Misconceptions of autism and the frequency in which people are excluded, threaten access to the vital, reliable information and resources. Whether you choose to contribute to Autism Speaks or another organization dedicated to supporting autism, we urge donors, volunteers, and supporters to conduct their due diligence. Reputable sources like the Better Business Bureau, GuideStar and Charity Navigator can provide reliable information on the charity of your interest.

In 2023, Autism Speaks earned a 4-star rating by Charity Navigator, with a 100% rating in the area of Finance and Accountability.

86 cents of every dollar donated to Autism Speaks goes directly to research, advocacy, programs and services to benefit the autism community. This exceeds the Better Business Bureau guideline of 65 cents per dollar.

LISTENING TO THE AUTISTIC COMMUNITY

The Autism Speaks team includes a wide variety of members from the autistic community serving as leaders, board members, content creators, advisors, staff members and volunteers.

Autism Speaks consults advisory boards of autistic people and family members, as well as healthcare professionals, researchers and advocates in the development of programs and initiatives. The organization regularly hosts roundtables and community conversations to help direct and create programming. Additionally, the Champions of Change program empowers self advocates to steer the future of the organization.

TRUSTED BY MILLIONS

Autism Speaks works to ensure reliable, trusted information for every life stage and level of need. In 2023 alone, the Autism Response Team (ART) fulfilled more than 76,500 phone calls, emails, and chats providing personalized support. To date, ART has made nearly 700,000 connections to people in need. Over 1.9 million people accessed the Autism Speaks free resources and information in 2023, including their online database, provider directory and critical tool kits. Historically, Autism Speaks has assisted more than 27 million people with vital support.

Autism Speaks celebrates the strengths, talents and contributions of autistic people while acknowledging the challenges they face. These diverse experiences are reflected in the organization’s messaging and programming.