

see the potential

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“We want all Ontarians to see what we see in each person who has ASD. They have amazing things to offer when we create environments in which they can thrive.”

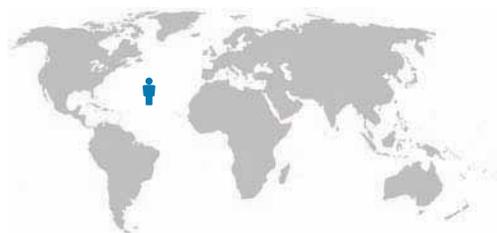
MARG SPOELSTRA
*Executive Director,
Autism Ontario*

The current landscape of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD):

135,000 individuals in Ontario are living with ASD



1% of the global population



1 in 94 children live with ASD



Ontario must be prepared to support children, youth and adults with autism in their communities.

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OUR VISION:

Acceptance and opportunities for all individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder.



OUR MISSION:

To ensure that each individual with ASD is provided the means to achieve quality of life as a respected member of society.

WHAT IS AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER?



Autism Spectrum Disorder is a life-long neurological disorder that affects the way a person communicates and relates to the people around them. People on the spectrum can sometimes experience challenges with:

- \\ REPETITIVE AND RESTRICTIVE PATTERNS OF BEHAVIOUR
- \\ SOCIAL COMMUNICATION

ASD is a spectrum disorder, which means that while all people with ASD will experience certain difficulties, the degree to which each person on the spectrum experiences these challenges will be different.

There are lots of different ways to talk about Autism. We can talk about ASD medically, we can describe it through behaviour, we can talk about prevalence rates, we can talk about early detection and the importance of early evidence-based intervention, we can talk about the need for support for people with ASD across a lifespan, or we can talk about why advocacy is vital for building communities equipped to meet and support the changing needs of people on the spectrum.

It's easy to think about ASD as a diagnosis, however, we are not talking about a diagnosis. We are talking about a person with ASD. We are talking about a person with individual needs. We are talking about a person with loving family members. We are talking about a person who needs to be accepted and included in her or his community, we are talking about a person who is granted equal opportunity preparing for and succeeding in adulthood.

WHO WE ARE

2016/2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Autism Ontario* is the province's largest collective voice representing Ontario's autism community.

We are made up of knowledgeable parents and professionals who can speak to the key issues that impact Ontario families with loved ones on the spectrum.

We are guided by a Board of Directors composed of parents, people on the spectrum, and respected professionals, who provide governance, expertise and guidance to the organization.

OUR SIX KEY AREAS OF FOCUS ARE:

- || ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT
- || RESEARCH
- || BEST PRACTICES
- || GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
- || PUBLIC AWARENESS
- || GOVERNANCE

We work to increase public awareness about autism and the day-to-day issues faced by people with autism, their families and the professionals with whom they interact.

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Jean Baptiste Arhanchiague | Director
OTTAWA

Jeff Bernstein | Director
TORONTO

Janet Culliton, | Director, Vice-President
STRATFORD

Susan Fitzhenry | Director
TORONTO

Anne Gingras | Director (Ex-officio),
Chair of President's Council
NORTH BAY

Dr. Kassia Johnson | Director
HAMILTON

Carole Ann MacDonald | Director, Treasurer,
SHARON

Joseph McDonald | Director, President
TORONTO

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THUNDER BAY

Kim Seabrook, Director, Secretary
SAULT STE-MARIE

Carobeth Zorzos | Director
TORONTO

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



A central conclusion of the Harvard Grant Study—one of the most comprehensive longitudinal studies ever conducted on the human condition—was that the most important influence, by far, on a flourishing life is love.

Last year, in the shadow of the 2016 provincial budget, and the controversy surrounding the Ontario Autism Program, very few of us in the autism

community were feeling the love. Today, under the same Program, and a new Minister, we have a drastically different approach to the provision of services for children on the spectrum. This is the result of years-worth of activism; the result of what's possible when families from Cornwall to Kenora stand together and advocate fiercely.

But we know there's a lot of work left to do: as the brother of a young man on the autism spectrum, I've seen the paralysis that comes as a result of isolated mandates within government ministries; Indigenous and New Canadians face particular barriers that we're only just beginning to understand; and, we have a federal government seemingly uninterested in a national approach to one of our country's largest looming crises – our population's changing demographics and the implications for ageing caregivers.

As a Board of Directors, we've made conscious efforts over this past year to look at how we might play a more active role in some of these areas: we're working directly with Minister Coteau to help him understand why ministries need to work together; we've begun to explore opportunities to better engage with individuals from the Indigenous and Immigrant communities; and, we've maintained a steadfast relationship with federal Members of Parliament to ensure we are being heard in Ottawa as well.

When I look back at the last year, I sometimes find myself thinking that progress takes too long. I get impatient with the explanations we get from government. But then I pick up an issue of Autism Matters, and I read a story about a family who received \$500 through our Building Brighter Futures Fund, so that their son on the spectrum could attend his own brother's wedding. Or I listen to Pat O'Connor talk about the young man that went through her Transition to Life program so many years ago, who has just returned from Paris, and now has his college diploma in culinary arts. These are the stories of flourishing lives. These are the stories of love.

As an organization, we face new challenges in enabling flourishing lives. In an age of FaceBook, Google, and Tesla, where technology moves at break-neck speed, the notion of community and fellowship is challenged everyday. As our population becomes more diverse, we need to think about how we can work toward common goals that transcend age, culture, and ability. Our values call upon us to care about people we will never meet. I'm excited for where we're headed – both as an organization, and also as an ASD community.

Finally, on behalf of the entire organization, I'd like to express sincere gratitude for the contributions of three outgoing Directors: Susan Fitzhenry, Carobeth Zorzos, and Anne Gingras. The passion and determination each of these women brought to the table during their years with the organization have been an inspiration to all of us, and essential to the continued advancement of Autism Ontario. Thank you for your service.

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Joseph McDonald
President, Board of Directors

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Impact. That is what every organization hopes for, plans for and acts upon as they work to change the environment in which people live. In this past year our volunteer leaders and staff throughout our 25 Chapters and our Provincial teams have been working with hundreds of supporting partners to make a difference in the lives of people on the autism spectrum, their families and the communities wherever they are in Ontario.

What was different in 2016-2017? With generous community support, for the first time we were able to hire a full-time Adult Services Coordinator and also a Senior Researcher to assist us in achieving our goals. Informed by top consultants we were also able to develop a plan with us for a website overhaul that is now underway. Additional supports for our Chapters were implemented in the past year as we reviewed our organizational structure.

Our strategic focus has been on *Opening Doors for Adults, Supporting our Volunteers and Chapters* and *Expanding our Reach*, but we also seized timely opportunities to achieve our goals that would impact many areas of life for people with autism and their families.

Key impacts:

- Over 6,000 families received financial support for their children to participate in Summer or March Break events across Ontario – a record number!
- 282 helpful articles were accessed 305,000 times in English and 69,000 in French on Autism Ontario Knowledge Base
- 21,015 siblings, parents, volunteers, support staff and extended family attending Social Learning Opportunities, Workshops, and Webinars combined. 5,965 children with autism attended all Social Learning Opportunities
- Autism Ontario’s “Caring for Caregivers” talk at York University’s TEDx Salon Talks informed listeners about the realities and needs of parents raising children and adults with autism
- Hundreds of adults on the spectrum had their voices directly heard through events supported by Autism Ontario. Sam Forbes of “dancing barista” fame spoke to large audiences about his work and life experiences, hopes and dreams.

- Partnership with Partners 4 Planning results in production of French language videos on adults and life planning
- Spectrum Productions was hired to produce Autism Ontario’s Housing Stories videos as part of our microsite on housing
- Participation in Transition to Life program resulted in new opportunities for 20 adults on the spectrum, and dozens of teens and parents participated in *PEERS* programs across the province
- An Ontario Trillium Grant in partnership with Specialisterne-Canada resulted in a more than 90% success rate in adults finding long-term employment in prestigious, good paying jobs in which they are accepted and appreciated
- *Bridging Knowledge Gaps (Research into the Transition of Individuals with ASD from Youth to Adulthood in Ontario)* report completed by the ASD ConnectABILITY project partnership highlighted the challenges and opportunities for adults with ASD in Ontario
- Our Building Brighter Futures Fund supported over 50 adults with up to \$500 each for a range of program and support needs
- We heard directly from 3100 parents/caregivers in our province-wide survey to inform the Ontario Autism Program’s development
- Nova Scotia is using Autism Ontario’s Potential Programme model to shape the good work they are doing in their province

There are many more impacts that we could share, but these are a few of the highlights that show what can happen when we work together. We’re so grateful to our many partners and supporters without whom none of this could have happened.

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Marg Spoelstra
Executive Director

SERVICES AND SUPPORTS ACROSS THE LIFESPAN



FOR CHILDREN

March Break and Summer One-to-One Reimbursement Fund

Through the continued support of the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and our generous community supporters, Autism Ontario was able to ease the financial burden for families across Ontario as it relates to assistance during March Break and Summer Funding program.

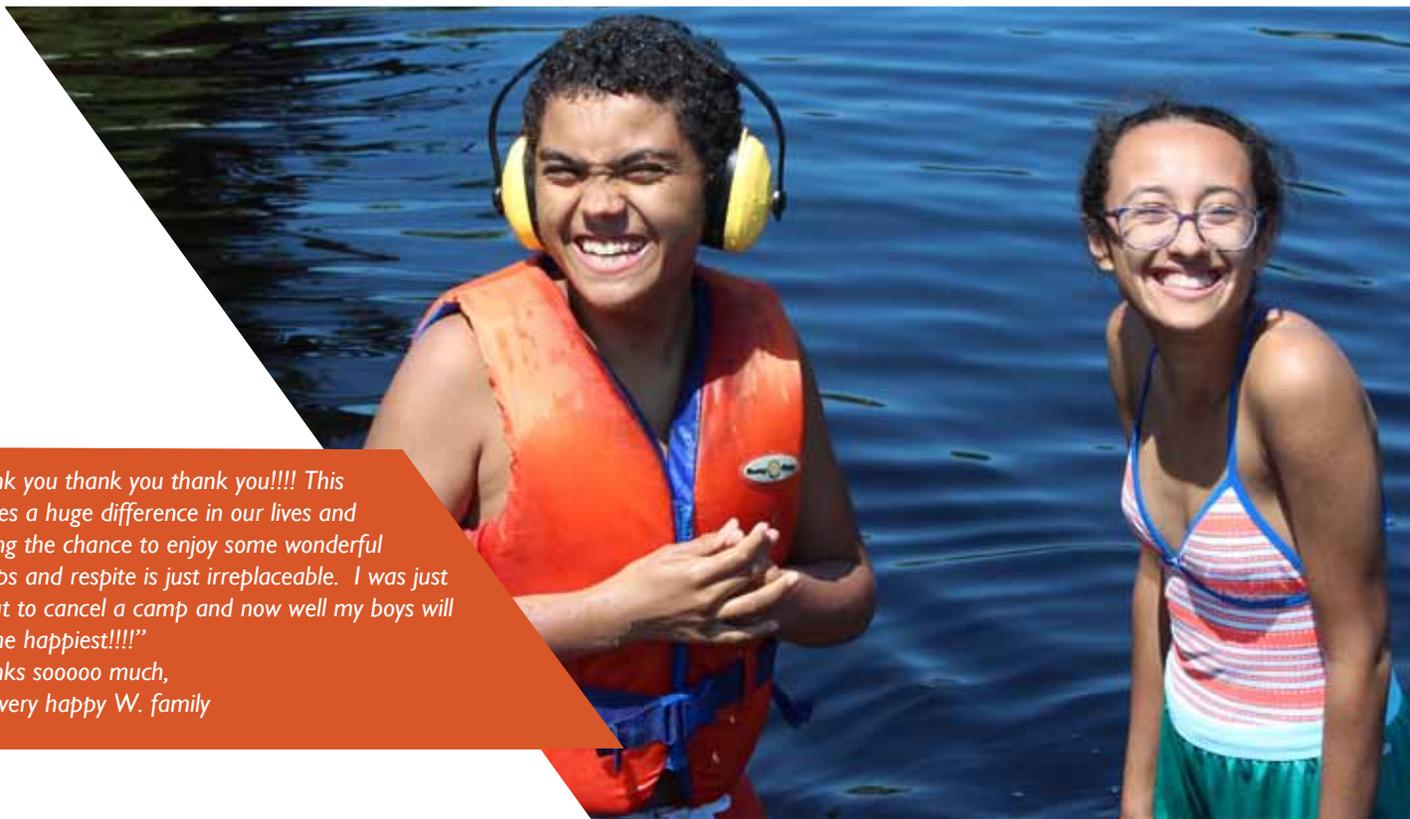
3100 families across Ontario received \$600 to cover the cost of a support worker to accompany their child/children to a summer camp, ensuring their safety and success in the program;

2194 families across Ontario received up to \$350 to cover the cost of a March Break program or camp fees, or the cost of a support worker.

These important financial subsidies gave children the opportunities to be included in a camp experience that may not otherwise been able to due to financial restraints and/or inadequate support.



SERVICES AND SUPPORTS ACROSS THE LIFESPAN



*“Thank you thank you thank you!!!! This makes a huge difference in our lives and having the chance to enjoy some wonderful camps and respite is just irreplaceable. I was just about to cancel a camp and now well my boys will be the happiest!!!!”
Thanks sooooo much,
The very happy W. family*

*“Thank you so very much for this second chance. I'm in tears today! It's our son's birthday and what a beautiful birthday gift! We really, really needed this help for our son, so thank you from the bottom of our hearts.”
ANZ*

*“Omg thank you so very much for this. I was looking for a second job to pay my worker so that my son could go to camp. You have no idea how much this means to me. As I am typing this message, I have tears streaming down my face. Thank you for this money. Much much appreciated.”
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SERVICES AND SUPPORTS ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

FOR YOUTH/ADULTS

Transition to Life (TTL) Program

In the next few years, 18,000 individuals with autism will be leaving the school system in Ontario. These individuals require significant transitional supports since they are at an extremely high risk of social isolation, mental health issues, involvement in the criminal justice system, and long-term dependence on their aging parents and government support.

In partnership with Integrated Autism Consulting, Transition to Life offers direct teaching and individual coaching, group interactive learning/social experiences and provides significant focus on job search preparation, getting a job and keeping a job. This 12-week program has run successfully in Ottawa, Barrie (twice) and Kingston, Durham, Kitchener/Waterloo and is now being offered at Humber College in Toronto in the fall of 2017. Outcomes have been extremely positive with an almost 100% success rate in volunteer or paid work placements.

Transition to Life is a response to the increasing needs of young adults entering their next stage of life, offering programming and support for a successful transition to a world of post-secondary education, employment and independence.



Building Brighter Futures Fund (BBFF)

Since 2012, Autism Ontario has been pleased to offer the Building Brighter Futures Fund. This fund provides financial assistance, of up to \$500, directly to Ontario adults on the spectrum or their families through a reimbursement of funds spent to open doors for greater participation in local communities. Over the years, Autism Ontario has seen these funds go to many different types of much needed support; from funding medication, holidays, and respite services; meaningful day programs that explore life skills, or art programs and sport programs; to funding employment coaching, assistive devices and post-secondary supports. We know that services and funding are sorely lacking for adults in Ontario and we thank all our donors for continuing to open doors for adults.

Last year we were able to provide \$500 each to 34 adults to pursue a variety of vocational and leisure activities!

"I wanted to follow-up on what is happening with Ryan since he participated in your "Transition for Life" course 2015. This information was so important for Ryan and it definitely changed his situation. He is growing up to become a nice young man. Since March, he is working at Tim Horton's and has been accepted as a full/part-time employee. He also has been accepted at St. Lawrence College for next September in Community Integration through Cooperative Education Program (CICE). His life is really taking an interesting direction. He also now takes the bus by himself to go to activities. I am very proud of him. I want to thank all of you for your impact and the changes you provide in people's lives. Your program is super important for every young person with autism! Please keep on working... the results are amazing!"

SERVICES AND SUPPORTS ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

FOR YOUTH/ADULTS

Scholarships

Autism Ontario has 4 province-wide scholarship offerings (one being restricted to the Durham region, as directed by the funder). The demand is great, as each year we receive more applicants than we have funding for. Our Autism Ontario Scholarship Committee reviews each one and carefully, with a defined set of criteria, select as many as we can fund. In 2014 the individual amount decreased from \$1000 to \$500 in order to give out more. With the generous support of our donors, both corporate and individual, we were able to help students with ASD achieve their academic dreams and to siblings in honour of the support they provide to their family.

Eleanor Ritchie Post-Secondary Education Scholarship for Students with ASD

– 8 Scholarships awarded

Jeanette Holden Post-Secondary Education Scholarship for Siblings of Individuals with ASD

– 4 Scholarships awarded

MacDonald Family Post-Secondary Education Scholarship for Students with a Parent with ASD

– 1 Scholarship awarded

“Thank you to Autism Ontario for awarding me this scholarship. I am honoured.

I really appreciate it.”

Ben Finch

“I would also like to say thank you because for me, dealing with High-Functioning ASD on a daily basis has given me some challenges in social interaction and understanding. However, this award proves that people with ASD are capable in overcoming obstacles in life.”

Heidi Nickel



SERVICES — POTENTIAL PROGRAMME



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THE POTENTIAL PROGRAMME:

Autism Ontario's Potential Programme provides vital supports and services to over 17,000 Ontario children and youth with autism and their families. The Programme also provides a diverse range of cost-effective, volunteer-supported services in all Ontario regions.



3,552 Children & Youth Joined

20,114 Children & Youth Served
(Individuals visiting more than once are also counted more than once)



295 New Families per Month

KEY PARTNERS

Skyzone

We are proud of the partnership we have developed with Sky Zone. We've provided training for the staff at several Sky Zone locations across Ontario. In addition, the company has started hosting monthly sensory friendly evenings throughout the province.

"Fun fitness is at the core of what makes Sky Zone such an amazing place. We are deeply passionate about innovative ways to play, and giving access to all we have to offer to families and children of all abilities. Guests with Autism Spectrum Disorders especially enjoy the many benefits of jumping on trampolines. It brings us pure joy to see the smiles on everyone's faces when they experience the freedom of flying. We want to give back to this special community on an ongoing basis by offering special events, fundraising opportunities and our partnership with Autism Ontario. Our continued goal is to raise awareness and support for families across Ontario, offering a place to gather with friends and family, where everyone can take flight together."

Caroline Irving, CEO/Owner
Sky Zone GTA



Ripley's Aquarium

This year we hosted our largest event ever where 1500 people joined us for a sensory-friendly evening at Ripley's Aquarium of Canada. The aquarium raised the lights slightly, lowered sounds, and crowds were kept to a minimum. These small but important accommodations made all the difference in the world to the families who attended.

"This is the third year that Ripley's Aquarium of Canada has hosted a sensory-friendly evening with Autism Ontario. This is a program that all our team members are proud to be associated with allowing all to experience the aquarium. The public's interest has been tremendous – we have actually tripled the participation from Autism Ontario since we first hosted this special evening in 2015 and will continue to support World Autism Awareness Day annually."

Peter Doyle,
General Manager



SERVICES — POTENTIAL PROGRAMME

PROGRAMME SERVICES:

The Programme's events provide **rich, personal experiences** for the children, youth and families. On average, **406 events** are delivered in each quarter across the province.



Includes: 106 French Events and 234 Bilingual Events

FRENCH LANGUAGE SERVICES

Expanding our Reach and our Resources

Links to the Francophone community, an open-mind and creative thinking helped Autism Ontario reach Francophone families across the province and beyond. Here are a few ways about how we did it:

New additions to the French webinar library: *Funding Sources for Children with ASD* and a three-part series addressing *Sexuality and Individuals with ASD*.

In celebration of World Autism Awareness Day, a panel of three mothers of young adults with autism shared their experience and wisdom through lessons learned relating to the transition to adult life and housing. Another mother shared, in writing, her family's experience when faced with the heart-wrenching decision of placing her son in a group home.

Autism Ontario's Knowledge Base, now includes over 120 parent-focused articles and tip sheets available in French and English. Thank you to the Canada-Ontario Agreement for its continued support in Autism Ontario's development and distribution of quality French material.

French parent support groups are now offered in Barrie, Welland and Sturgeon Falls.

Total French and Bilingual Events



174 Francophone children, youth and their families joined our Programme this year.

Workshops, webinars, access to experts, parent support groups and family-focused activities have proven beneficial for families touched by autism and professionals who interact with them across the province.

In all, we exceeded our targets for reaching new Francophone families, as well as the total number of families served. Feedback from parents is very positive. We are excited offering even more in the coming years.

SERVICES — HOW WE DO IT

CHAPTERS

Bringing Positive Change to Communities Through Our Chapters & Programs

Our 25 Chapters across the province dedicate thousands of hours every year to support groups, services and programming for families in their local communities. Each Chapter is led by a devoted group of volunteers, comprised of parents, professionals, friends and people through a direct link to our Chapters. The tireless efforts and the connections made in the local communities across Ontario allow us to build inclusive opportunities for all people with autism. Through our Chapters, we are able to expand our reach to see the potential throughout the province.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

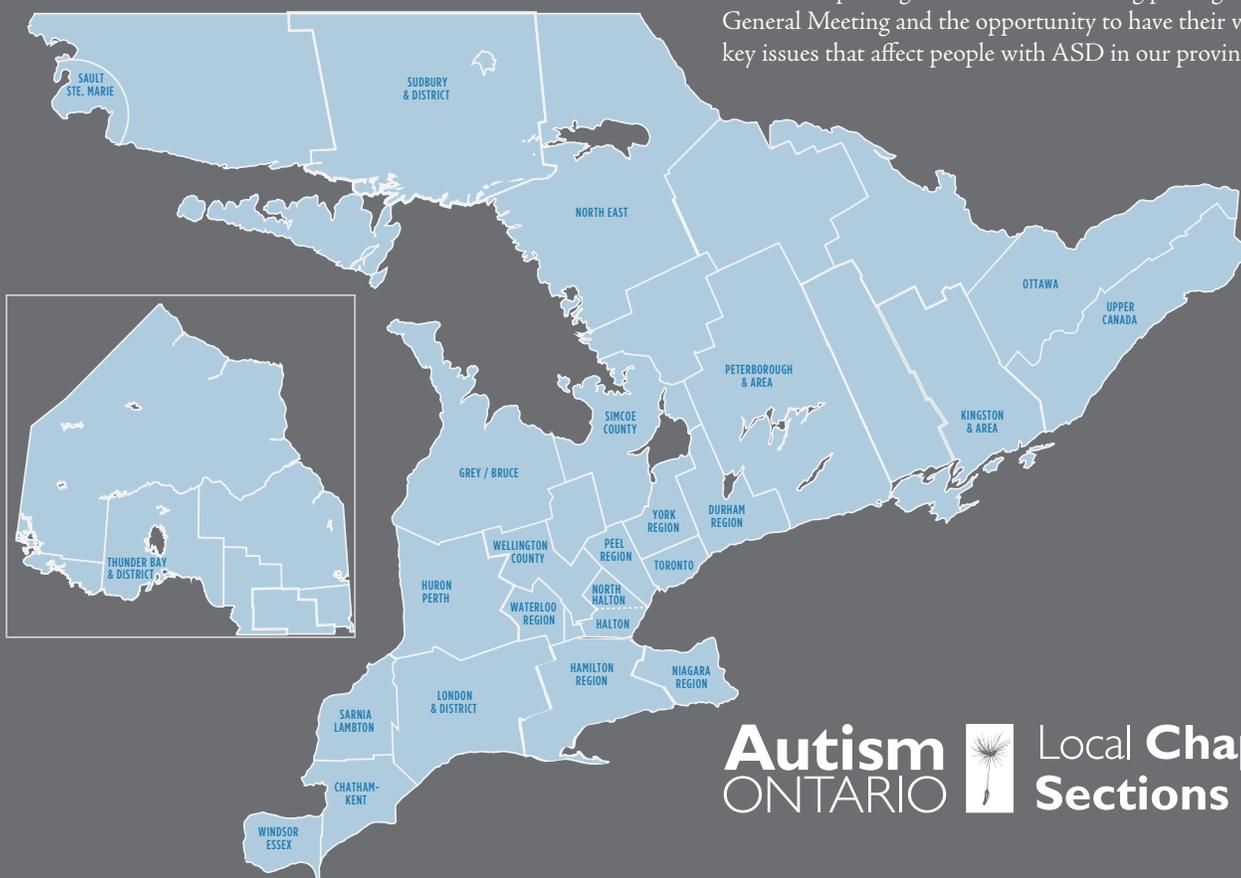
Members – 2,198 – 2016/2017

Autism Ontario currently has 2,198 members comprised of people with ASD, parents and other family members, supporters, professionals and organizations. Autism Ontario depends on our membership to help shape the work that we do and the supports that are provided across the province.

Membership benefits include:

- \\ Affiliation and support from the local Chapter in your community;
- \\ Tools, services and supports provincially;
- \\ An annual subscription to our quarterly publication, Autism Matters;
- \\ Professional members may list job postings through our provincial channels;
- \\ Preferential pricing on events and discounts at various venues and attractions.

Membership also gives stakeholders voting privileges at the Annual General Meeting and the opportunity to have their voice represented on key issues that affect people with ASD in our province.



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VOLUNTEERS — OUR GREATEST RESOURCE

Volunteers at Autism Ontario are our greatest resource. The support we are able to provide to the over 135,000 people living on the autism spectrum could not be accomplished if it were not for the over 300 volunteers that collectively support Autism Ontario. Thank you to our volunteers for their time, commitment, talent and energy they have continued to show our organization throughout the years.

Lynda Peacock, mother of 3 daughters, 2 with ASD, and a committed volunteer in the North East Chapter, shares her favourite quote -

“You can design and create, and build the most wonderful place in the world, but it takes people to make the dream a reality”

- Walt Disney



“When my boys were younger, my 1 son would not even go into the movie theatre at first and then could only tolerate a short time inside. As we were able to attend the sensory friendly movie with Autism Ontario Peel for free or at a reduced rate and with familiar faces, it enabled us to keep on trying. Today, we enjoy monthly movies and we sit as a family throughout the whole feature :) There was a great need for varied social opportunities and support here in Peel so I joined the CLC because I wanted to make sure those things continued here and I wanted to give back to the community that has helped support my boys. We have made so many great friends and have experienced so many great things we would never have otherwise!”

Joanne Connolly, Peel Chapter

“I volunteer for Autism Ontario because people on the spectrum, and their families and friends, need the whole community for support and understanding. Hopefully my small contribution can make someone’s life a little better, and perhaps encourage others to lend a hand.”

Michael Spicer, Former Board Director

“I volunteer with Autism Ontario because I believe that everyone must be given the opportunity to live their full potential and have a sense of belonging in the communities in which they live and Autism Ontario works to make this happen for children and adults with ASD. My family member with ASD lives in another province but I believe that my small commitment of time here ultimately contributes to making a difference for all.”

Anne Longair, Volunteer

FUNDRAISING & AWARENESS HIGHLIGHTS 2016-2017



ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

The Thunder Bay and District Chapter received a generous donation of **\$9,000** from St. Patrick High School. The school's drama team put on an amazing production of "A Seussified Christmas Carol" and donated the proceeds of their ticket sales to the Chapter.



GATSBY GALA

Niagara Chapter hosted their Gatsby Gala, a costume dinner party to raise funds to support the programs they offer. It was a huge success, raising **\$12,000!**

Here's what one mom said:

"As a mom of a 16 and a 20-year-old with autism, I just want to say thank you to everyone who was involved with the recent Gatsby Gala fundraiser. The programs and services offered by the Chapter mean so much to my family, but they can't run without support from the community. So thank you to everyone who donated, sponsored, attended, volunteered or supported this event in any way! You're making a positive difference for not only my children, but also many others in our community!"

Angela Wheaton

FUNDRAISING & AWARENESS HIGHLIGHTS 2016-2017



HUGGA HONEY

Our Niagara Chapter was very busy! They introduced Hugga Honey, a new fundraising initiative with NutraBee Gourmet Honey. This local Niagara Region business has decided to support their local Autism Ontario Chapter on an ongoing basis with the sale of this new honey product. 100% of the proceeds from every bottle sold will go toward the Chapter. The product was inspired by the NutraBee owner's 11 year old grandson, Medin, who was diagnosed with ASD at the age of 2.



SMILE

The York Chapter is grateful to receive funds from Tim Hortons Smile Cookie week! The amazing owners/franchisees in Southwest York Region partnered to sell Smile Cookies, and donated all the proceeds to the York Chapter for family programs, workshops, support groups and social programs. This year, we are proud to announce that we sold a LOT of Smiles - and Tim Hortons raised \$77,142 for York Chapter!

2016-2017 FINANCIALS

AUTISM SOCIETY ONTARIO

Statement of Financial Position (from Audited Financial Statements 2017)

March 31, 2017 with comparative figures for 2016

ASSETS			2017	2016
	Provincial Office	Chapters	Total	Total
Current Assets	2,117,275	1,583,311	3,700,586	3,519,580
Long term investments	286,297	-	286,297	-
	2,403,572	1,583,311	3,986,883	3,519,580
Capital Assets	3,368	1,271	4,639	21,723
	\$2,406,940	\$1,584,582	\$3,991,522	\$3,541,303

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Current Liabilities	607,764	43,368	651,132	648,809
Deferred membership fees	29,250	-	29,250	29,500
Fund balances:				
Unrestricted	1,224,480	1,396,156	2,620,636	1,988,206
Restricted	528,763	145,058	673,821	858,105
Internally Restricted	16,683	-	16,683	16,683
	\$2,406,940	\$1,584,582	\$3,991,522	\$3,541,303

Statement of Revenue and Expenses (from Audited Financial Statements 2016-17)

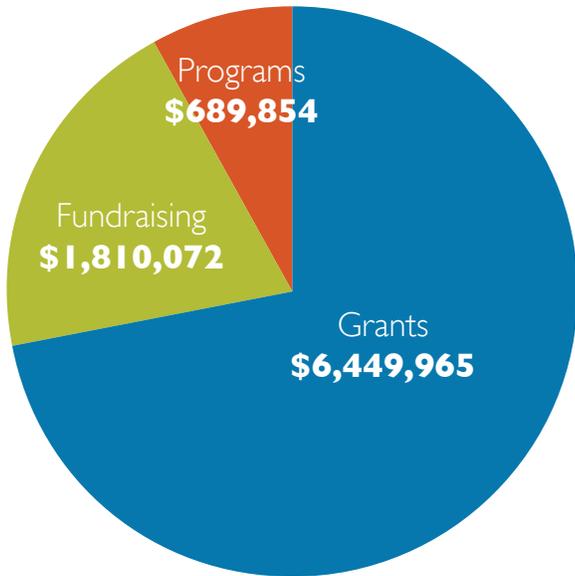
Year ended March 31, 2017, with comparative figures for 2016

			2017	2016
	Provincial Office	Chapters	Total	Total
Grant/Foundation Revenue	6,128,972	320,993	6,449,965	4,150,530
Fundraising/Event Revenue	532,032	1,278,040	1,810,072	1,819,194
Program/Service Revenue	328,277	361,577	689,854	829,534
Total Revenue	\$6,989,281	\$1,960,610	\$8,949,891	\$6,799,258
Grant/Foundation Expense	6,153,882	710,451	6,864,333	4,604,755
Fundraising/Event Expense	172,374	227,873	400,247	467,826
Program/Service Expense	184,621	658,464	843,085	1,058,175
Administration Expense	184,529	209,551	394,080	393,345
Total Expense	\$6,695,406	\$1,806,339	\$8,501,745	\$6,524,101
Excess of revenue over expenses (expenses over revenues)	\$293,875	\$154,271	\$448,146	\$275,157

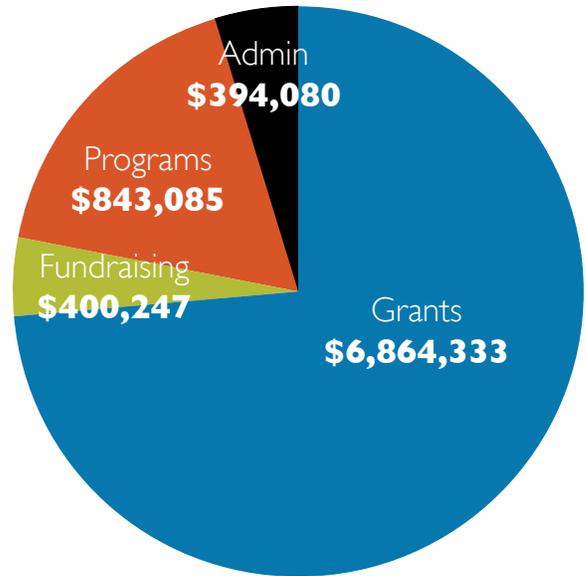
2016-2017 FINANCIALS

Provincial Office & Chapters Consolidated 2016-2017

REVENUE



EXPENSE



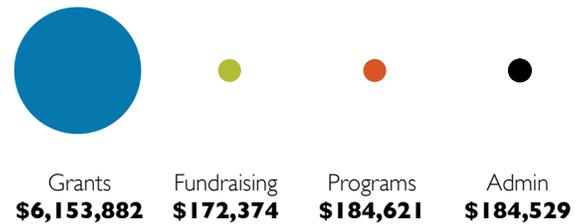
Provincial Office 2016-2017

REVENUE



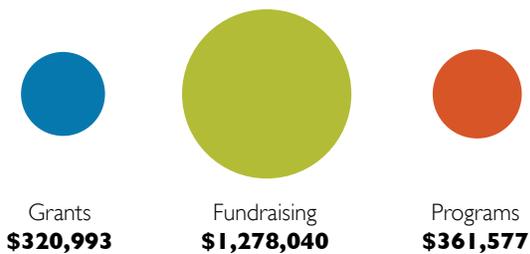
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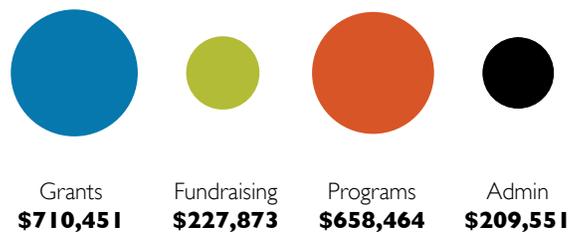
Chapters 2016-2017

REVENUE



Chapters 2016-2017

EXPENSE



THANK YOU TO OUR 2016-2017 SUPPORTERS

Autism Ontario is very grateful to all of our 2016-2017 supporters who allowed us to continue our work helping children, youth and adults living with autism. As a result of your commitment and compassion to our organization, we have been able to provide a variety of supports to families across the province. Whether you are an individual donor, a signature event sponsor, gift in kind donor, business, an estate donor, a foundation or a school supporter... You have all made a difference.

Thank you

THANK YOU

\$50,000 +

The Ontario Trillium Foundation
The Catherine and Maxwell
Meighen Foundation

Ontario
Trillium Foundation



Fondation Trillium
de l'Ontario

An agency of the Government of Ontario
Un organisme du gouvernement de l'Ontario

THE
CATHERINE AND MAXWELL
MEIGHEN FOUNDATION

\$25,000 +

Bank of Montreal
The Bedolfe Foundation
The Branscombe Family Foundation
The Fowler Family Foundation
The Toldo Foundation
United Way of Niagara Falls and
Greater Fort Erie

\$10,000 - \$24,999

Magna For Community
Goodlife Kids Foundation
Huron Perth Chapter Council for
Exceptional Children
Intact Foundation
LCBO
Minto Foundation
The KPMG Foundation
Unity for Autism

\$5,000 - \$9,999

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Company
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Riverview Steel Co. Ltd.
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Technology
St. Patrick High School
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"The Kazman Foundation for Charitable Giving is dedicated to assisting and supporting families in need. We were happy to assist Autism Ontario and their Peel chapter by holding a picnic for families of children with Autism. We wanted to provide an environment where families could network as well as take part in an event that would be free from judgement, where they could enjoy time with their family in a safe, caring atmosphere."

Max Kazman, Founder
The Kazman Foundation for Charitable Giving

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United Way of Peel Region
United Way of South Niagara
United Way of St. Catharines & District
United Way of Thunder Bay
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"It has been an absolute pleasure supporting Autism Ontario's Transitions to Life Program. The cricket match is a fun and unique way of raising critical funds for the program while showcasing the potential of those on the spectrum who can contribute greatly to a host of Canadian organizations. By joining both the Finance and Insurance community through a sporting event like this we've seen the awareness and funds raised for this Program grow exponentially this year and we are looking forward to seeing the graduates of 2017 and generating more publicity prior to hosting the 3rd match in 2018!"

Founders, 'A Bat, A Ball and A Cause' Cricket Fundraising Match

Graham Toon
Vice President, International Casualty
Berkley Canada (a Berkley Company)

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Principal, CFO Practice Leader
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De nos jours, au Canada, un enfant sur 94 reçoit un diagnostic d'autisme. **Nous avons besoin de votre aide.**

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