



**TACA**

**2017**

**Annual Report**



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## Lisa Ackerman

TACA Executive Director & Co-founder,  
Mom to Jeff & Lauren, Grandma to Will  
and Wife to Glen

TACA has experienced another growth year both in families served and program milestones. We are dedicated to serving over 55,000 families. We responded to over 45,000 calls for help at TACA, being the front line to so many families who need support day in and day out.

Serving families living with autism is our singular focus. In 2017, we invested more finances into our programs to reach and support more families living with autism, we invested 11% more than 2016! We reach these families through our U.S. chapter events, family social events, conferences and much more.

The families we serve inspire us at TACA. Each year we pick a theme for Autism Action month to inspire our Family and Friends Campaign. This 2017 autism unfiltered campaign focused on sharing family stories to inspire and achieve. This campaign not only raised much needed funds but highlighted the strength in overcoming obstacles in the autism journey. These families make the most and best of every situation and challenge. They inspire me every day to do all we can to help them overcome any hurdle they face.

TACA expands its accomplishments every year with the help of a great team. That team includes almost 1,000 dedicated volunteers helping each family find effective treatments and therapies. I am beyond grateful for the dedication and service to TACA's mission and our families. Autism is STILL the least funded disability in America with more individuals diagnosed than any other childhood disability. 1 in 68 U.S. children are diagnosed with autism. We expect those numbers to continue to rise in 2018. We will continue to innovate and find new ways to drive families to effective treatments and therapies along the life span. We appreciate our friends and supporters helping TACA financially, through in-kind products and services to offset our costs in addition to your friendship that supports families to do the best they can for their children.



# quick look

year established **2000**

executive director **lisa ackerman**

employees **17 paid staff**  
(11 full-time, 6 part-time)

volunteer contributions **953 volunteers**

clients served **55,000 families**

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

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## programs offered

- Monthly Meetings & Coffee Talks
- Parent Empowerment and Support
- Autism Youth Ambassadors
- Parent Mentor Program
- Autism Education Events and Conferences
- Autism Journey Guides and Blueprints
- Website, E-Newsletters and Event Listings
- Legal Advocacy
- Scholarship Programs
- Education, Outreach and Services in Spanish

## major annual events

- 11th Annual Ante Up for Autism
- National TACA Autism Conference
- 14th Annual TACA Family Picnic

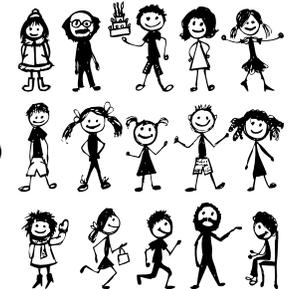
# 2017 accomplishments

almost  
**55,000**  
families  
served



We have **awesome**  
**953** **volunteers**

that continue to help people  
and deliver our message



**we have responded**  
to a  
total of **45,657**  
support calls & emails

**2,406**  
**journey guides**  
have been given away  
in 30 states

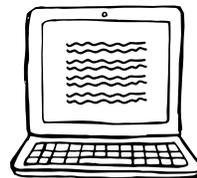


**616**  
mentor/mentee  
matches

**570** **scholarships**  
awarded  
to families



**1.6 million**  
website page views  
with almost  
**602,000**  
unique visitors



**22**  
webinars  
**2,084**  
attendees

**4** social media  
educational videos **7,703**  
views



**36** family  
events  
**6,307**  
attendees



**145** meetings  
& seminars  
**406** coffee  
talks  
**5,353** attendees



**75,000**  
**facebook followers**  
**11k** twitter **2,301** instagram

**3** conferences  
**1,670** attendees  
1008 from CA, 300 from GA & 362 from PA







## board of directors

- Patrick McIlvain
- Dan Carney
- Erich Kreidler
- Glen Ackerman
- Lisa Ackerman
- Kim Yang-Uk
- Elizabeth McCoy
- Robby Saggu
- Keith Banning

## physician advisory

We are honored to have the following Board-Certified pediatricians and medical specialists serve as Physicians Advisory Board Members

- Dr. David Berger
- Dr. Richard Frye
- Dr. Elizabeth Mumper
- Dr. Nancy O'Hara
- Dr. Dan Rossignol
- Dr. Cindy Schneider
- Dr. Robert Sears
- Dr. Anju Usman



# mission

Talk About Curing Autism (TACA) is a national non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to educating, empowering and supporting families affected by autism. For families who have just received the autism diagnosis, TACA aims to speed up the cycle time from the autism diagnosis to effective treatments. TACA helps to strengthen the autism community by connecting families and the professionals who can help them, allowing them to share stories and information to help improve the quality of life for people with autism.

# vision

TACA believes in early diagnosis, intensive therapies and medical intervention for children affected by autism. With early intervention, medical treatment unique to each person's needs and necessary support services for families, many children can improve greatly and some can recover from their autistic symptoms. We believe the future is not defined for many children affected by autism. Hope and recovery is possible.

# what we provide

TACA has been providing services since 2000 and all of the programs and services are provided at little or no cost to families.



**better individual**  
Quality of life



**better family**  
Quality of life



**independence**



**develop skills**



**improved health**



**TACA is grateful for the more than 2,000 supporters who fund our mission and teams to help families living with autism**

Our goal is to highlight some of our key partners and thank them for their dedication to the families we serve!

## grant investors



The Warne Family Foundation, with the Erault family, Roberts family and help from Western Paving Solutions have made instrumental investments to both TACA's growth initiatives and Ante Up for Autism.

### DevTo Support Foundation

DevTo Support Foundation has been an ongoing TACA supporter that provides funding, outreach, and support services to our families in need.

## family investor



We are deeply grateful to the Ungaro Family, who in 2017 were new supporters of our Ante Up for Autism event. They have grown to become strong supporters and wonderful friends to TACA. With their support we can increase our outreach and services to even more families.

## corporate investors



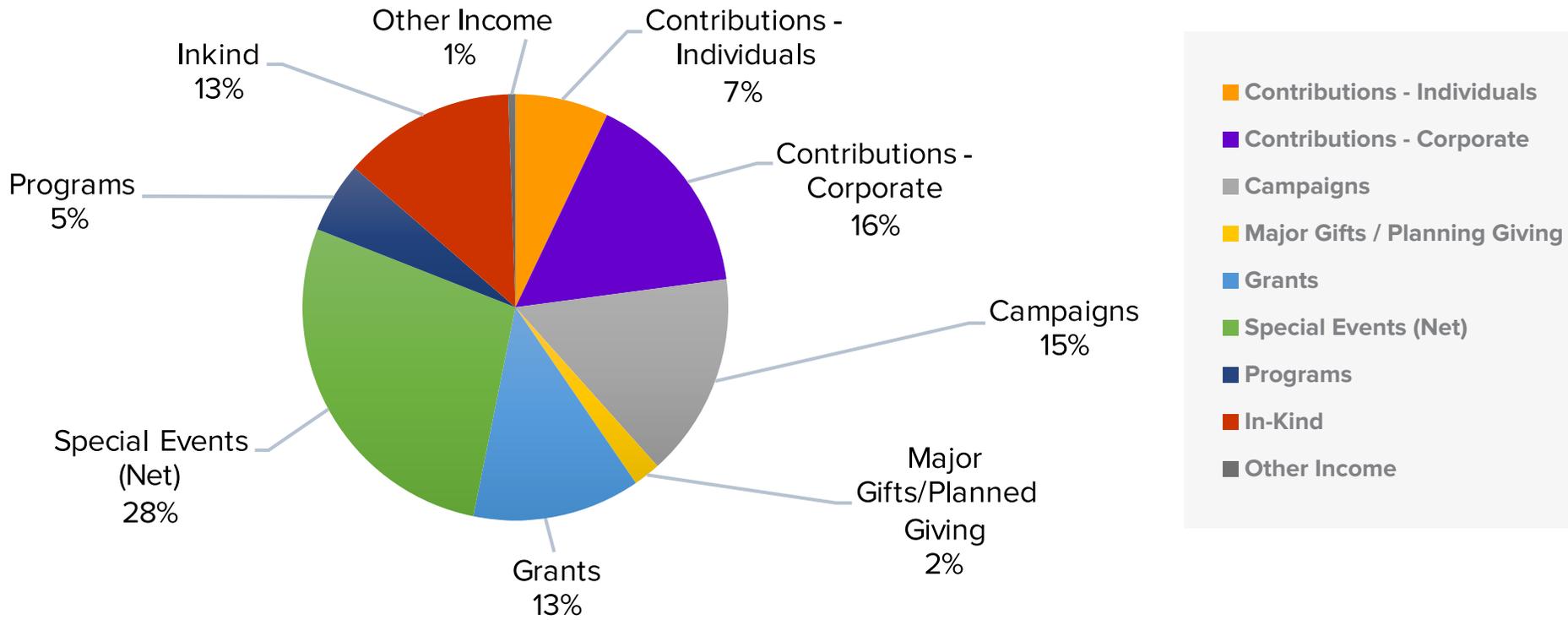
TACA is grateful to have the support of Happy Family Brands since 2013. Happy Family supports TACA by offering free food products for our family events and enlist in our sponsorship programs. In 2017 Happy Family Brands participated in our annual Ante Up for Autism fundraising event.



2017 is TACA's 11th year working with KCBS Jack FM in Los Angeles, California. They have helped TACA reach thousands of people in Southern California with radio spots and contests. They've also provided support by selecting TACA as the beneficiary of Jack's 12th Show.



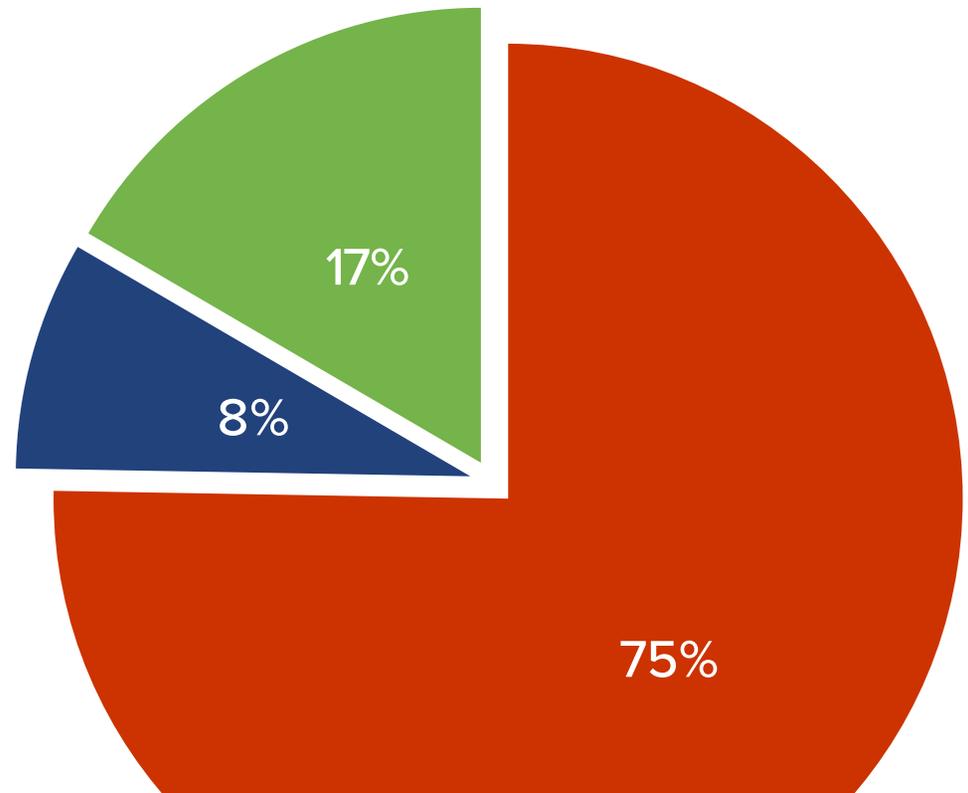
In addition to the great support of Jack FM, TACA also benefitted from sponsorship and support from the world famous KROQ at our Ante Up for Autism event.



## revenue breakout by type

# 2017

## expense by breakout type





# statements of financial position

as of 12/31/2017 & 2016

## assets

	2017	2016
<b>current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 520,147	\$ 445,576
Pledges receivable	186,034	30,745
Accounts receivable	11,150	4,670
Prepaid expenses	11,730	7,726
Investments	5,484	2,780
Inventory	1,640	2,955
Total Current Assets	736,185	494,452
<b>property &amp; equipment, net</b>	27,802	10,950
<b>other assets</b>		
Intangible assets, net	21,614	42,791
Deposits	8,251	8,251
Total Other Assets	29,865	51,042
<b>total assets</b>	<b>\$ 793,852</b>	<b>\$ 556,444</b>

## liabilities & net assets

	2017	2016
<b>current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 67,434	\$ 62,901
Accrued payroll and related expenses	27,681	23,181
Accrued paid time off	16,782	12,283
Deferred revenue	73,402	12,335
Total Current Liabilities	185,299	110,700
<b>commitments (note 8)</b>		
<b>net assets</b>		
Unrestricted	526,162	382,078
Temporarily Restricted	82,391	63,666
<b>total net assets</b>	608,553	445,744
<b>total liabilities &amp; net assets</b>	<b>\$ 793,852</b>	<b>\$ 556,444</b>

# statement of activities

as of 12/31/2017 & 2016

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	2017	2016
<b>revenue &amp; support</b>				
Contributions	\$ 907,710	\$ 158,370	\$ 1,066,080	\$ 828,312
In-kind contributions	262,146	262,146	262,146	284,000
Program revenue	91,254	--	91,254	86,351
Membership dues	16,700	--	16,700	13,350
Interest income	1,257	--	1,257	724
Net assets released from restrictions	139,645	(139,645)	--	--
Total Revenue & Support	1,418,712	18,725	1,437,437	1,212,737
<b>special events</b>				
Special events revenue	996,961	--	996,961	950,702
Direct special events expense	(440,508)	--	(440,508)	(397,385)
Total Special Events	556,453	--	556,453	553,317
<b>product sales</b>				
Product sales	12,533	--	12,533	13,761
Cost of goods sold	4,550	--	4,550	4,337
Total Product Sales	7,983	--	7,983	9,424
<b>total revenue &amp; support</b>	<b>\$ 1,983,148</b>	<b>\$ 18,725</b>	<b>\$ 2,001,873</b>	<b>\$ 1,775,478</b>

<b>expenses</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Temporarily Restricted</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Program services	\$ 1,384,315	--	\$ 1,384,315	\$ 1,248,007
Supporting services:				
• Management and general	149,656	--	149,656	136,989
• Fundraising	305,093	--	305,093	265,211
Total Expenses	1,839,064	--	1,839,064	1,650,207
<b>change in net assets</b>	144,084	18,725	162,809	125,271
<b>net assets at beginning of year</b>	382,078	63,666	445,744	320,473
<b>net assets at end of year</b>	<b>\$ 526,162</b>	<b>\$ 82,391</b>	<b>\$ 608,553</b>	<b>\$ 445,744</b>

# donor honor roll

We would like to recognize  
and thank our generous  
contributors

## \$75,000 & up

Erautt Donor Advise Fund  
& Western Paving Solutions  
Josh and Courtney Ungaro  
Warne Family Foundation

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