



## Autism Advocates of Indiana, Inc.

### AAI Grant Recipients

**National Research: \$195,000 Grants/Grants: \$174,202**

**Funding from the 2007 Walk  
National Research \$25,000 \* Grants \$23,042  
(Second grant cycle will take place in March)**

**\$10,000** grant to **Autism Society of America** Endowment for Autism Research

**\$15,000** grant to **OAR (Organization for Autism Research)** for Autism Research

**\$5,000** grant to **Indiana Resource Center for Autism** to hold a First Responder training conference featuring Dennis Debbault as the featured speaker.

**\$5,000** grant to the **City of Lawrence Fire Department Corporation** to purchase two Project Lifesaver transmitters and additional bracelets for autistic individuals who are flight risks.

**\$3,000** grant to **DAMAR Services, Inc.** to create additional training for those who work directly with autistic individuals as well as caregivers. This training will be made available through video streaming over the Internet.

**\$3,000** grant to **St. Vincent Pediatric Rehabilitation Center** to create a sensory motor climbing wall.

**\$3,000** grant to the **Riley Hospital Safety Store** to purchase safety helmets to be fitted and given out free to families with autistic children/adults whether in the Clarian network or not.

**\$2,040** grant to **Strides to Success** for their Horse of a Different Color program. This program is to assist with sibling interaction with autistic children and their neurotypical sibling.

**\$2,002** grant to **Children's TherAplay Foundation** to send 3 therapists to Advanced Practical Sense in Sensory Integration and 1 physical Therapist to Sensory Integration Training for Physical Therapists.



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**Funding from the 2006 Walk  
National Research \$25,000 \* Grants \$39,003**

**\$12,500** grant to **Autism Society of America** Endowment for Autism Research

**\$12,500** grant to **National Alliance for Autism Research** for Autism Research

**\$3,000** grant to **Autism Society of Indiana** to provide paid advocacy for parents whose children have autism and need help facilitating the IEP at their school.

**\$3,000** grant to **WNIN/PBS** to create a live televised forum that will educate viewers about Autism.

**\$3,000** grant to **Hancock-South Madison Joint Services** to purchase iPod Nanos to increase social communication, functional communication, and academic success with students on the Autistic Spectrum through peer mentoring.

**\$3,000** grant to **IIDC/IRCA** for the Strengthening Our Roots conference. This conference was for the Northern part of Indiana to provide education about the Autistic Spectrum.

**\$3,000** grant to **HopeHaven Horse Farm** to provide scholarships for 120 riding lessons for individuals on the Autistic Spectrum.

**\$3,000** grant to **Agape Therapeutic Riding Resources, Inc.** to provide scholarships for 86 riding lessons for individuals on the Autistic Spectrum.

**\$3,000** grant to the **Riley Hospital Safety** to purchase Ionkids to be given out free to families with autistic children/adults whether in the Clarian network or not.

**\$3,000** grant to **Heart of Sailing Foundation** to Subsidize 25 sailing sessions for individuals on the Autistic Spectrum.

**\$2,989** grant to **Jacob's Place, Inc.** for funding to start the Youth Sports for Autism program.

**\$2,600** grant to **Perry Township Autism Team** for updating their Autism Lending Library with recent resources, including materials with strategies for appropriate social, behavioral, and emotional development, accommodations for sensory needs, and general information about individuals with ASD.

**\$2,375** grant to **Winchester Village Elementary** for creating sensory areas and individual sensory diets, as well as educate staff about on sensory issues and the relations to Autistic children.



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**\$2,000** grant to **Mephibosheth Ministries, Inc.** for funding activities for the Adult Day program.

**\$1,992** grant to **Christole, Inc.** for the purchase of communication software programs to be made available to all of their residents.

**\$1,547** grant to the **Arc of Bartholomew County Parent Solutions Support Group** for a conference featuring Jill England. This conference will train teachers on inclusive education.

**\$1,500** grant to the **Metropolitan School District of Martinsville** to purchase materials to build a Strength Agility Course for Camp Discovery. Individuals on the autistic Spectrum will use this course.

**Funding from the 2005 Walk**  
**National Research \$25,000 \* Grants \$32,270**

**\$12,500** grant to **Autism Society of America Endowment** for Autism Research

**\$12,500** grant to **National Alliance for Autism Research** for Autism Research

**\$5,000** grant to **AutismCares Initiative**, Project Katrina [www.autismcares.org](http://www.autismcares.org)

**\$5,000** grant to **Indiana Resource Center for Autism** to create an organized First Responder training campaign. The money will be used to purchase training materials as well as mailing costs. It is planned that Dennis Debbault would participate in the effort.

**\$3,000** grant to **Christian Sarkine Autism Treatment Center** to provide the foundation grant for a new series of seminars targeted toward families who are struggling with navigating the plethora of available interventions and therapies for ASD.

**\$2,570** grant to **MSD Martinsville** to cover specific line item expenses for their upcoming Camp Discovery (1<sup>st</sup> yr. was last year). Though attendance is limited at this time to their kids we hope to encourage others to replicate their idea, especially since Camp Awareness has closed.

**\$900** grant to **MSD Washington Twp.** to partially fund a full day training next summer from IRCA on Social Skills Programming for district teachers, therapists, and para-pros.

**\$3,000** grant to **Hancock-South Madison Joint Services** for the cost of materials to conduct a pilot program in five classrooms using the Language for Learning Program.



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**\$500** grant to **Mrs. Flynn's Achievers** (Bedford) for the purchase of sensory equipment to provide a sensory diet to allow the students to integrate in the mainstream classes for some portion of the day.

**\$1,000** grant to **St. Vincent New Hope** to help fund their model program PEERS, a social group for teenagers.

**\$2,300** to **Autism Team of NW Indiana** to conduct a "Make it and Take it" sensory and communication workshop for teachers, therapists and parents.

**\$1,000** grant to **MSD Wayne Twp.** to create a slightly different model autism Tool Chest for McClelland Elementary. There will be an organized system of visual supports, templates for social stories, sensory kits, displays systems, etc.

**\$3,000** grant to **Knox Co. Autism Resource Team** to fund a national speaker as well as a teacher workshop fund. All students will receive 3 free tickets for family members to attend the lecture and staff must demonstrate how they implemented the information they learned at their workshop within their setting as well as provide a min-workshop/in-service for parents and staff to share the information obtained at the training.

**\$3,000** grant to **St. Vincent Pediatric Rehabilitation Center** to create a sensory motor gym.

**\$1,000** grant to **Riley Safety Store** to purchase safety products to be given out free to families with autistic children/adults whether in the Clarian network or not.

**\$1,000** grant to **Heart of Sailing** to support their organization, which takes autistic children, as well as those with other special, needs, for a sailing experience.

**Funding from the 2004 Walk**  
**National Research \$20,000 \* Grants \$37,303**

**\$10,000** grant to **Autism Society of America Endowment** for Autism Research

**\$10,000** grant to **National Alliance for Autism Research** for Autism Research

**\$1,741** grant to **Southport Elementary School** to purchase materials for a program using ABBLs in the classroom with the intention of sharing the curriculum and materials with teachers throughout the township.



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**\$2,687** grant to **MSD Decatur Township** - MSC of Decatur "A" Team Cares Project to create resource material kits for each of the nine schools covering a variety of topics to address the different need of students with Autism. This information will be available for students, family and staff to check out. They will also hold a resource material review night so that everyone can see what is available.

**\$3,000** grant to **Agape Therapeutic Riding Center** "Swinging for Fun" project to create a small area with swings suitable for children with autism and physical limitations. The area will be used as an integral part of the therapy program for some students, a sensory break for others and a valuable diversion for siblings while their brother or sister is having therapy.

**\$2,000** grant to **Elkhart County First Steps Interagency Council** "Barbara Bloomfield Workshop Project" to assist funding of a training with nationally known SLP Barbara Bloomfield. This grant will allow parents, First Steps therapists, school personnel and anyone with an interest in Autism Spectrum Disorders to participate for only \$20 per person including meals. This is an excellent opportunity for affordable training in Northern Indiana.

**\$3,000** grant to **Little Star School** "Sibshop Sibling Workshop" to provide half of the cost of hosting workshops for 40 siblings aged 7 to 13 years once a month over five months.

**\$3,000** grant to **F.U.S.E.** "Inclusive Education Project" to bring in a nationally recognized consultant on inclusive education to do an in-service presentation for families, teacher and staff of the 5-district area that they serve and to purchase supporting materials for their lending library. This is a follow-up activity to a series of teleconferences on inclusive education that they hosted last year. F.U.S.E. would like to continue the dialog on inclusive education in their community and anticipates interest will be quite high at the middle school level in particular.

**\$1,720** grant to **Hoosier Road Elementary** "Moves to Learn Project" to purchase sensory integration equipment and staff/family educational materials to create an integrated program serving the sensory needs of their autistic students.

**\$3,000** grant to **Children's TherAplay Foundation** "Financial Aid Program" to contribute to their financial subsidy program for autistic riders that meet financial requirements and do not have other financial assistance such as Medicaid, First Steps or personal insurance.

**\$3,000** grant to **Indiana Resource Center for Autism** to purchase 3,000 booklets "When Your Child is Diagnosed With an Autism Spectrum Disorder" to be distributed at no cost to families with a new diagnosis of Autism.



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**\$3,000** grant to **Hancock-South Madison Joint Services** to send 3 key staff members to the Assistive Technology, Reading & Learning Difficulties conference. These staff members will return with the knowledge and cross train staff in 5 school corporations across many specialty areas.

**\$3,000** grant to **Central Indiana Chapter Autism Society of America** to provide for 30 Camp Scholarships at \$100 each for children to attend any camp program.

**\$2,600** grant to **Franklin Township Autism "Aware" Team** to substantially update materials for their lending library.

**\$2,500** grant to the **Church at the Crossing** to provide snack, craft materials, Board Maker software and training for a cost free Community Outreach Respite Program.

**\$1,800** grant to **Hope Haven Horse Farm** to offset costs of a program that provides social skill opportunities for children with autism with trained caregivers, while their parents are meeting and learning about area resources.

**\$1,255** grant to **Hamilton Heights Elementary Buddies Program** to offset cost of snacks, materials, visitor fees, transportation, etc. for a program for 3rd - 5th graders, which provides social skills opportunities and structured activities including modeling, role-playing, videos, coaching and games based on targeted monthly social skill goals.

### **Funding from 2003 Walk**

**National Research \$25,000 \* Grants/Donations \$13,550**

**\$12,500** contribution to **Autism Society of America Endowment** for Autism Research

**\$12,500** contribution to **National Alliance for Autism Research** for Autism Research

**\$3,000** grant to **Agape Therapeutic Riding Resources, Inc.** to offset the cost of a cement slab for a petting zoo

**\$3,000** grant of autism resources **Lawrence Township Schools**

**\$3,000** Tony Rena Grant to **Autism Community Together** to offset costs of a national speaker

**\$1,550** grant to **East Central Indiana Chapter of Autism Society of America** to develop a resource library.



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**\$3,000** grant to **Morning Dove Therapeutic Riding Center** to offset costs of feeding and sheltering one of the horses that works with autistic children.

### **Funding from 2002 Walk & Casino Event National Research \$25,000 \* Grants/Donation \$25,500**

**\$25,000** grant to **Autism Society of American Endowment** for Autism Research

**\$18, 500** **AAI Special Project Library Books**

**\$3,000** grant to **Agape Therapeutic Riding Resources, Inc.** to offset costs of a Sensory Trail

**\$1,000** grant to **FUSE** to offset costs of a national speaker

**\$3,000** grant to **ARC of Indiana** to pay for Camp Awareness T-shirts

### **Funding from 2001 Walk & Tent Party National Research \$50,000 \* Grants/ Other \$3,534**

**\$50,000** grant to **Autism Society of American Endowment** for Autism Research

**\$ 1,000** grant of Sensory Equipment for *Gymnastics* programs and Family Nights

**\$ 1,534** grant to **The Children's TherAplay** for a Sensory-Social Program

**\$ 1,000** grant to **Camp Awareness** to offset the cost of T-shirts