



LURIE CENTER FOR AUTISM

A Critical Moment

For more than a decade, the Lurie Center for Autism at Massachusetts General Hospital has brought together comprehensive clinical care with cross-disciplinary research to develop personalized therapies for people with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). We have some of the most visionary minds in medicine focused on identifying the causes of autism and developing models of improved treatment that maximize the potential of each individual across their lifespan.

Leveraging the vast resources of Mass General and integrating evolving technological tools, we envision a future where we have a comprehensive, scientific understanding of the underlying causes of ASD; where early diagnosis will allow individuals with ASD to receive personalized interventions that alter their clinical course and improve their ability to integrate into their community, and where clinicians have access to the necessary training and tools to successfully diagnose and treat individuals with ASD.

Positioned for Impact

Since 2009, the Lurie Center has led the way in establishing best practices for the treatment of ASD from early childhood through adulthood. We are developing guidelines for the delivery of multidisciplinary care for patients with ASD who have other medical, neurological and psychological conditions and are assisting these patients as they navigate the complexity of the health care system. Every patient is evaluated and treated by a member of our expert clinical team in collaboration with educational and behavioral consultants, speech-language pathologists, and physical and occupational therapists. Our translational research program also provides unprecedented opportunities to integrate basic neuroscience research with patient care.

In addition to extensive clinical care, the Lurie Center also offers the Aspire Program, a unique and highly successful multidisciplinary and therapy-based program that focuses on teaching important life skills. Aspire serves children, teens and adults with high cognitive ASD and related social profiles, many of whom have challenges with stress management, anxiety, social communication, attention, organization or sensory differences. Aspire's programs are attuned to the specific strengths of every participant and encourage experiential learning from summer camps to employment.

Our Vision

Five years from now, with the help of transformative philanthropy, we will have made enormous strides towards achieving our goals of having a comprehensive, scientific understanding of the underlying causes of ASD, as well as improving diagnosis and

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Bold Breakthroughs. Compassionate Care. Revolutionary Results.

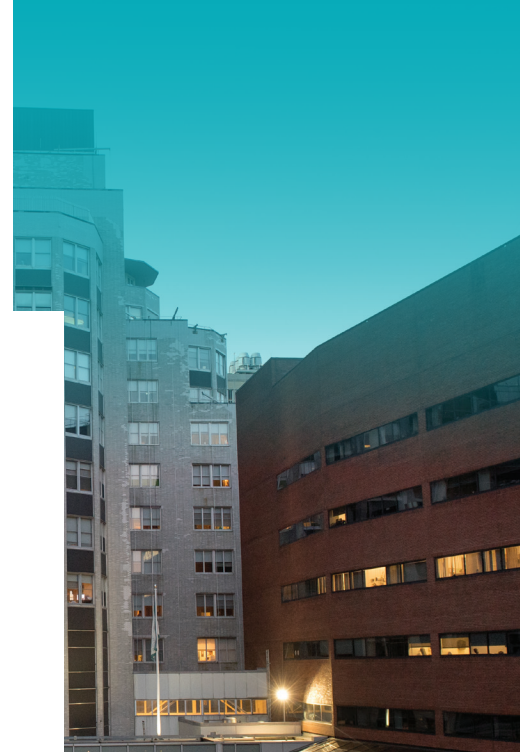
treatment with personalized interventions that adjust each patient's clinical course and significantly improve their ability to integrate into their community.

We are also committed to educating the next generation of health care professionals by sharing experience, knowledge and expertise, and ensuring our clinicians have the tools and training needed to successfully diagnose and treat patients with ASD.

Opportunities to Support

The Lurie Center for Autism is at the forefront of medical discovery and treatment of autism and related spectrum disorders. However, we rely on philanthropy to help advance our clinical, research, educational and advocacy missions. We are seeking funding for the following priority areas:

- » **Endowed Lurie Center Clinical Program Funds.** The Lurie Center is one of the largest and most comprehensive autism clinics in the world, providing multidisciplinary, coordinated medical care over a lifetime. Clinical revenue covers just one-half of the overall cost of delivering care for nearly 3,000 unique patients each year. Securing sustaining support for the Center's clinical programs is a key priority to ensure we continue to maintain, in perpetuity, the multidisciplinary signature level of care on which we pride ourselves; continue to conduct research to advance knowledge and treatment of ASD; improve access to care; and train the next generation of providers.
- » **Endowed Aspire Program Funds.** In addition to extensive clinical care, the Lurie Center also offers the Aspire Program, a unique and highly successful multidisciplinary and therapy-based program which focuses on teaching important life skills via the "3S" model. This model aims to improve every individual's self awareness, social competence and stress management ability. Securing endowed funds to ensure that Aspire remains a resource for young people with high cognitive ASD is a top priority.
- » **Flexible Funds for Research Innovation.** Philanthropic support for research allows us to think outside the box and engage in innovative research collaborations with other scientists, tech companies and innovators in the greater Boston area and beyond. With a goal of discovering the fundamental causes of autism and accelerating the translation of this research into more effective treatments, the Lurie Center is implementing an ambitious research agenda. Our focus on the integration of bench science, clinical investigation, translational research and comprehensive treatment in a culture of frequent interaction, close interdisciplinary collaboration and partnership with families is truly unique.
- » **Flexible Education Funding.** We are committed to providing comprehensive education so clinicians around the world, spanning multiple disciplines, have access to the tools needed to successfully diagnose and treat individuals with ASD. We also continue to train a diverse group of clinicians who can expertly and confidently diagnose and treat individuals with ASD in their local communities and provide primary and specialty care for both children and adults with ASD. Furthermore, as we navigate the ever-changing landscape of diagnostic, treatment and educational services, the team is training teachers and other professionals to work more effectively with children and young adults with ASD.



JOIN US

Funding our clinical programs, advancing our research mission and expanding our educational reach will ensure we're able to continue helping our patients and their families live their best possible lives, now and in the future. Beyond our walls, we envision bold breakthroughs to improve the lives of individuals with ASD and their families. Your campaign contribution will shape the future of health care for those living with an autism spectrum disorder.

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