

Help create a world where all people with
autism can reach their full potential

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Every April, Autism Speaks kicks off World Autism Month beginning with United Nations-sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day on April 2.

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Join us in creating a world where all people with autism, across the spectrum and throughout the life span, can reach their full potential – and keep your support going all year long.

How does your support benefit the autism community?

Together, through the help of supporters like you, we continue to:

- *Increase global understanding and acceptance of people with autism*
- *Be a catalyst for life-enhancing research breakthroughs*
- *Increase early childhood screening and timely interventions*
- *Improve the transition to adulthood*
- *Ensure access to reliable information and services throughout the life span*

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Did you know?

Autism affects
more than

70M
people

worldwide



For most, autism is a

lifelong
condition



Autism Speaks
championed

\$3.9B

increase in federal
funding for autism



Autism can be
reliably diagnosed

by around
age 2

but average
age remains 4



Autism Speaks
reached

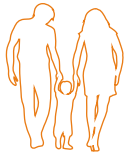
@ **32M**
people

by social media,
during April,
World Autism Month*

Autism Speaks
Aided an estimated

24.1M

people
through
funded services
and supports



Autism Speaks
championed
ABLE tax-free
savings accounts
reaching over

\$937M

in tax-advantaged
funds helping
people with autism



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Autism Speaks is enhancing lives today and accelerating a spectrum of solutions for tomorrow.

To find resources, find ways to fundraise or make a donation, go to autismspeaks.org
or connect with us on social [@autismspeaks](https://twitter.com/autismspeaks).

Make a lasting difference for the 1 in 44 children and 1 in 45 adults with autism in the U.S.

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This April, World Autism Month, join us to show your support of people with autism.

PLEDGE Take the pledge at autismspeaks.org/WAM to create a world where all people with autism can reach their full potential by increasing understanding and acceptance. You'll receive free information, resources and tools to engage and advocate in your community and learn the impact of your support through Autism Speaks.

SHARE Join our 2.8 million social followers and help foster understanding and acceptance by sharing the diverse stories of people on the spectrum or telling your own. Submit your story for our social media pages here: surveymonkey.com/r/AutismSpeaksShareYourStory.

ENGAGE Invite your colleagues, classroom and friends to join our **Kindness Campaign** and encourage acceptance, understanding and inclusion with daily acts of kindness at school, work or in your community.

GIVE Make a meaningful, lasting impact for people with autism with your gift. It's one of the easiest and best ways to show your support.

Donate today!

Join the Kindness Campaign to fundraise and show your support all month long with daily acts of kindness.



Ways to fundraise:



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The Autism Speaks Kindness Campaign encourages acceptance, understanding and inclusion with daily acts of kindness. The Kindness Campaign is a great way to celebrate World Autism Monthly in April. With three options, pick the campaign that works for you! Your commitment to kindness gets us one step closer to a world where all people with autism can reach their full potential.

Live with Kindness

A 30-day Kindness Campaign for everyone

Reveal daily kindness activities on a fun, interactive calendar. Participate as an individual, team, company or any other group that wants to create a kinder world. Earn awesome kindness swag as you reach fundraising milestones.

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Learn with Kindness

A 30-day Kindness Campaign created just for schools

Reveal daily kindness activities on a fun, interactive calendar. Designed to work (and be awesome!) in virtual, in-person or hybrid settings, everyone will love reaching fundraising milestones and earning kindness swag. Complement your campaign with customized resources for kindergarten through college.

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Lead with Kindness

A 2-week Campaign created just for companies

When you donate \$25 to join your company's Kindness Campaign, you earn a corporate perk and celebrate World Autism Day in April or World Kindness Day in November. (Or do it twice and celebrate both days!)

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More ways to fundraise...

Give Make a one-time donation or continue your support by becoming a monthly donor.

Fundraise on social Learn all the ways you can fundraise on social media.

Fundraise Your Way (FYW)

Our Fundraise Your Way platform allows you to create your own fundraising page for any type of event you want. Birthday campaign, wedding, corporate fundraiser and anything in-between.

College or university - Autism Speaks U

Join a nationwide network of university students dedicated to raising awareness and funds in support of people with autism and their families. Initiated in 2006 at Penn State, the Autism Speaks U program has grown to over 30 chapters at colleges and universities across the U.S. supporting the Autism Speaks mission. Join with students, faculty and alumni in student-organized events and Walk teams. Have fun while making a difference!



About autism

Autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication. We know that there is not one autism but many subtypes, most influenced by a combination of genetic and environmental factors. Because autism is a spectrum disorder, each person with autism has a distinct set of strengths and challenges. The ways in which people with autism learn, think and problem-solve can range from highly skilled to severely challenged. Some people with ASD may require significant support in their daily lives, while others may need less support and, in some cases, live entirely independently.

About Autism Speaks

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.

Questions?

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