







## ABOUT AUTISM

Autism is a general term used to describe a group of complex developmental brain disorders - autism spectrum disorders - caused by a combination of genes and environmental influences. These disorders are characterized, in varying degrees, by communication difficulties, social and behavioral challenges, and repetitive behaviors. An estimated 1 in 68 children in the U.S. is on the autism spectrum.

## ABOUT AUTISM SPEAKS

Autism Speaks is the world's leading autism science and advocacy organization. It is dedicated to funding research into the causes, prevention, treatments and a cure for autism; increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorder; and advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families. Autism Speaks was founded in February 2005 by Suzanne and Bob Wright, the grandparents of a child with autism. Since its inception, Autism Speaks has committed millions of dollars to its mission, the majority in science and medical research. On the global front, Autism Speaks has established partnerships in more than 70 countries on five continents to foster international research, services and awareness.

**To learn more about Autism Speaks, please visit [AutismSpeaks.org](http://AutismSpeaks.org).**



***Dear Friends and Colleagues,***

In 2015, Autism Speaks celebrated 10 years of progress toward our mission to change the future for the more than 70 million people affected by autism around the world. Our achievements included major strides in each of our four pillars: Science, Family Services, Advocacy and Awareness. We humbly accept our role as the world's leading autism science and advocacy organization, and our responsibility to do more to support individuals on the spectrum and their families now and in the future.

Our science programs continue to support the improvement of diagnostic and therapeutic tools, while conducting advanced research on a wide range of health issues affecting people with autism. Our MSSNG project, a collaboration with Google and the Centre for Applied Genomics in Toronto, Canada, puts Autism Speaks at the forefront of groundbreaking research that is enhancing our understanding of the disorder. These scientific advances hold the promise of personalized treatments for people across the spectrum.

In addition, the Autism Speaks Family Services team has worked tirelessly to address the lifelong needs of people with autism. This year, our Autism Response Team answered more than 31,000 emails and 19,000 phone calls from individuals on the spectrum, caregivers, professionals and community members seeking information and assistance. In 2015, Autism Speaks hosted 21 town hall meetings to address community living opportunities, the transition to adulthood and other challenges facing adults with autism. Nearly 2,700 individuals and families participated. We also launched TheSpectrumCareers.com, which connects employers with qualified job applicants affected by autism. These programs enhance our longstanding resources, including Autism Speaks community grants and tool kits for every stage of life.

At the same time, our advocates worked with Congress and state governments to advance legislation that improves the lives of people with autism. That work yielded great progress in 2015, including a \$2 billion funding boost for the National Institutes of Health, medical innovation legislation and, in the House of Representatives, assistance for family caregivers. Autism Speaks advocates worked with state lawmakers to enact tax-preferred ABLE savings accounts in 32 states and the District of Columbia, secured budget commitments for housing and community-based supports, and expanded autism insurance reforms to five new states, bringing the total to 43.

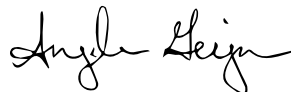
Building awareness lays the foundation for progress. In 2015, Autism Speaks launched a new public service campaign with the Ad Council to help parents recognize the early signs of autism. We held Autism Speaks Walks in cities across North America, attracting hundreds of thousands of participants. We also expanded our Light It Up Blue campaign to celebrate World Autism Awareness Day and Autism Awareness Month. More than 18,600 buildings in 142 countries on all seven continents took part. Light It Up Blue, along with our other outreach efforts, raised global awareness, bringing us closer to a more accepting and inclusive world.

At Autism Speaks, the community we serve inspires us to push farther each day. That means advocating for people with autism and supporting those who wish to advocate for themselves. In doing so, we must also support efforts to ease the financial burden on individuals and families needing autism care, while fighting for increased accessibility to services.

We thank Autism Speaks Co-founders Suzanne and Bob Wright for their tireless work over the last 10 years – the bedrock for extending our reach and fulfilling our mission. We remain committed to transforming words into action, and we are grateful to the partners, advocates and families who share our mission. We are committed to accomplishing even more in the next 10 years!



**Brian Kelly**  
**Chairman, Board of Directors**



**Angela Geiger**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**

# TEN YEARS OF PROGRESS – A LIFETIME OF

In February 2005, Suzanne and Bob Wright co-founded Autism Speaks to address the most urgent needs of the autism community. Under their guidance and leadership, the organization has made great progress in funding innovative research, connecting families and adults to critical resources, raising awareness of autism, and advocating for the needs of people with autism around the world. Today, Autism Speaks is the world's leading autism science and advocacy organization.

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## Autism Speaks

*Suzanne and Bob Wright, the grandparents of a child with autism, start Autism Speaks. Their longtime friend Bernie Marcus donates \$25 million to help launch the organization.*

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## "The Odds" Campaign

*Autism Speaks partners with the Ad Council to launch "The Odds" PSA campaign. It is the first in a series of award-winning PSA campaigns created pro-bono by advertising agency, BBDO.*

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## Global Research on High-Risk Infants and Toddlers

*Unsurpassed research by Baby Siblings Research Consortium and Toddler Treatment Network identifies early risk factors and interventions for improved outcomes.*

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## Genetic Resource Exchange

*New funding helps expand Autism Speaks Autism Genetic Resource Exchange, the largest private collection of DNA samples from families affected by autism.*

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## World Autism Awareness Day

*In an unprecedented global effort, the United Nations designates April 2, World Autism Awareness Day, to be observed in perpetuity.*



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## Historic Mergers

*Autism Speaks merges with the Autism Coalition for Research and Education, the National Alliance for Autism Research (NAAR) and Cure Autism Now (CAN). Building on the great achievements of these organizations, Autism Speaks becomes the world's leading autism foundation.*

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## Grassroots Fundraising Walk Events

*Harnessing the power of volunteers and supporters at the local level, Autism Speaks brings together the signature fundraisers of NAAR and CAN in what is now Autism Speaks Walk. Hundreds of thousands of participants raise funds and walk to support the mission of Autism Speaks each year.*

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## Combating Autism

*National autism advocacy strategy results in more than \$3 billion in federal funding, including passage of the 2006 Combating Autism Act, the 2014 Autism Cares Act and the ABL Act.*

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## Resources Within Reach

*Establishes the largest resource guide of its kind with online access to more than 75,000 services, products and supports nationwide.*

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## Autism Speaks Responds

*The Autism Response Team (ART) is established to support individuals with autism, their families, caregivers and healthcare professionals. To date, specially trained professionals have responded to more than 100,000 calls and online inquiries.*

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## Autism Cares

*An ongoing assistance program is initiated for families facing unplanned hardships. More than \$700,000 has been donated. When Hurricane Sandy hit the East Coast in 2012, more than \$100,000 in emergency funds was sent to 280 autism families to help them rebuild.*

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## Community Grants

*Funds first community grant. To date, more than \$5.4 million has been awarded to local organizations such as Meeting Street, a service provider for children with disabilities in Rhode Island.*

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## 100 Most Influential People in the World

*Autism Speaks co-founders Suzanne and Bob Wright are named among the "100 Most Influential People in the World," by Time Magazine.*



# HOPE



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## Autism Treatment Network

The federal government provides funding for the Autism Speaks Autism Treatment Network (ATN) to serve as the nation's Autism Intervention Research Network on Physical Health. ATN centers across the US and Canada provide the highest standard of coordinated medical care for children and teens with autism.

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## Affordable Care Act

Leads the fight for autism insurance reform, expanding coverage to more than 80 percent of the population and covering two-thirds of the U.S.

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## Early Access to Care

Research funded by Autism Speaks substantiates the benefits of early intervention in improving learning, social and communication skills.

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## MSSNG Project

Groundbreaking collaboration between Google and Autism Speaks creates the world's largest open access genomic database on autism, stored in Google Cloud.

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## Raising Awareness

Autism Speaks and the Ad Council launch new PSAs that depict what life is like for a boy on the autism spectrum. Since its launch in 2006, the campaign is one of the most successful in the Ad Council's history and is credited with raising awareness of autism among parents of young children by nearly 50 percent.



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## 100 Day Tool Kit

A Tool Kit is created to guide and support families through first 100 days. Translated into seven languages and downloaded more than 140,000 times, the kit has helped parents like Christy Kraus navigate the early stages of her son's journey with autism.

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## Light It Up Blue

Introduces a global autism initiative to light the world blue on April 2. To date, more than 142 countries in seven continents participate.

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## First Annual Autism Investment Conference

Develop innovative think tank for investors and entrepreneurs in the creation of products and services for the autism community.

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## Vatican Shines a Light on Autism

Bob and Suzanne Wright address the first Global Vatican conference on autism. Pope Francis calls for an end to the stigma and isolation of those with autism.

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## Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE)

The landmark ABLE Act is signed into law allowing for tax-preferred savings accounts for people with disabilities. Autism Speaks works to enact ABLE in states across the country.

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## Housing and Employment Services for Adults

\$3.7 million donated to date, through grants including the Brian and Patricia Kelly Postsecondary Scholarship Fund that enables programs such as the nonPareil Institute in Plano, Texas, to provide scholarships to students with autism.

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## Help With Community Living

Launches the first online housing and residential support portal for adults with autism.

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## Advancing World Health

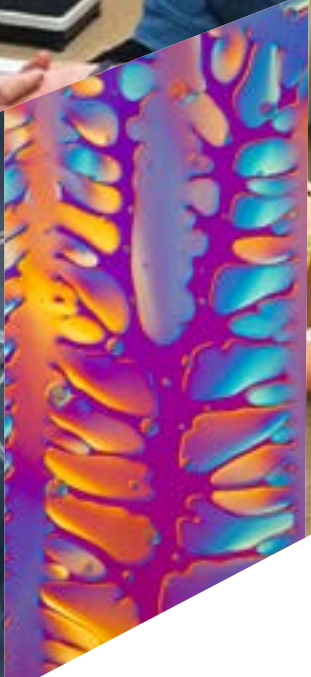
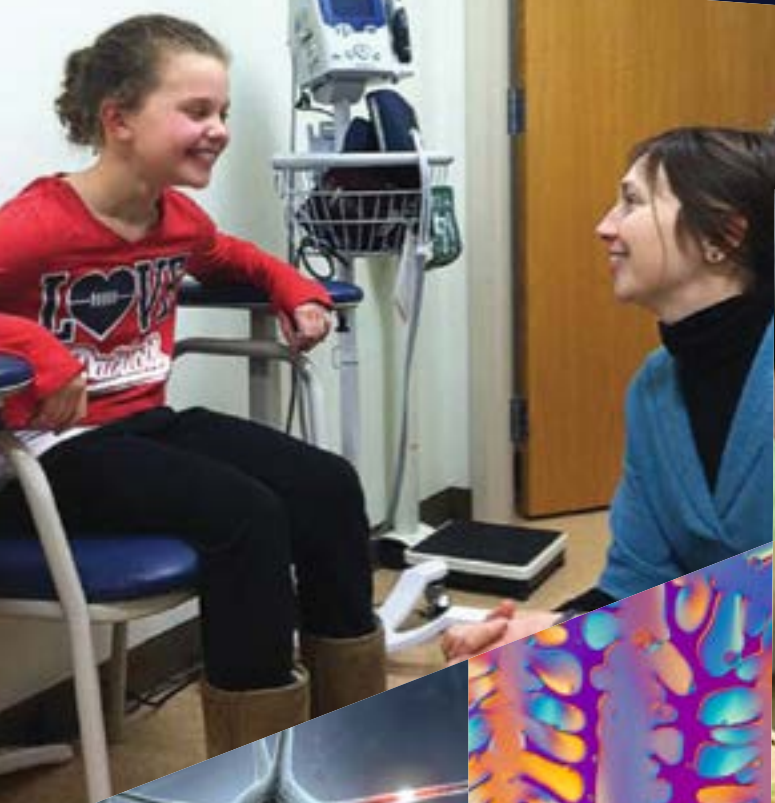
Co-sponsored the World Health Organization's first international conference on autism for worldwide coordination of autism research and services. To date, Autism Speaks has partnerships in more than 70 countries through its Global Autism Public Health Initiative.

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## Employing People With Autism

TheSpectrumCareers.com is launched in partnership with Rangam Consultants Inc. This online portal connects employers with qualified candidates who have autism.

# Weatherstone Fellow





# SCIENCE

## Autism Speaks Launches the World's Largest Genetic Database for Autism Research

As part of Autism Speaks' ambitious research program, **MSSNG** launched a web-based portal for qualified researchers and medical geneticists worldwide, with analytic tools that allowed them to probe the program's first 3,500 sequenced genomes. Early results included the discovery that the genetic risk factors for autism often differ, even between two siblings. The landmark study, led by geneticist Stephen Scherer, made the cover of *Nature Medicine*.

## The Autism Speaks Autism Treatment Network (ATN) Brings Care to Underserved Populations

Project **ECHO** (Extension for Community Health Outcomes) links experts at **Autism Speaks ATN** centers with primary care providers in other communities using a tele-teaching and tele-mentoring approach. This innovative approach is training health care providers to deliver best-practice specialty care to reduce health disparities within the autism community. Our centers also developed and evaluated programs to help families effectively navigate the complexity of medical and behavioral services their children need.

## Training the Next Generation of Autism Researchers

Autism Speaks awarded eight pre-doctoral **Weatherstone Fellowships** and four post-doctoral **Meixner Fellowships in Translational Research**. These prestigious awards will support investigations into diverse topics including sensory processing in children, microbiome-based treatments and biological factors that alter autism risk.

## The Preclinical Autism Consortium for Therapeutics (PACT) Provides Tools for Delivering New Therapeutics

With Autism Speaks funding, a consortium of leading science and health care experts identified and evaluated a platform of tests that measure behavior and brain physiology in genetic animal models of autism. Now the team is pursuing partnerships with companies that have the infrastructure, expertise and commitment to conduct clinical trials with medicines that show promise in **PACT** tests.

## LAUNCHING A GLOBAL SYSTEM OF CARE FOR UNDERSERVED REGIONS

Working with the **World Health Organization (WHO)**, Autism Speaks launched an unprecedented global effort to deliver practical and effective autism services to communities and regions that lack such services. Developed in collaboration with Autism Speaks, the **WHO Parent Skills Training** program trains community workers to teach parents and caregivers proven strategies for fostering the development and social skills of children who have autism or other developmental disorders. Autism Speaks' **Global Autism Public Health** staff continues to collaborate with the **WHO** and its partners to refine the program and improve how we support underserved communities at home and abroad.









# FAMILY SERVICES

## A Commitment to Safety

Autism Speaks promoted safety in the autism community by providing training, education and resources to more than 11,500 first responders and 10,000 people with autism and their family members, as well as hosting 10 family safety fairs. Autism Speaks also worked with the **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children** on 425 autism wandering incidents. In addition, Autism Speaks grant programs funded swimming and water safety lessons, home safety technology, locating devices and more.

## New Tool Kits

More than 75,000 Autism Speaks Family Services tool kits were downloaded from our website, including over 8,000 copies of an updated **Transition Tool Kit**, a guide for families on the journey from adolescence to adulthood. New this year, and requested more than 3,000 times, **Is it Autism and If So, What Next?** is a first-of-its-kind guide for adults recently diagnosed with autism or who think they may have the disorder.

## Addressing Employment

Autism Speaks launched **TheSpectrumCareers.com** in partnership with **Rangam Consultants Inc.** This online portal connects employers with qualified job candidates who have autism. In 2015, the site posted more than 10,000 jobs and 1,000 resumes from job seekers. Autism Speaks also launched two pilot programs providing technical assistance to small businesses and entrepreneurs creating employment opportunities for adults with autism.

## In the Community

Autism Speaks hosted 21 town hall meetings across the U.S., sparking a dynamic discussion about housing, employment and transition challenges facing adolescents and adults on the spectrum. Nearly 2,700 people participated. Educational training was provided to schools, first responders and public venues to create a better understanding of people with autism. In addition, nearly 1,000 people practiced the full airport experience at four **Blue Horizons Events** with **JetBlue Airways**.

## Autism Response Team

Our **Autism Response Team** (ART) answers questions from individuals with autism, family members and professionals nationwide. In 2015, **ART** provided information, tools and resources in response to more than 51,000 emails and phone calls - a 10 percent increase over 2014 - including 5,000 inquiries in Spanish.

## OPENING DOORS TO COMMUNICATION

In December, Autism Speaks awarded 1,056 **iPads** to financially disadvantaged children and adults with autism in 50 states. Since the program began in 2012, 4,000 **iPads** have transformed the lives of people on the autism spectrum - across all ages and abilities - by opening doors to communication, social interaction, education and employment.







# ADVOCACY

## Tax-preferred Savings Accounts

After nearly a decade of concerted effort, the **Achieving a Better Life Experience Act** (ABLE) was signed into law in late 2014. Throughout 2015, Autism Speaks worked to enact **ABLE** programs in all states. **ABLE** accounts are tax-preferred savings accounts for people with disabilities – much like **529 college-savings** accounts – allowing families to save specifically for disability-related expenses.

## Autism Insurance Coverage Expansion

The year brought new autism health insurance coverage to five states: Georgia, Hawaii, Mississippi, North Carolina and South Dakota. By year's end, Autism Speaks had led and achieved autism insurance reform in more than three-quarters of the states. Also, after years of lobbying by Autism Speaks and others, the **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** took action to remind state **Medicaid** agencies of their obligation to cover all medically necessary care for **Medicaid**-eligible children with autism. In addition, many large companies covered by **ERISA** law continue to add coverage voluntarily, thanks to our outreach and assistance to their employees.

## Services and Supports for Adults with Autism

Autism Speaks championed the U.S. Senate's bipartisan **Recognize, Assist, Include, Support and Engage** (RAISE) **Family Caregivers Act**. The bipartisan legislation directs the secretary of health and human services to develop a national family caregiving strategy, with a special emphasis on those caring for individuals with disabilities such as autism. On the state level, highlights include significant budget commitments to ensure autism-supportive housing and community-based services in Florida and New Jersey, as well as ongoing engagement in Illinois.

## Research Funding and Medical Innovations Legislation

Autism Speaks' advocacy helped increase appropriations for the **National Institutes of Health** by \$2 billion for 2016. Autism Speaks also championed the **21st Century Cures Act**, landmark medical innovation legislation that received overwhelming support in the U.S. House of Representatives. Senate consideration is expected in 2016. If enacted, the legislation will accelerate the development of new therapies and personalized medicines.

## **AUTISM ADVOCATES MEET WITH CONGRESS**

At the **Autism Speaks Leadership Summit** in Washington, D.C., more than 300 people heard keynote presentations by **White House** officials and senior congressional leaders, as well as sessions on innovation and science, disparities in care, and grassroots power. More than 100 volunteer advocates from across the country met with their lawmakers in the **House** and **Senate** to urge support for medical innovations, safety and wandering legislation, and improved services for adults and for teens transitioning to adulthood.



Centre Commercial, Casablanca, Morocco



Soareno Train Station, Madagascar



Forté Bank, Almaty, Kazakhstan



Christ The Redeemer, Brazil







# AWARENESS

## Light It Up Blue

**April 2** is **World Autism Awareness Day**, when Autism Speaks kicks off its international **Light It Up Blue** campaign. Thousands of iconic landmarks, communities, businesses and homes around the globe unite by shining bright blue lights to honor the 70 million people worldwide affected by autism. In 2015, **Light It Up Blue** soared to new heights, with more than 18,600 buildings and landmarks in 142 countries joining the campaign. Through **Light It Up Blue**, Autism Speaks inspires compassion, acceptance and hope, and brings attention to the lifelong needs of people with autism.

## World Focus on Autism

The **Eighth Annual World Focus on Autism** coincided with the 70th anniversary of the **United Nations General Assembly** in September. Held in New York City, **World Focus** promotes conversation among first spouses and dignitaries from across North America, Asia, Africa, Latin America, Europe and the Middle East. They considered questions concerning autism and methods for pursuing **21st Century Answers**. Led by Autism Speaks, this annual event raises autism awareness worldwide and helps improve services across the lifespan.

## Professional Sports Step Up to the Plate

For the sixth year, Autism Speaks partnered with the **National Basketball Association** to launch **Autism Awareness Month** in April. In addition to airing public service announcements and sharing facts about autism, broadcasters, coaches and team personnel proudly wore Autism Speaks puzzle-piece pins during games. **Major League Baseball** also teamed up with Autism Speaks. All 30 **Major League Baseball** clubs featured an autism awareness game, with many stadiums making "sensory friendly" accommodations for fans on the spectrum. For the fifth straight year, **FedEx**, the **NASCAR** community and **Dover International Speedway** sponsored the **FedEx 400 benefiting Autism Speaks** race. Drivers in all three **NASCAR** race series displayed the Autism Speaks logo on their cars, while more than 400 people took part in a sensory-friendly fan experience at the track.

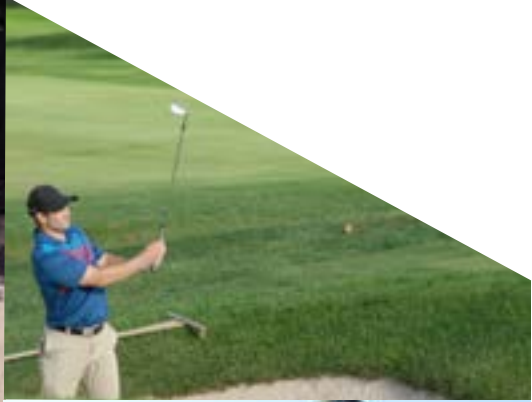
## Coaches Powering Forward for Autism

College basketball united with Autism Speaks for **Coaches Powering Forward for Autism**, an awareness and fundraising campaign. In an overwhelming show of support during one February weekend, nearly 250 coaches and their staff, along with fans, broadcasters and supporters, wore Autism Speaks pins during games.

## IN THE NEWS

2015 was an unprecedented year of media coverage for Autism Speaks. Highlights include coverage of the groundbreaking **MSSNG** genomic research program by *The New York Times*, *Reuters*, *LA Times*, *Scientific American*, *CBS News*, *Good Morning America* and *PBS NewsHour*, among many other outlets. In addition, major media stories quoted Autism Speaks experts on topics ranging from the latest research to community issues such as wandering, the transition to adulthood and legislation. These outlets included *ABC News*, *CBS News*, *NBC News*, *MSNBC*, *CNBC*, *NPR*, *Associated Press* and *USA Today*.

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# FUNDRAISING

## Autism Speaks Walk

In 2015, participants across North America raised \$22.3 million through the Autism Speaks Walk, the world's largest fundraising event to support the diverse needs of the autism community. This grassroots movement is powered by parents of children on the autism spectrum, generating funds that fuel innovative research and make connections to critical lifelong supports and services.

## Special Events

Autism Speaks' major fundraising events raised more than \$9.3 million in 2015. Driving the success of these events: the overwhelming support, dedication and generosity of sponsors, volunteers, in-kind donors and celebrity friends who gave their time, resources and energy to our mission. Events included the **17th Annual Celebrity Golf Challenge at Winged Foot Golf Club**, the **6th Annual Fall Classic at Baltusrol Golf Club**, **Autism Speaks to Wall Street Celebrity Chef Gala**, the **Light Up the Blues Concert**, and **Tip-Off for a Cure** with the **National Basketball Association** and **The Gillen Brewer School**.

## Autism Speaks U

Autism Speaks supports the awareness, advocacy and fundraising efforts of students at schools and campuses across the nation. Whether fundraising at the K-12 level or joining an **Autism Speaks U** club on a college campus, students have many exciting and collaborative options for championing their local autism community. In 2015, student groups supporting Autism Speaks raised \$1.8 million.

## Alpha Xi Delta

**Alpha Xi Delta Women's Fraternity** inspires women to realize their potential by providing opportunities for sisterhood, leadership, knowledge and service. By 2015, **Alpha Xi Delta** raised more than \$4.2 million for Autism Speaks, and fraternity members currently walk and volunteer at **Autism Speaks Walk** events nationwide. Alpha Xi Delta's work through the Walk and signature **AmaXing Challenge** events not only generates vital funds for research but also raises awareness through Autism Speaks' initiatives, such as **Light It Up Blue**, **Coaches Powering Forward** and individual awareness events.

## Team Up! with Autism Speaks

**Team Up!** is an opportunity to run, ride, or even tackle a triathlon to raise funds for Autism Speaks' mission. For the first time, **Team Up!** had participants in the **Disney Wine & Dine Half-Marathon Weekend** in Florida and the new **Star Wars Half-Marathon Weekend** at Disneyland. **TeamUp!** also fielded its first teams in the **Los Angeles** and **Berlin Marathons**. In all, **Team Up!** raised \$1.4 million in 2015. Participants tell us their experiences have been enjoyable and inspiring, and we're especially proud of our runners on the autism spectrum.

# PARTNERS

## Illuminator: \$1 Million or More



**T.J. Maxx** raised more than \$2.4 million in its stores nationwide during its 12th annual in-store Autism Awareness Month campaign in April.



**Alpha Xi Delta Women's Fraternity** raised more than \$1.1 million through its support of Autism Speaks Walk and signature AmaXIng Challenge events.

## DOLLAR GENERAL®

**Dollar General** raised nearly \$1.8 million through its Autism Awareness Month campaign, bringing total donation since 2010 to nearly \$7 million.

## Champion: \$500,000 - \$999,000



**White Castle** increased the annual donation through its April in-store fundraising campaign to \$911,000, bringing its total donations since 2009 to just under \$4 million.



**Sprouts Farmers Markets** delivered more than \$800,000 in support through a combination of the Autism Speaks Walk in Arizona and an in-store fundraising campaign.



**Toys R Us Canada** contributed more than \$800,000 through an in-store campaign and served as the Autism Speaks National Walk Sponsor in Canada.



**Joe's Crab Shack** increased total donations since 2015 to almost \$4 million with another great year of in-store fundraising that delivered more than \$600,000.





## Founder's Circle: \$100,000 - \$499,000



**ShopRite** and its franchisee partners Village Super Market, Inc., Perlmart ShopRite and Eickhoff added more than \$276,000 through their Light It Up Blue in-store promotion.



Autism Speaks was a **Mazda** Drive for Good partner in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, with donations of more than \$207,000 during a November to January campaign.



With a \$200,000 grant, **SunTrust Foundation** funded the Autism Speaks Special Needs Financial Planning Tool Kit, as well as our Financial Planning Workshop series across the Southeast and a new financial-planning specialist for the Autism Response Team.



**GAP's** Closing the Gap on Autism campaign raised more than \$100,000 during a September weekend. The campaign also included a dozen job-shadowing days for young adults with autism in more than 600 stores.



**French's Mustard Food Services** generated \$100,000 by turning their iconic yellow mustard bottle blue to raise autism awareness. Each time a consumer scanned the QR code on a bottle, French's donated \$1 to Autism Speaks.



**Lindt**, the master Swiss chocolatier, donated \$142,000, including a portion of its proceeds from Lindt Gold Bunnies and the auction of celebrity-signed Porcelain Gold Bunnies. This brings Lindt's total donations to more than \$1 million since the beginning of the partnership in 2009.



**Home Depot** partnered with Philips Lighting to provide blue light bulbs in stores across North America and supported the effort with a \$150,000 donation.



**Modell's Sporting Goods**, an East Coast and Mid-Atlantic retailer, generated \$185,000 by engaging more than 150 stores in an April fundraising campaign.



**Vivint Gives Back** became one of Autism Speaks' founding "safety partners," with a contribution of \$150,000 that included home security systems valued at \$50,000.



The toy and game making company **Spin Master** donated \$100,000 as part of a partnership surrounding Kinetic Sand. This included Autism Speaks Walk sponsorships across North America.



As a presenting sponsor of our 2015 Northern New Jersey Walk, **Solgar** donated \$100,000 to Autism Speaks.



**ServiceCenters**

**Toyota Motor Sales** donated more than \$200,000 through employee giving, title sponsorship of our Autism Speaks to Los Angeles Chef Gala and sponsorship of our annual Light Up the Blues benefit concert in LA.



# DONORS

## 2015 Major Donors \$1M+

Alpha Xi Delta  
Anonymous  
Dollar General  
The Allerton Foundation  
The Marcus Foundation  
Mr. and Mrs. Brian J. Kelly  
TJX Companies, Inc.

## 2015 In-kind Donated Media \$1M+

Ad Council  
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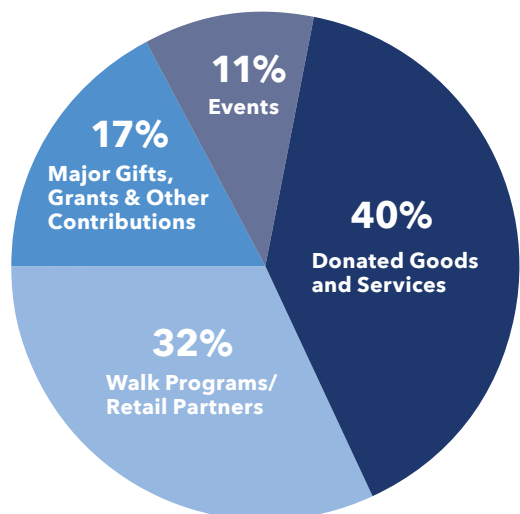
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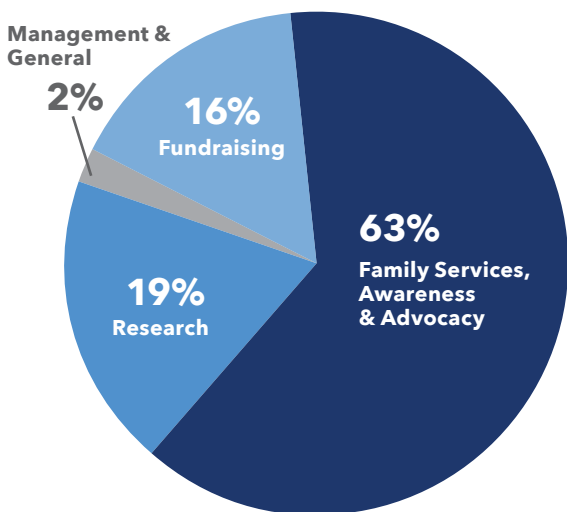
# FINANCIALS



## Funding Sources

Donated and In-kind Goods and Services	\$ 42.5 M
Walk Program/Retail Partners	\$ 33.1 M
Major Gifts, Grants and Other Contributions	\$ 17.5 M
Events	\$ 11.4 M
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 104.5 M</b>

## Your Dollars at Work



### PROGRAM SERVICES

Family Services, Awareness and Advocacy	\$ 68.6 M
Research	\$ 20.4 M
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 89.0 M</b>

### SUPPORTING SERVICES

Management and General	\$ 2.6 M
Fundraising	\$ 16.5 M
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 19.1 M</b>

## Net Assets

### TOTAL NET ASSETS

at December 31, 2015	<b>\$ 9.1 M</b>
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