CREATING ACTIVE LIVES ON THE SPECTRUM
Since Autism Families CONNECTicut’s (AFC) inception, almost ten years ago, we’ve designed every program specifically to fit the needs of young people with autism. AFC’s environment is one where participants can express their interests and passions, and this year, that fueled exciting new programming.

Kyle’s love of art brought the young adults on a community outing to see his work showcased in a gallery. When our teens and young adults asked for more music and karaoke, we created a Coffeehouse Talent Show, where Joe and Sarah charmed us with “Don’t Go Breakin’ My Heart.” Young adults shared their wish to develop employment skills and give back to their communities, so AFC created the PATH program to mentor young adults with autism for volunteer and paid internships.

It’s because of your help that AFC was able to keep listening to our community’s wishes, and respond with quality programs that provide participants a sense of belonging and joy.

We look forward to continuing to build on the incredible work of AFC to date, and to sustaining our partnerships with AFC’s supporters in order to bring joy to those living with autism and their families.

Thank you for helping AFC achieve a fantastic year!

Marjorie Sussman, Board President 2019
**Revenue:** $239,575  
**Expense:** $208,834

**Program Income up 31% from 2018**  
**Grants up 53% from 2018**  
**Net Revenue:** $30.7k

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**2019 Financial Highlights**

- Revenue up 12% from 2018
- Program Income up 31% from 2018
- Grants up 53% from 2018
- Over $107k in Fundraising
- Net Revenue: $30.7k
PROGRAMS IN 2019

150 Hours of Programming
773 Participants on the Spectrum
69 Siblings at Family Events
4 Parents’ Nights Out
Countless Smiles and Friendships

2019 Community Partners
- Art Connection Studio, Hartford, CT
- Camp Harkness, Waterford, CT
- Connecticut Music Therapy Services, Watertown, CT
- Dave and Buster’s, Manchester, CT
- Effie’s Place, West Hartford, CT
- Fleet Feet Sports, West Hartford, CT
- Laser Quest, Newington, CT
- Rogers Orchard, Southington, CT
- Wethersfield United Methodist Church, Wethersfield, CT

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“The staff is just very friendly here... They have passion, they’re patient, they really understand the kids.”
-Kyle, Participant, Volunteer
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We are so thankful for all of our corporate and individual supporters!
Meet our good friend, volunteer and paid team member, Andrew Arboe.

Andrew is currently studying for his degree in Charter Oak State College's Psychology undergraduate program. He started with AFC in 2017 as a program volunteer. Since then, he has been a clinician for Building on the Spectrum and Teen Night, a Sparkling Celebration committee member and a participant in our Young Adult Hangout program.

Andrew is very involved in the autism community in Connecticut, particularly working with The Next Street Driving School in their new autism program.

Andrew’s latest accomplishment is starting a position at Planning Across the Spectrum as their Autism Transition Coordinator.
Our mission is to CONNECT individuals on the autism spectrum to each other by providing recreational, social, and learning opportunities as we build a meaningful and engaged community for their families.

Our vision is a world where all individuals on the spectrum have access to recreational, social, and educational activities as an integral part of enjoying a full, balanced, well-rounded life.
Autism Families CONNECTicut extends our deepest thanks to every individual, business, and organization that has supported us in 2019. Every gift, no matter the size, impacts the lives of children and teens with autism spectrum disorder and their families as we work to provide quality programs for these individuals. Your support helps to ensure our autism community has the social opportunities and community connections that are so important to a robust life experience.

Whether it’s the gift of time and energy donated by our fabulous volunteers or financial contributions that allow us to do this fulfilling work, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.
Jordan has been coming to Autism Families CONNECTicut programs almost since the very beginning! He started out with Playing on the Spectrum, and recently started attending our Friday Night Teen Socials too. His favorite program is Building on the Spectrum, because he loves using Lego bricks to express himself.

Because of supporters like you, Jordan and kids like him are part of a growing community, that connects him to his peers and invests in his development.

“It’s great to have a place to take my son where his uniqueness is celebrated.”

-Stephen, Jordan’s Dad
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