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Within the past year, autism prevalence has increased from one in 68 children to one in 59. It is one of the fastest-growing developmental disorders in the country, yet autism has been historically underfunded, misunderstood and under-researched.

The Eagles Autism Challenge is the team's signature cycling and 5K run/walk fundraising event dedicated to supporting innovative autism research and programs.

The charity event was spearheaded by Eagles Chairman and CEO Jeffrey Lurie in an effort to bring thought leaders in the field of autism together. By collaborating on groundbreaking research, driving scientific breakthroughs and helping to establish Philadelphia as a hub for autism research and care, the Eagles Autism Challenge is creating a major shift from *awareness* to *action*.

On May 19, 2018, the inaugural event kicked off at the corner of 1 Lincoln Financial Field Way and Pattison Avenue. Led by Jeffrey Lurie, head coach Doug Pederson, players, coaches, alumni, cheerleaders and SWOOP, the Eagles Autism Challenge, in its first year, raised more than \$2.5 million for autism research.

A total of 3,319 participants came out to bike, run and walk for the cause, while a remarkable 24,700 donors across 20 countries supported their fundraising efforts.

In partnership with Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Drexel University, and Thomas Jefferson University and Jefferson Health, a coalition of the top researchers and scientists was formed to bring fresh ways of thinking and the necessary resources to the field. One hundred percent of the participant-raised funds from the inaugural event were directed to the coalition.

What we learn will be shared both nationally and globally so that we can continue to transform lives and advance autism research.



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