



IMPACT

Autism Speaks Canada is enhancing lives today and accelerating a spectrum of solutions for tomorrow.

MISSION

Autism Speaks Canada is dedicated to promoting solutions, across the spectrum and throughout the life span, for the needs of individuals with autism and their families. We do this through advocacy and support; increasing understanding and acceptance of people with autism; and advancing research into causes and better interventions for autism spectrum disorder and related conditions. Through partnerships and collaborations, we are committed to:

- **Increasing global understanding & acceptance of people with autism**
- **Being a catalyst for life-enhancing research breakthroughs**
- **Increasing early childhood screening & timely interventions**
- **Improving the transition to adulthood**
- **Ensuring access to reliable information & services throughout the life span**

ABOUT AUTISM SPEAKS CANADA

Autism Speaks Canada is a national Canadian charity, dedicated to promoting solutions across the spectrum and along a life span for needs of people with autism spectrum disorder and their families. Autism Speaks was founded in the U.S. in 2005. A year later, Autism Speaks Canada was incorporated in Canada. Together, Autism Speaks and Autism Speaks Canada have made extraordinary investments into the autism community.

Together with Autism Speaks, we have invested over \$300 million in scientific research; \$9.8 million in science grants and \$4.9 million to service organizations promoting collaboration and building capacity to support individuals with autism and their families across Canada. To learn more download our 'How We Help' document from our website.

WHAT IS AUTISM?

Autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviours, speech and nonverbal communication. We now know that there is not one autism but many subtypes, and each person with autism can have unique strengths and challenges. A combination of genetic and environmental factors influence the development of autism, and autism often is accompanied by medical issues such as GI disorders, seizures and sleep disturbances. Autism affects an estimated 1 in 66 children.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

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GET INVOLVED

To find resources, join a fundraising walk or make a donation, go to [AutismSpeaks.ca](https://www.autismspeaks.ca).