

Creative Giving

Fun and innovative ways to donate

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When it comes to fundraising, every penny counts! Here are a few creative and easy ways to support SARRC and have fun while doing it:

- **Zazzle.com:** Thanks to the folks at Zazzle, SARRC now has its very own custom postage stamps! Up to 27 percent of the proceeds will be donated to SARRC when you purchase these products. Link to Zazzle through SARRC's Web site at www.autismcenter.org and earn maximum proceeds for SARRC. You may also customize your own products on Zazzle and designate SARRC as the recipient of the royalties. Custom stamps are the perfect way to make your invitations, birthday cards and holiday greetings stand out from the rest of the crowd. Visit www.zazzle.com/zazzelgiving to learn more.

- **Charity Charms:** Help support SARRC and promote autism awareness with a beautiful sterling silver charm, designed exclusively for SARRC. These unique charms can be worn casually clipped on to a bracelet or dressed up with a string of pearls. Because of their true versatility, the autism awareness charm makes a wonderful gift for anyone who has been touched by autism. Several styles are available with as much as 75 percent of the purchase given directly to SARRC. Visit www.charitycharms.com for more information or to make a purchase.

- **Donate Your Car, Truck or RV:** Donate your old car, truck or RV and help

support the growing list of programs and services available at SARRC—simply call America's Car Donation Charity Center at 800-237-5714 and specify SARRC as the recipient. Donated vehicles are conveniently picked up at your home or office and all donors will receive a tax credit, saving you some money and turning your unused vehicle into a new opportunity for children with autism.

- **Birdies for Charity:** Have you always dreamed of participating in the FBR Open? Well, now you can thanks to Thunderbirds Charities. Simply pick up a pledge form at SARRC's Campus for Exceptional Children and pledge as little as one penny for each tournament birdie. Each penny pledged qualifies for a chance to win one of hundreds of great prizes, including a 2006 Buick LaCrosse. The average FBR Open sees 1,500 birdies, so you do the math and make your pledge today.

- **Card Connections:** Purchase innovative greeting cards via Card Connections on www.inspiredconnections.net. This new online marketplace sells exclusively designed greeting cards that support and benefit a diverse group of nonprofit organizations, including SARRC, through revenue and increased exposure. You can customize messages or use those offered, or replenish your supply of note cards that help you connect with the important people in your life. Whether you need a packaged box of 24 or an order into the thousands, Inspired Connections can deliver. ▶

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