DALTON, Ga. (May 20, 2020) – The Anna Shaw Children’s Institute (ASCI) will host the sixth annual North Georgia Autism Conference on Friday, Oct. 9 at the Dalton Convention Center. ASCI follows social distancing and CDC guidelines.

Temple Grandin, internationally known spokesperson with autism, will be the keynote speaker. Grandin’s story was featured in “Temple Grandin,” a movie about living with autism and using her unique talents to revolutionize practices for the humane handling of livestock.

“It is a wonderful opportunity to have Dr. Temple Grandin address our community on living with autism and using unique skill sets to overcome challenges,” said Lindsey Coker, ASCI educational resource coordinator. “Dr. Grandin is a leader in both the animal welfare and autism advocacy movements, and we are thrilled to have her.”

The event is intended for parents, caregivers, educators, professionals, medical providers, young adults on the autism spectrum, self-advocates and other interested individuals.

The planning committee is requesting presentation proposals from professionals, to be presented in one of the conference tracks: parents, educators, young adults with autism, Spanish speakers and healthcare providers. Submissions are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 7. The submission deadline may be closed early if all presentation slots are filled.

Limited stipends may be available on a case-by-case basis.

Interested individuals may go to hamiltonhealth.com/services/anna-shaw-childrens-institute/north-georgia-autism-conference-call-for-presentations/.

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