Over 19,000 individuals found their way to CARD-USF for help.
CARD-USF needs **YOUR donations** to find our way to the estimated 53,575 families in 14 counties who still need **hope**, still need **support** to follow their dreams, still need to know they can count on **CARD** today.

**Families impacted by AUTISM have the same dreams you do.**

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The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at the University of South Florida, CARD, is Florida’s First Choice for Autism Support and the first place families turn to for help answering their questions. We have been here for 20 years helping families find hope. We support children as they find joy in running the bases, dancing in the school play or going to a friend’s birthday party. We follow them as they grow into adults and figure out what gives their life meaning and satisfaction through college, trade schools or careers. We work with businesses to better understand autism, invite our families to become new customers, and mentor young adults through internships and jobs. We are there to build better communities that welcome people with disabilities to fully participate as capable citizens.

Individuals with autism count on us to help develop and enhance their independence and define a path to more successful, meaningful lives.

Parents count on us for hope, options, resources, expertise and answers to their questions.

Teachers count on us for training and support in the classroom.

Businesses count on us to learn more about autism and welcome new customers.

The Community counts on us to help families at no cost to them.

However, those dreams quickly become derailed when you first receive that diagnosis: Autism. It is a mix of emotions; first, the relief that your concerns were recognized by a professional followed by the fear of what happens now? Will my child have a quality life? Is the world going to accept his differences? Will he play baseball, will she dance the Nutcracker, and will he have friends, start a family someday? Do I have to give up all my dreams of who my child will be? Autism touches many of us today, whether it is your family, your friends or your co-workers.