



2017

ANNUAL
REPORT

 **AUTISM**
RECOVERY FOUNDATION



BECAUSE ALL CHILDREN DESERVE A BRIGHT FUTURE TO LOOK FORWARD TO.

Autism Recovery Foundation

OUR MISSION

Our mission at the Autism Recovery Foundation is to raise money to provide the opportunity for families with young children who have autism to receive early intervention behavior therapy that they might have otherwise not had access to.

We believe that any child who has the ability to recover from autism should have the opportunity and tools to do so. We believe that every child should have a bright future to look forward to.

TO OUR SUPPORTERS & FRIENDS

Grateful and Motivated.

Your support in 2017 inspired all of us at the Autism Recovery Foundation to continue our mission to raise funds to ensure that all children with autism in Minnesota have access to affordable early intensive behavioral intervention services. More than 15,000 children meet the educational criteria for ASD in Minnesota and our state is facing a massive workforce shortage of qualified individuals to provide autism services to these kids.

The Autism Recovery Foundation is on the front lines of autism working with state legislators to address the critical workforce shortage issue and working with private donors to provide direct financial support to families on the front lines of autism.

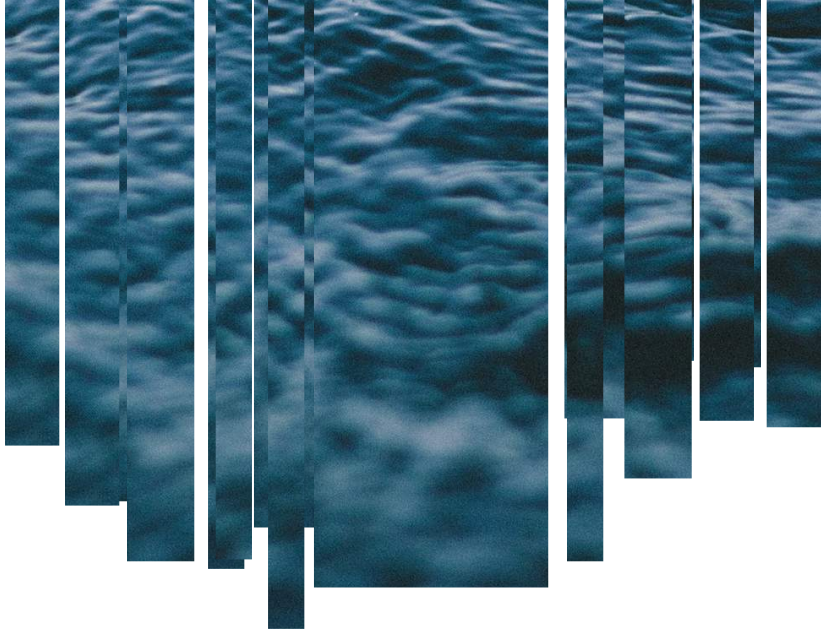
As you turn the pages of our annual report this year, you will see a recap of our efforts to make a difference in the lives of these families. We believe that all children deserve a bright future to look forward to. With you by our side we have the power to make a difference.

Gratefully,

Randall Bachman

2017 Board Chair Autism Recovery Foundation





January 2017

- ARF awarded scholarships to 5 graduate students in Minnesota to expand the qualified autism service professionals. In total, ARF has awarded more than \$40,000 to BCBA students.
- Along with other autism organizations, ARF participated in the Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities "Tuesdays at the Capitol" event to educate state lawmakers on current issues.

March 2017

The board of directors welcomed new member and parent advocate Anna Theisen-Olson to the ARF board.



September 2017

ARF hosted a new event at Target Field "ARF at the Ballpark." Friends and supporters shared a night of baseball and fun with the Minnesota Twins.



October 2017

Our 3rd annual "Autism Heroes" event was held on October 28, 2017. ARF welcomed US Representative Rick Nolan as keynote speaker along with parents Renee Horsman and Tony Farah. State Representative Roz Peterson was honored as the 2017 Autism Hero of the Year. The event raised nearly \$25,000 for Minnesota families.

November 2017

ARF awarded its final Canteen Grants of the year in November. In total, ARF awarded more than \$3,000 in grants to help families pay for therapy materials, camps and other expenses related to providing treatment for their children.

2017 AT A GLANCE

2017 was a year of exciting growth for Autism Recovery Foundation. We continued to honor Minnesota's "Autism Heroes" and worked to expand our mission across the state.

OUR IMPACT

BUILDING THE WORKFORCE

Since 2014 Autism Recovery Foundation has given away more than \$40,000 in scholarships to graduate students in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis.



OF THE 33 STUDENTS WE'VE SUPPORTED:

29 are working with individuals with autism or other developmental disabilities.

11 continue to pursue graduate school in autism-related programs.

15 have become Board Certified Behavior Analysts.



HELPING FAMILIES ON THE FRONT LINES

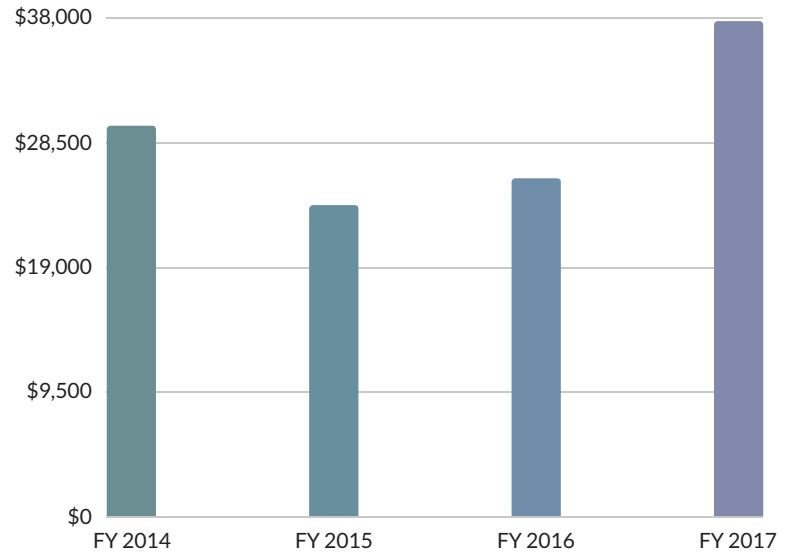
In 2017 ARF awarded Canteen Grants to 7 families on the front lines of autism

These grants up to \$500 help families to put the necessary pieces of their child's treatment together by paying for expenses like:

- THERAPY MATERIALS
- TRANSPORTATION COSTS
- COMMUNICATION TOOLS
- GPS TRACKING DEVICES
- SUMMER CAMP TUITION
- RESPITE CARE
- SOCIAL SKILLS GROUPS AND MORE.



2017 YEAR END ASSETS

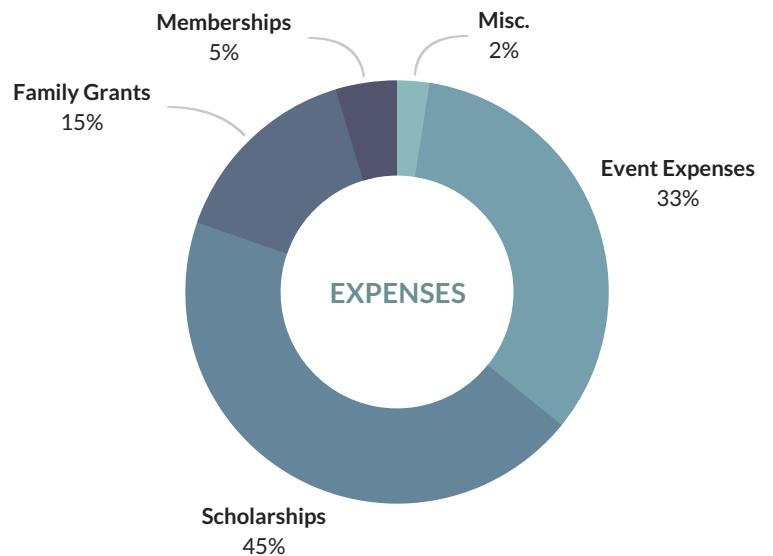
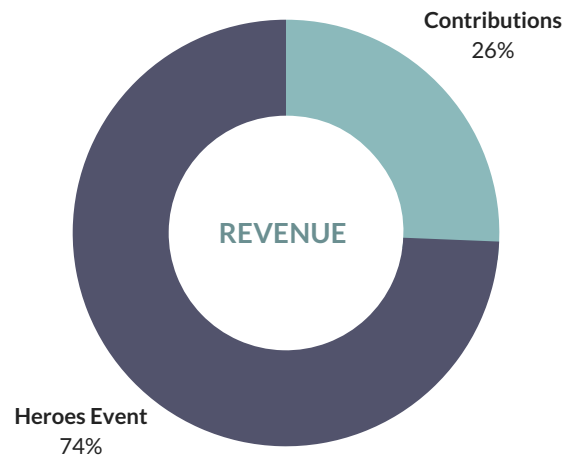


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FINANCIALS

A full copy of the financial statements of Autism Recovery Foundation as submitted per the IRS 990 reporting requirements is available on our website:

www.autismrecoveryfoundation.org



FINANCIALS

REVENUE

Contributions, Grants, Gifts	\$8,543
Special Events	\$24,775
Other Revenue	\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$33,318

EXPENSES

Scholarships	\$9,500
Canteen Family Grants	\$3,200
Administration	\$525
Memberships, Conferences	\$999
Event Expenses	\$7,118
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$21,342





2017 Supporters

\$5000 and Above

The Advisors Charitable Gift Fund

\$3000 to \$5000

State Farm Insurance Companies
Foundation

\$1000 to \$2999

Behavioral Dimensions, Inc.
C.A.D.E. (Children with Autism Deserve Education)
Minnesota Life College
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Saint Cloud State University
Sunny Days Therapy
The Lovaas Institute for Early Intervention - Midwest
Timothy Spence
Trucker's Inn - Sauk Centre
Vibrant Technologies
Jeff & Tamara Meyer
University of Minnesota RTC
Tim Meyer State Farm Insurance

\$500 to \$1000

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Fraser
Inside Edge CIS
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Jaci Meyer State Farm Insurance
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Jennifer Riermann
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Jennifer Sweetser
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Patina Market LLC
Third Wave Partnership
Tony Farah Realty

up to \$250

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