

GIVING HISTORY

Since 2001, Bailey's Team has contributed to the autism community donating over **\$1,300,000** to organizations who fund or perform research, develop and facilitate educational programs, and/or provide social, recreational, and learning opportunities for individuals living with autism spectrum disorders and their families. Programs and organizations funded include:

Advocates for Autism of Massachusetts (AFAM)
Amego, Inc.
The Arc of Bristol County
The Arc of Eastern Connecticut
The Arc of Massachusetts – Operation House Call
The Arc of South Shore
Artist Exchange – Inclusion Art Program
Autism Alliance of Metro West
Autism Families of CONNECTicut
Autism Law Enforcement Education Coalition [ALEC]
The Autism Project
Autism Science Foundation
Autism Society of America – Rhode Island Chapter
Blackstone Valley Boys & Girls Club
Boston Medical Center
Brown Center for Children, Women & Infants Hospital
Charles River Arc
Community Autism Resources
Easter Seals Youth Leadership Network
The Groden Network
HMEA
Hockomock Area YMCA – Integration Initiative
J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center / Pathways
Kennedy Donovan Center
The League School
Lifeworks Arc / Family Autism Center
Manchester Community Music School
The May Institute
MGH for Children – The Lurie Center for Autism
The Miracle Project New England
The National Alliance for Autism Research
Public Safety Special Needs Coalition
Reflecting on the Journey – A Parent Retreat
Rhode Island College – Special Ed. Dept. Research
RI Consortium for Autism Research & Treatment
South Coast Educational Collaborative
Spaulding Outpatient Center for Children
Surfer's Healing
Unique Steps Dance Studio

WHAT IS AUTISM?

Autism is a complex developmental disability that can impact a person's ability to experience the world around them. The Autistic Self-Advocacy Network, (ASAN) states that common characteristics include differences in thinking, social interaction, sensory processing, movement, communication, and daily living skills.

Once thought to be a rare disability, **recent research shows a prevalence rate of 1 in every 36 children.**

Sometimes the signs of autism aren't apparent until 15-24 months of age or later, but some people aren't diagnosed until late childhood, adolescence, or adulthood.

Autism affects individuals differently. Some are highly intelligent and live independently, while others require lifelong care and supervision.

Research has shown that people with autism work less, live less independently, have less social participation, and have more unmet healthcare needs than their typical peers or even peers with other disabilities.

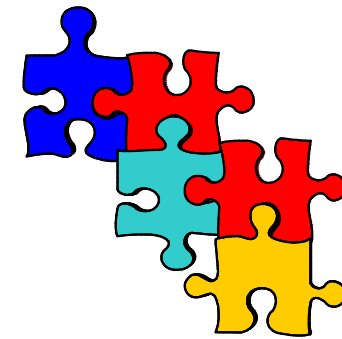
People with autism are individuals first who have strengths, preferences, dreams, etc. We must value autistic people and show them the respect that they deserve. The most important thing is to understand autistic people, love them, support them, advocate for them, and empower them to have a high quality of life.

BAILEY'S TEAM PROGRAMS

-  Bailey's Par for Autism Charity Golf Tournament
-  Wine Tasting
-  Celebrating Art & Autism Art Exhibit & Auction
-  Bailey's 5k Run & Family Walk for Autism
-  Autism Friendly Family Events
-  Bailey's Team Education Series
-  Autism Community Event Participation
-  Semi-Annual Newsletter
-  Parent & Family Support

BAILEY'S TEAM for AUTISM

Raising funds and awareness in support of individuals living with autism spectrum disorders and their families, with a focus on programming, education, and research.



We are educating people to better understand and support the autism community.*

**A community can be defined by the shared attributes of the people in it, and by the strength of the connections among them.*

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

- Anne Frank

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BAILIN SAMUEL ROBERTSON

As a small child, Bailey spoke no words and it was difficult to make eye contact or gain his attention. In June of 2001 at 20 months of age, Bailey was diagnosed with autism. It was at that moment we knew that our lives were changed forever.

As a young adult, Bailey's use of language is rather limited. He has little conversation ability. At times, his difficulty expressing himself can cause frustration and anxiety, which can heighten his emotions and behaviors.

While Bailey has many strengths and interests, such as navigating the internet and gaming, his preferred activities are solitary. He requires prompting to spend time with others. Sometimes, in those brief moments his warmth and sense of humor shine through.

When we began our journey, we knew nothing about autism or the life that we would lead. We soon learned that both education and support would be critical to raising our son. We sought help from doctors, educators, friends, other families affected by autism and organizations providing resources and support to families like ours. We started down a path of survival and have since learned to embrace Bailey and everything that makes him who he is.

Named for our son as he was the inspiration for our work, we founded Bailey's Team to help families like ours. We quickly learned that it is important to educate our community about our loved ones with autism and the desperate need to value and support them.



Meet Bailey - Age 23

THE STORY OF BAILEY'S TEAM

In September of 2001, shortly after Bailey was diagnosed with autism, our family participated in the first *New England Walk for Autism*. We invited our family and friends to join us, and as a result of the outpouring of love and support felt by our family on this bittersweet day, we were inspired to form **BAILEY'S TEAM**.

BAILEY'S TEAM was incorporated in 2008 and has gone on to raise over **\$1,400,000** in support of individuals living with autism spectrum disorders and their families. Our funding focus is on education and training, services and programming, research, awareness, acceptance, and family support.

Bailey's Team's Board of Directors offers a critical examination of funding applications submitted by agencies serving individuals on the autism spectrum. Our Board's multi-disciplinary approach and perspective, as researchers, educators, therapists, program administrators, first responders and family members, enables a comprehensive and balanced review of each submitted proposal.

This assessment ensures that the funds received from individual donations as well as our events' successes are directed to programs that deliver impactful outcomes. The Board considers this review process our most important responsibility to both our donors and the autism community.

In addition, our commitment to the values of DEAI* serves as a guiding lens with which we govern and operate, plan programming, award funds and serve the community.

****Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion***

Today BAILEY'S TEAM is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization allocating 90% of the dollars raised directly to organizations that support individuals living with autism and their families.

Check out our website to learn how to be a part of our team!

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All donations to Bailey's Team are tax-deductible.

TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM BAILEY'S TEAM

Applications accepted from August 1 to October 1.

Please visit our website and click on "Forms" to download our Funding Application & Budget Form.

Funding decisions will be made no later than February 15th.