




# EAGLES AUTISM FOUNDATION

Established on September 8, 2019, the Eagles Autism Foundation was formed to centralize the team’s autism activities into one organization, while strengthening its charitable mission to assist individuals and families affected by autism. Led by Chairman and CEO Jeffrey Lurie, the team’s commitment to raising funds for cutting-edge autism research and care programs has grown exponentially, raising more than \$30 million since launching the Eagles Autism Challenge in May 2018.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that one in 36 people living in the United States are on the autism spectrum. Autism is a complex neurological and developmental condition that expresses itself differently in each individual. While it has become one of the fastest-growing developmental disorders in the country, autism has historically been underfunded, misunderstood, and under-researched.

By delivering the necessary resources to leading institutions, and through year-round fundraising efforts that inspire and engage the community, the Eagles Autism Foundation is turning awareness into action.



## Eagles Autism Challenge

presented by Lincoln Financial Group



## \$30 Million+ Raised Since 2018



The Eagles Autism Challenge presented by Lincoln Financial Group is a one-day bike ride and family-friendly 5K run/walk that donates 100% of participant-raised funds to institutions conducting innovative autism research and care.

The event features three cycling routes – Wawa Classic 30-Mile Ride, Wawa Shorti 10-Mile Ride, Wawa Junior 10-Mile Youth Ride – the FreedomPay 5K Run/Walk and the West Sensory Walk, which offers families and participants a shorter course around the outside perimeter of Lincoln Financial Field.

Due in large part to proceeds raised by the team’s signature event, the Eagles Autism Foundation has funded more than 125 research projects and community grants that specialize in treating and caring for those in the autism community.





**EAGLES SENSORY ROOM**

On August 4, 2019, the Eagles became one of the first sports franchises to build a state-of-the-art sensory room in its home venue. Now certified by KultureCity as a sensory-inclusive stadium, Lincoln Financial Field's Eagles Sensory Room presented by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) promotes an accommodating and positive experience for all guests and fans with sensory challenges.

The 500-square-foot, state-of-the-art sensory room, carefully designed by top medical professionals to ensure a quieter and more secure environment, received a complete refresh in 2023. The certification process included the training of every Eagles employee and stadium staff member.



**SUPPORTING NEURODIVERSITY**

To address the unemployment rate in the neurodiverse community, the Eagles Autism Foundation joined Wawa and Nouryon in funding a new Center City production facility for Popcorn for the People.

A nonprofit headquartered in Piscataway, NJ, Popcorn for the People works to create meaningful employment for neurodiverse individuals.

In collaboration with the involved partners, Wawa transformed its former 9th & South Street store into a new facility to expand the nonprofit's footprint in Philadelphia.

The organization hires and trains adults with autism and developmental disabilities to cook, prepare, and package popcorn in the new facility, with \$1 from every bag sold going towards the Eagles Autism Foundation to help fund future community grants.

Hand-crafted to perfection, Popcorn for the People is sold at Lincoln Financial Field and in Wawa's across the Greater Philadelphia region.



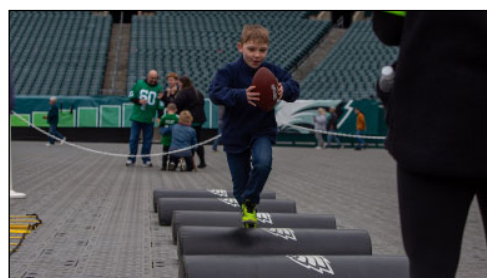
The Eagles Radiothon presented by FirstTrust Bank and the Green Family Foundation is a multi-day auction held on SportsRadio 94WIP that offers fans the opportunity to bid on exclusive sports and entertainment experiences involving their favorite Eagles players and 94WIP radio personalities.



Designed specifically for guests with autism and developmental disabilities, Eagles Huddle Up for Autism has raised more than \$1 million for CHOP's Center for Autism Research since 2009. The family-friendly event is held annually at Lincoln Financial Field.



Through the Eagles Autism Foundation 50/50 Raffle presented by DraftKings, one lucky fan at every Eagles home game walks away a winner. Fans can purchase tickets for a 50/50 drawing at Lincoln Financial Field for a chance to win half the jackpot. The other half supports the Eagles Autism Foundation.





### EAGLES AUTISM FOUNDATION PRACTICE JERSEYS

The Eagles dedicate a training camp practice each season to the Eagles Autism Foundation by wearing specially designed jerseys to elevate the Foundation’s platform and showcase the team’s commitment of turning autism awareness into action.

The exclusive, one-of-a-kind jerseys feature Energy Green numbers and nameplates, along with the Eagles Autism Foundation logo prominently displayed on the front side and shoulder.

Each jersey is signed by the player who wore it and is then auctioned through the annual Eagles Radiothon.



My Cause My Cleats is an NFL initiative that empowers players to showcase their commitment to the causes they support through creative artwork and custom designs on their game cleats.



### TRAINING CAMP PRACTICES

Training camp practices at Lincoln Financial Field serve as a vehicle to drive critical funds for autism research and care. All ticket proceeds from the public practices benefit the Eagles Autism Foundation.



### TEAM 62 CELEBRITY BARTENDING EVENT

To help raise funds for Team 62 and the Eagles Autism Foundation, Eagles Legend Jason Kelce hosts an annual celebrity bartending event at the Ocean Drive in Sea Isle City, NJ. Through its first three years, the fundraiser has raised more than \$630,000 for autism research and care programs.



### NEURODIVERSE GAMEDAY STAFF

To further the team’s ongoing commitment to creating employment opportunities for the autism community, the Eagles Autism Foundation matches skills and abilities with the most appropriate gameday roles. Resources, such as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst, are provided to the more than 20 individuals involved in the employment program.



### ALL ABILITIES CLINICS

The All Abilities Series consists of traditional football, cheer, drumline, STEM, and fitness clinics that offer accessible elements to support members of the autism community. Individuals across the lifespan enjoy an inclusive environment that offers an experience for those with special needs to participate alongside their peers. This includes trained volunteers, smaller group sizes, a visual schedule for step-by-step guidance on how to prepare, as well as a quiet space.

