



THE DOUG FLUTIE. JR. FOUNDATION FOR AUTISM

was established in 1998 by former NFL quarterback Doug Flutie and his wife, Laurie, whose personal experience of raising a son on the autism spectrum inspired their passion to help other families. Autism is a neurological disorder that impacts the normal development of the brain in the areas of social interaction and communication skills. Autism prevalence figures are growing and today it affects 1 in 68 children. It is the fastest-growing developmental disability in the U.S. and can cost a family \$60,000 a year on average.

Our Mission:

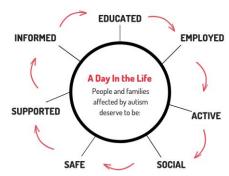
To help people and families affected by autism live life to the fullest.

Our Vision:

Our vision is a world where people with autism lead productive lives where they are included, respected, and actively engaged in their communities.

Our Promise:

Our programs and activities improve the quality of everyday life for people and families affected by autism along **seven key dimensions** that are critical to living each day fully. We aim to provide a path for education and/or employment during the day; opportunities for physical and social activity outside of work/school; and the tools to be safe, supported, and informed at all times.



Our Strategic Initiatives:

To help people and families live life to the fullest, we layer **two key initiatives** which offer direct and collaborative support. Each initiative encompasses a variety of programs and activities that improve the quality of everyday life for people affected by autism by making sure they are educated, employed, active, social, safe, supported and informed.

- 1. **Direct Financial Support:** We provide direct financial assistance to families to help relieve the financial burden of caring for a loved one with autism.
- 2. Collaborative Grant Making & Community Investments: We collaborate with community organizations, schools and companies providing critical, innovative and responsive programming and/or services that are answering the everyday challenges facing the autism community today.