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Dear Prospective Sponsor,

RE: APPEAL FOR SPONSORSHIP

Pan-African Congress on Autism (PACA) is organizing an Regional Conference to be held on April 25th-27th, 2019 in Nairobi Kenya. The conference venue is Safari Park Hotel and Resort. PACA was founded by a group of professionals, parents of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and organizations catering for this population in African Countries. With its mission of bringing together African Organizations spearheading efforts of improving the quality of life for individuals living with Autism Spectrum Disorders through awareness raising efforts, proper diagnosis, Education and Evidence Based early and ongoing Interventions in Africa, PACA aims to also be a one stop shop for information and resources for parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and practitioners. While Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) have been studied widely for over 60 years, recognition of autism as a neurodevelopmental disorder to be studied, understood, and treated is a fairly new phenomenon in Africa, so new that the first educational programs for children with autism were started in the early 2000. However, the interest in autism as a focus of study as well as treatment has grown enormously in the past few years. While there are currently many facilities in Africa with educational programs for children with autism, most of them focus on programs that are not evidence based, are expensive and services are minimal and may focus on areas such as sensory integration and diet therapy. The current situation for children with ASD and their families in Africa must change. Several actions are needed now to propel autism research and Services in Africa. First one involves increasing knowledge among professionals and parents about the biology, behaviour, identification and treatment needs of people with autism. Second, there is a need to sensitize the African community about Autism. A Regional conference that provides current information and provides potential collaborators and resources to the autism community in Africa would meet this need, thus the proposed PACA Conference 2019.

We are writing this letter to invite you to be a supporter of this very important Inaugural Event. As a leader in the community, your involvement with us is an opportunity for your organization to receive exposure and to join other individuals, organizations and coalitions in our community to educate practitioners, parents and individual with ASD as we move the field forward. Community Sponsors will help ensure the success of PACA Conference 2019.

Enclosed is a sponsorship form that gives information on sponsorship levels. Beyond your sponsorship, we welcome you to join us by participating in the Pan-African Congress on Autism Conference. We look forward to hearing from you.

For more information about this event, please contact the Executive Team at

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On Behalf of Pan-African Congress on Autism, we thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

PACA Team

Enclosure: Sponsorship Prospectus