

Bass for Autism Festival Raises \$2,800 for Autism Research

Proceeds to fund research focusing on early intervention, life skills, and the transition to adulthood for individuals with autism.

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CHICAGO — Bass for Autism Founder and Executive Producer Jack Kieffer - in partnership with edmDistrict, The EDM Network, and Mixify - is pleased to announce the success of the global Bass for Autism online music festival, which raised over \$2,800 for autism research.



On February 5th and 6th, 2014, hundreds of music fans attended the online festival featuring more than 25 EDM artists, such as: Dodge and Fuski, Spag Heddy, SubVibe, Barely, and Panda Eyes. Artists presented exclusive 30-minute music sets, many of which included previously unreleased tracks. The event prompted donors from around the world to contribute funds that will benefit individuals with autism.

The incredibly successful event raised over \$2,800 for the Organization for Autism Research (OAR), a national non-profit organization whose mission is to make a difference in individual lives by funding autism research, providing timely and relevant autism information to those who need it, and funding post-secondary scholarships for students with autism.

The initiative doesn't stop there! Music fans can also support OAR by purchasing an **Exclusive 20-Track Digital Music Compilation** on BandCamp (<http://bassforautism.bandcamp.com>) for only \$10. This compilation includes several previously unreleased tracks from the event artists, including Barely Alive, Panda Eyes, Different Heaven, and more. The compilation is also available for free download via Facebook (<http://on.fb.me/1aKBqcF>). A second compilation, Bass for Autism – Vol. 2, is also in production.

Proceeds will help fund OAR's programs, such as: the [Operation Autism](#) web site that directly supports U.S. military families affected by autism; the creation and distribution of [Autism in the Schoolhouse](#) resources aimed at creating school communities where students with autism are fully accepted; the [OAR Scholarship Program](#) that provides scholarships for students with autism pursuing post-secondary education; and the Latino Outreach Program, which features culturally-adapted [resources available in Spanish](#).

Autism Plugged In also supported OAR's Scholarship initiative with a 5K event in 2013; this effort raised over \$17,350 and allowed OAR to provide an additional five scholarships to students with autism attending 4-year or 2-year colleges, vocational/technical schools, or life skills programs. OAR has awarded a total of \$356,500 to 116 students from across the country through this program since 2008.

About the Organization for Autism Research (OAR) – [OAR](#) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to apply research to the challenges of autism. OAR funds studies whose results can help families, educators, caregivers, and individuals with autism find answers to their immediate questions and make more informed decisions. No other organization has this singular focus. OAR strives to make a difference in individual lives by funding research, providing timely and relevant autism information to those who need it, and creating opportunities for the autism community to collaborate and make advances together.

About Autism Plugged In and the Bass for Autism initiative – Autism Plugged In is a leading provider of special needs app reviews, founded by teen philanthropist and entrepreneur Jack Kieffer in 2011. Autism Plugged In (API) offers global access to the latest teaching, learning, and communication technology designed to help those on the autism spectrum. API's app review site gives parents and teachers a trusted source when searching for affordable and effective special needs apps. API has helped raise more than \$25,000 for autism research. Learn more about API and BFA at <http://autismpluggedin.com>.

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