

Families Advocating Autism Now (FAAN) was founded by seven mothers from Humboldt County, California whose children who were diagnosed with Autism. The FAAN board now consists of mothers and fathers of children with a diversity of needs.

FAAN is committed to putting funding towards projects that directly impact the lives of individuals with autism. For that reason we have few operating and administrative costs. Ninety-four percent of donations are used for direct services to individuals with autism and their families.

We are dedicated to finding new and better ways to help the education system adapt to the growing and changing needs of these students. Our group of mothers, fathers, and families are dedicated to providing these individuals with opportunities to succeed in extraordinary ways.

Since FAAN's inception in 2009, we have given out more than 60 iPads and over \$20,000 in monetary donations to the local education system on the North Coast. The funds and technology granted were specifically provided for students on the spectrum to use and benefit from in their classroom.

Furthermore, over 250 water therapy swim grants have been provided for children with autism that could otherwise be vulnerable as we endeavor to support water safety.

We also provided Equine therapy for children with Autism that gives them a chance to interact with the horses and too increase the number of community activities they can participate in.

FAAN also supports a monthly family support group with a licensed therapist to help parents share their struggles, successes, questions, goals, etc. with other parents of individuals with Autism.

We depend on the generous financial support of our community to continue to carry out our mission.

To help us continue to carry out our mission many local businesses have agreed to donate a portion of their profits to support FAAN. The calendar of events is listed on Facebook under Families Advocating Autism Now "Events". And also on the website: <http://humboldtfaan.org/>

If you have any questions, please contact us at

<http://humboldtfaan.org/> or find us on Facebook .

such as Six Rivers Brewery, Corner cafe and Bakery, Mazzetti's, Brickland and The Alibi