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CURE ANGELMAN NETWORK

FUNDRAISING TOOLKIT

We Appreciate You!

Thank you for joining the **Cure Angelman Network (CAN)** fundraising efforts for the **Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics (FAST)**.

Your time, your voice, and your community support something very specific: accelerating progress in Angelman syndrome (AS) research. Whether you're running a race, hosting a golf outing, planning a school fundraiser, rallying coworkers, or creating something entirely your own, you're helping move the science forward and build momentum behind the therapies families are waiting for.

We hope this toolkit makes it easy to get started and feel confident along the way. And you're not doing this alone. The FAST team is here to brainstorm, share resources, and support you from kickoff to finish.

Thank you for helping drive what comes next for Angelman syndrome research.





Why FAST?

Our mission is to cure Angelman syndrome.

FAST is the leading patient advocacy organization working to cure Angelman syndrome (AS). As the largest non-governmental funder of Angelman syndrome research in the world, our goal is to drive forward transformative research and development programs as quickly as possible for those living with Angelman syndrome—regardless of age or genotype.

Your CAN fundraiser helps FAST:

- Fund high-impact research and development across the drug development pipeline
- Accelerate what's needed to move from discovery to clinical readiness
- Build momentum behind programs with real potential for people living with Angelman syndrome

Put FUN in FUNdraising

What is your passion? Let's make a fundraiser out of it!

Host a backyard party or dinner party

Invite friends over and add a simple twist: a cornhole bracket, a cook-off, trivia, bingo, a themed potluck, a mocktail night, you name it. Ask guests to donate to attend or "vote" with donations.

Be a social butterfly

Create an online fundraiser and share it with your network. It's quick to set up and easy for people to support and reshare. FAST offers a free fundraising platform through GoFundMePro.

Have another idea? Let's build it with you.

The opportunities are endless!

Email the fundraising team and we'll help you shape your idea, set a goal, and make it easy to promote.

Turn your miles into momentum with Team Kick-AS

Running a race this year? Fuel your training by fundraising for Angelman syndrome research.

- Secure a bib through one of Team Kick-AS events on our race roster OR run a local race dear to your heart.
- Find upcoming races here:
connect.cureangelman.org/jointeamkickas

Host a comedy night

Partner with a local venue or a friend who can host. Sell tickets, run a raffle, and donate net proceeds to FAST.

We make fundraising easy. You bring the idea. We'll help you bring it to life.

FAST uses GoFundMePro as CAN's free fundraising platform. It's the simplest way to collect donations, thank donors automatically, and keep everything organized in one place, with FAST connected behind the scenes.

GoFundMePro: Your fundraising hub

Set up your campaign and share one link

Create your fundraiser and share one link:
<https://give.cureangelman.org/CAN2026>

Built-in donor thank-yous + receipts

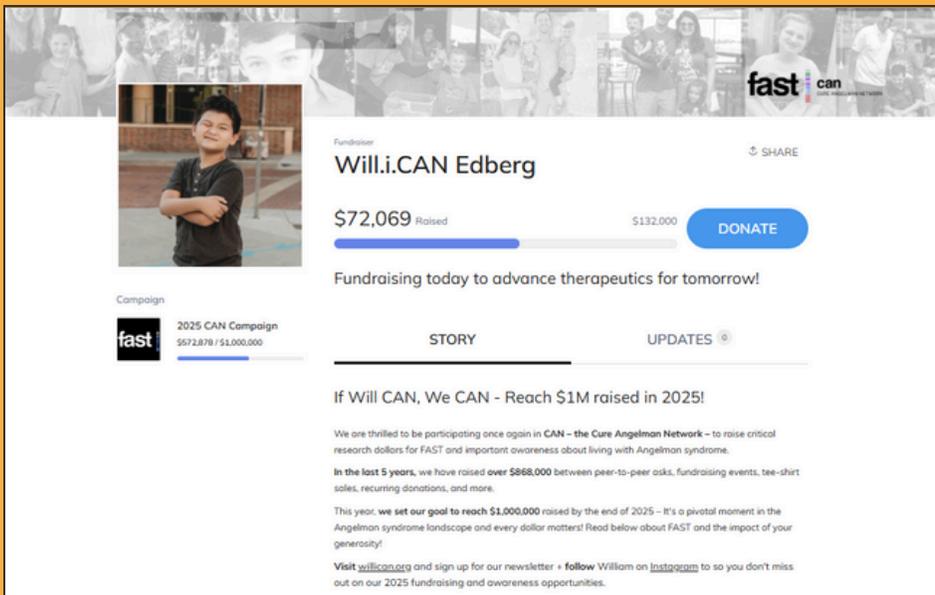
Every donor is automatically thanked and receipted.

Ready-to-send email templates

Pre-written emails are uploaded and ready to personalize and send.

Easy supporter updates

Send status updates and fun progress notes to your donors, all in one place.



Support from FAST

Official CAN branding + logo guidance

Use approved branding so donors and sponsors can see you're fundraising in partnership with FAST.

Website promotion

Send us a flyer and key details, and we'll list your fundraiser on FAST's Calendar of Events: cureangelman.org/events

Sponsor outreach templates

Sample solicitation letters you can customize for local businesses, corporate giving, and event sponsors.

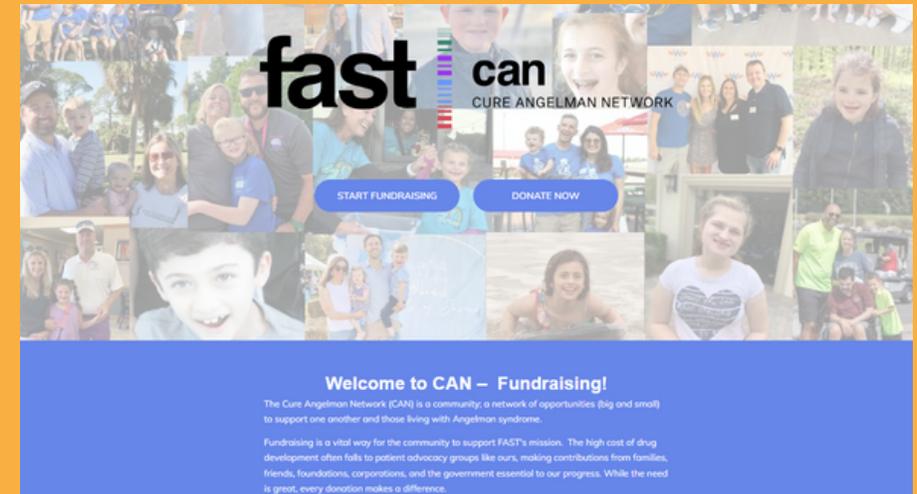
Social media copy, tailored to your fundraiser

We have sample posts for Instagram and Facebook, and we can tweak them to match your event.

Images + FAST-approved research facts

Need photos or scientific talking points? We'll help you share accurate, compelling information.

When you fundraise with the CAN, you're not doing it alone. FAST will help you launch faster, look polished, and reach more people with less stress.



Need a thought partner?

The Philanthropy Team is ready to help.

Reach out to us at krista.nanigian@cureangelman.org

Sample Peer-to-Peer Fundraising Letters

Dear **[First Name]**,

[Personal information about loved one with AS (include name and age)], and lives with Angelman syndrome. Angelman syndrome (AS) is a rare neurogenetic disorder that affects approximately 500,000 individuals worldwide. Children and adults with AS typically have balance issues, developmental delay, motor impairment and debilitating seizures. Some individuals never walk; and most do not talk.

I am delighted to let you know that I signed up as a Fundraising Champion for the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics (FAST) in honor of **[loved one's name]**.

What is a Fundraising Champion? As a Fundraising Champion, I aim to spread awareness of Angelman syndrome (AS) and to raise significant funds to support FAST's research efforts to one day cure Angelman syndrome.

Supporters, like you, will play a huge role in the success of my fundraiser for **[loved one's name]**.

My goal is to raise \$**[Goal Amount]** to fund research for a cure and I would like to ask you to help me get there. With 23 therapeutics in the pipeline for AS and six currently in human clinical trials, the future is so promising for all who live with AS.

Why did I choose FAST? FAST is the leading Angelman syndrome patient advocacy organization, dedicated to curing AS through the funding of an aggressive research agenda. FAST is committed to assisting individuals living with Angelman syndrome to realize their full potential and quality of life by bringing practical treatment into current medical practice as quickly as possible.

Thank you in advance for considering donating to my fundraising efforts. Your generosity and thoughtful support of FAST's mission and our family are so appreciated.
On behalf of <person with AS name>, I thank you!

Your Fundraising Champion,
[Your Name]

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If you're interested in personalized thank you letters for your donors, we can help!

Turn Your “Why” Into Action

People give when they understand why *this matters to you*. Before you share your fundraiser, take a few minutes to make it personal. It will help more people connect and take action.

Start with:

Who you are

A sentence about you and what you’re doing.

Why FAST and Angelman syndrome research

What brought you here. One honest reason is enough.

What you want people to do

Be specific. “Donate \$25,” “Buy a ticket,” or “Share this.”

Make it feel real:

Add a photo

You, your team, your training, your family, your event, anything that makes it personal.

Use your own words

Simple is more authentic than polished. Write the way you’d say it to a friend.

Share updates

A milestone, a thank-you, or a reminder.
One post a week is plenty.

Our team at FAST is ready and able to help you achieve all your fundraising goals.

Whether this is your first time hosting a fundraiser OR you a seasoned pro in supporting FAST!



Reach out to our Community Fundraising Manager

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