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Dear Community,

ABOARD turns 15 on March 17th of this year. We've turned our logo green to celebrate because it is also St. Patrick's Day!

Like we say about other teens "I can't believe how big you've gotten!" Starting with 15 families meeting for support in each other's living rooms, and expanding to an 8,000 person email list, with numerous conferences, trainings, and many thousands of phone calls for support coming in annually, ABOARD has grown amazingly well over the last 15 years.

Like many teens, though, we are at "that awkward stage." Frankly having gone without an executive director during the economic downturn, we have also operated without grant funding during that same time. Our reserves are not as high as they need to be to continue to provide the high quality supports you have come to know, and that you and other families deserve. A down economy plus the rise in autism has not been the greatest combination! We are happy that things are turning around, and that we have a new executive director with the experience to assess your needs and then pursue grants for autism programs you have indicated would help you the most.

Until those materialize though, we need your help. Please consider sharing your "green" with us by making a quick and easy online donation. We are not expecting a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. But we are hoping that you will show your support with any level of "birthday gift" you can spare to help all who struggle with the challenges of autism.

Thank you for your support throughout the years and moving forward!

**CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR "BIRTHDAY GIFT"**



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