



Autism Advocates of Indiana, Inc. “Answers for Autism Walk”

AAI grants provided since inception: \$294,430.52

**Funding from the 2008 Walk
National Research \$10,000 * Grants \$65,085**

\$15,000 grant to Project Lifesaver Indiana to purchase wristbands, and equipment.

\$5,000 contribution to Autism Society of America Endowment for Autism Research

\$5,000 contribution to OAR (Organization for Autism Research) for Autism Research.

\$4,229 grant to the Gibson-Pike-Warrick Special Education Cooperative to fund a seminar by Brenda Smyth Myles on teaching social skills. This conference will be made available to all staff and parents with G-P-W students.

\$4192 grant to Edgewood Elementary School to assist in the creation of a sensory room within the Elementary School.

\$4,000 grant to the Wayne Township Fire Department to purchase two Project Lifesaver transmitters and additional bracelets for individuals with autism who are flight risks.

\$3000 grant to Easter Seals/Arc of Northeast Indiana for presenting a conference including 3 autism related workshops. Each presentation will occur 3 times throughout the conference.

\$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 the Hamilton County Autism Support Group to fund the Girls on the Spectrum program. This is an 8-10 week program that provides social skill training for girls.

\$3,000 grant to Hancock-South Madison Joint Services to purchase the Equipment and staff training for Augmentive Communication/Assistive Technology programs.

\$3,000 grant to the Autism Society of Indiana to fund a support group for Spanish speaking families.

\$3,000 grant to the Bargersville Community Volunteer Fire Department to purchase wristbands, and equipment for Project Lifesaver.

\$3,000 grant to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office to purchase wristbands, and equipment for Project Lifesaver.



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\$2,990 grant to MSD of Washington Township to enhance their social skills program enhancement to include the use of video self modeling. This grant is to purchase the supplies necessary for all schools in the MSD Washington Township.

\$2,920 grant to Indiana Resource Center for Autism to translate and print materials on Autism into Spanish.

\$2,843 grant to Bona Vista Programs, Inc. to fund an ongoing series of training sessions on topics related to the Autism Spectrum Disorder and other developmental delays.

\$2,494 grant to Hope Haven Horse Farm to modify their program include the use of sign language and pictures to assist the participants in communication. They are requesting a grant to have visual aids prepared and to obtain sensory equipment that will allow the rider some additional input.

\$2,359 grant to Fishers High School for the After Hours school art program in which the Jr and Sr High art students work together with the participants to create art. The goal of this program is to help students identify a possible career path. The students will be introduced to occupations that can be secured utilizing the skills they are learning from these programs. This program began in the fall of 2008.

\$2,113 grant to MSD of Washington Township to purchase additional educational materials on Autism for each building in the district. Materials differ by building based on age appropriateness.

\$1,600 grant to Creekside Middle School to purchase additional materials for their Autism Resource Library.

\$551 grant to Randolph County YMCA, Inc. for sensory equipment to place in their children's area to serve children on the autism spectrum.

\$519 grant to Westlane Middle School to enhance the current Socials skills group at 2 middle schools. Utilizing sign language and video modeling.

\$485 grant to Avon Community Schools to assist in funding a month long social skills camp.

Funding from the 2007 Walk
National Research \$25,000 * Grants \$44,102

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

\$15,000 contribution 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.



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\$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 the Gibson-Pike-Warrick Special Education Cooperative to fund a seminar by Jenny Brack on autism and sensory disorders available to all staff and parents with G-P-W students.

\$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.

\$3,000 grant to Hancock-South Madison Joint Services to purchase the Language for Learning teacher materials for its five remaining elementary schools that do not have these materials.

\$3,000 to Logan Community Services to provide Autism Awareness Presentations to all schools in St. Joseph County. Each child receives an informational packet and pin. Each teacher receives a more extensive informational packet.

\$3000 grant to the Church at the Crossing - God Made Me Program to purchase sensory equipment and the cost of activities for their Parent's Night Out (respite). This program is open to the public.

\$2715 grant to Franklin Township Community School Corporation, Special Education Department to purchase sensory materials that will be provided to staff that work with ASD students. They will be taught on the easy of incorporating these materials into their existing curriculum.

\$2150 grant to MSD of Washington Township to update their Autism Lending Library, 2 subscriptions of News-2-You, and implement pilot resource kits in 3 elementary schools.

\$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.

\$1680 grant to Lawrence Township Autism Team to provide a presentation to the speech and language teachers from Scott Bellini. In addition each school will be provided with his book to add to their Autism Tool kit.



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\$1,500 grant to HMB Special Services Autism Resource Team for the Video Modeling/self Video Modeling program. The money will be used to purchase Flip Videos and Nano iPods for capturing, watching, and imitating behavior.

\$1,015 grant to Fishers High School for the After Hours Art program. This program provides an after school program for students in the resource program and IB 3rd and 4th year Art students. Also, the program will go into the summer and work with preschool children with and without disabilities.

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

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

\$12,500 donation to National Alliance for Autism Research for Autism Research

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

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

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

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

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

\$2,600 donation to Perry Township Autism Team for updating their Autism Lending Library with recent resources, including materials with strategies for appropriate social, behavioral, and



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emotional development, accommodations for sensory needs, and general information about individuals with ASD.

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

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

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

\$1,547 donation 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 donation 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 and Other \$32,270

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

\$12,500 donation to National Alliance for Autism Research for Autism Research

\$5,000 donation to AutismCares Initiative, Project Katrina www.autismcares.org

\$5,000 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 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 to MSD Martinsville to cover specific line item expenses for their upcoming Camp Discovery (1st 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 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 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 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 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 to MSD Wayne Twp. to create a 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 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 to St. Vincent Pediatric Rehabilitation Center to create a sensory motor gym.

\$1,000 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 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 and Other \$37,303

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

\$10,000 donation to National Alliance for Autism Research for Autism Research

\$1,741 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.

\$2,687 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.



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\$3,000 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 to Elkhart County First Steps Interagency Council "Barbara Bloomfield Workshop Project" to assist funding to create a program 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 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 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 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 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 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.

\$3,000 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 speciality areas.

\$3,000 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 to Franklin Township Autism "Aware" Team to substantially update materials for their lending library.



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\$2,500 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 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 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 and Other \$13,550

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

\$12,500 donation 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 donation of autism resources Lawrence Township Schools

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

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

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

*\$18,500 budgeted toward our future Library Video Project that will provide autism informational videos or DVD's to every library in the state of Indiana.

Funding from 2002 Walk & Casino Event National Research \$25,000 Grants and Other \$25,500

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

\$18,500 AAI Special Project [Library Books](#)



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

\$1,000 donation 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 and Other \$3,534

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

\$1,000 donation 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

* It is important to AAI to reach every County in the State of Indiana. In order to do this we plan and budget for AAI Special Projects. It sometimes takes multiple budget cycles to adequately fund these large projects.