

PARTNER WITH US!



Nathaniel's Hope

3rd Annual

MAKE 'em SMILE

North Carolina

The **BIGGEST** Party
celebrating kids and adults
with special needs... *our VIPs!*

August 29, 2026 | 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Caromont Health Park | Gastonia, NC

Family Entertainment • Games • Characters • Food
Resources Serving the Special Needs Community • **TONS of SMILES!**

What is MAKE 'm SMILE?

MAKE 'm SMILE is the biggest party celebrating kids and adults with special needs, our VIPs! We affectionately call them our VIPs because those with varying abilities are not defined by their disability. We believe that every life has **Value and Incredible Purpose!**

Our MAKE 'm SMILE party started 24 years ago in Orlando, Florida, as a way to remember the birthday of our son Nathaniel, who was born on June 6, 1997, with multiple special needs. He brought our family into the disability community. We experienced the blessings and challenges of caring for a child with complex medical needs for 4½ years, before he had a change of address and relocated to his heavenly home. MAKE 'm SMILE is the way that our family has chosen to celebrate not only his life, but VIPs everywhere!

To our knowledge, MAKE 'm SMILE has become one of the largest gatherings of its kind in the country. Last year in Orlando, we hosted over 3,400 VIP kids and adults, along with their families, and had thousands from the community join with us! Smiles are now spreading across the country with MAKE 'm SMILE now being hosted here in North Carolina, Ohio, Southern California, and Minnesota!

It is only because of the generosity of the community that this party is provided for FREE for our VIP friends and their immediate families.

We would love to invite you to join us for our 3rd Annual MAKE 'm SMILE, to be held on **Saturday, August 29, 2026.**

There are so many ways to get involved! This booklet will provide some details for you, but we would love to answer any additional questions you might have. We cannot MAKE 'm SMILE without your help!

Would you consider helping us MAKE 'm SMILE?

Sharing Hope and Smiles,

Tim + Marie ☺

Tim and Marie Kuck

Co-Founders, Nathaniel's Dad and Mom

Together with the local MAKE 'm SMILE team



JOIN US AS A Sponsor

Partner with us to provide an amazing day for VIPs and receive the following:

	GOLDEN Smile \$2,500+	GRAND Smile \$1,000-2,499	SHINING Smile \$500-\$999	WINNING Smile \$250-\$499	HAPPY Smile \$100-249
Email to Registered Participants with your Logo	●				
Social Media Recognition	●	●			
Logo on T-Shirt	●	●			
Logo on Event Banner	●	●	●		
Logo in Program	●	●	●		
1 Tent, 1 Table, 2 Chairs	●	●	●		
Logo on Website	●	●	●	●	
Space at Event	●	●	●	●	●
Name in Program	●	●	●	●	●
Name on Event Banner	●	●	●	●	●
2 Event Wristbands	●	●	●	●	●

Sponsorship levels can be a combination of Cash and Gift-in-Kind value.



Sponsors
Register
HERE!

Register by
July 20, 2026 to
take advantage of
sponsorship print
benefits.

JOIN US AS A Resource Exhibitor

Organizations that serve the Special Needs community are invited to connect with families. Provide a special activity to bring smiles!

Resource Exhibitor Registration

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
Ends APR 11, 2026
Non-Profit \$30
For Profit \$60

REGULAR PRICING
APRIL 12, 2026 - JULY 27, 2026
Non-Profit \$50
For Profit \$100

LATE REGISTRATION
After JULY 27, 2026
Non-Profit \$75
For Profit \$125

Resource
Exhibitors
Register
HERE!



ADD-ON: 1 10x10 tent provided for \$50 and 1 table and 2 chairs for \$50. Reserve tents, tables, and chairs with us by Monday, July 20, 2026.

ADD-ON: Additional wristbands available for \$5.

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Donation Needs



Let us know if you would like to provide something that is not on the list!

FOOD & BEVERAGES

- Snacks: Gluten-Free Options, Chips, Crackers, Granola Bars, Cookies, Animal Crackers
- Water Bottles
- Sports Drinks: Single Servings
- Fruit
- Other Food Items & Goodies!

EVENT GEAR

- Colored Printed Shirts: 100 (for volunteers)
- White Shirts: 1,000 (for VIP Kids & Siblings)
- Screening for Shirts: All 4/1 printing
- Printed Event Bags

SUPPLIES

- Paper & Cardstock
- Garbage Bags
- Paper Towels & Napkins
- Toilet Paper

ENTERTAINMENT

- Strolling Entertainers & Musicians
- Clowns & Characters
- Petting Zoo

MEDIA/PRINT

- Event Banners
- Event Signage
- Program Booklet
- MEDIA PROMOTION: Radio, TV, Print, & Billboards

EQUIPMENT (some are rentals)

- Tables & Chairs
- Event Tent(s)
- Bounce Houses
- Handwashing Stations

TECH/SERVICES

- Photography & Videography
- Digital Camera System with Photo Printing Capability
- Wifi Hot Spot
- Radios/Walkie-Talkies (with Ear Pieces and Batteries/Charging Station)
- iPad/Tablets for Registrations



Have a question?

Email us at MakemSmileNC@NathanielsHope.org or
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How is Nathaniel's Hope funded?

We rely on the faithful partnership of individuals, businesses, corporations, churches, community organizations, foundations, and grantors to help us provide all of our programs for FREE to kids with special needs, our VIPs, and their families.