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## See Local Teams Compete to Pull a 30,000-lb. Fire Truck to Support Students with Autism

**WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Aug. 15, 2024** — Excitement is building for the 2024 Fire Truck Pull, coming up Saturday, Aug. 31, 2024, at Gardens Park in Palm Beach Gardens. This thrilling event will bring together teams of first responders, homebuilders, business owners and educators from across Palm Beach County to compete in a unique physical challenge while helping raise funds for students with autism who attend Connections Education Center, a local nonprofit school.

Participants will showcase their strength and teamwork in two exhilarating events. In the first event, teams of eight will pull a real fire truck 30 feet as quickly as possible. In the second event, teams will compete to pull the fire truck fastest with the lowest combined team member weight on the rope. The top four teams in each category will advance to a timed pull-off to determine the ultimate champions. Teams are also competing to see which can raise the most money for students with autism.

“Being part of the Fire Truck Pull is a highlight for us,” says Dameion Miller, team captain for the Palm Beach Gardens Fire Rescue, the team that won the lowest combined weight pull last year. “It’s a chance to push our limits, bond with other teams and most importantly, raise funds for local students in need.”

Debra Johnson, executive director and principal of Connections, adds: “The Fire Truck Pull is an inspiring demonstration of our community’s dedication to supporting students with autism. Every pull, every cheer and every donation help create a brighter future for our students.”

### Event Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, Aug. 31, 2024
- **Location:** Gardens Park, Palm Beach Gardens
- **Time:** Starting at 9 a.m.

The event is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to come cheer on teams. Entertainment will be provided by Digital VibeZ, ensuring a lively and memorable day filled with community spirit and friendly rivalry.

This year, the Palm Beach Gardens Police will be on hand to accept enrollments for their Special Needs Registry. Families with a child with autism or other special needs living in Palm Beach Gardens can register their child, ensuring that police are better informed and prepared to meet the needs of the child in case of an emergency.

To donate on behalf of your favorite team by Aug. 30, 2024, or learn more about the 2024 Fire Truck Pull, please visit <https://www.connectedpb.com/fire-truck-pull>.

### About Connections:

Connections is a nonprofit educational center that delivers high-quality, specialized instruction to students with autism in Palm Beach County. They serve students ages 3-22 years and offer an innovative program for adults with autism. Learn more at [connectedpb.com](https://connectedpb.com).

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