Make a current donation to Illinois Center for Autism from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) tax-free. The donation amount counts toward your required annual minimum distribution and is not considered income for tax purposes.

Leave a lasting gift that will benefit future generations of children and adults with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) by naming the Illinois Center for Autism in your estate plan, insurance policy, Will, or IRA. Partner with us to make a big impact.

There can be significant tax advantages to donating retirement assets to ICA as part of your estate plan. When done properly, charitable donations of retirement assets can minimize the amount of income taxes imposed on both your individual heirs and your estate.

For more information contact:

Cindy Guthrie
Planned Giving Officer

618-398-7500 x 201
cindyg@illinoiscenterforautism.org

We recommend that you always contact your legal and tax professionals for more information.
A Message From Our Executive Director and Board Chair

Dear Friends and Supporters,

At the time of this writing, we are still dealing with the Delta Variant surge in Covid-19 cases with mask and vaccination mandates dominating the headlines. The last year has been full of challenges but it has been highlighted by incredible resiliency.

ICA’s staff have developed an entire set of skills to deliver effective remote learning and training. Those new skills aren’t just technical skills. Staff developed new bonds with students, clients, and families that allowed them to meet the rising social and emotional needs created by the pandemic. In many ways, those relationships are stronger now than ever. We could not be prouder of how ICA’s staff have, without fail, placed the needs of our students, clients, and families before their own to ensure every need is met as fully as possible.

They say you never know who your friends are until you need them. We needed all of you during the last year and you were there for us. A network of supporters made sure we were aware whenever a grant opportunity popped up that might benefit ICA’s students, clients, and families. The support from individual donors and supporters has been invaluable. When we needed help clothing and feeding needy families you were there. Your willingness to answer the call while dealing with personal challenges created by Covid-19 demonstrates amazing generosity and community dedication.

None of us know what the next year holds. What we do know is our students, clients, and families can count on the Illinois Center for Autism to be there right beside them every step of the way. Our staff, volunteers, and supporters have proven time and again their willingness to rise to every new challenge. Thanks to your support, the Illinois Center for Autism will continue to make a difference in the lives of the students, clients, and families we are privileged to serve.

Thank you, and stay well.

Gary Guthrie
Board Chair

Troy Metheney
Executive Director

$250 +

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Mission Statement

Educating and serving children and adults with autism to achieve their highest level of independence in their home, school, and community.

The virtual reality of our world

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Current CDC statistics indicate 1 in 54 children are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). ICA understands the unique needs of individuals with ASD and recognizes the importance of support in education, health, and social emotional well-being so the 117 students we served this year become whole, healthy, educated adults. These supports, particularly in the area of social emotional well-being, provide a process for students to acquire the knowledge, attitude and skills they need to recognize and manage their emotions, demonstrate caring and concern for others, establish positive relationships, make responsible decisions and handle challenging situations constructively. Although we have resumed face to face education, the pandemic continues to create hurdles for parents, teachers, and students alike. We are excited to provide individualized PEAK learning, adhering to all CDC and state COVID requirements while traversing this new world of mask mandates and social distancing, safely, together.

Our goal is to promote a self-sufficient and satisfying life for persons who need intensive structure. Our program instills self-assurance in our 36 adult participants. The number of clients served has been negatively impacted by limited building and transportation guidelines set by IDHS and IDPH. The program integrated more virtual tours and technological instruction activities. Staff, clients and families alike, have embraced our newly learned technological skills and continue to find new and creative ways to not only engage our clients, but continue to teach everyday living and personal skills. The pandemic also caused our retail business, Pasta Fare, to suffer significant revenue loss due to restrictions. Work opportunities and engagement for clients have been reduced, however, we have placed two clients in new positions out in the community. We continue to work to build meaningful relationships within our community and look for opportunities to match our clients with prospective employers.
Thank You!

We would like to thank our Board members, staff, volunteers, and advocates who have generously donated this year.

CFS provides support services based on individual choice, actively involving the family unit through education, advocacy, training and linkage to supports and services. Other services offered include:

- Self-Directed Assistance services through the Illinois Department of Human Services
- Connecting families with the United Way of Greater St. Louis 100 Neediest Cases for holiday assistance
- Monthly Support Group Meetings
- Crisis coordination assistance
- ASD Trainings and community awareness presentations
- Face to Face Social Advocacy Club

CFS had to adjust many of our services to comply with COVID-19 guidelines, for example, offering support group and Face to Face social gatherings, virtually. Our participant numbers may have been down, but families shared just how important and valuable having the services were.

The pandemic created hurdles for many, including ICA, but our mission prevailed. We quickly developed new skills to allow for remote delivery of services and developed policies and procedures to allow services to return to face-to-face. When the pandemic created a need for additional food support, ICA responded with an emergency food support program. This “extra” helping hand would not have been possible if it were not for the many champions who provided access to the grants, donations, collaborations and volunteers in our community. We would like to thank Schnucks, Salvation Army of Granite City and Belleville, Terron Armstead Foundation, Edwardsville Community Foundation, Fairview Heights Elks, O’Fallon Moose Lodge, Edwardsville Rotary Club, St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants and the numerous volunteers and individual donations that allowed ICA to give more than $54,230 in grocery gift cards, non-perishable food items and other necessities to more than 40 families. We appreciate all of those who support our mission and work daily to process this ever-changing world we now live in. It is because of this support we can continue to look for new ways to improve the services that help our students, clients and families.
Demographics

2021 Financial Summary

Revenue

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<td>Sales (net)</td>
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Gender

- Male: 84%
- Female: 16%

Race

- White: 53%
- Black: 42%
- Hispanic: 2%
- Asian: 1%
- Multi-Racial: 2%