



**AUTISM RESEARCH  
INSTITUTE**  
Advancing Science & Education



Working together for a **brighter** future.



## **IMPACT REPORT**

JANUARY 1–DECEMBER 31, 2023

## Advancing Our Mission.

**ARI's Mission:** To advance the health of autistic people through biomedical research and free education.

### Our Community

**1 in 36** identified with  
Autism Spectrum Disorder

According to estimates from CDC's Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network. [www.CDC.gov/ncbddd/autism/data](http://www.CDC.gov/ncbddd/autism/data)

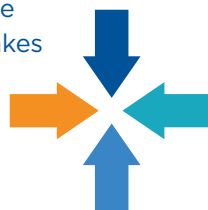
### Our Commitment

**More than 87¢ of every \$1** received by ARI directly funded research and education efforts in 2023.

Our past annual reports are available online at: [www.Autism.org/financial-information](http://www.Autism.org/financial-information)

### Gratitude for Partnerships

Our work is only possible through the partnership of our donors, funders, families, and volunteers. We are so thankful for your support — for research that makes a difference.



## Advancing Research.

**ARI awarded more than \$400,000 in grants in 2023.**

We fund inclusive, early stage, novel research.

### ARI puts science first.

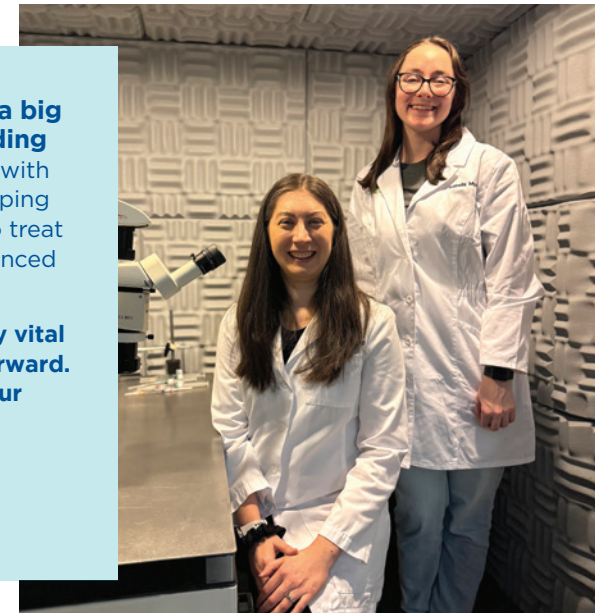
Our grant program aims to fund innovative research while facilitating the knowledge transfer of evidence-based information while generating and sharing peer-reviewed scientific findings.



**Our study aims to take a big step toward understanding the neural mechanisms** with a long-term goal of developing plasticity-based therapy to treat sensory difficulties experienced by some autistic people.

**ARI's funding is absolutely vital for moving this project forward. Thank you so much for your support."**

**ARI Grant Recipient**  
**Crystal Engineer, PhD**  
University of Texas, Dallas



Pictured left to right, ARI Grant Recipient Crystal Engineer, PhD and PhD Candidate Isabella Myers

### NEW IN 2023

**The Robert L. Hendren Research Grant Award** is given to top-scoring research grant proposals funded each year.

To learn about our inaugural Hendren Research Grant Award recipients and to see a complete list of research grant recipients funded by ARI, please visit [www.Autism.org/ari-funded-research](http://www.Autism.org/ari-funded-research)

## Advancing Education.

### ARI continues to democratize information

and amplify the need for appropriate, individualized healthcare for autistic people.

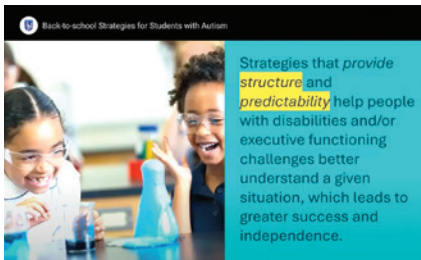
#### Online Presence

Individuals, Parents, Medical Professionals, and Researchers

**4,477** + **1,135** + **145,596** + **2,809**  
live webinar attendees   live clinical webinar attendees   webinar playbacks   continuing medical education playbacks

**= 154,017**  
total learning hours in 2023

Webinar and continuing-education topics in 2023 included: adult issues, assessment, behavioral support, educational therapies, epilepsy, nutrition, and more.



#### 2023 MILESTONE:

ARI reached more than  
**1 million free playbacks**  
on YouTube



## Advancing Community.

### Worldwide resources and outreach:

ARI believes inclusive research and education are key drivers of an evolving, highly individualized standard of care for autistic people.



#### NEW IN 2023

#### ARI's National Autism History Museum officially opened its doors

in January of 2023, offering an engaging and comprehensive look at the prolific history of autism research and discovery.

[www.NationalAutismHistoryMuseum.com](http://www.NationalAutismHistoryMuseum.com)

**143,000+** subscribers  
monthly e-newsletter

**10,600+** subscribers  
clinical research e-newsletter

**226** parent support groups in **77** countries

**66,600+** Autism Treatment Evaluation Checklist (ATEC)  
completed in 2023 and available in **25** languages

ARI co-sponsored an International Think  
Tank on Aging and Autism in 2023

**38th year of the Autism Research Review International**  
ARI's quarterly journal

ARI is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)  
of the United Nations.





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**April is Autism Science Month!**

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ARI's impact report is also available online: [www.Autism.org/impact](http://www.Autism.org/impact)

Connect with the Autism Research Institute



**Thanks to ARI's support, we will explore the possibility of correcting defective synaptic formation, a major underlying cause of autism.**

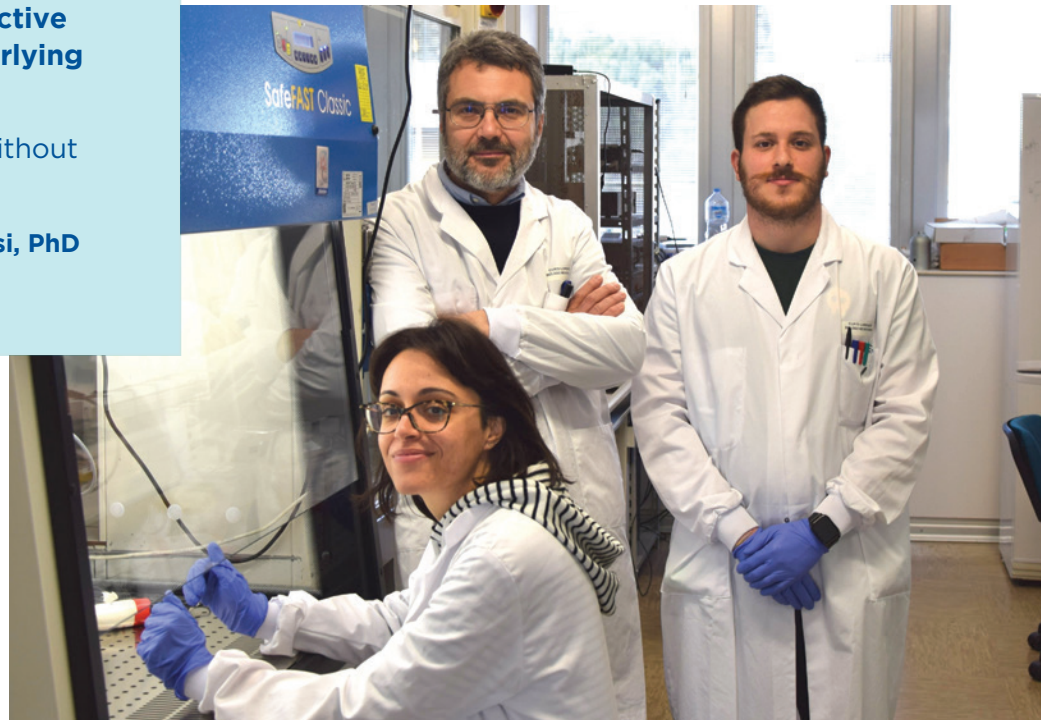
All of this would not be possible without your generous donations."

**2023 ARI Grant Recipient Alessio Masi, PhD**  
Università degli Studi di Firenze



#### **GIVE WITH CONFIDENCE:**

ARI's strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency have once again earned Charity Navigator's highest ("4 stars") rating and Candid GuideStar's highest ("Platinum") rating.



Miriam Cerullo, PhD (front), ARI grant recipient Alessio Masi, PhD (left), and Lorenzo Curti, PhD (right). For a complete list of research grant recipients funded by ARI, please visit [Autism.org/ari-funded-research-studies-2023](http://Autism.org/ari-funded-research-studies-2023)