



Island  
Autism

2025

IMPACT  
REPORT



# MISSION STATEMENT

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At Island Autism Group (IAG), we strive for the lifelong independence, confidence, and happiness of autistic individuals and their families on Martha's Vineyard, through housing, life skills, enrichment, job training, and therapies.

Since our inception in 2008, IAG has helped autistic individuals and their families on the Island access extracurricular programs, equipment, and any other resources necessary and beneficial for their development. IAG works closely with teachers, therapists, parents, friends, and partner organizations interested in supporting those with autism. We now serve individuals with autism spectrum disorder from children through adults.

# ISLAND AUTISM PROGRAMS



## YOUTH PROGRAMS

- Year round programming serving young people up to age 22
- Five age groups focused on age- and developmentally-appropriate goals including extending IEP goals, developing social skills, strengthening relationships, introducing new experiences, developing social skills, and of course having fun!
- Activities include yoga, horseback riding, farm activities, swimming, sailing, drumming, bowling and much more!

## ADULT PROGRAMS

- Adult programs provide meaningful opportunities for skill-building, community connection, and personal growth for individuals aged 22+.
- Each day is designed to balance vocational training, community engagement, and recreational enrichment, ensuring participants develop both independence and joy in daily life.
- Activities include egg production, farming activities, granola baking, library programs, and additional job-related experiences tailored to individual strengths and interests.
- Accredited by Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services (DDS)



## 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- Year round programming: 216 out of 260 weekdays
- Family Supports: Monthly summer potlucks, parent support groups, and parent training nights on topics such as special needs trusts, government funding, safety, and human rights.
- Near peer mentoring in music, baking, marketing, social media, crafting, art, and Best Buddies high school programs

# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

In 2020, recognizing the need for a more permanent programming space, as well as affordable, supportive housing for individuals with autism spectrum disorder, IAG purchased 7.5 acres at 515 Lamberts Cove Road to build the Island Autism Center.

Since then, thanks to support from neighbors, community members, foundations, and Community Preservation funding, IAG has completed **Phase One** of construction - the Hub House, the barn, and the farm stand.

**Phase Two** is well underway and the first 4-bedroom residential building is now complete. We have poured the foundation for the second 4-bedroom residential building and look forward to completing construction and welcoming residents.

**Phase Three** will include construction of three additional housing units and seeding an endowment to help sustain programming and operations.



**The Hub House is the heart of the Island Autism Center, providing a safe, welcoming space specifically catered for the activities we offer and the families and individuals we serve.**

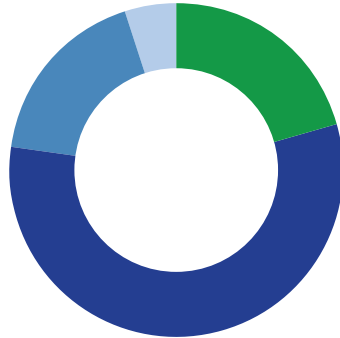


**Phase Two residential units will offer supportive, affordable housing to high need adults who will benefit from living in community with their peers and their caretakers.**



# FINANCIALS

## OPERATING BUDGET



- 21%** Direct program expenses
- 58%** Personnel
- 18%** Fundraising & Admin
- 5%** Professional Services

## PHASE ONE

Purchasing and prepping the land + construction of the Hub House, Barn, and Farm

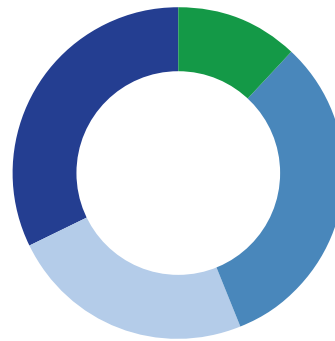


- Individual donations: **\$4,000,000**
- Foundation grants: **\$750,000**
- CPC funding: **\$800,000**
- MV Bank mortgage: **\$1,500,000**

*Thanks to TLI for a bridge loan that sped up the completion of Phase One.*

## PHASE TWO

Construction of two 4-bedroom houses with space for live-in caretakers



- Individual donations: **\$750,000**
- CPC funding: **\$2,000,000**
- MV Bank mortgage: **\$1,500,000**
- Funding left to raise: **\$2,000,000**

## PHASE THREE

The estimated cost of Phase Three is \$10MM: \$5MM to build three additional housing units and \$5MM to seed an endowment to support programming and operations. Fundraising and construction for this phase will commence once Phase Two is completed.

# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONORS

## \$500K+

Beth Harris  
HansJoerg Wyss  
Joan and Ed Doherty

## \$200K – \$499K

Anonymous  
Jim and Susan Swartz  
Karen and David Brush  
MVYouth

## \$50K – \$150K

Ben and Cris Heineman Russell  
Lisa Gilligan  
Rose and Chuck Leitner  
Sal and Anne Giordano  
Sandra Caruso  
Ted and Betsey Pick  
West Chop Community Fund

## \$5K – \$49K

Adam and Sheila Helfant  
Anne Baker  
*in honor of Joseph Wheeler*  
Anonymous  
Ascienzo Family Trust  
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Brian Driscoll  
Christopher Celeste  
Dan and Mary Stanton  
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Kristine Grazioso  
Lloyd and Terri Trotter  
May Wall and Walter Lynch  
MV Bank  
Nicholas and Sarah Lima  
Peggy Koenig

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Leave an indelible mark on the Island Autism and Martha's Vineyard communities! Consider one of the following naming opportunities to honor you and/or your family's commitment to our mission.

### NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

- Hub House: \$2,000,000
- Residential Unit 1: \$1,500,000
- Barn: \$700,000
- Residential Unit 2: \$1,500,000

### PROGRAM FUNDING

While this report highlights the progress of our capital campaign, we are deeply grateful for the many individuals, families, and organizations who have continued to support our programming throughout this journey. From meaningful major gifts to generous contributions from our Island neighbors, this steady commitment has sustained our ongoing work during the build of the Center. We are truly thankful for your partnership and generosity!

PLEASE CONSIDER  
MAKING A DONATION  
TO SUPPORT OUR  
PROGRAMMING TODAY!





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