

How To Fundraise For ASAN

Thank you so much for your desire to fundraise for us! ASAN is a small nonprofit, so donations from our supporters go a long way toward furthering our goals. Our policy advocacy and public outreach programming would not be possible without the generosity of donors like you.

We get a lot of requests from supporters who want to organize a fundraiser in their community but aren't sure how to get started. We want to help! After reading this, you should have a good outline for how to run your fundraiser and donate the funds you raise. If you still have questions that aren't answered here, send us an email at donations@autisticadvocacy.org.

How do I raise money?

What if you want to raise money for ASAN but just aren't sure what you can do? We can give you some ideas to get you started based on things supporters have done for us in the past. It turns out that our community is incredibly creative!

- Probably the easiest way to fundraise for us is with a **Facebook fundraiser**. These are super easy to do! Just go to our [Facebook page](#) and click "Create Fundraiser" at the top of the page. Answer the prompts, and your fundraiser will be ready in minutes. One great thing about this type of Fundraiser is that Facebook doesn't charge any fees for nonprofits so we get 100% of donations.
- Do you run a business or work for a business that would like to donate? We love it when **businesses donate a percentage of their proceeds**, either through a specific fundraising promotion or as a long-term campaign. Some businesses will donate a percentage from sales of a specific product or during a set amount of time, feel free to get creative!

- Are you **getting married or doing estate planning**? Consider including donations to ASAN.
- Will you be hosting an event soon? We have had organizations hold very successful **silent auctions** with proceeds going to ASAN. (Find [how-to guides for silent auctions](#) online.) There are any number of ways you can collect donations at your conference, convention, or gathering.
- Are you an athlete who would like to raise money for us by **running a race** or organizing one yourself to benefit ASAN? We have had supporters do both. We even had one donor who biked 1,000 miles in Alaska to benefit us! It is easy to set up a fundraising campaign on any number of online platforms, some of which are listed in the next section. (Find ideas about successful [race fundraising](#) and [planning](#) online.)
- Do you **livestream or have another online platform** where you can raise money for ASAN? Many of our supporters have discovered generous givers in their audiences. There are lots of resources to help you hold a successful livestream for charity, including [this comprehensive how-to guide](#).
- If you have access to somewhere that you can **table or hold a bake sale** (for example, at a college student union or a farmer's market), this is a great way to raise money and let people know about our work! We can send you pamphlets or fliers to print out.

As you can see, there are many different ways to hold fundraisers for ASAN, varying in time commitment and what you might enjoy. This list is just a start! We love to hear about the inventive ideas our supporters come up with.

How do I get the donations to ASAN?

Once you've decided how you want to raise money, you will need to know how to send the donations to us. There are lots of easy ways to do this.

If you are collecting checks, you can send them to us at PO Box 66122, Washington, DC 20035. Make them out to Autistic Self Advocacy Network and we will do the rest!

If you are raising money online, we are set up to receive donations on several fundraising platforms. You can create campaigns on [Crowdrise](#), [GoFundMe](#), and [Tiltify](#). If there is a different online fundraising platform that you would like to use, let us know and we can look into joining.

We also accept donations through PayPal, using donations@autisticadvocacy.org, as well as through our own [online donations page](#).

We also know that sometimes donating organizations need the charity to fill out forms or provide W9s. We are happy to do these things for you. Just reach out to us at donations@autisticadvocacy.org and we will work with you on the paperwork.

Is my donation tax deductible?

Yes! ASAN is a 501(c)(3) exempt organization and donations to us are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Donors providing an email or mailing address will receive either a receipt after donating online, or a letter that functions as a tax receipt.

If you are donating in honor of or in memory of someone, we are happy to send an acknowledgement to that person or their family. Just give us the address to which we should send it.

Where can I find information about ASAN to show my donors?

Your donors might want to know more about ASAN before they donate. We are happy to provide any information they want. The first place to start looking for information about ASAN is on our website, in the [About section](#). There, you can find our mission statement, [history](#), and information on our [Board of Directors](#) and [staff](#).

We also publish our [IRS Form 990 every year, as well as our annual reports](#). The annual report in particular is a great place to get information about what we have accomplished in recent years.

If you are holding an event and would like to have some information available for donors to take with them, you can print out and use any of the flyers on the following pages.

As always, we continue to fight for the rights of all disabled people: our right to access health care, our right to communicate, and our right to live in the community. Your support is invaluable in allowing us to continue our work. Thank you.

One-Pager



Who We Are & What We Do

The Autistic Self Advocacy Network is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization run by and for autistic people. ASAN was created to serve as a national grassroots disability rights organization for the autistic community, advocating for systems change and ensuring that the voices of autistic people are heard in policy debates and the halls of power. Our staff work to advance civil rights, support self-advocacy in all its forms, and improve public perceptions of autism. ASAN's members and supporters include autistic adults and youth, cross-disability advocates, and non-autistic family members, professionals, educators, and friends.

Public Policy Advocacy

We fight to ensure that the autistic community is represented whenever autism is discussed by policymakers. We work in coalition with other disability rights groups to affect policies in both the executive and legislative branches of the federal government, as well as numerous state governments and agencies. Our policy center produces reports on issues of public policy, as well as systems change toolkits for advocates. To ensure that all autistic people can participate in advocacy on issues that impact our lives, ASAN is pioneering the publication of cognitively-accessible Easy Read toolkits and fact sheets on important policy topics.

Some of our current policy priorities include:

- ▶ Defending access to health care and social services
- ▶ Promoting alternatives to guardianship, such as supported decision-making
- ▶ Ending subminimum wages for people with disabilities
- ▶ Fighting for communication access

***Nothing About Us
Without Us!***

Community Engagement

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Our current Community Engagement efforts include:

- ▶ Targeted advocacy campaigns
- ▶ Autism Acceptance Month
- ▶ Annual Disability Community Day of Mourning
- ▶ Coalition building with other civil rights organizations
- ▶ An online Resource Library of books, policy reports, toolkits, and more that we've developed to address the needs of our community

Fostering Leadership

ASAN is committed to supporting and guiding the next generation of self-advocate leaders.

Our annual Autism Campus Inclusion leadership training brings autistic college students to Washington, D.C. to hone their advocacy skillsets. The weeklong program culminates in participants putting their new skills into action on Capitol Hill. We've also published a number of Plain Language guides, including: "They Work For Us: A Self-Advocate's Guide to Getting Through to your Elected Officials", "Fantastic Facilitation: Leading Effective, Inclusive Meetings", "Accessible Event Planning", and many more!

Check us out online!

autisticadvocacy.org

facebook.com/AutisticAdvocacy

twitter.com/autselfadvocacy

autisticadvocacy.tumblr.com

Quarter Sheets

(1 page, 4 flyers)





The Autistic Self Advocacy Network is an organization run by and for autistic people.



ASAN gives self-advocates the tools we need to take action.

Together, we're working towards a world in which autistic people enjoy equal access, rights, and opportunities.

To find out how, visit us online:

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Brochure

**(1 page, front and
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Our activities include public policy advocacy, the development of autistic cultural activities, and leadership trainings for autistic self-advocates. We provide information about autism, disability rights, and systems change to the public through a number of different educational, cultural, and advocacy related projects.

Autistic Self Advocacy Network

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We're proud to announce the release of our new and improved membership options! These monthly membership plans come with special perks, along with a membership-exclusive supplement to the ASAN newsletter, and opportunities for merch featuring our exclusive new design.

Each tier is named after a special interest shared by some autistic people, in a celebration of autistic culture. If you've been considering making a regular donation, this is a way to do so and get something in return.

Your donations support our policy work, our Easy Read toolkits, projects such as The Autism Campus Inclusion (ACI) Leadership Academy, autism acceptance resources like welcome to the Autistic Community, and so much more!

Visit autisticadvocacy.org/join to learn more about becoming a member.

As always, memberships are **completely free** for self-advocates with limited incomes!

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