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# Maine Autism

## Connections

### Planet Ripple

by Nicholas Anderson

My name is Nicholas Anderson. Planet Ripple is a project I've been working on for several years, and I drew and wrote everything attached to the name. I am also autistic. Most people may not know that I have autism now unless it was explicitly pointed out to them, but when I was a child it was pretty evident and intense. Minnow, the lead character of my series, is also autistic in addition to being physically disabled. There are other characters with difficulties of their own, both physical and mental. That said, the story isn't just about disabilities because nobody is just their disability. That isn't their entire personality. There's always more to learn about them. When you compound it with the everyday struggles people already go through, or more personal things like grief, it adds this extra layer that can make those things even more overwhelming, raise those hurdles to overcome ever higher. However, they're still the same human struggles, and I think anybody should be able to relate. It's a story about how people treat each other.

I use the ocean as a metaphor for this. If the whole world is flooded, everyone who makes it to the surface makes a ripple. Everyone has an effect. It's the great equalizer, it "remembers" everyone. Even something as small as a Minnow.

I also use Minnow's prosthetic arms and legs as a metaphor for her experience. "Reaching out," trying to create new connections with people, it can be like feeling your way around the dark. You don't know when you're going to hit something or if you're even feel it there.

Spreading awareness of conditions like autism is only the first step. I don't think it's enough. It's easy to make people aware of things that may seem scary about the condition, and foster harmful attitudes towards people who have it. The most important step is to spread acceptance of autistic individuals,

and that begins with understanding. I want to help more people who don't have it see the world the way we see it and connect with that. I think it's important not only that this group be positively represented in media so they can be inspired by the characters they see in stories, but that neurotypical people can come to understand those with the condition better. Like me, Minnow is at a point in her life where in most conversations people may not even pick up on it, but that's just the side they see. When that conversation ends, we still spend the rest of the day facing the same personal challenges we do every day. No one in the story ever outright calls out what her condition is by name, but there are enough flashbacks to her youth and other, more current scenes where the symptoms manifest that people who have seen these symptoms before in real life or know someone who has them or even have these symptoms themselves will notice and realize, "Oh. She's autistic. Okay, neat." Minnow's

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Nicholas Anderson, top.  
Cover of Planet Ripple, bottom.

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**President's Message**

Well Spring is around the corner according to the calendar! We in Maine know that March always brings plenty of snow but that does not keep us from being active. The ASM office is in full fury getting ready to send out Autism Awareness packets, lining up donors and participants for the WALK and summer camp preparations. The Board is involved in reviewing curriculum, legislative how-to videos, and monitoring the upcoming legislative session for activities important to Autism Society of Maine.



April has become Autism month and we have by far our most important event, the Annual Walk for ASM as usual, scheduled for the last Sunday of April.

***Don't miss the WALK in Bangor, Biddeford, Farmington, Fryeburg, Portland, Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>***

Our WALK is much more than a fundraiser, it is has become an autism friendly family fun day for so many of our families and friends that it is breathtaking to think of the thousands of voices and feet hitting the ground simultaneously across the state. I hope that you will be part of the fun this year.

**Opportunities for helping with some of our priorities for 2019**

- Membership boost is needed. Have you renewed, asked a friend to join?
- Adult Social Group attendance has declined over the past two years; those who attend find it very welcoming and a nice way to socialize, so we are looking to spread the word to others who might enjoy getting together with peers for dinner and/or a variety of activities.
- Reading and commenting on proposed legislation via email (often with only 24 hours to respond) to help our legislative committee
- The WALK for Autism, Bicycle Ride for Autism, Fall Conference

Would you like to volunteer or participate in one of the events or as part of a short term action group? You can write to us and let us know by sending an email [asm@asmonline.org](mailto:asm@asmonline.org)

Finally, do you have questions for your Board President? If you send questions with Ask Nancy in the subject line I will try my best to find an answer to your question.

Wishing you a Happy Spring, Nancy Ponzetti-Dyer

**Planet Ripple (continued)**

struggle is the emotional core of Planet Ripple, but if that was its only selling point, it may not be interesting enough to catch on. It could feel more like a PSA than an actual story with resolution, character growth and a world that feels alive. Just as she is not her condition, Minnow does not live in a void where nothing affects her. I want Minnow to go places. I want her to thrive. In the contents of this series of books, I've developed a whole world for Minnow to live in, and I hope readers find it to be compelling.

See Nicholas' website with more information at: [www.planetriple.com](http://www.planetriple.com)

Nicholas will be giving a talk in the near future at the Bangor Public Library please keep checking our event calendar for the date and time.

ASM Calendar of Events: <https://www.asmonline.org/calendar.aspx>

Editorial Notes: Maine Autism Connections and Autism Society of Maine programs and services are made possible by donations from people like you and funding from the Maine Department of Health & Human Services. We hope you will also visit us online at <http://www.asmonline.org>, where we have a great deal of information available about autism, programs, resources, news, a calendar of events, legislation and more.

# 17th Annual Walk for Autism

April 28, 2019

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon: Registration

12:00 noon: Walk for Autism  
(Rain or shine!)

The proceeds from this event will help fund the Autism Society of Maine's Summer Camp for children with ASD, our Information Specialist Program, the Family Retreat Weekend and our Fall Conference. Come and help us raise awareness about autism!

For more information and to register as an individual or a team:  
[www.firstgiving.com/ASMMaine/walk-for-autism-2019](http://www.firstgiving.com/ASMMaine/walk-for-autism-2019)

Join our annual walk; enlist your friends, coworkers, and neighbors. Build a team to support Maine families!

- University of Maine in **Bangor**
- University of New England in **Biddeford**
- Farmington Fairgrounds in **Farmington**
- Fryeburg Fairgrounds in **Fryeburg**
- University of New England in **Portland**

Unfortunately, the Northport site has had to cancel their event.

T-shirts are only available by registering online and purchasing one, no shirts will be sold at walk locations.



## Welcome to the Autism Society of Maine Library!



[Visit the ASM Library](#)

The Lending Library is a FREE resource for Maine residents. The collection can be viewed on the ASM website or you may request a printed list to be mailed to you. Stop by the office, or have material sent to you (we will include return shipping label) by calling 1-800-273-5200 or email: [library@asmonline.org](mailto:library@asmonline.org)

## Become a Member Today - We Need Your Help!

Have you thought about becoming a paid member of the Autism Society of Maine? ASM relies on paid members to help fulfill our mission every year. *Mission: Provide education and resources to support the valued lives of individuals on the autism spectrum and their families.*

ASM provides a number of programs that directly benefit families, individuals with autism and professionals. We receive some grant money from the department of Health and Human Services and general donations but our *consistent membership* is the heart of who supports us every year. Your support is very valuable. We would like to ask you to become a paid member of ASM. Membership levels vary: Family or Individual/student \$25, Professional \$150, Agency or Organization \$200 and Lifetime \$1,500. Each level truly benefits our agency.

For your membership of \$25 that could help support a family who needs a Autism Information Specialist help them navigate the system within the Department of Health and Human Services to the Department of Education. As a professional your membership of \$150 could help send a family or individual to a conference or help provide a workshop to an agency. These are just a few examples of what your membership can do for ASM.

Without your membership we cannot provide these much needed programs or resources that are so beneficial to individuals & families throughout the state.

## The Heart Campaign

The Heart Campaign is very simple. The Autism Society of Maine (ASM) is offering businesses or agency's the opportunity to sell puzzle piece paper hearts for \$1 each to your customers or clients. They would put their name on the heart and your agency would display them. You have seen a variety of stores/businesses sell them to show support for a cause. This is a great way for you to support the Autism Society of Maine. ASM would supply you with the hearts and you would provide a check at the end of the campaign for the amount of hearts sold. It's that simple.

Over the years we have seen many agencies provide the needed support to nonprofits like ASM but in the last few years we are seeing a drop off in general support. Many programs that ASM provides are free; in order to keep these programs free we are in need of more support from our local agencies or businesses. All you need to do is fill out a form with agency name, contact person, address and how many hearts you want. Send the form to ASM and we will get your hearts to you and check in with you half way through the campaign. You can even decide to do two weeks vs. the whole month of April. If April is too busy for your agency, pick another month. We are open to whatever makes it easy for you.

For your participation in this campaign your agency will be highlighted on our Facebook page with a link to your business or agency and we will list you on the Heart Campaign website page. ASM has a very high traffic website and over 4,600 Facebook followers.



Click here for more information!

## Diamond Level Sponsor - 2019 Walk for Autism

**Bob's Discount Furniture Store is a Diamond Sponsor for ASM's Annual Walk for Autism!**

Their dedication as a community partner for our Walk event reaches back to 2008 and their unwavering support is greatly appreciated.

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### Bob's Discount Furniture Charitable Foundation

Charitable giving and community aid have always been important elements of our company culture here at [Bob's Discount Furniture](http://www.mybobs.com).

Each month, the Charitable Foundation along with Bob's Outreach provide aid and donations to hundreds of organizations and individuals with over 2.75 million dollars in gift certificates and monetary donations distributed each year to social service agencies, charities, group homes and community fundraisers, children's charities, schools and community service groups.



AUTISM SOCIETY



## WE SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY.

### #CELEBRATE DIFFERENCES

[www.autism-society.org/differences](http://www.autism-society.org/differences)

**We see things differently. We celebrate differences.** Autism is a spectrum disorder, which means no two people with autism are affected the same way. With support, people with autism can live full lives and make meaningful contributions to society. As an affiliate of the Autism Society, the Autism Society of Maine is here for families, individuals and the community for guidance and education about autism.

**We will be celebrating autism during the month of April.** ASM's biggest fundraiser and autism awareness event is the **Walk for Autism** on **April 28th** in five communities across Maine!

See the **"Upcoming Events"** page in this newsletter for more information to see what else is happening or go online to ASM's calendar of events: <https://www.asmonline.org/calendar.aspx>

**School Autism Awareness** packets will be available and will include: activities for students of all ages, bulletin board ideas, resources for teachers and staff, student friendly resources, links to educational videos for children, book recommendations, and more.

**General Autism Awareness** packets will include information about autism and suitable for creating a bulletin/information display.

If you would like an Autism Awareness packet, email: [infospec@asmonline.org](mailto:infospec@asmonline.org), or call ASM at **1-800-273-5200** and we will send you a form to fill out and get back to us. Packets will go in the mail the end of March to be available by the first of April. You can also visit our website April Awareness page that is full of information and resources: <https://www.asmonline.org/News/107/Article/7564/>

World Autism Awareness Day, April 2nd

#### **"Assistive Technologies, Active Participation"**

In the context of the Secretary-General's Strategy, the 2019 World Autism Awareness Day observance at UN Headquarters in New York will focus on leveraging the use of assistive technologies for persons with autism as a tool in removing the barriers to their full social, economic and political participation in society, and in promoting equality, equity and inclusion. [www.un.org/en/events/autismday/](http://www.un.org/en/events/autismday/)

**"Light it up blue"** this day is part of a global initiative to help raise awareness for autism, iconic landmarks around the world will be illuminated at night with blue lights!

"On World Autism Awareness Day, let us reaffirm our commitment to promote the full participation of all people with autism, and ensure they have the necessary support to be able to exercise their rights and fundamental freedoms."

Secretary-General António Guterres

# Upcoming Events

## EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE

A New Documentary About Adults with Autism & Employment

The 30-minute film follows the stories of six individuals across the autism spectrum who tap into individual strengths and skills to find success working at a special purpose business called Extraordinary Ventures. "They've been told they can't do it. Look at them now!"



Please register for this FREE event by calling

800-273-5200 or Email: [tara@asmonline.org](mailto:tara@asmonline.org)

Tuesday April 2

University of Maine Orono

Donald P. Corbett Hall, Room 115

6:30PM Viewing/ 7:15PM Panel Discussion

Or

Wednesday April 10

UNE Biddeford

Harold Alfond Forum - Room. 283

6:30PM Viewing/7:15PM Panel Discussion

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Sea of Blue Walk and 5K for Autism Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> 2019

In 2014 Chris Heel decided to organize an Autism Awareness Walk in his hometown of Northeast Harbor, That first walk event raised over \$3,000 to benefit the Autism Society of Maine. Since then, Chris has expanded his walk to include a 5K Run. Last year he presented the Autism Society of Maine with a check for over \$6,000.

Chris, who has autism, with the support of his family, has worked very hard to make this autism awareness/fundraising event a success. It is an event that has become very popular and brought runners in from nearby communities. Thank You Chris!

Visit [www.seaofblueautism.com](http://www.seaofblueautism.com) for more information.

**FREE Sensory-Friendly Movie Event  
"Dumbo" at Flagship Cinemas, Auburn  
April 6th, 2019 at 10:00 AM**

RSVP by 4/3/2019 by calling ASM at 1-800-273-5200

## Community Spotlight at the Portland Seadogs!

Join ASM on April 22, 2019 @ 6:00pm  
as the Sea Dogs take on the Hartford  
Yard Goats.



ASM will have a table at the game- be sure to stop by and say Hello. Its sure to be a great time.

For ticket info go to <https://www.milb.com/portland>.

We hope to see you there!

## 2019 ASM Family Retreat Weekend July 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

Please join us! This is an annual event that brings families from all over the state together to connect with other families and have fun. This year's theme is "Superheroes" and it's looking like it is going to be another great year! Don't forget to bring your best Superhero attire- T-shirts, costumes, anything goes!



While the children are in the care of respite providers, caregivers have the opportunity to attend informational workshops, hang out with other families, or enjoy some alone time. The children will swim, rock climb, create a craft, play games and make new friends in small groups with respite support.

Each family has a dorm room with two twin beds. There is room for blow up mattresses. All meals are provided for the weekend.

There is family entertainment on Friday and Saturday night. A leisurely check out on Sunday gives families time to explore the beautiful campus of St. Josephs College in Standish.

If you can't join us for the weekend, there is a Saturday only option.

Applications will be available on April 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Space is limited! Call ASM to have your application sent to you. ASM 1-800-273-5200

# Upcoming Events

## RIDE FOR AUTISM September 14, 2019

Kennebunkport Conservation Trust  
Building

Gravelly Brook Road, Kennebunkport



Join us for a ride to remember! This bike ride covers several miles along the coastline in Kennebunkport, including up to five beaches and world renowned scenic view areas. Staggered start times for the **50, 25, and 10 mile** routes are well marked and offer an opportunity for everyone to finish together and enjoy a spectacular lunch.

Each route is relatively flat, offering opportunities to enjoy a casual ride, or you can “crank it up” for an individual challenge. Short rides of ten miles or less are very family friendly, or you can choose the Trail Ride at the Smith Preserve. Several trail heads are located within one mile of the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust building.

**Registration is \$35**

## Fall Autism Conference Sat, November 2, 2019, 9am – 4pm



Where: Black Bear Inn and Conference Center (map)  
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jim Ball, Ed.D., BCBA-D

Dr. James Ball, a Board Certified Behavior Analyst-Doctoral, has been in the autism field for over 20 years providing educational, residential, and employment services to children and adults affected by autism. Author of "Early Intervention and Autism: Real-life Questions, Real-life Answers"

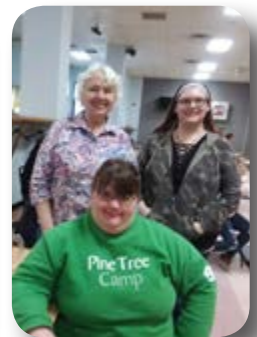
Vendor and corporate sponsorship opportunities will be available. Call Autism Society of Maine: 1-800-273-5200

## ASM Social Groups

### Adult Social Group

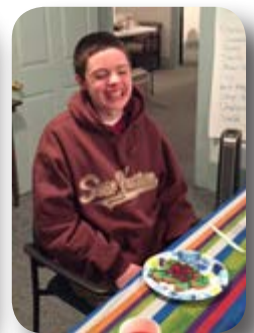
The adult social group had a great time at 1-7-10 Bowling and Recreation Center in Augusta for their February get-together. Not only was there good food, and a comfortable place to bowl, there was a lot of encouragement, good-natured kidding, and camaraderie. The time flew by, and this group of friends passed the afternoon in a relaxed and enjoyable manner.

If you're interested in joining the Adult Social Group contact ASM at 1-800-273-5200.



### Teen Social Group

Can you believe it has been more than a year since the teen group relocated to our Winthrop location? What a great time it has been! The group has been growing steadily and these kids are amazing! We have enjoyed making many crafts, such as tops, pillows, sun catchers, and even fake snow! The games are a favorite in this group especially Holiday Bingo and Trivia- This is a very, very smart group, we have to continually look for tougher questions. We are all looking forward to spring and are hoping to be able to get outside for some group activities and maybe a field trip or two. Some of the



teens have been able to meet up for movies and things outside of group, which is great! We have found out that we all have a lot in common with each other. As the group continues to grow, the friendships do as well; after all, that's what it's all about, right?

by Betsy Mahoney

The first session of the 129<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature has quickly kicked into high gear. More than 2000 bills are expected to be introduced in total, a number of which would impact families with autism spectrum disorders and intellectual disabilities.

### Of special interest to the ASM community are the following bills, which ASM is publicly supporting:

- Two bills approving the increases in reimbursement rates for direct care services under MaineCare Sections 21 (which includes housing and supportive services) and 29 (which includes supportive services). ASM offered written testimony in favor of these bills.
- A bill that would (LD 373) add coverage to MaineCare for dental services to adults with intellectual disabilities or autism spectrum disorder. ASM will offer testimony in support.
- Legislation that would require that wages for direct care workers for adults with ASD/IDD are aligned with the minimum wage.
- ASM Board Member Rep. Dick Farnsworth's bill (LD 512), to create task force to study and plan for the implementation of Maine's early childhood special education services. Rep. Farnsworth introduced this bill in a previous session but it was not funded.
- Rep. Cooper's bill (LD 653), which would establish a task force to examine the unmet need for home and community-based services, the adequacy of the workforce, current delivery systems and reimbursement arrangements. The task force is required to publish a report by October 15, 2019.
- Rep. Handy's bill (LR 289), entitled "An Act To Provide Flexibility in the Treatment Modalities of Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism." (Not yet printed, so the text is not available.)

- Rep. Holly Stover's bill (LR 1965) that would create a waiver for home and community-based services for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. These children are only partially served by Sections 28 and 65. A similar waiver, Sec. 32, which ASM executive director Cathy Dionne helped to develop, was discontinued for lack of funding several years ago. (Not yet printed, so the text is not available.)
- Rep. Dick Farnsworth is also sponsoring a bill to fund training for parents from the Maine Parent Federation. (Not yet printed, so the text is not available.)
- Rep. Dale Denno's bill (LR 1468) that would strengthen supports for adults with intellectual disabilities and autism in crisis. (Not yet printed, so the text is not available.)
- Rep. Beth O'Connor's bill entitled "Mitigate the Increasing Waitlist for Services for Section 21 Waivers." (Not yet printed, so the text is not available.)
- Various bills calling for limits on restraint and seclusion, which have not yet been printed. Included in these is Rep. Farnsworth's bill (LR 994), An Act To Ensure Restraint and Seclusion Policies Are Followed for Special Education Students.

ASM presented testimony opposing a bill (LD 464) that would reduce the number of days --from the current two year limit to only 90 days-- that parents who unilaterally place their special needs child in a private school have to file for a due process hearing to ask for reimbursement.

Please check the ASM website legislation tracker for updates on these bills.

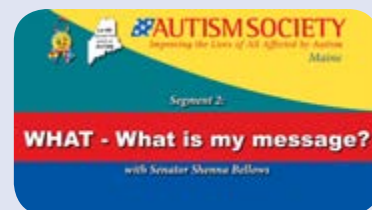
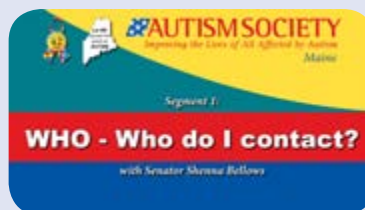
## NEW! ASM Video Series with Senator Shenna Bellows

Senator Shenna Bellows talks about the 4 steps to effectively advocating for you and your family when it comes to laws in Maine.

**Click thumbnails to view videos!**

**ASM's Legislative Page:**

<https://www.asmonline.org/get-involved/legislative.aspx>





## ASM's Lynda J. Mazzola Memorial Scholarship



Each year one \$2,500 scholarship is awarded in memory of Lynda Mazzola, MA, CCC-SLP, founding member of the Autism Society of Maine. This scholarship will be awarded to a Maine student with a completed a bachelor's degree, or is soon to graduate and has been accepted to a master's or doctoral degree program in speech and language pathology or occupational therapy. The award application form can be found on the ASM website: [www.asmonline.org/about/lynda-mazzola-scholarship.aspx](http://www.asmonline.org/about/lynda-mazzola-scholarship.aspx)

**Due by April 30, 2019.**

Call ASM with questions; you may have or to have a form sent to you: 1-800-273-5200.

## Nominate Someone Special for an ASM Award!

Do you know someone special that deserves recognition? This could be a teacher, an in-home worker, or someone who has touched the lives of individuals with autism. ASM is now accepting award nominations and we want to celebrate these special people at our Annual Meeting.

If you would like to submit a nomination, please write in 1,000 words or less why this

person should receive this award and attach it to the form that can be found on the ASM website and due by September 16th: [www.asmonline.org/about/about.aspx](http://www.asmonline.org/about/about.aspx)

ASM's Annual Meeting date and location will be announced in the summer edition newsletter.



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The Autism Society of Maine has a wonderful Facebook Community including parents, professionals, individuals and anyone interested in autism. If you are not already a friend of our Facebook page, we welcome you to join us!



By "liking" ASM's Facebook page you can help us spread the word to hundreds of new supporters!



Follow us on Twitter as we 'tweet' about autism!



We have a great collection of videos and will be adding more throughout the year!



My Autism Team logo A reputable and friendly place to connect with other parents in Maine.



Sign up to get interesting news and updates delivered to your email inbox from ASM!

**PG Rated Movie**

**Time: 10:00 AM**



**April 6, 2019  
Movie Event**

# “Dumbo”

*Sponsored by:*

The **Lewiston -Auburn Rotary Club** is sponsoring a movie event *in support of families whose children with autism live in the Lewiston/Auburn area.* The movie will be closed to the general public and will start at 10:00 am. You may arrive by 9:30 am.. Reserved seating is required. Each child will receive a popcorn and drink. **This event is FREE!**

*Place: Flagship Cinema  
730 Center Street  
Auburn, ME*

**RSVP by 4/3/19**

**Contact : RSVP 1-800-273-5200**  
Autism Society of Maine

*72 B Main Street  
Winthrop, ME 04364*

*Phone: 1-800-273-5200  
Fax: 207-377-9434  
Email: [asm@asmonline.org](mailto:asm@asmonline.org)*

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[www.asmonline.org/asm-storefront.aspx](http://www.asmonline.org/asm-storefront.aspx)

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Owl Charm  
\$3.00



Autism Charm  
\$3.00



Colored Heart Charm  
\$3.00



Silver Beads  
\$1.00



Colored Beads  
\$1.00



## Support our Services: Give to the Autism Society of Maine!

The Autism Society of Maine is a statewide nonprofit organization that for over 40 years has served Maine individuals with autism and their families, professionals, and communities by providing education, advocacy, referrals, and resource development. We rely on donations and fund-raisers to help cover the cost of our programs and activities that bring awareness and community to individuals and families affected by ASD. Here's how you can help:

- General donations may also be made anytime of the year online using our secure donation forms (or you can download and print our PDF forms) at: <http://www.asmonline.org/get-involved/donations.aspx>
- Memorial donations to the Society in memory of a friend or loved-one may also be made at: [http://www.asmonline.org/involved\\_donations.asp](http://www.asmonline.org/involved_donations.asp)
- Donations through Network For Good may be made at: <https://www.networkforgood.org/donation/ExpressDonation.aspx?ORGID2=010407346>
- Donations through United Way can be directed to the Autism Society of Maine. For more information, visit: <http://www.asmonline.org/get-involved/donations-united-way.aspx>
- Join or host a fundraiser with proceeds to benefit ASM! Fun ideas can be found on our fundraising page: <http://www.asmonline.org/get-involved/fundraising.aspx>

### ASM Mission Statement

The Autism Society of Maine provides education and resources to support the valued lives of individuals on the autism spectrum and their families.

### Become a Member!

Join our membership online:  
<http://www.asmonline.org/join/>  
or call ASM at 1-800-273-5200

For other ways to contribute, contact us at [asm@asmonline.org](mailto:asm@asmonline.org). Thank you for supporting our mission!

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