



Dear Friend of the Gate,

We are excited to invite you to partner with The Gate – Gateway to Independence as a sponsor of our **2026 DessertFest Fundraiser**, taking place on **Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 12–2 pm at Alcoa High School**. This special event supports our day program for adults with disabilities and helps us continue providing meaningful opportunities for independence, connection, and growth.

The success of DessertFest is crucial to carrying out our mission of helping adults with disabilities achieve independence by providing social activities and pre-vocational training. The Gate currently serves **74 participants**, and due to continued growth, we proudly added a **fourth day of programming** in August!

Your sponsorship directly impacts not only our participants, but also their families and caregivers—providing valuable time each week to work, attend appointments, run errands, or simply rest. By sponsoring DessertFest, your business demonstrates a commitment to strengthening and uplifting our local community.

We offer a variety of sponsorship levels, each with unique benefits outlined on the **Sponsor Opportunities page**, and we would be grateful for your support at any level. If sponsorship is not possible at this time, we would still love for you to attend and enjoy the event!

Event Details:

Gate's 2025 DessertFest Fundraiser

Date: Saturday, April 11, 2026

Time: 12–2 pm

Location: Alcoa High School – 1205 Lodge St. Alcoa, TN 37701

Cause: Supporting The Gate Day Program for adults with disabilities

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact me at **865-317-4283** or erin@gatewaytn.org. Thank you for considering this opportunity to support The Gate. With your help, we can make this event a great success and continue serving adults with disabilities in our community.

We look forward to the possibility of partnering with you.

Warm regards,

Erin Rhoades

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DessertFest 2026

Sponsorship Opportunities

Hosted by: The Gate - Gateway to Independence

The Gate's mission is to help adults with disabilities achieve independence by providing social activities and pre-vocational training.

\$250 - Friend of the Gate

- Name/Logo listed on all DessertFest 2026 printed material.
- Recognition on social media.
- 2 DessertFest 2026 T-shirts (Name or logo on back)

\$500 - Key Supporter

- Name/Logo listed on all DessertFest 2026 printed material.
- Website and social media recognition for one year.
- 4 DessertFest 2026 T-shirts (Name or logo on back)

\$1000 Foundational Supporter

- Name/Logo listed on all DessertFest 2026 printed material.
- Website & social media recognition for one year.
- 6 DessertFest 2026 T-shirts
- Supporting Sponsor of one Gate enrichment activity (*musician, exercise, STEM activity, etc.*)

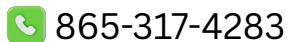
\$2000 Sustaining GateKeeper

- Name/Logo listed as a sponsor on all DessertFest 2026 printed material.
- Recognition by name/logo on socials.
- 6 DessertFest 2026 T-shirts (Name or logo on back)
- Supporting Sponsor of one Gate enrichment activity (*musician, exercise, STEM activity, etc.*)
- Supporting Sponsor of Gate Aktion Club meeting (only 8 available!) during the 2026-2027 session.
 - Lunch provided.
 - Representative seated with officers.
 - Supply take-home favors for participants if desired.
 - Recognition at Aktion Club meeting.

Contact Us!



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