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2019

ANNUAL
REPORT





**1 IN 54 CHILDREN
HAS A DIAGNOSIS
OF AUTISM.**

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

Dear Donors and Friends,

THANK YOU for all you have done for the Autism Recovery Foundation.

We give thanks to each and every one of you who support our mission to do what we can to improve the workforce of qualified individuals working with children on the autism spectrum. THANK YOU.

In 2019, we gave out \$14,500.00 in scholarships for students who are pursuing their advanced degrees in Applied Behavior Analysis. Since 2014 ARF has awarded more than \$80,000 in scholarships. These students are committed to working with families in Minnesota.

We also continued our Canteen Grant program this year to provide monetary assistance for families that support children with their therapy materials and equipment. We are entering a season of giving and ask for your consideration to continue to support our mission.

Your donation provides financial support to families who access early intensive behavioral intervention services for children with ASD in Minnesota.

Please visit our website www.autismrecoveryfoundation.org for more information about giving.

We are hopeful that in 2019 we can continue to celebrate our success because of our donors and friends.

Gratefully,

Tamara Meyer

2019 Board Chair Autism Recovery Foundation

We are **GRATEFUL** to **YOU** for the following reasons. **YOUR** generosity made this happen.

As of year-end 2019 since inception we will have had the privilege of awarding \$89,500.00 in scholarships to students who are pursuing their advanced degrees in Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention.

Tonight we honor those students who are pursuing their education to become Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA) and Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analysts (BCaBA). They believe that ANY child should have an opportunity for early intervention therapy services. Tonight we honor them.

We are supporting the costs associated with therapy with Canteen Grants for families whose children are receiving EIBI (Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention) services. As of the end of 2019 and since inception we will have distributed \$17,680.00.

TONIGHT WE HAVE A \$25,000.00 MATCHING GRANT. THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONOR. WE ARE HONORED YOU HAVE SELECTED THE AUTISM RECOVERY FOUNDATION FOR THIS GIFT.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for 2019



Brooke Anderson

Amy Sippl

We are delighted to announce the introduction of the ANNE HENRY LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY SCHOLARSHIP. It is our honor to have her name associated with our organization. You can read about her outstanding legacy in this program.

We welcomed two new board members to our organization. Brooke Anderson and Amy Sippl are both dedicated professionals and have between them years of experience in working and volunteering within the autism community.



Our Pints For A Purpose event at Tin Whiskers in St. Paul raised in excess of \$2,300.00 this year. Thank You Tin Whiskers for sponsoring this event.



We once again were selected by the Minnesota Ballpark Authority for one of their Twins Suite Events. There were 24 individuals including sponsors, donors, and families enjoying an evening game. And yes, the Twins won.

Why We Do What We Do

Today in Minnesota there are thousands of children that meet the criteria for Autism Spectrum Disorders. The workforce shortage of qualified individuals to work with ASD is woefully short. The need is massive as based on a U Of M study that found the rate of autism in Minnesota is 1 in 42 children.

This is the most prevalent childhood disability. We will need the combined efforts of many to address this issue going forward. YOU are helping in that effort. And for that we are humbled. **THANK YOU** for all you have done and continue to do. Your **GENEROUS SUPPORT** directly impacts the lives of so many families, students, and citizens of Minnesota.

Special thank to the **THE BELFAST COWBOYS** for making our 2019 Autism Heroes Event a success.

OUR 2019 IMPACT

BUILDING THE WORKFORCE

Since 2014, Autism Recovery Foundation has given away **more than \$89,500 in scholarships** to graduate students in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2019 BCBA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

BCaBA Scholarships

Olivia Friesner
Cole Hebbe
Amy Sorensen

BCBA Scholarships

Krista Alvord
Jill Bantau
Kayleigh Bell
Erin Dietz
Jenny Hagen

Deeqaifra Hussein
Wei Li
Kelsey Loeffler
Alison Stark
DeAndre Sully-Coleman

OUR 2019 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 2019, Autism Recovery Foundation distributed an additional \$5,157 to families in the form of Canteen Grants.

Each of these 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.



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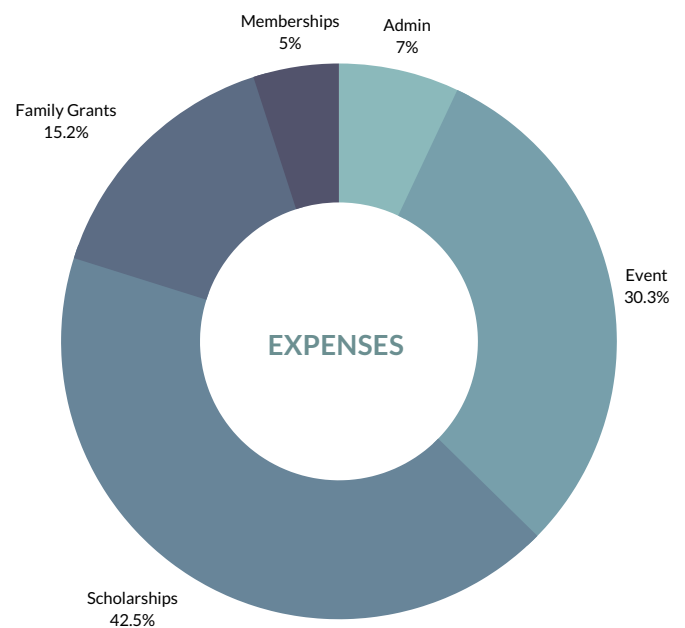
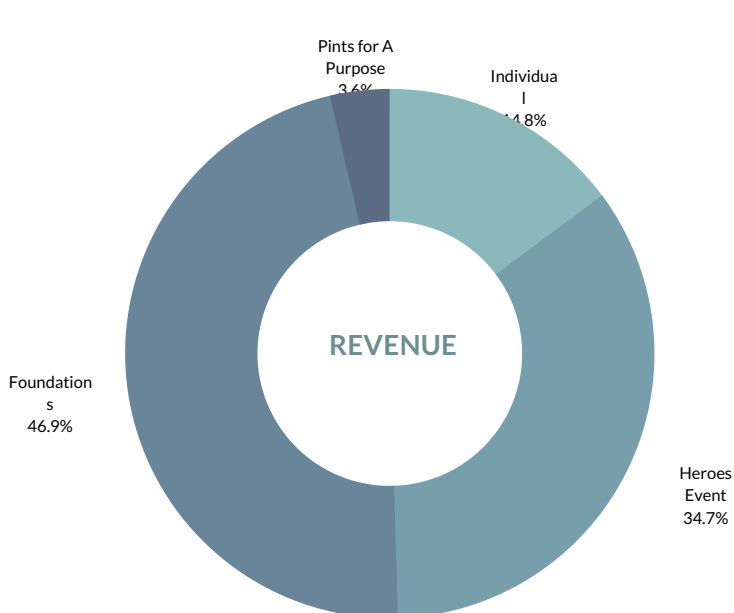
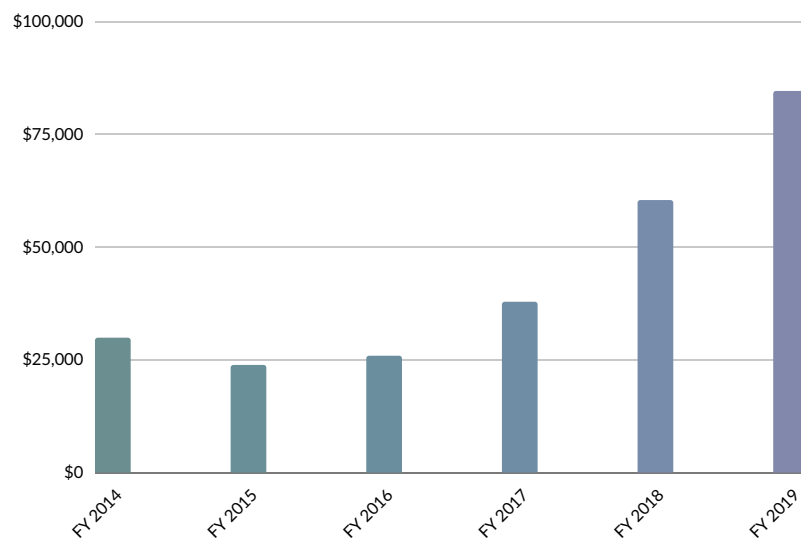
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IN GRANTS TO FAMILIES

2019

FINANCIALS

2019 YEAR END ASSETS



FINANCIALS

REVENUE

Contributions, Grants, Gifts	\$9,476.64
Pints for A Purpose	\$2,320.00
Family Foundations	\$30,000.00
Autism Hero Event	\$22,206.08
Interest Payments	\$6.21
TOTAL REVENUE	\$64,008.93

EXPENSES

Scholarships	\$14,500.00
Canteen Family Grants	\$5,157.76
Administration	\$2,389.92
Memberships, Conferences	\$1,700.00
Event Expenses	\$10,348.76
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$34,096.44

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





\$25,000

Anonymous

\$3,000 to \$5000

**State Farm Companies Foundation
Bill and Harriet Olson Family Fund**

\$1001 to \$2999

Anonymous

Behavioral Dimensions, Inc.

Chris Olson & Anna Theisen-Olson

Fraser

Jeff Meyer State Farm Insurance

Mulligan & Bjornnes Attorneys at Law

The Holland Center

Tin Whiskers Brewing Company

Tim Meyer State Farm Insurance

University of Minnesota RTC

\$501 to \$1000

Anonymous

Jeff and Tamara Meyer

Network For Good

Saint Cloud State University

Trucker's Inn, Sauk Centre - Ann & Todd

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2019
SUPPORTERS

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

2019 SUPPORTERS

\$251 to \$500

Anonymous
Benevity Community Impact Fund
Trina Arntsen & Jim Young
Greg Meyer State Farm Insurance
Jaci Meyer State Farm Insurance
Mike & Sarah Meyer
Jay O'Neill
Tin Whiskers Brewing Company
Tony Farah Realty
William Alex Vang
Mary Sue Weir

up to \$250

Amazon Smile Foundation
Lisa Kubiak
Mary Johnson
Martin Keller
Edward Hennen
Randall & Klare Bachman
Mary Kay Boell
Debra Ebertz
Jennifer Hagen
John Hoch
John Hock
Jenny Lillehei
Nicole Miller
Andrea Nelson
Valerie Olheiser
Robert Peota
Gregory Sebald
Chris Stout
Don Lorr
Peter Beck
RJ Bergstrom

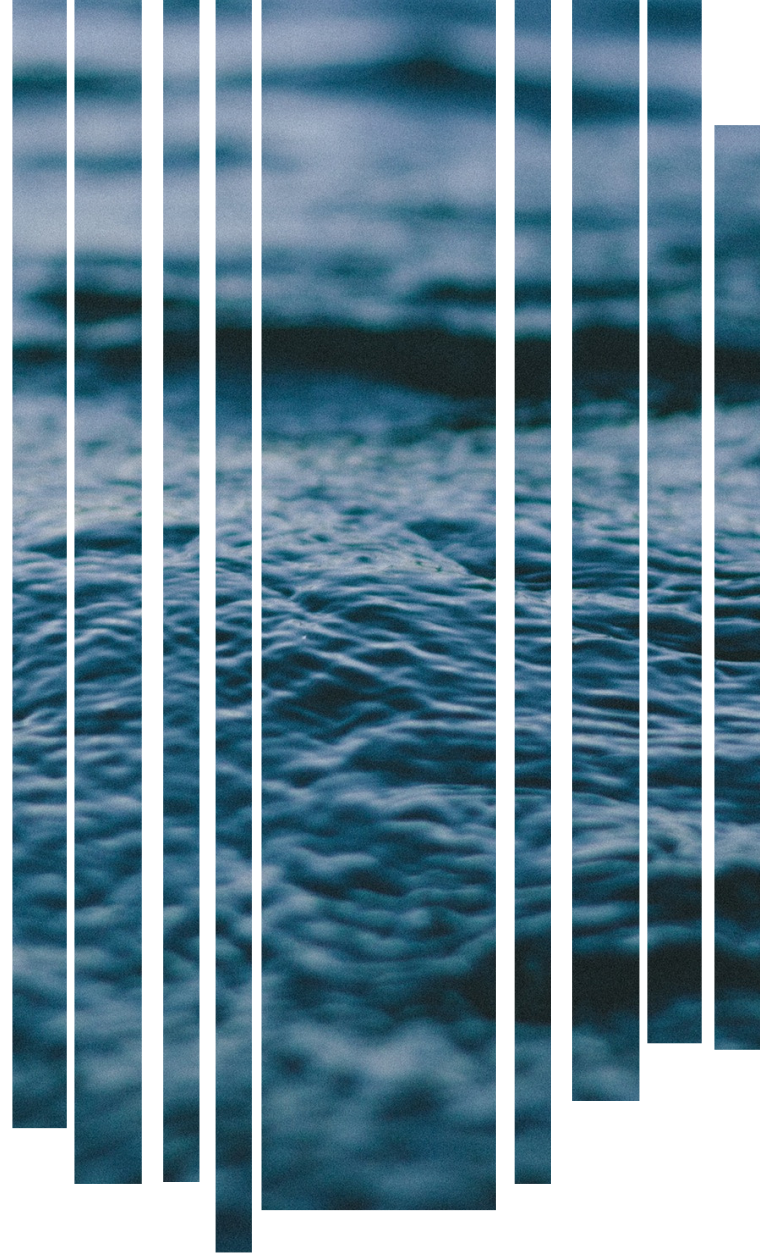
up to \$250

Rebecca Carroll
Tiffany Daniel
Eric Larsson
David Linsalata
Sonal Gerten
Nicole Berning
Barbara Johnson
Elliot Zismer
Arlene Duchan
Nicholas Haas
John & Renee Horsman
Brian McGann
Gregory Montbriand
Vanessa Slivken
Brooke Anderson
Stacey Anliker
Linda Bergerson
Angela Brown
Arlene Duchan
Anne Henry
Janet Kaiser
Billy Ryan
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Leah Vergara

Joseph Wagner
Sammy Shand
Julie Theisen
Jenny Sweetser
John F. Mulligan
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