wonderful community. You can do your part to help the community by becoming a volunteer (IN, KY, TN)! With volunteering, you become a part of a team of passionate people brought together because they share the same vision of helping a child, teenager or adult —teamwork works!



"We wholeheartedly support the leadership position that the Honorable Bishop Dr. L. Jasmine L. Booker has courageously taken on in the awareness of Autism. We ourselves have friends and family members who have been champions in dealing with the life altering challenges of having a child or loved one who has been diagnosed with Autism. We encourage you to join us. Jasmine. and the countless number of Autistic children and adults in making a world-wide change for a cause that has been neglected much too long. The lack of compassion in our society should never outweigh the amount of love we have for our fellow man. It's never too late to make a difference." (https://www.linkedin.com/in/trisha-mann-grant-85391363/de)

Tony Grant and Trisha Mann-Grant BAFOL, Inc. U.S. Ambassadors

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Who is **BAFOL**?

The Booker Autism Foundation of Learning, Inc. (BAFOL, Inc.) is a premier 501(c) 3 non-profit "Arts as Education" organization that provides opportunities for lifetime support, training and assistance to individuals living day-to-day with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Founded by CEO/Vice President the Honorable Bishop Dr. L. Jasmine L. Booker and co-founded by CFO/President Mr. Christopher C. Booker, Jr. our commitment is to make literary, visual, and performing arts education as a way of life. Because Art transforms individuals and makes a powerful impact on people.

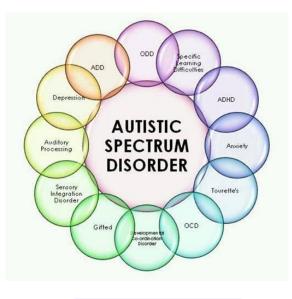
The mission of BAFOL, Inc. is to use the arts, education and research to improve the culture and lifestyle of the ASD individual.







We would like to say, "Thank You" and "God Bless" for your Support of Autism Awareness.



What is ASD?

Autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) are a group of developmental disabilities that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges. People with ASDs handle information in their brain differently than other people. ASDs are "spectrum disorders." That means ASDs affect each person in different ways, and can range from very mild to severe. People with ASDs share some similar symptoms, such as problems with social interaction. But there are differences in when the symptoms start, how severe they are, and the exact nature of the symptoms. ASDs begin before the age of 3 and last throughout a person's life, although symptoms may improve over time. Some children with an ASD show hints of future problems within the first few months of life. In others, symptoms may not show up until 24 months or later. Some children with an ASD seem to develop normally until around 18 to 24 months of age and then they stop gaining new skills, or they lose the skills they once had.

Studies have shown that one third to half of parents of children with an ASD noticed a problem before their child's first birthday, and nearly 80%-90% saw problems by 24 months of age.

We at the Booker Autism Foundation of Learning, Inc. believe that art is an essential part of any thriving community. With paint, instruments, and poetry...young people with Autism-some of which struggle just to communicate verbally-are making a profound statement through "Arts as Education" Initiative. BAFOL. Inc. takes Autism and turns it into an opportunity to honor the extraordinary accomplishments of young artists on the Autistic Spectrum, share their exceptional talent with the public through live performances and exhibits of their work, and inspire young people with autism around the world. Autistic individuals display their communication best through visualizations and gestures. Proving that their inner gifts lie in their difference, not "in spite of, but because of" that they are on the Autistic Spectrum they've been able to make extraordinary accomplishments in life. We have seen the arts lift up the spirits and raise the collective consciousness of the citizens of Kentucky. Our goal is to collaborate with artists and arts organizations around the world in an effort to facilitate mutual support, recognition, and the exchanging of ideas.

College Info. Link:

https://www.collegechoice.net/rankings/bestcolleges-for-students-with-autism

SOME OF OUR GLOBAL SUPPORTERS: YMCA, KROGERS, AMAZON, MEIJERS, WALMART, SAVEALOT, QDOBA, PANDA EXPRESS, ETC.

