

2024

ANNUAL REPORT



 **TACA**
THE AUTISM COMMUNITY A

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 support since 2000 and all of the programs and services are provided at little or no cost to families.

Programs and Support Services Offered:

Education

- Website Articles, Checklists, and Downloadables
- Educational Events
- Conferences
- The Autism Workbook

Support

- Hope and Help Facebook Group
- Mentor program
- Virtual Support Events
- Teen and Adult Support and Resources
- Scholarships

Hope

- Communities (Coffee Talks, Outreach Events, and Family Days)

improved health

Dear Friends

Hello, incredible TACA friends!

In our 24th year of service to families living with autism, I'm thrilled to share our 2024 highlights and accomplishments with you. It has been another impactful year — full of growth, community, and unwavering dedication to our mission. Thanks to your continued support, TACA remains a lifeline for families seeking hope and help. This year we are proud to share the following:

- 61,799 active families served through TACA programs
- 24,075 members supported through our online Hope and Help community
- 15,447 individuals reached through education efforts
- 341 volunteers donating more than 3,213 hours of service
- 2,639 Autism Journey Guides distributed
- 504 scholarships awarded, totaling \$135,930 in direct support
- Two national conferences reaching 2,202 attendees
- 142 new mentors matched with families
- 8 family events engaging 2,679 participants
- Nearly 400,000 followers across social media platforms

This year we were honored to present our fourth annual Autism Hero Award to Dr. Dan and Lanier Rossignol from the Rossignol Medical Center. Their groundbreaking research, compassionate clinical care, and steadfast commitment to helping children on the autism spectrum continue to inspire us all.

We also welcomed new supporters who made a tremendous impact:

- Flooring Liquidators
- Anrak Charitable Foundation



Another exciting milestone was the reboot of National Coffee Talk Day on April 18 — a powerful way to reconnect families and volunteers post-COVID through local gatherings across the country.

Behind every milestone are our dedicated staff, committed board, and tireless ambassadors, who work hand-in-hand with our generous donors, partners, and volunteers. Together, we are reaching over 1,000 new families every month, ensuring that no one faces autism alone.

As I reflect on this past year, I am filled with gratitude. TACA's success is built on the compassion, energy, and generosity of people like you — people who believe every child deserves the chance to thrive.

Thank you for standing with us, believing in our mission, and making a lasting difference in the lives of families living with autism.

With deep gratitude,



Lisa Ackerman

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



Quick Look

Year Established 2000

Executive Director Lisa Ackerman

Employees 22 Paid Staff
(13 Full-Time, 9 Part-Time)

Volunteer Contributions 341 Volunteers
Hope, Help, and Information in 50 States

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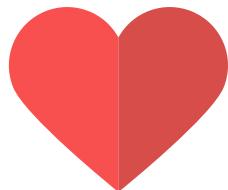
 [The Autism Community in Action](#)

Accomplishments 2024



61,799
Active Members

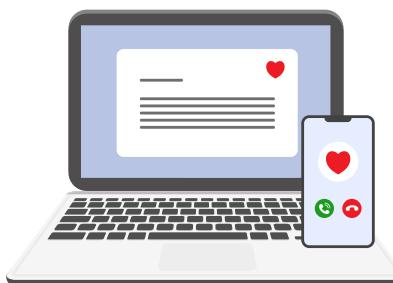
379,563
Social Media Followers



Awarded More Than
\$136,000
in 504 scholarships



341 Volunteers
Logged in **3,213**
Hours to Help Families and Deliver
TACA's Message



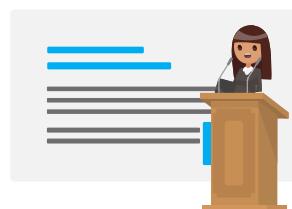
Responded To a Total of
40,740
Phone & Online Support



More Than
1 Million
Website Page Views



Supports Over
24,075
Hope & Help Facebook
Group Members



Educated Over
2,202
54% first-timers



Educated Over
15,447
Members with Meetings



Matched
526
Mentors / Mentees

Board of Directors

- Glen Ackerman
- Lisa Ackerman
- Keith Banning
- Dan Carney
- Celena Hallstead
- Inna Kassatkina Jones
- Kim, Yang-Uk
- Erich Kreidler
- Elizabeth McCoy
- Bill Oldham
- Robby Sagg



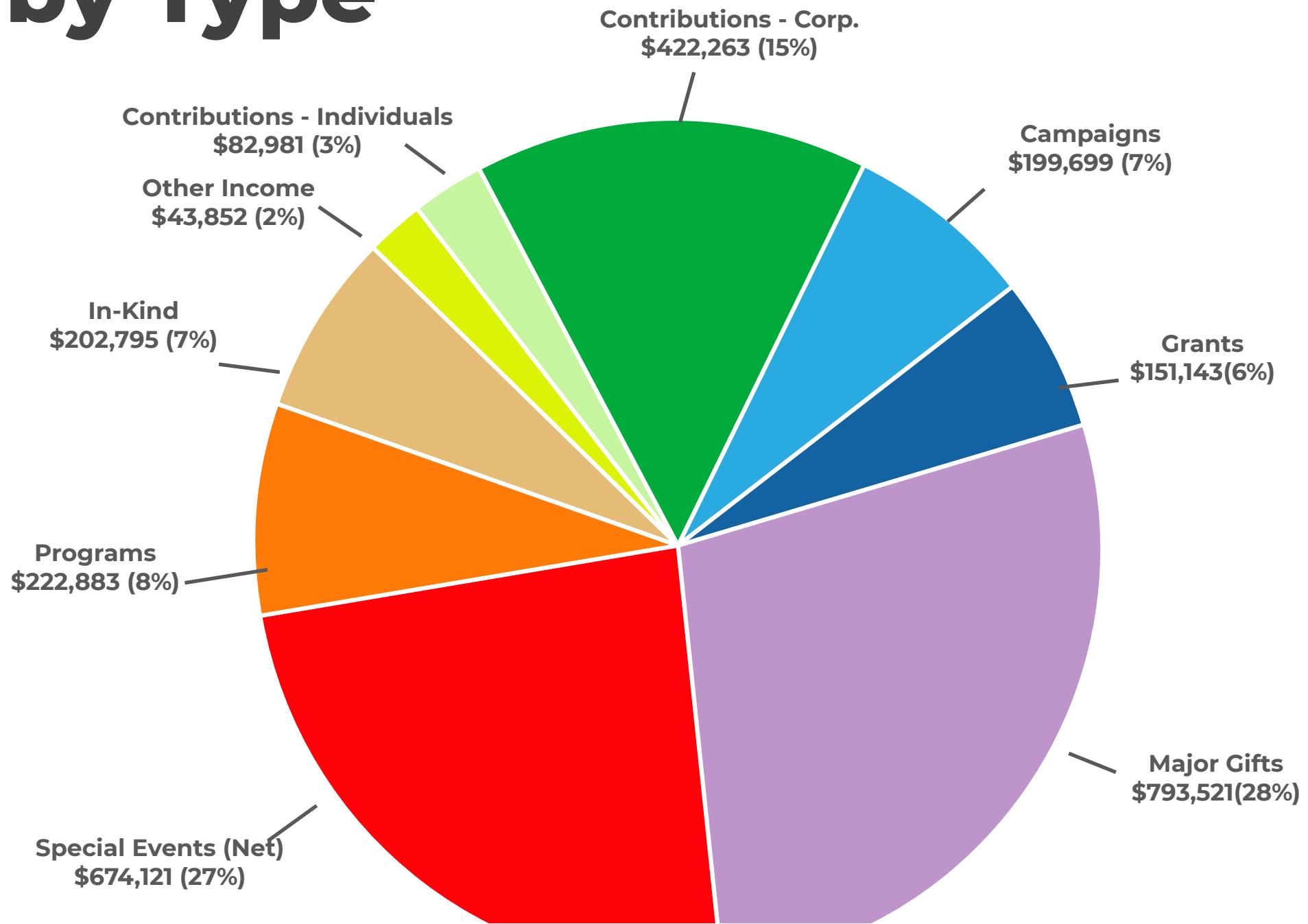


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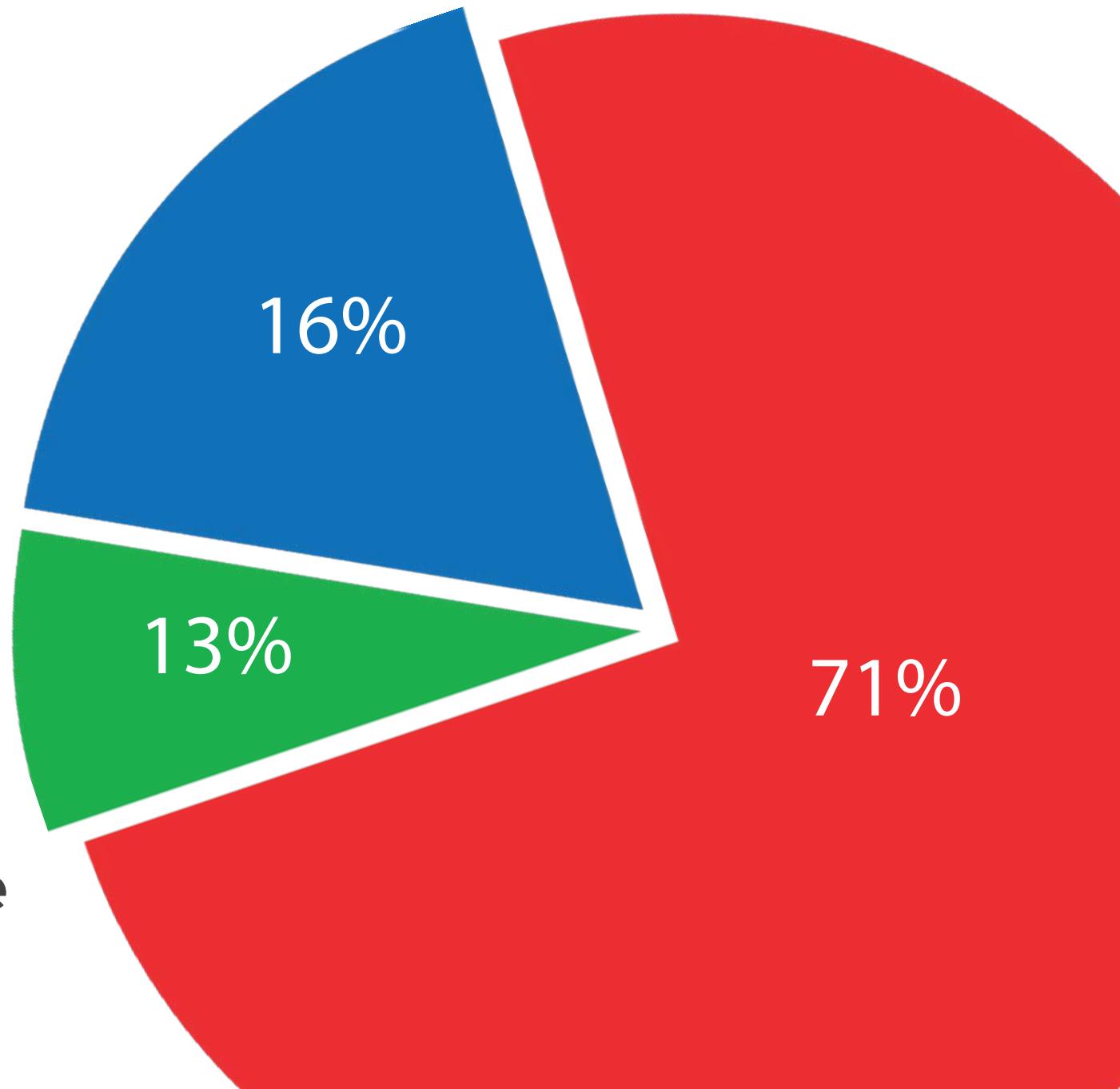
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- James Adams, PhD
- Dr. David Berger
- Dr. Richard Frye
- Dr. Robert Naviaux
- Dr. Nancy O'Hara
- Dr. Dan Rossignol
- Dr. Cindy Schneider
- Dr. Anju Usman Singh

Revenue Breakout by Type



2024 Break-



**Expense by
Breakout Type**

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recognize and thank our
generous contributors

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