



**NATIONAL  
CONVERGE  
AUTISM SUMMIT**  
— 2019 —

*Presented by Springbrook Autism Behavioral Health*



*Featuring Keynote Speaker  
Dr. Temple Grandin*

**TD CONVENTION CENTER**

**GREENVILLE, SC**

**MARCH 7-8, 2019**

**SPONSORSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES**



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# ABOUT THE EVENT

## OUR VISION & PURPOSE



This national summit is dedicated to all the unsung heroes who fight and search every day for answers and support. There is nothing that makes providers, teachers, therapists, and parents feel more helpless than not being able to communicate or respond effectively when a child or adolescent with autism is acting out, engaging in self-harming behaviors, becoming aggressive with others, or exhibiting any of the maladaptive behaviors. Convergence is dedicated to providing an educational forum to help further competency, understanding, research, and support to help those involved with children and adolescents with autism and improving the quality of life for the individual and their families.

## EXPECTED ATTENDANCE

We are expecting 350-400 providers, therapist, educators, and parents from across the Southeast.

## FEATURED SPEAKER - DR. TEMPLE GRANDIN

We are very excited to have Dr. Temple Grandin speaking this year. Dr. Grandin was diagnosed with autism as a child and went on to pursue work in psychology and animal science. She has become a leading advocate for autistic communities.



## MARCH 7-8, 2019 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

### Day 1

7:00-8:00 Registration • Refreshments  
7:45-8:00 Welcome and Announcements  
8:00-9:00 Keynote I - Dr. William Killion, PhD/BCBA  
9:00-9:30 Break • Networking • Visit Vendors  
9:30-10:45 Keynote II - Dr. Luigi Boccuto, Geneticist/MD  
10:45-12:00 Keynote III - Stephanie Holmes, MA BCCC  
12:00-1:30 Lunch • Ask the Experts Panel • Vendors

*Breakout Tracks: Parent, Professional, and Educator*

1:30-2:45 Breakout Session I  
-Professional Track: *Using Animals in Therapy*  
-Parent and Educator Track: *Using Autism Apps*  
with Amy Perry, Autism Resource Specialist  
2:45-3:15 Break • Networking • Visit Vendors  
3:15-4:45 Breakout Session II - Dr. W. Matthew Fisher  
Child and Adolescent Psychologist

### Day 2

7:00-8:00 Registration • Refreshments  
7:45-8:00 Announcements  
8:00-9:30 Keynote I - Michael McCreary, AspieComic  
9:30-10:00 Break • Networking • Visit Vendors  
10:00-11:30 Keynote II - Dr. Temple Grandin,  
Author/Speaker/Professor  
11:30-11:45 Break • Networking • Visit Vendors  
11:45-1:15 Lunch • Meet Temple Grandin • Vendors  
*Breakout Tracks: Parent, Professional, and Educator*  
1:15-2:30 Breakout Session  
-Professional Track: Jill Jones, LISW-CP  
-Educator Track: Lisa Raiford, Autism Special Educator  
-Parent Track: Donald Bailey, Author of *Your Legacy of Care*/Financial Advisor

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## DEADLINE

Vendors and Sponsors must have their registration and payment submitted no later than January 31st, 2019. Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first PAID basis at the Event Organizer's discretion.

## MORE INFORMATION

For additional questions/items not covered here, please contact our Event Organizer, MaryAnn Bennett, at (864)834-8013 or via e-mail at [maryann.bennett@springbrookbhs.com](mailto:maryann.bennett@springbrookbhs.com) (please put Convergence 2019 in the subject line).



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# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## **GOLD SPONSOR \$5000**

*After 1/31/19 contact for availability*

- Special advertisement placement on the summit website and two (2) pre-summit e-mails.
- Detailed description of your company's services on the summit website.
- Gold level logo placement on summit marketing materials, signage at the summit, and on Converge website.
- Sponsorship recognition through social media via enhanced listing.
- Vendor booth in choice of a high traffic location. Electricity and Wireless Internet available upon request
- Four complimentary summit tickets for company including meals (Additional summit tickets can be purchased)
- Full page advertisement in the summit brochure.
- Five minute presentation to summit attendees about your services.
- Marketing materials distributed at the summit.

## **SILVER SPONSOR \$2500**

*After 1/31/19 contact for availability*

- Special advertisement placement on the summit website
- Brief description of your company's services on the summit website.
- Silver level logo placement on summit marketing materials, signage at the summit, and Converge website.
- Vendor booth in area of choice once Gold vendors are assigned a location. Electricity and Wireless Internet available upon request
- Three complimentary summit tickets for company including meals (Additional summit tickets can be purchased)
- Half page advertisement in the summit brochure.

## **BRONZE SPONSOR \$1000**

*After 1/31/19, contact for availability*

- Bronze level logo placement on signage at the summit and Converge website.
- Vendor booth in area of choice once Gold and Silver vendors are assigned a location. Electricity and Wireless Internet available upon request
- Two complimentary summit tickets for company including meals (Additional summit tickets can be purchased)
- Quarter page advertisement in the summit brochure.

# SPONSOR INFORMATION

## **SPONSORSHIP PURCHASE**

Please submit payment via check made payable to Springbrook Behavioral. ATTN: Converge 2019. You may also request to be invoiced. Invoice payments are due 30 days from the date of the invoice, no later than January 31st, 2019. If you wish to pay with a debit or credit card, please contact the Event Organizer and we will make arrangements to accommodate.

## **MEDIA SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

In order to receive the most benefit from your sponsorship, we encourage you to commit to your sponsorship as soon as possible. Please ensure when submitting your sponsorship you send a high resolution (at least 300dpi) digital copy of the company logo and any text or links you would like to be used in your advertisement as applicable. By submitting your advertisement, you agree to allow Springbrook and/or its designated representative to edit submitted materials as necessary to ensure appropriate and professional display on the website and printed materials. Please note it is the responsibility of the sponsor to submit the necessary files for advertisements prior to the January 31st, 2019 deadline. Due to printing deadlines, we will only be able to guarantee recognition of organizations in the program who meet this submission deadline. Any inquiries regarding print media or website advertisement may be submitted to [rebecca.johnson@springbrookbhs.com](mailto:rebecca.johnson@springbrookbhs.com) or to the Event Coordinator using the contact information provided in the general guidelines



# VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES

## VENDOR \$400

*After 1/31/19 contact for availability*

- 8' table provided
- Company Logo in the summit program and on summit website
- One free professional ticket for exhibitor including meals (Additional summit tickets may be purchased)
- Electricity and Wireless Internet available upon request

## NON-PROFIT VENDOR \$300

*After 1/31/19 contact for availability*

- Discounted rate for non-profit companies with 501(c)3 status
- 8' table provided
- Company Logo in the summit program and on summit website
- One free professional ticket for exhibitor including meals (Additional summit tickets may be purchased)
- Electricity and Wireless Internet available upon request

## ADDITIONAL VENDOR TICKET \$125-\$249

*Unlimited while seats available*

- Tickets for additional exhibitors helping our vendors. All helpers will need a ticket for entry.
- May attend the conference sessions. For ticket options for helpers not attending sessions, please contact the organizer.
- CEUs included in professional ticket price
- Discounted price available for parents of autistic children and students. Please see ticket description on Eventbrite for more information
- Breakfast and Lunch included both days with ticket purchase.

# VENDOR INFORMATION

To ensure maximum visitations with vendors, special times are reserved for attending the Vendor area. To encourage summit attendees to actively engage with company representatives, each attendee will receive a list of vendors with a place for the exhibitor to sign. Attendees who receive signatures from all vendors will be eligible for special door prizes and/or raffle drawings. You may also include your own door prizes for special drawings and company recognition. There are 30 guaranteed vendor spots available this year. Please contact the Event Organizer with questions concerning availability or if you wish to inquire about vending opportunities after the January 31st, 2019 deadline.

## ELIGIBILITY

The Event Coordinator reserves the right to determine the eligibility of any company or product for inclusion in the summit and reserves the right to reject or prohibit any exhibit in whole or in part, or an exhibitor, or his/her representatives, with or without giving cause.

## MAIL-IN VENDOR REGISTRATION

If you would like to be a vendor at the 2019 Converge Autism Summit, please fill out the commitment form attached and submit it with your check for the appropriate amount. You may also request to be invoiced for the full amount. Payment is due within 30 days of receiving the invoice, and no later than January 31st, 2019. Please contact the Event Organizer for availability after this date.

One professional ticket is included with your vendor booth purchase. You must purchase additional tickets at the normal rate for additional exhibitors who would like to also sit in on the sessions and/or receive CEU credit hours.

# VENDOR INFORMATION

## ONLINE REGISTRATION

If you wish to pay via debit or credit card, you may use our Eventbrite page (<https://converge19.eventbrite.com>). Enter the vendor promotional code (**CA2019Vend**) to access Vendor booth and ticket options. You will also be able to purchase tickets for additional exhibitors assisting at your table as booth price only includes one (1) ticket! If for any reason your registration is not accepted, you will receive a full refund of your payment. Vendor Registration online closes January 31st, 2019. Please contact the Event Organizer for available vending opportunities after that date.

**Note:** Please be aware, purchases made through Eventbrite are subject to Eventbrite's fees for payment processing.

## REFUNDS/CANCELLATIONS

Refunds for vendor cancellation are at the discretion of the Event Organizer. No refunds will be issued after January 31st, 2019. Should the summit be canceled, postponed, or abandoned due to fire, strikes, weather, or other uncontrollable circumstances before the opening date, this contract will not be binding and vendors will receive full refunds.

## LIABILITY

The Vendor agrees to make no claim for any reason whatsoever against the Converge Autism Summit, Springbrook Autism Behavioral Health System, the summit venue, or other contractors for loss, theft, damage, or destruction of goods; nor for any injury to him/herself or employees; nor for any damage of any nature or character, including any damage to his/her business by reason of failure to provide space for the exhibit, or the removal of the exhibit; nor for failure to hold the summit as scheduled; nor for any action of any nature of Springbrook Autism Behavioral Health System or its employees. Vendor assumes all responsibility and liability for losses, damages, and claims arising out of vendor's activities at the venue and will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the venue, its agents, servants, and employees from any and all such losses, damages, and claims.

## ADVERTISEMENT SPECIFICATIONS

For the most advertisement benefit, we encourage you to commit to your vendor booth and submit your information as soon as possible. Please submit a high resolution (at least 300 dpi), full-color .jpg or .png format image of your company's logo to [rebecca.johnson@springbrookbhs.com](mailto:rebecca.johnson@springbrookbhs.com) for use on our website, advertisement PowerPoint, and in the Summit program to be handed to attendees. By submitting your advertisement, you agree to allow Springbrook and/or its designated representative to edit submitted materials as necessary to ensure appropriate and professional display on the website and printed materials. Please note it is the responsibility of the vendor to submit the necessary files for advertisements prior to the January 31st, 2019 deadline. Due to printing deadlines, we will only be able to guarantee recognition of organizations in the program who meet this submission deadline. Any inquiries regarding print media or website advertisement may be submitted to [rebecca.johnson@springbrookbhs.com](mailto:rebecca.johnson@springbrookbhs.com) or to the Event Coordinator using the contact information provided in the general guidelines.

## EXHIBIT LOCATION

Final decisions about booth locations/assignment will be made by Converge Autism Summit staff and are subject to change at anytime. No vendor may assign, sublet, or share the space assigned without the knowledge and consent of Converge Autism Summit's Event Organizer or designee.

## SET-UP/BREAKDOWN

Exhibits may be set up after 4:00pm on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and before 7:00am on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Exhibits MUST be set-up by 7:00am on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Breakdown will begin at 3:00 on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.



# COMMITMENT FORM



## LIMITED NUMBER OF SPOTS AVAILABLE!

Please complete, sign and return this form with your payment to:

*Mail:* Converge Autism Summit c/o Springbrook Autism Behavioral  
P.O. Box 1005 Travelers Rest, SC 29690

*Fax #:* 1-(864)-660-6008 Attn: Converge 2019

*Email:* [maryann.bennett@springbrookbhs.com](mailto:maryann.bennett@springbrookbhs.com)

## COMPANY INFORMATION

Company Name (as it should be listed for promotions)

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Contact Name

Title/Position

Phone

Email

## VENDOR BOOTH ONLY (Check One)

- Vendor Booth • \$400
- Non-Profit Vendor • \$300

## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS (Check One)

- Gold Level Sponsor • \$5000
- Silver Level Sponsor • \$2500
- Bronze Level Sponsor • \$1000

## NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL TICKETS

(Please fill in quantity needed next to each box)

Parent/Student Vendor (No CEUs) \$125: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Vendor (w/CEUs) \$249: \_\_\_\_\_

Total of All Items: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## FORM OF PAYMENT (CHECK ONE)

- Check made payable to **Springbrook Behavioral Health Attn: Converge 2019**
- Invoice me at the above address (net-30)
- Credit Card (select one card type)       Mastercard     Visa     American Express     Discover

Name on Card

Card Number

Exp Date

Signature

Printed Name

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