



Uniting communities and technology to help people with autism thrive for life...

THE CHALLENGE

One in 68 children is diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder—more than double the number in 2000. Early intervention creates a more positive trajectory for affected children. Yet autism remains a lifelong condition and challenge. Many adults with autism are unable to find meaningful employment, form lasting friendships, or live independently.

THE VISION

The UC Davis MIND Institute is the world's leading autism research center, with more than 50 faculty and staff across five schools and colleges. We have a vision to pioneer a first-of-its-kind lifespan approach relevant to everyone living with autism. Through building partnerships with the communities we serve, driving innovation in affordable and accessible technologies, and training doctors, nurses, teachers, employers, and family members, we will create new ways of advancing science and helping people with autism. Harnessing UC Davis' unique strengths in telehealth, neuroscience, engineering, education and social sciences will enable us to help rural, urban, low-income and other underserved families. In doing so, we will empower people with autism to create meaningful, rewarding and happy lives.

THE PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITY

- Establish an endowed chair leadership position and three to five endowed faculty positions in key areas to recruit thought leaders
- Create a state-of-the-art innovation hub for new technology development, clinical care and research
- Support partnership grants that foster participation of self-advocates, family members and diverse community providers

UC Davis is committed to creating a brighter future for people with autism. We invite the philanthropic partnership of our alumni and friends in setting a new standard of care that provides a path to independence.

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