

# 2024

## ANNUAL REPORT





# 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)



# 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

**tacanow.org**

 theautismcommunityinaction

 @tacanow

 @tacafoundation

 The Autism Community in Action



# Accomplishments 2024

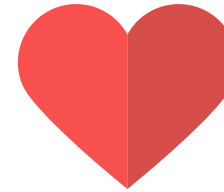


**61,799**

**Active Members**

**379,563**

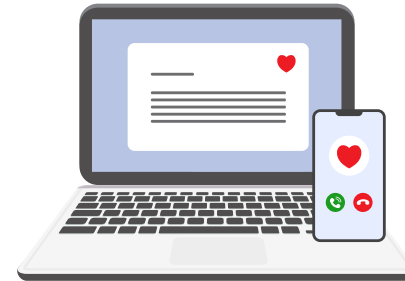
**Social Media Followers**



Awarded More Than  
**\$136,000**  
in 504 scholarships



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



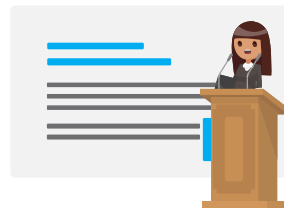
Responded To a Total of  
**40,740**  
Phone & Online Support



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 Saggu





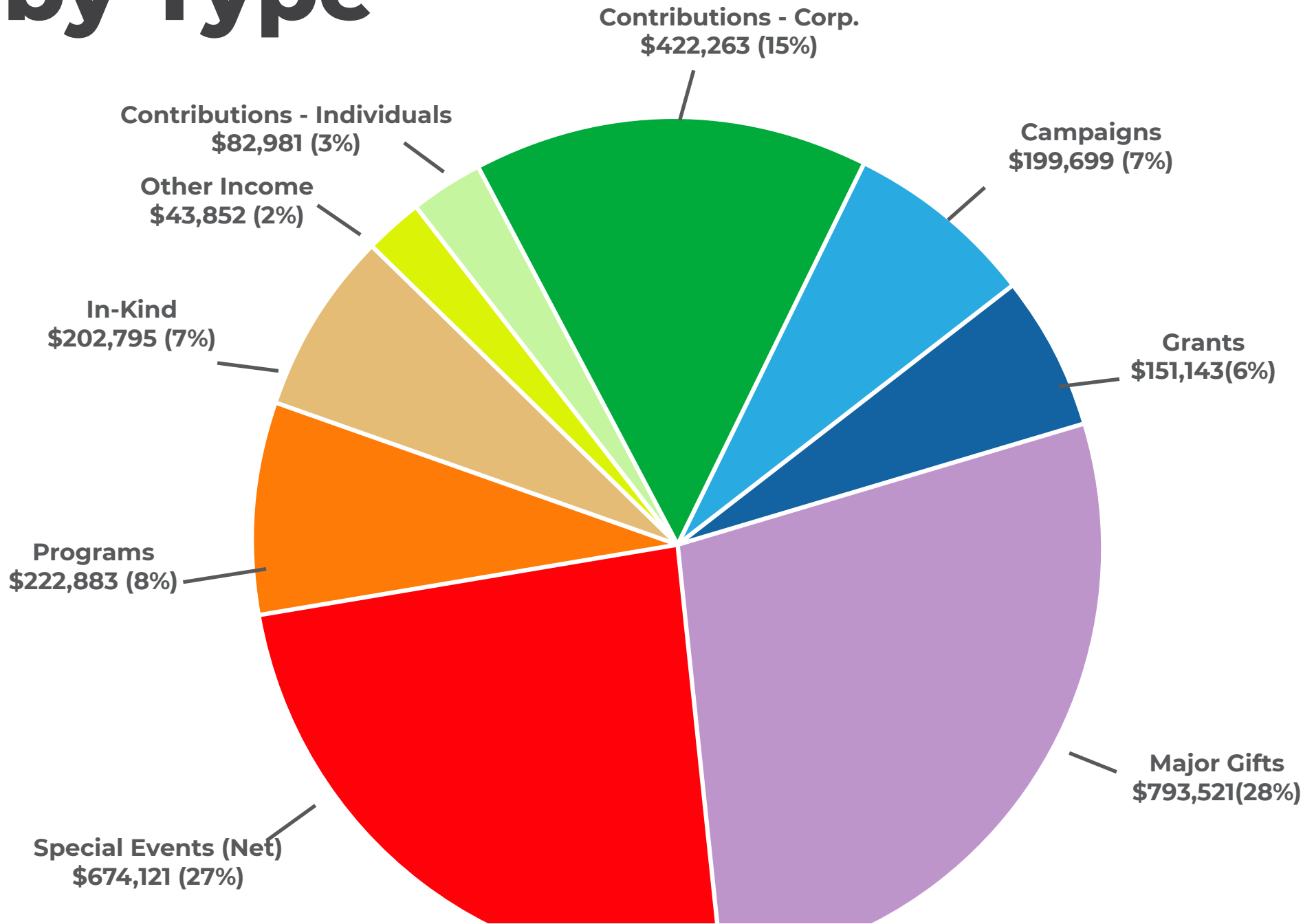


# Physician Advisory

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

- 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

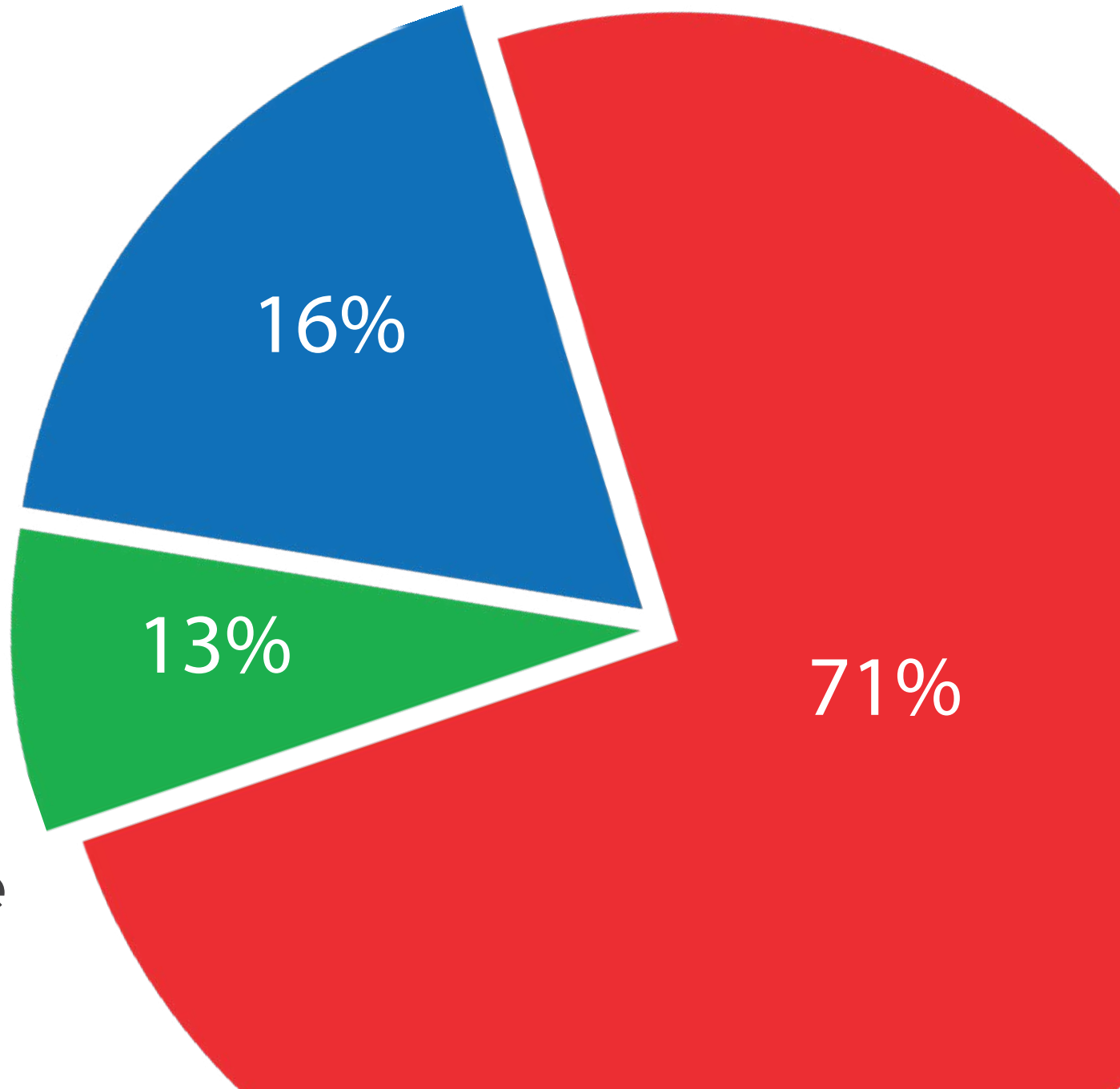
# Revenue Breakout by Type





# 2024 Break-

- Programs
- General & Admin
- Fundraising



**Expense by  
Breakout Type**

# Donor Honor Roll

We would like to  
recognize and thank our  
generous contributors

## **Visionaries (\$50,000.00 - \$249,999.99)**

Anonymous  
Anrak Charitable Foundation  
Arylessence Foundation Inc  
Astra Charitable Fund  
Garrett Family Foundation  
Oldham, Bill and Casandra  
Rossignol Medical Center / Dr. Dan and Lanier  
Rossignol  
Stewart, Julie and Thomas  
Warne Family Charitable Foundation (Erautt)  
Warne Family Charitable Foundation (Roberts)

## **Leaders (\$25,000.00 - \$49,999.99)**

Autism Learning Partners  
DevTo Support Foundation  
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Flooring Liquidators Inc  
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Keith and Denise Banning  
Kurt and Tammi Belcher  
Lisa Lisherness  
Regional Center Of Orange County  
Ru and Saranga Weerasuriya  
Spectrum Awakening  
Steve and Laurie Duncan  
Warne Family Charitable Foundation (Grants)  
Wilfred M. and Janet A. Roof Foundation

## **Innovators (\$10,000.00 - \$24,999.99)**

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Noe Rubio  
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O.L. Halsell Foundation  
Pacific Life Foundation  
Plan A Foundation  
Prodrome Science  
Robby and Bina Saggu  
Samueli Foundation  
SprintRay  
The Rosendin Foundation  
Thought Leadership Foundation  
Wright Ford Young & Co.

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San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center  
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Terry and Debbie Villegas  
Casey Wallace  
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We Care by ZYN  
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Michael and Karrie Adams  
Ron and Heidi Althouse  
Apex Social Group  
Arctic Services  
Cindy Baker  
Kim Balint  
Doug Banning  
Erin and Justin Barnum  
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