

EAGLES AUTISM CHALLENGE



Saturday, May 18, 2019
www.EaglesAutismChallenge.org

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 providing critical resources to forward-thinking institutions, driving scientific discoveries 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 the founding beneficiaries - Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Drexel University, and Thomas Jefferson University and Jefferson Health - along with Philadelphia institutions that specialize in autism research, we are bringing fresh ways of thinking to the field. One hundred percent of the participant-raised funds directly support autism research.

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



Alshon Jeffery

Mack Hollins



Jeffrey Lurie

