



an Authentic Bavarian Harvest Celebration

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

Penguin City Brewing
Youngstown, OH

Guten Tag!

I would like to invite you to participate in a very special event.

On **Saturday, September 19, 2026**, the **Autism Society of Mahoning Valley** will bring back Oktoberfest Youngstown, an authentic Bavarian celebration at **Penguin City Brewing in Downtown Youngstown**. Originally created in 2014, the festival combines live entertainment, authentic German food and beverages, games, contests, cultural traditions, and a Bavarian marketplace - all inspired by the German spirit of *Gemütlichkeit*, a tradition of warmth, friendship, belonging, and togetherness.

The Autism Society of Mahoning Valley is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by autism through advocacy, education, support services, and community connections. Most importantly, every dollar raised through Oktoberfest Youngstown remains right here in the Mahoning Valley to support local programs and services.

Every Youngstown festival's most popular attractions will be our **Basket Raffle and Silent Auction**, and we need your help to make them a success.

We invite you, your business, or your employer to donate an item, gift certificate, themed basket, or unique experience. Popular donations include restaurant gift cards, sports or entertainment tickets, wine or specialty food baskets, home décor, seasonal items, children's toys, artwork, handcrafted goods, electronics, and gift certificates for products or services.

WHY DONATE? Your generosity helps local individuals and families affected by autism while showcasing your business to hundreds of festival attendees. Your donation may also qualify as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes (please consult your tax advisor).

Thank you for considering a donation to help bring this community tradition back while making a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Together, we can celebrate culture, community, and compassion.

Thank you for your consideration. We would be delighted to speak with you and answer any questions you might have. Please give us a call at 330-333-9609. Thank you!

Aundrea Cika Heschmeyer
Board President/Event Chair

Jodi Glass
Executive Director, Autism Society



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BASKET RAFFLE DONATION FORM

Business Donor: _____

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Item information and description: _____

Item Value (Fair Market Value): _____

___ Will deliver ___ Need a volunteer to pick up ___ Cash Donation \$_____ amount

Oktoberfest Solicitor: _____

Please return this signed agreement to

Autism Society of Mahoning Valley, 241 W. Federal St., Suite #411, Youngstown, OH 44503

For more information: call 330-333-9609

For tax purposes: Tax ID 47-5553257

**Thank you for helping us to spread the spirit of *Gemütlichkeit* while
raising funds for a great cause!**