

# 2018 UTICA MAYOR'S BENEFIT

# Gala

FOR THE BENEFIT OF  
**THE KELBERMAN CENTER**

SATURDAY APRIL 28TH, 2018 • DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL UTICA

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Dear Friend,

The Mayor's Benefit Gala continues to achieve its mission in enhancing the quality of life for individuals within our community.

This year, my wife Susan has chosen The Kelberman Center as the recipient of the 2018 Mayor's Benefit Gala, to be held on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the newly renovated Doubletree By Hilton Hotel Utica.

The Kelberman Center provides services and support for people affected by autism spectrum disorder throughout the lifespan, from diagnosis and preschool through to adult living.

Research has continually proven that high-quality, early intervention makes a significant impact in changing and improving a child's trajectory and quality of life. Despite this fact, there is a major gap in the availability of appropriate and timely screening as autism can be diagnosed around age 2, yet the average age of diagnosis nationally doesn't occur until years later.

With funding support from the Gala, the Kelberman Center will be able to launch an early intervention screening initiative led by a clinical licensed psychologist through the Kelberman Center Clinic. The program aims to help families with children up to 8 years of age catch early warning signs and then will assist them in accessing appropriate local supports.

We are seeking your support by making a donation or providing an in-kind gift of your trade, to help the Kelberman Center implement this important program. Please see the various sponsorship levels on the attached form. By sponsoring this year's Gala, you will be recognized on all promotional material and event signage.

Please call 315-792-0100 x 3 or visit [www.uticamayorsbenefitgala.com](http://www.uticamayorsbenefitgala.com) for additional information.

We truly thank you for your consideration and continued support!

Sincerely,



Robert M. Palmieri  
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