# Gala of Light

CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF CULTIVATING HOPE FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN WITH UNIQUE NEEDS

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026**
**AT 6:00 PM**

Presented by:
PORTFOLIO ADVISORS INC.

**Pardini's Catering & Banquets**
2257 W Shaw Ave, Fresno, CA 93711

Join us for Exceptional Parents Unlimited's Gala of Light!
Enjoy cocktails, delicious food, live and silent auctions,
while honoring all who make this work possible.

**HELP MAKE THIS AN EVENING TO REMEMBER!**

EPU
Exceptional Parents Unlimited 50

## JOIN US BY BECOMING A SPONSOR

We invite you to become a **Gala of Light Sponsor** and play a meaningful role in changing the lives of children and their families at Exceptional Parents Unlimited. Because of you, families seeking strength and guidance are met with compassion, expertise, and support tailored to their individual journey. Your partnership helps ensure that children facing developmental challenges have access to wraparound care, specialized services, and the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Gala of Light is a celebration of hope and impact — a special evening that brings together community leaders, advocates, and supporters who share a commitment to uplifting families across the Central Valley and beyond. Together, we reflect on the lives transformed through your generosity, the progress achieved by the children and families we serve, and the futures made possible because of your support.

As we celebrate **EPU's 50th Anniversary**, your sponsorship carries even greater significance. For five decades, EPU has walked alongside families, providing guidance, connection, and life-changing services. This milestone year honors the legacy you have helped build — and looks ahead to the work still to come.

Thank you for your consideration and for standing with EPU. We look forward to sharing an inspiring and heartwarming evening with you.

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## ABOUT EXCEPTIONAL PARENTS UNLIMITED, INC.

Exceptional Parents Unlimited (EPU) is a nonprofit community-based organization dedicated to guiding and strengthening children with unique needs and the families who support them. Through early intervention, parent education, and a wide range of supportive services, EPU provides families with the tools, confidence, and connection they need to thrive.

Since its founding in 1976, EPU has grown to serve families across 12 counties throughout Central California, with offices in Fresno, Clovis, Hanford, Madera, Merced, and Mariposa. For 50 years, EPU has remained rooted in the vision that families are the safe place for children with unique needs to find love, belonging, guidance, and support.

Each year, Exceptional Parents Unlimited brings our community together to shine a light on those we serve and those who bring hope to others. We are excited to announce our outstanding 2026 honorees, who are dedicated to bettering the lives of children through their actions, principles, and messages of hope.

# BEACON OF HOPE AWARD:

## The EPU "Originals"

As EPU celebrates 50 years of serving families and children with unique needs, we are honored to recognize the "Originals," some of the very first babies and their families who became part of EPU's foundational story. These parents of children with Down syndrome belonged to a support group, and together with EPU's founder envisioned a parent-led organization that could help families like theirs. Today, EPU broadly serves children with developmental, physical, behavioral, and emotional needs. The legacy of the Originals taught EPU that all children deserve unique care and support to address individual journeys. We are proud to celebrate the Originals who remind us that the light sparked in EPU's earliest days continues to shine.

# HOPE GROWS HERE AWARD:

## Ability Central

ABILITY CENTRAL

*Sharing ideas, improving access.*

Hope grows when communities have the resources and support to create meaningful change. Ability Central is recognized for its commitment to advancing accessibility and expanding opportunities for people who are Deaf, disabled, and neurodivergent. Through grantmaking, collaboration, and investment, Ability Central has helped EPU expand speech and communication strategies – including group speech therapy, customized assistive technology, and family coaching – for young children to express their wants, needs, and ideas. This partnership has strengthened EPU's capacity to build a more accessible and inclusive future. We are honored to celebrate Ability Central and the hope that grows from investing in people, possibilities, and stronger communities.

# PRESENTING SPONSOR SOLD

**Key Benefits:**

- Logo as Presenting Sponsor on all digital, printed, and media marketing, including the invitation (deadline permitting)
- Prominent recognition as Presenting Sponsor in email blasts and EPU's social media platforms to reach over 12,000 followers
- Exclusive photo booth sponsor with logo branded on every photo keepsake
- Logo on Step & Repeat Banner at entrance
- Two full-page color program ads with premium placement
- Logo on event sponsor page in the program
- Special introduction at event and chance to welcome guests
- Logo on Presenting Sponsor slide rotating on-screen
- Verbal recognition from stage as Presenting Sponsor
- Logo on EPU website with link to your website
- Two premier reserved tables of 10
- 10 VIP Parking Spots
- Premium wine on your tables
- Appreciation gift for you and your guests at your tables
- Personalized table sign

# ILLUMINATION SPONSOR $10,000

**Key Benefits:**

- Prominent recognition as Illumination Sponsor in email blasts and EPU's social media platforms to reach over 12,000 followers
- Logo on Step & Repeat Banner at entrance
- Logo on take-home promotional item for guests
- One full-page color program ad
- Logo on event sponsor page in program
- Logo with Illumination Sponsors rotating on-screen
- Verbal recognition from stage as Illumination Sponsor
- Logo on EPU website with link to your website
- One premier reserved table of 10
- Premium wine on your table
- Personalized table sign

## IGNITE SPONSOR $5,000

**Key Benefits:**

- Recognition as Ignite Sponsor in email blasts and EPU's social media platforms to reach over 12,000 followers
- One half-page color program ad
- Logo on event sponsor page in program
- Logo with Ignite Sponsors rotating on-screen
- Verbal recognition from stage as Ignite Sponsor
- Logo on EPU website with link to your website
- One reserved table of 10
- Personalized table sign

## GLOW SPONSOR $2,500

**Key Benefits:**

- Recognition as Glow Sponsor in email blasts and EPU's social media platforms to reach over 12,000 followers
- One quarter-page color program ad
- Name listed as Glow Sponsor in program
- Logo with Glow Sponsors rotating on-screen
- Verbal recognition from stage as Glow Sponsor
- Logo on EPU website with link to your website
- One reserved table of 10
- Personalized table sign

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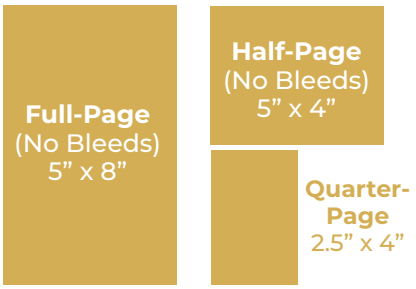
## PROGRAM ADS:

- Full-Page Ad (5” wide x 8” high)
- Half-Page Ad (5” wide x 4” high)
- Quarter-Page Ad (2.5” wide x 4” high)




## DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTWORK: OCTOBER 16, 2026

Please submit program ad as a full-color, CMYK file. No black-and-white ads. File should be submitted as Print-Ready PDF document or High-Resolution JPEG to Val Gibbons at vgibbons@epuchildren.org.

# SPECIALTY SPONSORSHIPS

Our Specialty Sponsorships offer exclusive opportunities to elevate your brand at Gala of Light. Each sponsor will receive distinctive on-site recognition, including verbal acknowledgment from the stage and customized visibility tied to their selected experience. Specialty Sponsors are also featured in email blasts, across EPU's social media platforms reaching over 12,000 followers, and on EPU's website with their logo and link.

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY COCKTAIL HOUR SPONSOR $5,000

**Key Benefits:**

- Logo featured on cocktail napkins
- Logo with Specialty Sponsors rotating on-screen
- Half-page color program ad
- 4 tickets to the dinner

## PREMIER AUCTION SPONSOR SOLD

**Key Benefits:**

- Logo featured on Silent Auction signage and Live Auction slides
- Logo with Specialty Sponsors rotating on-screen
- Half-page color program ad
- 4 tickets to the dinner

## VOLUNTEER SPONSOR SOLD

**Key Benefits:**

- Logo will be worn on a button by the volunteers
- Logo with Specialty Sponsors rotating on-screen
- Quarter-page color program ad
- 4 tickets to the dinner

## FUND-A-NEED SPONSOR SOLD

**Key Benefits:**

- Logo on all Fund-A-Need marketing materials
- Logo with Specialty Sponsors rotating on-screen
- Quarter-page color program ad
- 4 tickets to the dinner

# SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

Yes! I would like to sponsor EPU's Gala of Light with the following checked sponsor level:

**SPONSORSHIPS** (Please check appropriate box)

- ☐ Presenting - **SOLD**
- ☐ Illumination - $10,000
- ☐ Ignite - $5,000
- ☐ Glow - $2,500
- ☐ 50th Anniversary Cocktail Hour - $5,000
- ☐ Premier Auction - **SOLD**
- ☐ Volunteer - **SOLD**
- ☐ Fund-A-Need - **SOLD**

**Payment Method:**

☐ Check: Please make check payable to Exceptional Parents Unlimited, Inc.
*Mail to: 4440 N 1st St Fresno, CA 93726*

☐ Please charge my credit card:

Name: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV _____

Signature

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**As a sponsor, how would you like your name to be listed?**

Organization Name: _____

Contact Person Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

*Please email this form to Amanda Tripp at atripp@epuchildren.org*
*or call (559) 229-2000 ext 1360 with any questions.*

**Deadline to submit sponsorship form and artwork is October 16, 2026.**

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