



OAR Announces Spring 2020 Autism Education Grant Recipients

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ARLINGTON, VA – The Organization for Autism Research (OAR) is pleased to announce the winners of the spring 2020 Autism Education Grant Program. Launched earlier this year, the Autism Education Grant Program supports projects that aim to promote autism awareness and acceptance among students in grades K-8 using OAR's peer education program. OAR awards projects ranging from \$500 to \$5,000.

Congratulations to the three grant recipients of spring 2020!

Christina Rodriguez for her project, ASD: Same or Different?

University of Miami-Nova Southeastern University Center for Autism & Related Disabilities (UM NSU CARD), Miami, Fla.

UM NSU-CARD will partner with up to four schools identified as having a high population of students with ASD in inclusive settings and a high minority population. Rodriguez will implement Autism Tuned In to impact 400 students over a month-long period.

Sarah Heldmann for her project, Scout Disability Awareness Day

The Ability Center of Greater Toledo, Sylvania, Ohio

The Ability Center of Greater Toledo will partner with local Girl and Boy Scout chapters to provide disability awareness training utilizing the What's Up with Nick? booklets. Their goal is to train 400 scouts who will then share their training with another scout or school group for magnified impact.

Sharon Green for her project, Rancho's Autism Awareness and Acceptance Initiative

Rancho Milpitas Middle School, Milpitas, Calif.

Green is a special education teacher at Rancho Milpitas Middle School, which serves a high minority population. The Kit for Kids program will be used during advisory classes to impact 721 students. Green will measure success using a five-item pre- and post-program survey.

OAR has helped educate more than 135,000 children through the [Kit for Kids](#) Peer Education Program since 2012. The next rolling [application deadline](#) is July 30, 2020, for projects starting as early as September 1, 2020.

For questions or comments, please contact OAR at programs @ researchautism.org.

About OAR: The Organization for Autism Research (OAR) is a national non-profit organization formed and led by relatives of children and adults with autism. OAR is dedicated to promoting research that can be applied to help families, educators, caregivers, and individuals with autism find much-needed answers to their immediate and urgent questions. Learn more at their website: www.researchautism.org.

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