

Before you donate to Autism Speaks, Consider the facts



Very little money donated to Autism Speaks goes toward helping autistic people and families.

Only 1.6% of Autism Speaks' budget goes towards the "Family Service" grants that are the organization's means of funding services. Autism Speaks spends 10x as much—16%—on fundraising. Although Autism Speaks has not prioritized services with a practical impact for families and individuals in its budget, its rates of executive pay are the highest in the autism world: some salaries exceed \$500,000 a year.

Autism Speaks talks about us without us.

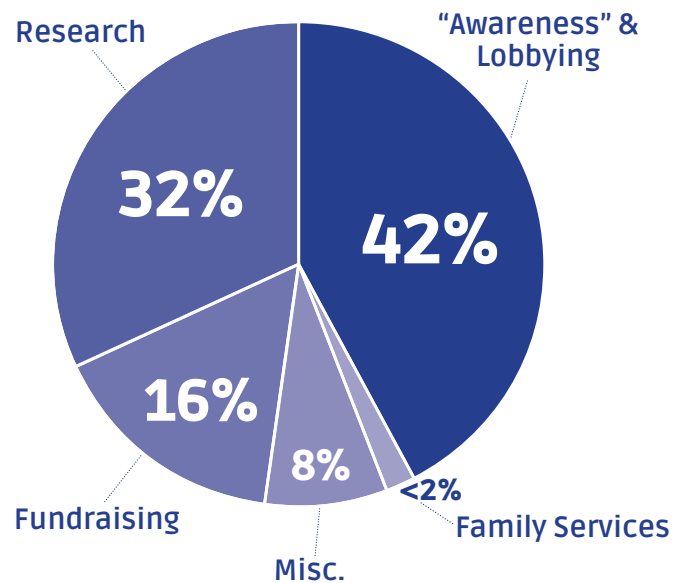
Autism Speaks has only 2 autistic people out of a total of 26 individuals on its Board of Directors. By contrast, 19 out of 26 board members represent major corporations, including current and former CEOs and senior executives of PayPal, Samsung, CBS, Goldman Sachs, White Castle, Viacom, American Express, FX Networks, Virgin Mobile, SiriusXM, and Sprint.

Autism Speaks' fundraising strategies promote fear, stigma, and prejudice against autistic people.

Autism Speaks uses its platform and advertising budget to portray autism and autistic people as mysterious and frightening. Their fundraising tactics increase stigma and create barriers to the inclusion of autistic people in our communities.

Autism Speaks' Budget

source: Autism Speaks 990 Non-Profit Tax Exemption Form, 2017*



Instead, donate to organizations that help autistic people:

Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN)

provides support, community, and public policy advocacy, by and for people on the autism spectrum.

autisticadvocacy.org

Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network (AWN)

seeks to share information which works to build acceptance and understanding of disability, while dispelling stereotypes and misinformation which perpetuate unnecessary fears surrounding an autism diagnosis.

awnnetwork.org

Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE)

works to ensure that people with disabilities are treated as equals and are given the same decisions, choices, rights, responsibilities, and chance to speak up to empower themselves as everyone else.

sabeusa.org

*"Awareness & Lobbying" figure derived from reported program service expenses on "Awareness, Family Services, Advocacy" less the total amount awarded in family service grants ("Family Services"); "Family Services" figure derived from reported grant award amounts less pre- and post-doctoral fellowship grants categorized as "family service" grants; "Research" figure derived from reported program service expenses on "Science Program", plus pre- and post-doctoral fellowship grant amounts categorized as "family service" grants; "Fundraising" figure as reported.