



September 2023

Our Goal is Within Reach But We Need Your Help!



With an anticipated finish date of January 2024, The Hub House is getting closer to completion! Learn more about the construction of the Island Autism Center on our [website](#).

The construction of our “Hub House” – the activity center for our programming - is moving along at a good clip, but we were caught in the timing trifecta of Covid, resulting in supply chain issues, and economic pressures related to housing and construction. All this has led to a dramatic uptick in costs from the initial capital campaign estimate.

When we started capital fundraising in 2020, the Hub House was estimated at \$1.5 million. We worked very hard and successfully to fundraise and secure grants and, thanks to generous donors, we had that money in hand very early on. But because of permitting delays, COVID-19, and various supply chain issues, we were not able to start construction immediately. When bids came in after permit approval, the lowest bid (which is the one we went with) was \$3.5 million, \$2 million over the original cost estimate, despite only minimal changes from the original design.

The overall cost of the project – the Hub House, Barn, farm stand and the five housing structures - is \$12M. We have raised \$4M to date, leaving us needing to raise \$2M this summer and fall in order for construction to continue uninterrupted. And we need to raise \$8M in total over the next five years to complete the housing structures, continuing construction at the current pace. With donations of \$M this season, we can complete Phase One (the Hub House) by January and commence with Phase Two in November. For efficiency purposes, we obtained approval for the entire scope of the project simultaneously, and we hope to streamline the construction timeline so we can start housing people more quickly. Our neighbors are in favor of this shorter construction timeline as well, if we can make it happen.

Generous donations and multi-year pledges are essential to getting us over the hump and completing the Hub House to get on-location day programming going. It will also open the door to considerable funds already committed for Phase Two housing. Once we have completed the Hub House and opened it up for our afterschool and summer programs, we will start on that second phase – the residential units. We have Community Preservation Act funds in the amount of \$1M to start us off on the housing portion.

Please consider making **an annual pledge or donation**. and/or a multi-year pledge. We need your help now to keep the Hub House on schedule, so we can expand our programming in this terrific facility. Please call if you have any questions, including about naming opportunities on the campus. If you are considering a multi-year pledge donation and would like to hear and see more, please contact me about a site tour.

Thank you for all you have done already!



Thank You Karen & David and Brush



Thank you to Karen and David Brush for hosting a wonderful evening of music, tapas and cocktails in support of Island Autism! We'd also like to thank our generous donors



Thank You Donors!

2020-2023 Donors who have contributed to Phase One

1,000,000 and above

Beth Harris

500,000-1,000,000

Joan and Ed Doherty

Hansjorg Wyss

100,000-500,000

Karen and David Brush

Lisa Gilligan

Jim and Susan Swartz

Ben Heineman and Cris Russell

Anonymous

25,000-50,000

Patti and James Elliott

Betsey and Ted Pick

Adam And Sheila Helfant

Organizations

Community Preservations Funds of the Towns of Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah have contributed \$400,000 to Phase One and \$1,000,000 to Phase Two

MV Youth: \$250,000

Martha's Vineyard Bank: \$75,000

West Chop Community Foundation: \$70,000

Lurie Foundation

Flutie Foundation

Sacco Foundation

Thank you for getting us to the five million mark! We still need to raise another million to close the gap for 2023.



Thank You West Chop Foundation

We'd like to thank the **West Chop Foundation** for their generous support, without which the construction of our beautiful farm-stand and gardens wouldn't have been possible!



Thank You Betsey Pick

Thank you to Betsey Pick for organizing our first-place float in the 4th of July Parade, and being a driving force behind the success of our 5K race!



Thank you to Our 5K Race Supporters!



Mark Your Calendar for our Endless Summer Gala!

This exclusive event will be held at the Edgartown Yacht Club Tennis Facility with music by the Sultans of Swing, drinks, food, and a silent auction.

September 23, 2023

VIP Sponsors: 6 pm-10 pm

Ticket Cost for General Admission: \$250 7 pm-10 pm

To sponsor, donate or for tickets:
email **Gala@islandautism.org** or
call Nicole Holland at 508-254-8034.

Let's make this night AMAZING and finish summer with a bang. Please share this with anyone you know who would be interested in attending or sponsoring!

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Find us at the Farmer's Market

Visit us at the **West Tisbury Farmer's Market** on Wednesdays and Saturdays to get your eggs, along with beautiful cut flowers and lettuce from our gardens.



Announcing our new (bad word) T-Shirt!



(bad word)



Jack (bad word)



Pea (bad word)



Moby (bad word)

One day, our friend Traeger told Connor (who was 18 at the time and a camper at Island Autism) that he liked the whale on his shirt. He said "hey buddy, is that Moby Dick on your shirt?". Giving a polite and politically correct response, Connor said "yes, Traeger it's Moby (bad word)". And this is when Moby (bad word) was born. Find Moby (bad word) shirts, along with our newest (simply titled (bad word)) as well as Pea (bad word) and Jack (bad word) shirts at the Farmer's Market!

Summer Fun at Island Autism

Thank you to our partners including SailMV, Misty Meadows, Jen DeLorenzo, the YMCA, Polly Hill, Melissa Knowles, the Barn Bow & Bistro, Felix Neck, Island Spirit Kayak, the MV Sharks, and Martha's Vineyard Public Schools for making it an

unforgettable summer so far. This summer we've expanded from two to three programs, including children, teens, and now adults!





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