



**2022**

**ANNUAL REPORT**



**TACA**

THE AUTISM COMMUNITY in ACTION

# mission

TACA provides education, support and hope to families living with autism.



# vision

For every individual diagnosed with autism to lead an independent life.

# values

**A**

**Authentic**

We are honest, transparent and hold ourselves to the highest level of integrity.

**C**

**Caring**

We care deeply about families living with autism.

**T**

**Tough**

We help families overcome challenges and take action.

**I**

**Informed**

We believe knowledge is power and value families' abilities to make informed decisions.

**O**

**Optimistic**

We believe the future is not set and tomorrow is going to be better than today.

**N**

**Never**

We will never give up!



# 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.



## Programs and Support Services Offered:

- Autism Journey Guides
- Educational Conferences and Events
- Family Events
- Hope and Help Facebook Group
- Parent Mentor Program
- Parent Resources
- Scholarship Programs
- Spanish Outreach
- Webinars
- Weekly Meetings

# dear friends

Hello wonderful TACA friends!! Thank you for your dedication to TACA, our mission, and the families we serve. With gratitude, I am happy to share this annual update with you.

An important financial update. In 2021, TACA received our first-ever Autism Hero award funding from our friends at Sun West Mortgage. We planned our program expenses over two years from 2021 into 2022 ending the year with a deficit. We are so grateful to our friends at Sun West Mortgage for helping families over two years!

Most of the world has gone back to normal post the pandemic. Unfortunately for the families we serve, it continues to be like COVID 19 at the heights of the epidemic. The largest challenges continue to be a disruption to schools and services. As the economy recovers, wages have stalled at pre-pandemic levels for the workforce that serves our community. This has caused a great migration of these incredible workers to leave for higher-paying jobs. Many families have seen a decrease in services and for some, they have completely stopped. We are helping families navigate unprecedented times. Parents continue to report their children are experiencing regression, aggression, OCD, anxiety, and an increase in wandering.

The CDC prevalence report of autism amongst US children is 1 in 44. This represents a 241% increase since 2000. However, even more staggering are these numbers:

In California, 1 in 26 eight-year old's have an autism diagnosis

Also, 1 in 24 four-year old's have an autism diagnosis



**Lisa Ackerman**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & CO-FOUNDER  
MOM TO JEFF & LAUREN, GRANDMA TO WILL,  
AND WIFE TO GLEN

Every day over 250 U.S. children will receive an autism diagnosis

Despite these enormous challenges we are moving the autism community forward. I am happy to share our 2021 Program highlights including the following:

- We serve 82,888 members
- 551 volunteers donated almost 5,000 hours
- Website had 2.5 million page views
- Education efforts reached 7,790
- We distributed 2,988 Autism Journey guides
- 499 Scholarship awards valued at \$207,720
- Annual conferences reached 2,616 in attendance
- Over 17,000 members supported in our online Hope and Help community
- 526 Mentors assigned
- Held 17 family events with 2,632 in attendance
- Our free downloadable check lists were access 4,569 times
- Almost 400,000 Social media followers

The silver lining to the pandemic has been TACA's ability to pivot and meet family needs in multiple channels. TACA continues to accelerate initiatives and expand services that are helping more families navigate autism and access timely, relevant, and caring support for their children. Our second year of delivery and rapidly growing adult services programming will continue into 2023 and future years.

We remain committed to investing in and growing our virtual offerings and in-person support and family events. We continue to survey and learn that the virtual technology platforms to our existing in-person platform have created a more scalable organization allowing us to reach and help more families at a lower cost with more consistency. Families continue to need both the community connection and these supports.

Our committed and hard-working staff, active board and ambassadors, and our generous community are dedicated to TACA and our mission. Thanks to you we are leading the way in innovation and continue to be the only national dedicated resource for families.

I am so grateful for our community. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of families living with autism!

Lisa



# quick look

year established **2000**

executive director **lisa ackerman**

employees **24 paid staff**

volunteer contributions **571 volunteers**

hope, help, and information **in 50 States**

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 [theautismcommunityinaction](https://www.facebook.com/theautismcommunityinaction)

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 [The Autism Community in Action](https://www.linkedin.com/company/The-Autism-Community-in-Action)

# accomplishments 2022



**83,286**

awesome members

**396,982**

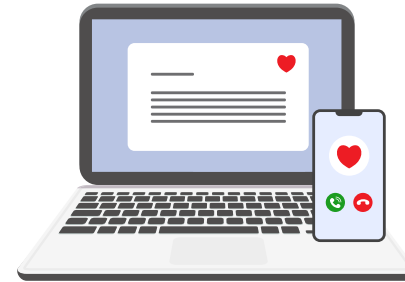
social media followers



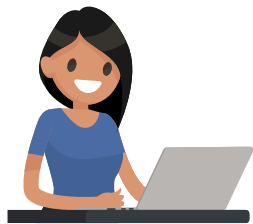
awarded more than  
**\$207,000**  
in scholarship



569 volunteers  
logged in  
hours to **4,539**  
help families and deliver  
TACA's message



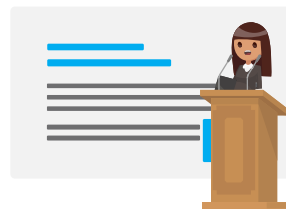
responded to a total of  
**42,536**  
phone & online support



more than  
**1 million**  
website page views  
with 32 new articles



supports over  
**24,425**  
hope & help facebook  
group members



educated over  
**2,678**  
in 2 conferences



educated over  
**15,767**  
people with virtual meetings,  
webinars & social media content



matched  
**526**  
mentors / mentees



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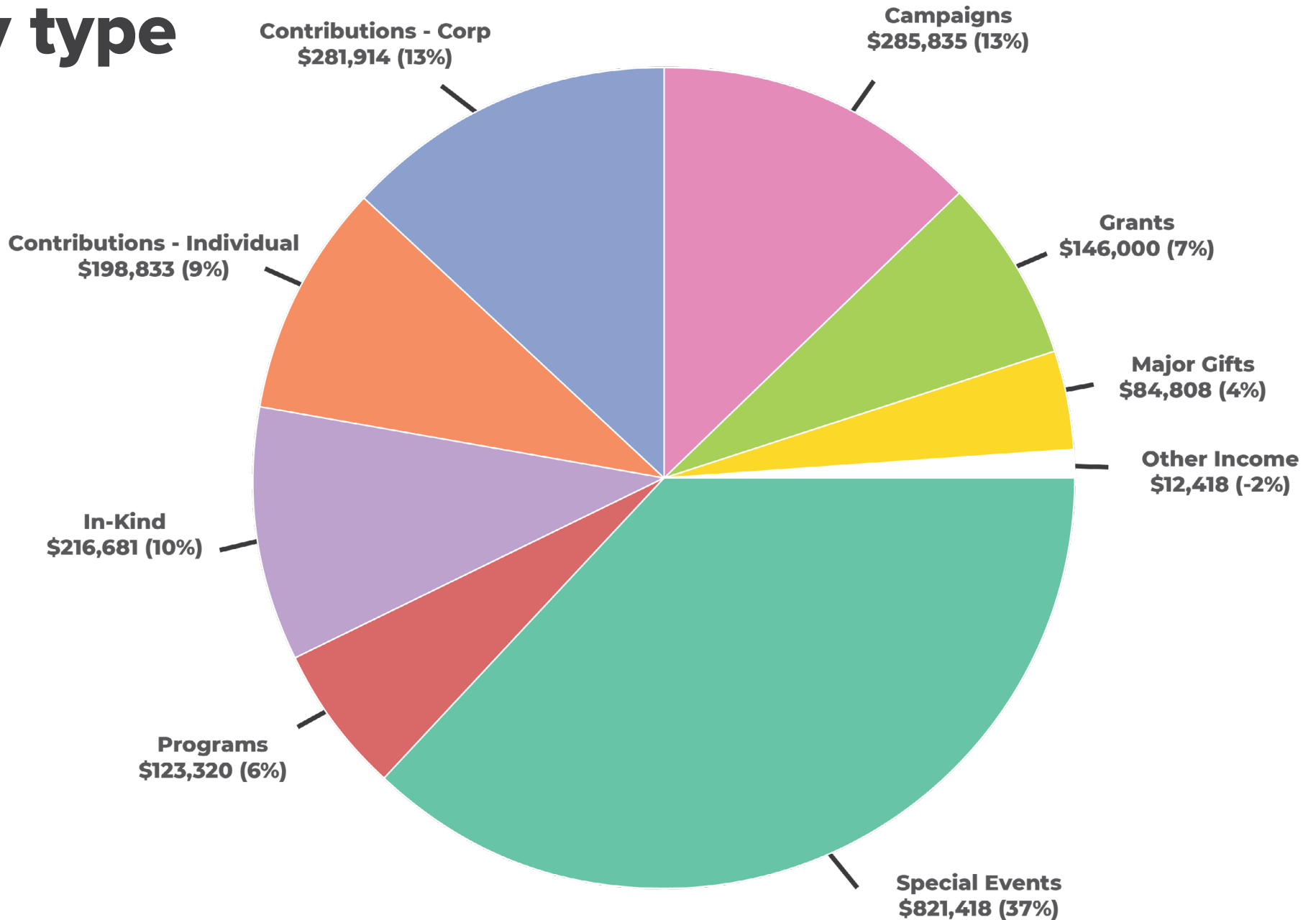
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We are honored to have the following Board-Certified pediatricians and medical specialists serve as Physicians Advisory Board Members:

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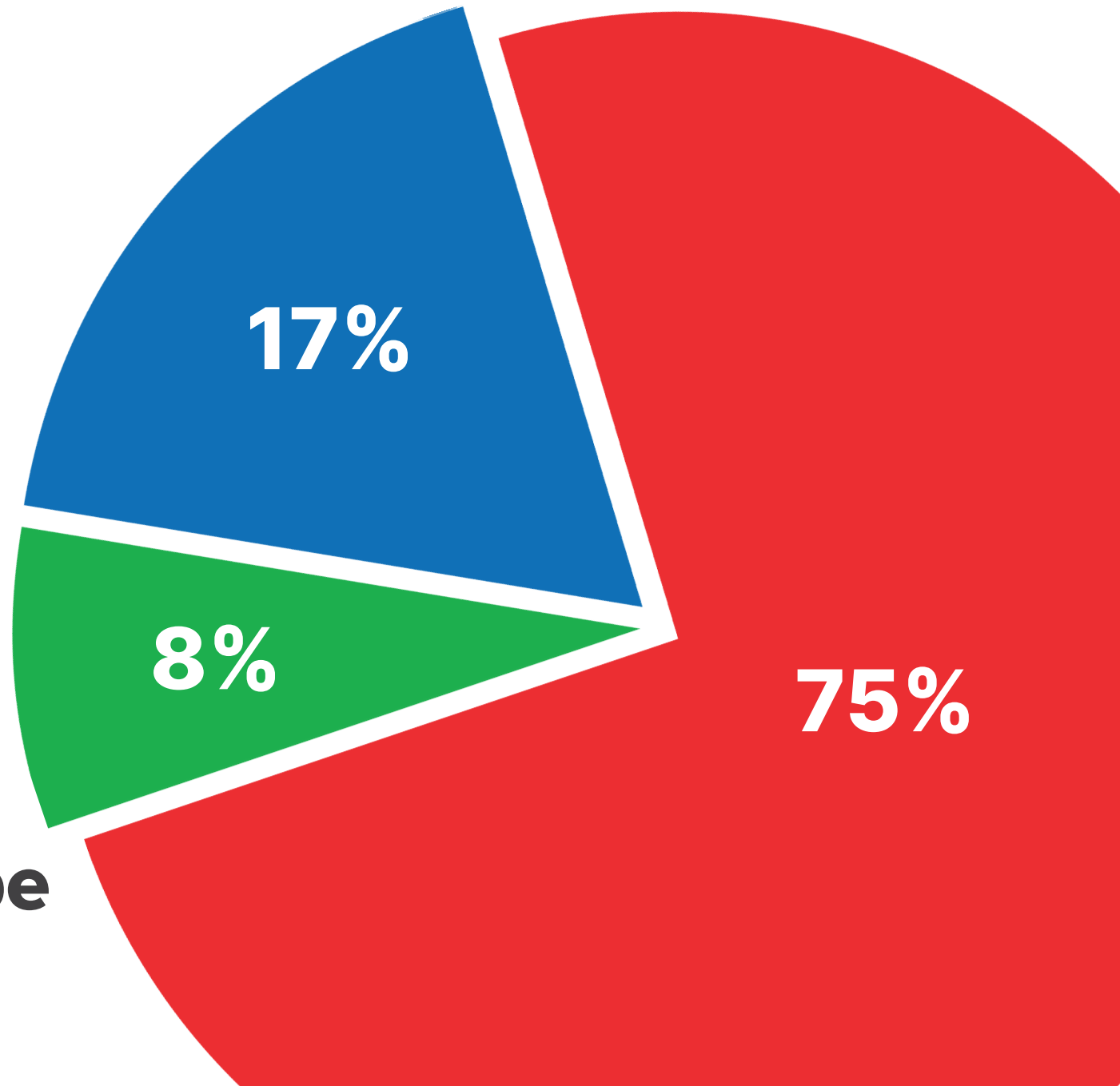


# revenue breakout by type



# 2021 breakout

- Programs
- General & Admin
- Fundraising



**expense by  
breakout type**

# donor honor roll

We would like to recognize  
and thank our generous  
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