What we will cover today!

- Welcome and Introductions
  Marianne Sullivan & Amethyst Johnson-Creque
- Mission & Mission Objectives
  Marianne Sullivan
- Resources
  Marianne Sullivan
- Volunteer Grant Reviewers
  Amethyst Johnson-Creque
- Q&A
  Amethyst Johnson-Creque & Marianne Sullivan
- Poll Survey
  Amethyst Johnson-Creque
- Program Ends

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Our vision

A world where all people with autism can reach their full potential.

Our mission

Autism Speaks is dedicated to promoting solutions, across the spectrum and throughout the life span, for the needs of individuals with autism and their families. We do this through advocacy and support; increasing understanding and acceptance of people with autism; and advancing research into causes and better interventions for autism spectrum disorder and related conditions.
Autism Speaks is enhancing lives today and accelerating a spectrum of solutions for tomorrow.

Our mission objectives

- Increasing global understanding and acceptance of people with autism
- Being a catalyst for life-enhancing research breakthroughs
- Increasing early childhood screening and timely interventions
- Improving the transition to adulthood
- Ensuring access to reliable information and services throughout the life span
Guidance at every stage

With our mission in mind, today we want to highlight:

• Autism Response Teams can support you
• Find information and resources topic-by-topic
• Connect virtually and in-person events

The right information makes a difference at every step in any journey. Our website offers resources for any life stage you are navigating or want to learn more about.
The Autism Response Team (ART) is an information line for the autism community

Our team members are specially trained to provide personalized information and resources to people with autism and their families.

ART has provided more than 460,000 people with direct assistance by email, phone and chat, including requests from individuals with autism and their families, as well as caregivers, teachers, professionals and community members.

The Autism Response Team can help you learn more about:

• Where to get a diagnosis
• Schools and special education
• Advocacy and support
• Adult services - including post-secondary programs and employment
• Inclusion and community activities

.... and much more!
How to contact the Autism Response Team

Monday through Friday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in all time zones

By phone: Your call will be routed to the team member for your region. We also have a dedicated Spanish language toll-free number.
1-888-AUTISM2 (1-888-288-4762)
En español: 1-888-772-9050

By email: Reach us at help@autismspeaks.org
Monday through Friday
9 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET

By live chat: Connect at autismspeaks.org
Welcome to My Autism Guide from Autism Speaks

Let us help you access relevant autism content, specific to your age, location and level of need.

Create an account

Already have an account? Login Here

Access personalized content and information:
- Find resources specific to individual age, and support needs
- See proactive information to help in planning for future activities
- Look for virtual events or events in your community
- See listings of service providers in your area
Local Impact Grants Overview
Local Impact Grants

Autism Speaks supports community programs that provide people with autism with fulfilling social and educational experiences through our Local Impact Grant.

Since 2013, Autism Speaks has awarded over $3 million in local impact grants to more than 500 organizations across the country serving tens of thousands of autistic people, their caregivers and families, teachers, therapists, and peers.

The Autism Speaks Local Impact Grant program provides awards of up to $5,000 to nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that have been in operation for a minimum of one year.
The focus of the grant is to:

- Promote local services that enhance the lives of those affected by autism spectrum disorder (ASD)
- Expand the capacity of local organizations to effectively serve the autism community
- Increase the number of national service providers offering services to people with ASD
What we fund

We provide funding to support programs at existing nonprofit organizations in the following categories:

• Education and training
• Recreation/community activities
• Summer camp scholarships
• Sensory equipment/supportive technology
• Young adult/adult services
The Review Process
How to log in

Logon Page

Email Address*
Grants@autismspeaks.org

Password*
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Log On  Create New Account

Forgot your Password?
• You will see all the applications that have been assigned to you on this dashboard (your homepage)
• Click on the **Start** button to review the application and access your evaluation form
How to access the application

- To view the application, click on the picture of the page and pen
Applicants were asked to answer these questions in their abstract:

• Tell us about your program.
• What is the need or problem that your organization has identified in the autism community?
• How will your program address the need or problem described above?
• What is the expected outcome?
Impact: Data that estimates the extent to which the program actually caused particular outcomes (Hatry, 2006, page 24).
Applicants were asked to illustrate the following:

Please tell us exactly how your program plans to spend this grant. We **WILL NOT** fund the following items:

- Endowment, debt reduction, or fundraising activities
- Salaries of employees that do not directly with the program for which you are requesting funding
- Food, apparel or equipment that can be donated
- Rent or financing of buildings
Tell us your thoughts:

• Was the application easy to understand?
• Do you think that this program will be beneficial to the autism community?
What we need from you

Must:

• Be available between May 23rd and June 17th for a total of four hours max
• Have access to a working computer
• Have internet access
• Contact us if you cannot complete your assigned evaluations before the deadline
Demonstration
2022 Local Impact Grant Cycle and Timeline

- **April 15th**: Application opens
- **May 16th**: Application closes
- **May 23 - June 17th**: Volunteer reviewers from across the country will review and score applications
- **June 27th - July 8th**: Review committees meet and make decisions on recommendations
- **July 11th - July 18th**: Our leadership team will be reviewing recommendations, and approving grants
- **July 25th**: All applicants notified, and announcements made on social media
- **Beginning August 15th**: Funds will be disbursed upon receipt of contracts
- **End of July 2023**: Final Report from recipients due to Autism Speaks

**Reviewers Needed!**

Interested...please complete the Reviewer application [HERE]
Connect with Us

To find the latest resources, information and activities in our community, join us on social media

@autismspeaks  @autismspeaks linkedin.com/company/autism-speaks
facebook.com/autismspeaks

Closed Facebook groups for individuals and families:
Navigating a New Autism Diagnosis
Voces Latinas de Autism Speaks for Spanish-speaking families
Transition to Adulthood: An Autism Speaks Community
Adulting on the Spectrum: Networking for Autistic Adults
Employment WINs: An Autism Speaks Community
Questions and Answers
Thank you for volunteering your time!

Please email all reviewer inquiries to

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References
