

2018

ANNUAL
REPORT





The Facts:

- 1 in 59 children has a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder.
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- Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention (EIBI) can help many children with ASD live full and independent lives.
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- EIBI can cost families \$60,000 to \$100,000+ per child, per year.
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- While Minnesota has some of the highest-quality professionals serving kids with ASD, we need thousands more people in the workforce to meet the demand.

OUR MISSION

Our mission at the Autism Recovery Foundation is to raise money to provide an 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 any child who has the ability to recover from autism should have the opportunity and tools to do so. We believe every child should have a bright future to look forward to.



TO OUR SUPPORTERS & FRIENDS

We are grateful.

Since our inception we have had the privilege of awarding over \$50,000 in scholarships to qualified individuals who pursue their education and choose to study for their Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) Degree. These individuals are part of a workforce of behavior analysts that chose to work with children with autism and their families through early intervention and treatment.

Why is this important?

First and foremost the rate of autism diagnoses and the need for autism services has risen dramatically. According to the CDC 1 in 59 children has been identified with autism spectrum disorders. A recent study by the University of Minnesota as part of a national CDC study found that the rate of autism in Minnesota is 1 in 42 children. When our son was diagnosed in the mid 1990's he was the 1 in 10,000. An astonishing increase and now the most prevalent childhood disability.

Today in Minnesota there are thousands of children who meet the criteria for Autism Spectrum Disorders. The workforce shortage of qualified individuals to work with children with ASD is massive. This workforce shortage is a direct result of the unexpected rapid rise of this diagnosis. I would venture to say one would not need to go very far outside your own community of friends, family, co-workers, or neighbors to discover a child who is on the ASD Spectrum.

Our mission is to provide an opportunity for any child who has been diagnosed with ASD an option to receive early intervention therapy services.

We cannot do this alone.

This will require not just the Autism Recovery Foundation but a combined effort by many to work to address our inadequate public policy response to this inequity. In addition to the scholarship program we recently began a program of awarding canteen grants to families whose children are in early intensive behavior therapy programs. These grants assist in the costs associated with their therapy materials and equipment. The costs associated with early intervention treatment averages \$40,000 to \$60,000 per child per year.

We humbly **Thank You**, our sponsors, donors, and advocates who help us continue on with this important work. Please know the work to improve the lives of those with autism directly impacts not just those families but the lives of us all.

Gratefully,

Tamara Meyer

2018 Board Chair Autism Recovery Foundation

January 2018



- ARF gratefully thanked outgoing board chairperson Randall Bachman for his generous service on our board of directors since 2008. ARF board welcomed incoming chairperson Tamara Meyer. Tammy is a parent, advocate, and long-time supporter of the autism community in Minnesota.
- ARF distributed 5 scholarships to BCBA students for the Spring 2018 semester. To date, ARF has distributed more than \$50,000 in scholarships to build the autism workforce.
- The board of directors welcomed new board member Jay O'Neill. Jay currently serves as the President of Behavioral Dimensions, Inc. an ABA service provider.

April 2018

- In honor of April's Autism Awareness month, ARF hosted a new fundraising event "Pints for A Purpose" in partnership with Tin Whiskers Brewing Company in St. Paul, Minnesota.

May 2018

- The board of directors welcomed new board member Samantha Shand. Sammy is a Technical Account Manager with Minneapolis-based BerganKDV.

August 2018



- ARF returned to Target Field to host "ARF at the Ballpark." Friends and supporters shared an afternoon of baseball and fun with the Minnesota Twins.

November 2018



- Our 4th annual "Autism Heroes" event was held on November 3, 2018. ARF welcomed Minnesota-native and Superbowl champion recording artist Ben Utecht to provide entertainment at our event. Long-time disability advocate and Minnesota attorney Anne Henry was honored as the 2018 Autism Hero of the Year. The event raised \$16,000 for Minnesota families.

- ARF awarded its final Canteen Grants of the year in November. In total, ARF awarded more than \$4,500 in grants to help families pay for therapy materials, curriculums, camps and other expenses related to providing treatment for their children.

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AT A GLANCE

In 2018, Autism Recovery Foundation welcomed a new chairperson this and continued to honor Minnesota's "Autism Heroes."

OUR 2018 IMPACT

BUILDING THE WORKFORCE

Since 2014, Autism Recovery Foundation has given away **more than \$55,000 in scholarships** to graduate students in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis.

OF THE 41 STUDENTS WE'VE SUPPORTED SO FAR:

39

work with children with autism or individuals with developmental disabilities.

16

are currently finishing graduate programs.

21

have become Board Certified Behavior Analysts.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 BCBA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

JILLIAN BANTAU
KAYLEIGH BELL
STEPHEN BRINSKO
ANGELA BROWN
STEFFANI FALARDEAUX
JESSICA GORDON
JENNIFER HAGAN
KELSEY LOEFFLER
VICTORIA OLIVERSEN
NICOLE ROGERS
KATE SCHROEDER
ALISON STARK
KELSEY STRACHAN

OUR 2018 IMPACT

CANTEEN GRANT PROGRAM

“Like a canteen of cool fresh water to a soldier on the front lines of battle, the Canteen Grant is a small fund to help support and refresh those on the front lines of the battle against autism.”

It is unusual for any single source of funding to be able to cover all the costs involved with intensive early intervention behavior therapy. While treatments are covered in various amounts through private insurance and/or government programs such as Medical Assistance, typically families are left with a significant burden. Some have had to dip into retirement savings or put a second mortgage on their homes. Even with good insurance coverage, there are still things that are needed, such as equipment and supplies that are not covered. While a Canteen Grant will not alleviate this entire burden, even a small amount will help tide the family over in their ongoing struggle with autism.

In 2018, Autism Recovery Foundation distributed an additional \$5,230 to families in the form of Canteen Grants.

11 children and their families received a grant for up to \$500 to pay for the necessary pieces of therapy.

Canteen Grants cover expenses like:

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

SINCE 2016

\$9,680

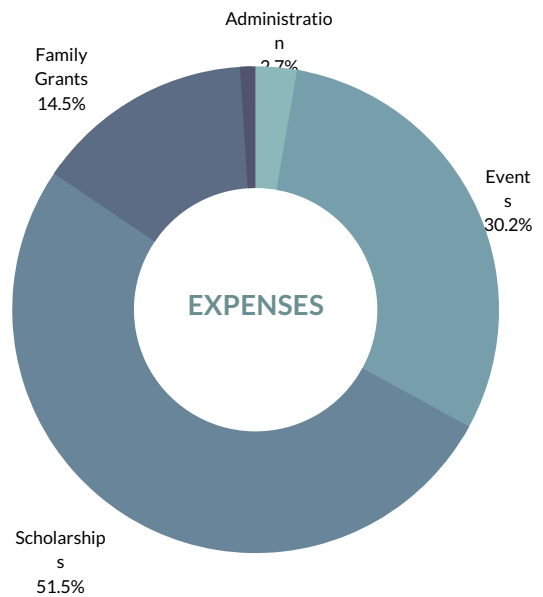
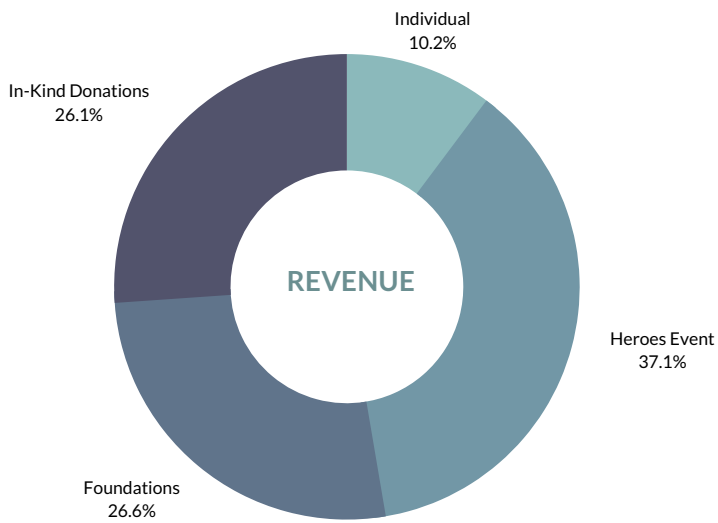
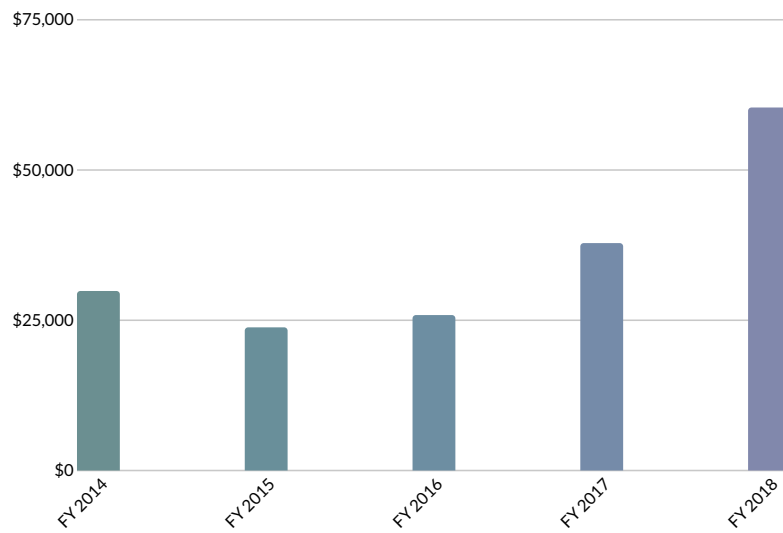
IN GRANTS TO FAMILIES



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FINANCIALS

2018 YEAR END ASSETS



FINANCIALS

REVENUE

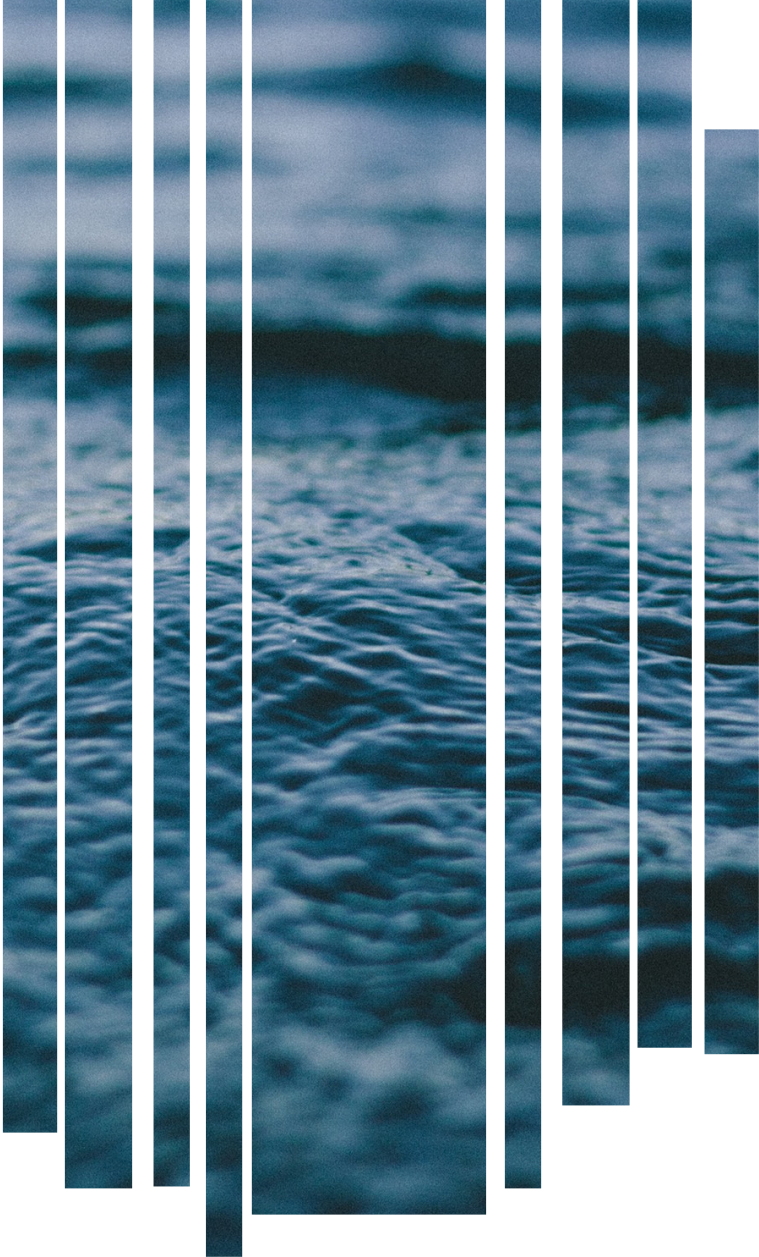
Contributions, Grants, Gifts	\$6,949.49
In-Kind Donations	\$17,679.00
Foundations (Steinhauser Family Foundation)	\$18,000.00
Autism Hero Event	\$25,125.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$67,753.49

EXPENSES

Scholarships	\$15,000.00
Canteen Family Grants	\$4,730.00
Administration	\$793.90
Memberships, Conferences	\$300.00
Event Expenses	\$8813.42
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$29,137.32

A full copy of the financial statements of Autism Recovery Foundation are submitted per the IRS 990 reporting requirements and available on our website.





\$18,000

Rick and Amy Steinhauser Family Foundation

\$17,679

The Lovaas Institute Midwest

\$3,000 to \$5000

State Farm Companies Foundation

\$1001 to \$2999

Anonymous
Behavioral Dimensions, Inc.
Chris Olson & Anna Theisen-Olson
Jeff Meyer State Farm Insurance
Mulligan & Bjornnes Attorneys at Law
Network for Good
Saint Cloud State University
Tim Meyer State Farm Insurance
Trucker's Inn, Sauk Centre - Ann & Todd Anliker
University of Minnesota RTC
Vibrant Technologies

\$501 to \$1000

C.A.D.E Foundation
Jeff Fox
Jeff and Tamara Meyer
Mary Sue Weir

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SUPPORTERS

The Autism Recovery Foundation thanks all of our donors, sponsors, and volunteers for their support of our mission.

2018 SUPPORTERS

\$251 to \$500

Trina Arntsen & Jim Young
Randall & Klare Bachman
Kara Mensink
Greg Meyer State Farm Insurance
Jaci Meyer State Farm Insurance
Mike & Sarah Meyer
John & Ann Mulligan
Jay O'Neill
Greg & Amy Sippl
Tin Whiskers Brewing Company
Tony Farah Realty

up to \$250

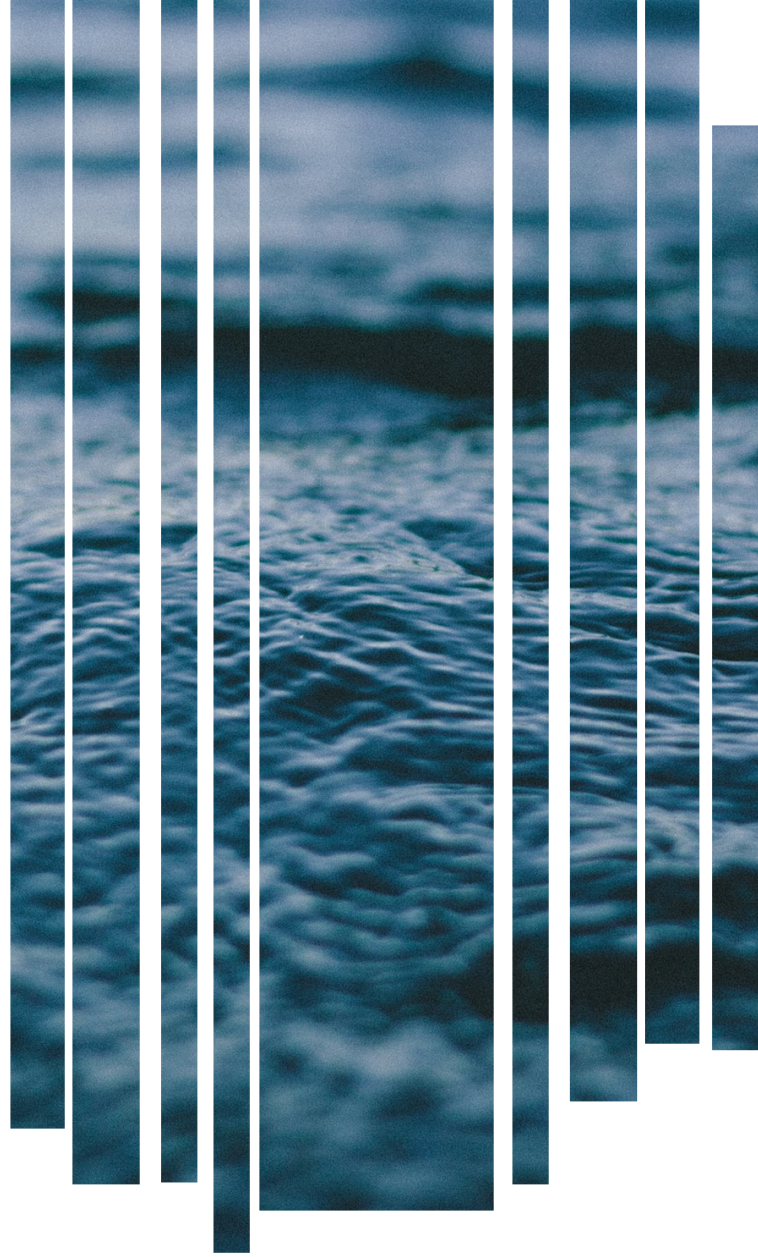
Amazon Smile Foundation
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Brooke Anderson
Stacey Anliker
Peter Beck
Madeline Bell
Timothy Bell
Linda Bergerson
Nicole Berning
Tis Best
Rebecca Carroll
Tiffany Daniel
Linda DeLude
Mary Ann Dorsher
Scott & Arlene Duchan
Steve DuMond
Jim & Joy Erickson
Kayla Fort
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Iman Hassan
Anne Henry
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up to \$250

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