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## Children's Institute announces autism conference

**DALTON, Ga. (August 8, 2025)** – The Anna Shaw Children's Institute (ASCI) will host the 10th annual North Georgia Autism Conference on Friday, Oct. 24 at the Dalton Convention Center, 2211 Tony Ingle Parkway in Dalton.

Elizabeth Bonker, international advocate for Nonspeakers with Autism and founder of Communication4All, will be the keynote speaker. Her May 2022 valedictorian commencement address at Rollins College went viral on social media.

"We are excited to continue our mission in providing a well-rounded conference with presentations to help increase functional skill development and decrease behavioral challenges to ensure individuals with autism can live enriched, successful lives," said Lindsey Coker, educational resource coordinator.

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

To register, please visit VitruvianHealth.com/autismconference.

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