

South Carolina Autism Society Provides:

- Information and referral services
- An information source for current treatment options and national trends in research
- Regional support groups
- Continual involvement in advocacy with governmental agencies and the legislature
- The opportunity to network with people who have common interests and concerns
- Annual informational meeting
- Interagency collaboration

Affects individuals in every country and region of the world; knows no racial, ethnic, nor economic boundaries

Unknown cause and currently no cure

Third most common developmental disability with a prevalence rate of at least one in every 250 individuals

Impaired social interaction, expressive and receptive communication, and imagination

Symptoms can range from mild to severe

More common in males than females

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The mission of the South Carolina Autism Society (SCAS) is to enable all individuals with autism spectrum disorders in South Carolina to reach their maximum potential.

Chapter of Autism Society of America

A United Way Participant

YOU CAN HELP!



South Carolina Autism Society
Together We Can Solve The Puzzle

In South Carolina over 10,000 families are affected by autism.

Please become a member of the South Carolina Autism Society.

SCAS Programs

- **Information and Referral:** Providing information to parents and professionals about autism and available services.
- **Advocacy:** SCAS provides advocacy on all levels from the individual level on up to the system change level.
- **Autism and Informed Response:** Training for emergency responders (law enforcement, EMS, fire fighters, etc) on autism.
- **Awareness Training on Autism and other Developmental Disabilities:** Training case-managers on autism and other developmental disabilities, the affect on the family and how case-managers can help.
- **Parent School Partnership:** PSP seeks to assist children with autism in receiving the best education possible by building relationships between the school and the parents.

Facts About Autism

- 20-25 in 10,000 individuals have autism.
- Over 10,000 individuals in South Carolina have autism with most still undiagnosed.
- 80% of all individuals with autism learn to talk.
- Early diagnosis and intervention is essential.
- Each person with autism is a unique individual with special talents and gifts.

Autism can be treated!

SCAS offers a variety of support/membership levels.

BASIC:

Individual \$10

Family \$20

- Receive the *Update*, quarterly newsletter
- State conference discount including invitation to VIP Membership reception
- Free shipment of SCAS products purchased by phone
- Personalized membership card
- SCAS membership decal
- Voting privileges during annual meeting (Family level gets two votes)

SUPPORTING:

Individual \$35

Family \$50

- Basic benefits *plus*
- 10% discount on all SCAS promotional items (travel mugs, t-shirts, etc.)
- Exclusive limited edition member coffee mug (Family level receives two mugs)

BENEFACTOR:

Individual \$75

Family \$100

- Basic and Supporting benefits *plus*
- Exclusive "Solving the Puzzle" ribbon lapel pin (Family level receives two pins)
- Personal invitation to special events

FULL-TIME STUDENT:

Individual \$10

Family N/A

- Basic benefits

It is an ASA expectation that all local chapter members join the national organization. Call 1-800-3-AUTISM or visit their website at www.autism-society.org for more information on joining ASA.

Member Information

Name _____

Address _____

County _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____

Work Telephone _____

E-Mail _____

Please indicate which best describes you:

- Parent Medical Professional
 Family Member Service Provider
 Individual with Autism Educator

Other: _____

Membership Level

	Individual	Family
Basic	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20
Supporting	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
Benefactor	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
FT Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	N/A

Payment type:

Check Visa MasterCard Discover

Credit Card # _____

Signature _____

Total: Membership Fee: \$ _____

*Donation: \$ _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

*All contributions are tax deductible in accordance with federal regulations. Receipts will be issued upon request.