ASHA-PAC: YOUR VOICE ON CAPITOL HILL

ASHA-PAC is the political action committee (PAC) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), which supports members of Congress and congressional candidates who serve as champions on key issues benefiting the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology as well as persons with communication disorders.

Learn more at www.asha.org/pac
What a year it has been! As the 2023 chair of ASHA-PAC, I am thrilled to share the 2023 Annual Report, which provides an overview of the past year’s efforts in support of the public policy priorities identified by ASHA members. Thanks to you, ASHA-PAC raised $228,811 from 7,141 members and disbursed $163,000 to federal candidates. But, as impressive as these numbers are, there’s more exciting news to share!

In May, the ASHA-PAC board joined more than 60 members of the Committee of Ambassadors for the first in-person Capitol Hill Day since the outbreak of Covid. Together, we shared our legislative priorities and built bipartisan relationships with members of Congress from across the country. Personally, I had the pleasure of meeting with my senator, John Fetterman, who is a walking, talking example of the impact ASHA members have on the lives of those we serve. I look forward to maintaining this relationship as Senator Fetterman is a natural ASHA champion.

ASHA-PAC had a strong, positive presence at the 2023 ASHA convention – kicking off the festivities with a gala reception honoring our ASHA member advocacy champions and raising over $9,000 on site with more than $3,200 pledged for 2024. For those of you who missed it, the outstanding food and gelato bar was only topped by the camaraderie of the more than 100 attendees who walked away with smiles on their faces and lots of great “swag.” And who said there’s no such thing as a free breakfast? The ASHA Advocacy booth was the place to be on Friday morning where ASHA-PAC donors of any amount (including those who donated on the spot) partook of the complimentary breakfast bar as our thank you for their support.

But, wait – there’s more! The ASHA-PAC website has undergone a complete overhaul with enhanced functionality so you can donate and track your giving online. New giving levels have also been established – with redesigned pins and great new benefits. ASHA-PAC also established a new legacy donor level for ASHA members who have given any amount for at least 5 consecutive years. I hope you’ll read about these improvements and consider increasing your support - or donating for the first time!

I look forward to the continued growth and success of ASHA-PAC in support of our professions, our patients and clients, and our members. You are a valued part of the equation – and I invite you to join me in continuing to be a part of the ASHA-PAC in the coming year.

Shari Robertson, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, BCS-CL
THE ASHA-PAC BOARD IS CHARGED WITH:

- Raising funds to influence the nomination or election of individuals who will promote the interests and needs of audiologists, SLPs, and people with disabilities;
- Educating audiologists and SLPs on government procedures and the public issues, that affect the professions and those we serve;
- Facilitating the participation of audiologists and SLPs in the political process; and
- Promoting public policies that result in accessible and appropriate services in education and health care settings, in training qualified personnel to deliver services, and research that benefits those with communication disorders.
ASHA-PACstats

7,141 DONORS

$228,811 RAISED

$163,000 DISBURSED

ATTENDED FUNDRAISERS 68

53 HOUSE 15 SENATE 30 REPUBLICANS 37 DEMOCRATS 1 INDEPENDENT

*Inclusive of committee and party events

DISBURSED TO MEMBERS 63

51 HOUSE 12 SENATE 28 REPUBLICANS 34 DEMOCRATS 1 INDEPENDENT

HIGH LEVEL DONORS:

10 CHAMPION’S CIRCLE

7 DIAMOND CIRCLE

16 PLATINUM CIRCLE

GOLD CIRCLE 131

$87,000 to Democrats
$74,000 to Republicans
$2,000 to Independents
2023 ASHA-PAC
BY STATE & U.S. TERRITORIES

The map illustrates the actual number of donors for each state compared to the number of eligible donors. For example, in Alaska 11.4% contributed out of the 421 eligible donors. The U.S. territories are listed in the table that complements the map.

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### 2023 ASHA Advocacy Successes

#### INTERSTATE COMPACT (ASLP-IC)

- **7 States Added**
- Increasing the total to 30 states

Arkansas, Maine, Montana, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin

#### TELEPRACTICE

- Retained Medicare coverage for telehealth services through Dec. 31, 2024; same payment rates as in-person services
- Maintained coverage for Medicare Part B (outpatient) telehealth services provided by facilities

#### CLIENT, PATIENT, AND STUDENT

- Delayed new packaging requirements that could have restricted consumer access to hearing aid batteries
- Developed a state-by-state tracker for hearing aid laws

#### DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

- Developed resources on gender affirming care laws and regulations that may impact audiologists and SLPs
- Created resources on the impact of social determinants of health screening and referral on payment and compliance
- Successfully opposed policy proposals that would 1) restrict SLPs from providing gender affirming voice therapy and 2) eliminate federal diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives

#### PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES AND WORKFORCE

- Collected practicable data from members on the impact of telehealth coverage and payment reductions
- Developed resources on non-compete agreements to help employers and employees

#### SCHOOLS

- Secured language in education research legislation ensuring educational audiologists and school-based SLPs can help inform needs assessments and data collection
- Shaped U.S. Department of Education grant guidance to support efforts by educational audiologists and school-based SLPs to meet student needs
- Persuaded the U.S. Department of Education to reaffirm that students identified with a developmental language disorder are eligible to receive services in the schools

#### ASHA-PAC

- Raised $228,811 from 7,141 donors
- Contributed more than $160,000 to over 65 federal candidates and committees

#### OUTREACH

- 104 advocacy letters sent to federal and state policymakers
- 73 ASHA members from 41 states and territories participated over 130 congressional in-person meetings on Capitol Hill Day
- Total of 14,979 messages were sent to Congress
- 4,782 messages were sent by over 1,600 CSD students on Virtual Student Advocacy Day, resulting in 15 new cosponsors for the IDEA Full Funding Act
- 37 members from special interest groups, committees, boards, and councils participated in 28 meetings with congressional staff
- 24 reps from insurance payers, utilization management companies, and state Medicaid programs attended ASHA’s largest Payer Summit to explore coverage, coding, and policy challenges and solutions

### ASHA American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
## 2023 ASHA-PAC CONTRIBUTORS

(September 1, 2022 – October 2, 2023)

### ASHA-PAC CHAMPION’S CIRCLE LEVEL ($1,000+)

- David Alexander, CCC-A
- Debra Beckman, CCC-SLP
- Liz Best-Bradford, ASHA Staff
- Vicki Deal-Williams, CEO, CCC-SLP
- Mary Dooher, CCC-SLP
- Nancy Kuhles, CCC-SLP
- Shari Robertson, CCC-SLP
- Brenda Seal, CCC-SLP
- Jerry White, ASHA Staff
- A. Lynn Williams, CCC-SLP

### ASHA-PAC DIAMOND CIRCLE LEVEL ($500 – $999)

- Elizabeth Frost, CCC-SLP
- Sucheta Kamath, CCC-SLP
- Ann McMahon, CCC-A
- Jeffrey Regan
- Judy Rich, CCC-SLP
- Deborah Ross Swain, CCC-SLP
- Kevin Stutman, ASHA Staff

### ASHA-PAC PLATINUM CIRCLE LEVEL ($250 – $499)

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- Clare Camacho, CCC-SLP
- Leisha Eiten, CCC-A
- William Flanders, CCC-A
- Carol Fleming, CCC-SLP
- Melissa Jakubowitz, CCC-SLP
- Marian Lowther, CCC-SLP
- Eric Masten, ASHA Staff
- Tena McNamara, CCC-A/SLP
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- Sharon Moss, CCC-SLP
- Ardell Olson, CCC-A
- Elaine Shuey, CCC-SLP
- Bryan Tierney, CCC-SLP
- Janice Trent, CCC-A
- John Whicker, CCC-A

*(September 1, 2022 – October 2, 2023)*
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ASHA-PAC GOLD CIRCLE LEVEL ($100 – $249)
# MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Support of ASHA-PAC at any level is appreciated!

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## LEGACY DONORS

We are happy to introduce a new way to be recognized as an ASHA-PAC donor, Legacy Donors! Legacy Donors have donated for 5, 10, or 15+ years consecutively. We will recognize the first class of donors in the 2024 fundraising year. Legacy Donors will receive a special pin denoting their years of giving.

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We have redesigned the pins and renamed the levels for $100+ donors

The donation amounts are the same but we have renamed the levels:

- Bronze ($100–249): Teal
- Silver ($250–499): Lime Green
- Gold ($500–999): Orange
- Platinum ($1,000–5,000): Fuchsia

The ASHA-PAC fundraising year has changed!

Previously, it ran from September–August. It now follows the calendar year, January–December.
### SPENDING RECORDS OF SELECT PACS AND SUPER PACS, 2023 SPENDING CYCLE

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**Diagram:**

- **Receipts**
- **Disbursements**
- **Ending Cash on Hand**
ASHA-PAC supports candidates running for the United States Congress that recognize the importance of audiology and speech-language pathology services by providing contributions to their campaign, political, or leadership committees. ASHA-PAC evaluates contribution requests based on the following guidelines:

**HOUSE**
- CA-33: Pete Aguilar (D)
- ND-At Large: Kelly Armstrong (R)
- NE-2: Don Bacon (R)
- OH-12: Troy Balderson (R)
- FL-4: Aaron Bean (R)
- FL-12: Gus Bilirakis (R)
- OR-3: Earl Blumenauer (D)
- DE-At Large: Lisa Blunt Rochester (D)
- OR-1: Suzanne Bonamici (D)
- FL-16: Vern Buchanan (R)
- IN-8: Larry Bucshon (R)
- GA-1: Buddy Carter (R)
- PA-8: Matt Cartwright (D)
- CT-2: Joe Courtney (D)
- UT-3: John Curtis (R)
- PA-4: Madeleine Dean (D)
- CO-1: Diana DeGette (D)
- CT-3: Rosa DeLauro (D)
- WA-1: Suzan DelBene (D)
- CA-10: Mark DeSaulnier (D)
- CA-16: Anna Eshoo (D)
- GA-3: Drew Ferguson (R)
- PA-1: Brian Fitzpatrick (R)
- CA-34: Jimmy Gomez (D)
- KY-2: Brett Guthrie (R)
- TN-1: Diana Harshbarger (R)
- OK-1: Kevin Hern (R)
- MD-5: Steny Hoyer (D)
- CA-51: Sara Jacobs (D)
- NY-8: Hakeem Jeffries (D)
- OH-6: Bill Johnson (R)
- PA-13: John Joyce (R)
- OH-14: David Joyce (R)
- VA-2: Jennifer Kiggans (R)
- WA-6: Derek Kilmer (D)
- OH-5: Robert Latta (R)
- CA-7: Doris Matsui (D)
- GA-7: Lucy McBath (D)
- NJ-6: Frank Pallone (D)
- IN-6: Greg Pence (R)
- WI-2: Mark Pocan (D)
- WA-5: Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R)
- IL-10: Bradley Schneider (D)

**SENATE**
- AL-7: Terri Sewell (D)
- NJ-11: Mikie Sherrill (D)
- MO-8: Jason Smith (R)
- NE-3: Adrian Smith (R)
- CA-4: Mike Thompson (D)
- NY-20: Paul Tonko (D)
- IL-14: Lauren Underwood (D)
- MI-5: Tim Walberg (R)
- WI: Tammy Baldwin (D)
- OH: Sherrod Brown (D)
- PA: Bob Casey (D)
- ME: Susan Collins (R)
- IA: Chuck Grassley (R)
- NH: Maggie Hassan (D)
- OR: Jeff Merkley (D)
- OK: Markwayne Mullin (R)
- AK: Lisa Murkowski (R)
- WA: Patty Murray (D)
- AZ: Kyrsten Sinema (IND)
- MN: Tina Smith (D)

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- The candidate’s position and/or voting record on issues affecting audiologists, speech-language pathologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists
- The integrity and character of a candidate
- The candidate’s leadership or policy shaping position in their party
- The nature and strength of a candidate’s viability in a given election
ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- PAC member recommendations of candidates who reflect the ideals of ASHA-PAC
- ASHA member presence in a candidate’s state/district
- Open seat candidates with a history of support for or direct connection to audiology and/or speech-language pathology
- Contributions to leadership PACs can be considered when the member of Congress is part of leadership or a relevant committee
- Contributions to national political party committees may be given

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- A candidate until they have formally declared their intent to seek political office
- Presidential campaigns
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