

## BAILIN SAMUEL ROBERTSON

Bailey was diagnosed with autism in June of 2001 at 20 months of age. He spoke no words and it was difficult to make eye contact or gain his attention. We soon learned that he had autism and it was at that moment we knew that our lives were changed forever.

Bailey had very little use of language. He communicated through pictures and one word utterances and had no conversational abilities.

He continues to struggle with language and controlling his emotions and anxiety. He is now somewhat verbal and able to use limited speech; however, he cannot communicate in a conventional way and often requires prompting and supports to have his needs met.

Bailey will not reach the same developmental milestones expected of typical children; however, we will continue to work with him so that he will someday reach his full potential!

As we began our journey we learned very quickly that education and support were going to help us survive this devastating diagnosis. Not knowing anything about autism or the life that we would lead, we sought help from doctors, educators, friends, other families affected by autism and organizations providing resources and help to families like ours.

We never dreamed that we would someday be among those who could possibly help others like us who would struggle living with autism.



Meet Bailey  
with mom...  
Age 12  
(above)



The Robertson Family

## THE STORY OF BAILEY'S TEAM

BAILEY'S TEAM was first introduced shortly after Bailey was diagnosed with autism when our family participated in the first *New England Walk for Autism* in September of 2001. We invited our family and friends to join us at this special event - resulting in the birth of **BAILEY'S TEAM**.

BAILEY'S TEAM was incorporated in 2008 and has gone on to raise over one half million dollars in support of autism research, awareness, education and programming.

### OUR VISION

We strive to make a positive impact on individuals living with autism and their families with a focus on research, education & programming.

### OUR MISSION

We are a regional funding source for organizations that support individuals living with autism and their families. Our focus of funding is on education and training, services and programming, recreation, research, awareness and family support.

### OUR CORE VALUES

Transparency \* Professionalism \* Integrity  
Diversity \* Accessibility

**It is important that we educate our community about our loved ones with autism and the desperate need to value and support them!**

Today BAILEY'S TEAM is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization allocating approximately 90% of the dollars we raise 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!**

[www.baileysteam.org](http://www.baileysteam.org)



## BAILEY'S TEAM OFFICERS

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*All donations to Bailey's Team are tax-deductible to the greatest extent of tax laws.*

## TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM BAILEY'S TEAM

Applications accepted from August 1 to October 15.

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

Funding decisions will be made at our January Board Meeting.

**For more information, please visit:**  
[www.baileysteam.org](http://www.baileysteam.org)

## GIVING HISTORY

Since 2001, BAILEY'S TEAM has contributed to the autism community donating over one half million dollars to organizations who fund research, education and programming in support of individuals living with autism and their families. Programs and organizations funded include:

### The Arc of Bristol County

Serving individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

### Autism Law Enforcement Education Coalition [ALEC]

A training program offered to first responders (police, fire and EMS) on the subject of autism.

### The Autism Project

Providing a variety of training programs to parents and professionals to educate and support individuals with autism and their families.

### Autism Science Foundation

Funding autism research and supporting those who conduct, facilitate, publicize and disseminate autism research.

### Autism Society of America – Rhode Island Chapter

Improving the lives of all affected by autism in Rhode Island.

### Brown Center for Children, Women & Infants Hospital

A research study seeking the identification of very early infant signs of autism in children observed from birth.

### Community Autism Resources

Providing resources, education and family support to help persons with autism live fulfilling lives within the community.

### The Groden Network

A Tai Chi health and wellness class for adults with autism residing at The Groden Network's Cove Center.

### Kennedy Donovan Center

The Families with Autism Support Network located in New Bedford, MA.

### Melmark New England

Fall River training project to improve services for early learners with autism.

### The National Alliance for Autism Research /

### Autism Speaks

Funding research into the causes, prevention, treatments, and cure for autism and to raising public awareness.

### Reflecting on the Journey

A retreat for parents of children with autism to reflect on, explore, and share the rewards and challenges of raising a child with autism.

### The Schwartz Center for Children

Serving children with developmental and medical special needs.

## AUTISM

**Autism is a complex neurological disorder that impairs a person's ability to communicate, relate to others and process information; and is often associated with rigid routines and repetitive behaviors.**

Autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States and to date, there is no medical detection, treatment or cure.

Someone is diagnosed with autism every 20 minutes and most people require lifelong supervision and care.

**1 in 100 children will be diagnosed with autism this year** - more than with AIDS, diabetes and cancer combined.

Autism costs the nation over \$90 billion per year, a figure expected to double over the next decade.

## BAILEY'S TEAM INITIATIVES



Bailey's Par for Autism  
Charity Golf Tournament



FREE Education Series



Direct Mail Campaign



Wine & Beer Tasting



Bailey's Animal Adventure Family Event



Bailey's Run 4 Autism at Legacy Place  
& Family Walk for Autism



Autism Community Event Participation



Bi-Annual Newsletter

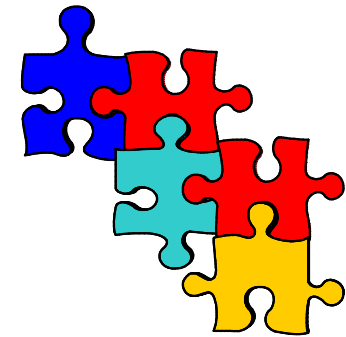


Parent & Family Support

[www.baileysteam.org](http://www.baileysteam.org)

# BAILEY'S TEAM for AUTISM

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



**BAILEY'S TEAM**  
is helping to put the  
pieces together!

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

*- Anne Frank*