

ARKANSAS AUTISM FOUNDATION 2017/2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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Our mission: Building bridges to independence for Arkansans with autism.

About Us: The Arkansas Autism Foundation (AAF) was founded in February 2017 by local Arkansas-based autism advocates who want to make a direct impact on the autism community in Arkansas. AAF helps individuals and families with autism across their lifespan and provides autism-friendly events and relevant workshops and training opportunities. We raise awareness about autism and provide important resources and support to families, and are committed to funding yearly grants for innovative or already existing programs that improve the lives of those affected by autism. AAF promotes activities targeting development of social skills, opens doors to jobs or internships at local companies, supports and encourages local entrepreneurship, supports businesses that seek specifically to train and hire individuals with autism and strives to create more options for housing and support for independent living.

AAF is proud of our many accomplishments throughout this fiscal year. We hosted outreach tables at Sherwood Fest, Hillcrest's HarvestFest, Mindfest, TEAM UP for Autism Conference, a 4-H Agent In-Service Training, Strike Out for Autism and AAROC's Zoo Day. AAF co-hosted two teen/young adult socials with Fellowship Bible Church. We hosted our signature outreach event, the Autism Festival and Walk and our signature fundraising event, the Blue Tie Blue Jean Ball. We opened our first call for proposals for grants with funding of up to \$8500 in the 2018/2019 fiscal year. In addition, we hosted an Autism Awareness Night with the Arkansas Travelers and hosted a Transition Supports for Post-Secondary Education and Employment Seminar. AAF welcomes and encourages individuals with autism to volunteer at all of these events along with members of our community.

The Arkansas Autism Foundation is a registered 501c3 non-profit organization.

2017/2018 Revenues

Reserves	\$15,090
Fundraising	\$24,481
Donations	\$ 6,073
TOTAL:	\$45,644

2017/2018 Expenses

Administrative	\$ 1,792
Fundraising	\$10,106
Programs/Outreach	\$ 3,565
TOTAL:	\$15,463

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