

## OUR PRINCIPLES

**Focused** on the mission and mission objectives.

**Responsive** to the most urgent needs of the autism community in Canada.

**Collaborative** with internal and external partners.

## OUR 10-YEAR VISION

Together with Autism Speaks, Autism Speaks Canada will relentlessly pursue strategies that make significant progress toward the following outcomes over the next 10 years:

- A **better understanding of the causes** and typology of autism
- Children with an autism spectrum disorder **diagnosed before the age of 2**
- Children having access to appropriate intervention, services and resources immediately following diagnosis
- The **availability of better treatments** both for underlying pathology as well as co-existing conditions that decrease quality of life for those with autism
- People with autism and their families have **transition plans that result in more independent adult life** that is meaningful to the individual
- Individuals with autism will have **effective interventions, services and supports throughout their lifetime**

These goals can only be achieved through work in communities nationwide, at the federal level and globally by working with partners, governments and other organizations.

It will require an inclusive approach that values diversity and individual needs.

We will work in partnership with those who share our goals, principles, and vision.

It is clear that the mission of Autism Speaks Canada will require the organization to grow in new ways and build capacity to be a sustaining organization to accelerate progress in science and support people with autism and their families over a lifetime.

**This will require investment in people, infrastructure and processes to excel as a best-in-class non-profit organization.**