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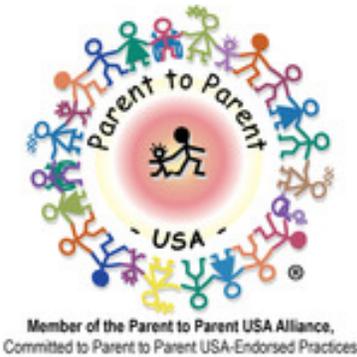
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ASK would like to thank **TRALIAN** for their generous Sponsorship.



Thanks to TRALIAN all ASK staff, board members and volunteers will have access

**Fostering inclusion is at the very core of ASK's Mission. We denounce all forms of racism, bigotry, and intolerance. We remain committed to educating ourselves and those around us and listening closely to the families we serve. We value diversity and equity and vow to continue upholding these values. We stand united in doing our part in helping to remove barriers caused by systemic racial injustice.**

### An ASK Family Story

This young man's dedicated grandmother, Patricia, reached out to ASK after becoming his legal guardian. Patricia's goal for contacting ASK was to ensure she was getting all available resources and support to provide for her grandson's success, safety, and happiness.



ASK staff informed Patricia of her parental rights and provided her with information about special education laws. Patricia explains, her ASK Parent Liaison encouraged her to keep good records and to share specific information with the school. This advice produced positive results. Now, her grandson has appropriate accommodations in school with an IEP in place.

When asked why she would recommend ASK to other caregivers, Patricia stated, "About Special Kids can let you know about resources, legal rights, and steps to take, so you can really help your child."

to **TRALIANTS'** interactive training to address diversity, inclusion, sensitivity and racial bias.



Please consider supporting ASK through the **Kroger Community Rewards Program**. If you shop at Kroger, please sign up! It really helps us to serve more Hoosier families! Click [HERE](#) for more details.

**About Special Kids offers resources for Families for Promoting Diversity and Anti-Racism**



Check out our new Pinterest Board dedicated to this critical topic and more [HERE](#)



About Special Kids is on **Instagram!** Follow us to learn more about ASK.

*ASK breaks down the barriers to service for families of children with special needs and provides for the overall well-being of the family. ASK may focus on the child with special needs, but we ensure the entire family is on a successful path forward. Request contact with an ASK Parent Liaison at (800) 964-4746 or email [familynetw@aboutspeakalkids.org](mailto:familynetw@aboutspeakalkids.org).*

## Please Join About Special Kids for Walking for Dreams Sunday, August 16th



### WANTED - Families to Submit Videos for Our Virtual Walk

Would you like to join ASK and our mission fulfillment? One of our key fundraising events is just weeks away. For the safety of our walkers, families, staff, and sponsors, we will be offering additional safety protocols such as staggered start times. Masks are encouraged, and pets are still welcome! We will also be offering a "Virtual Walk" option for those who prefer to participate virtually.

You can learn more about supporting ASK or about submitting a video to be presented during our virtual walk by contacting our Director of Community Relations, Kathy Berman, at [kathy@aboutspeakalkids.org](mailto:kathy@aboutspeakalkids.org) or by visiting our Walking for Dreams page on our website [HERE](#).

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