



WHO WE ARE

Autism Canada is a registered Canadian Charity (86587 8466 RR0001) founded March 6, 2002 by parents - all with children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). These parents found themselves traveling abroad to get support for biomedical interventions. It was apparent to them that there was a lack of representation in Canada for all effective treatments and therapies. They decided that Canada needed an autism organization that provided resources and support on both traditional and emerging treatments, and established Autism Canada. Autism Canada believes in an individualized, multidisciplinary approach to treatment.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Autism Canada Foundation is a national, volunteer led organization, providing treatment and resource information to families living with autism, and influencing related health care and government policy.



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HOW YOU CAN HELP

MAKE A DIFFERENCE – DONATE TODAY

Your donation will be directed toward programs which give parents, caregivers and professionals information about effective treatments and therapies as well as programs to support scientific research focused on finding the cause and cure for autism.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Consider doing a fundraising event for Autism Canada. From BBQs to garage sales, golf tournaments to galas, no event is too big or too small. The support of individuals and community partners is key to our success. Community fundraising events allow us to continue to be a place where families can find information and support in choosing treatments for their children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

VOLUNTEER

One great way to help is to make a donation of your time. We are looking for volunteers who are enthusiastic, energetic, responsible and dedicated. Volunteers are essential to our success.

WHY YOU SHOULD SUPPORT AUTISM CANADA

Once considered a rare condition, Autism is now being diagnosed in 1 in 110 children and the incidence is on the rise. It is now more common than pediatric cancer, diabetes, and AIDS combined. If this epidemic continues at its current rate, the consequences in human suffering and the costs for Canadian society will be staggering.

Over the last decade there have been some very promising advances in both treatments and research. There are children who have made significant gains and there are also children who have recovered. At the same time there are thousands of children and families who despair of ever having a chance at a more normal life.

WHAT IS AUTISM

Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder and is part of a group of disorders known as Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Autism is a whole-body disorder which impacts normal brain development leaving most individuals with communication problems, difficulty with typical social interactions and a tendency to repeat specific patterns of behaviour. There is also a markedly restricted repertoire of activity and interests. Individuals on the autism spectrum tend to have varying degrees and combinations of symptoms.