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## **DES, D-backs to Raise Funds for Autism Awareness Month**

**PHOENIX — (March 14, 2019)** In recognition of Autism Awareness Month in April, the Department of Economic Security (DES) and the Arizona Diamondbacks have teamed up to raise awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder during the team's game with the San Diego Padres on Friday, April 12. Specially priced tickets are available, and a portion of each ticket purchased through the payment methods below will be donated to the DES Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) to support its community partners. DDD provides support and services to over 10,000 Arizonans who have a diagnosis of autism.

"The Arizona Diamondbacks serve as a leader in our communities, and it is our honor to partner with them to not only raise awareness about Autism, but also to raise additional funds for our partners who serve individuals with Autism and their families," said DES Director Michael Traylor. "This event will serve as a wonderful opportunity to come together in support of these amazing individuals and their families."

An Autism Resource Area will be available to provide information about DDD and autism programs throughout the state. An activity area will be located behind the Coors Light Strike Zone to provide a more sensory-friendly experience. The first 400 tickets purchased will include a D-backs Autism Baseball Hat. Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$52. Diamond Level seating options (sections 203 and 208 priced at \$40 or \$52 respectively) include in-seat food service.

To purchase tickets or for more information, please contact Johanna Imperial at (602) 462-4113 or [jimperial@dbacks.com](mailto:jimperial@dbacks.com), or purchase tickets [online](#). The deadline to order and receive tickets by mail is March 29, 2019. The deadline to order tickets for pick-up is 12:00p.m. on game day.

DDD provides supports and services to empower individuals with developmental disabilities to lead self-directed, healthy and meaningful lives. For more information about DDD, please visit [our website](#).

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