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### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Answers for Autism Walk

Lace up your sneakers and join us for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Answers for Autism Walk to be held 9am-1 pm, Saturday, **September 18, 2010** at Cox Hall Gardens in Carmel, Indiana. In addition to the 1 mile walk there are plenty of activities for both children and adults to enjoy. In the **sensory tent**, the children enjoy playing in the rice and bird seed tables, making crafts, and much more. Children also enjoy the **giant blow up slide and maze** and the **rock climbing wall**. The **silent auction** brings excitement to both children and adults who wait anxiously to see if they will be able to purchase their desired item. Part of the festivities also includes an **autism store** where families have available information related to autism and autism awareness merchandise. Proceeds from the Answers for Autism Walk are used to fund the *Answers for Autism Grant program* and the work of Autism Advocates of Indiana. Since 2001 Autism Advocates of Indiana has donated **\$294,430.52 in grant programs** to community organizations throughout Indiana and **\$205,000 to national autism research**. These grants help community organizations across Indiana expand existing programs and create new programs that improve and enrich the lives of individuals with autism.