

**Christine Dade**  
**President, Autism Society Canada**  
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Christine brings to Autism Society Canada (ASC) more than ten years of experience on a not-for-profit board. Christine served on the Autism Ontario Board for eight years in executive positions, as Treasurer; Vice President; President; and Past President. She is currently in her third year on the ASC Board as the representative for Ontario.

Christine's original involvement with the Autism community came about because her cousin is autistic and when Autism Ontario needed a new Treasurer, Christine offered to run for this position on the Board. Since that time, Christine has worked energetically with Autism Ontario and now with Autism Society Canada to champion for the community and build national awareness of Autism.

Christine's "day job" is as a Manager, Government and Regulatory Affairs for Direct Energy. Christine is an accountant and has transitioned to regulatory work over the last six years. Her strong background in finance and experience in dealing with regulatory changes and financial impacts in the electricity industry in Ontario has proven to be very beneficial in her volunteer pursuits on a national voluntary Board. Christine is a community builder and a positive communicator – she enjoys her commitments at ASC, working closely with her fellow ASC volunteers on governance development and strategic direction for the organization. She also works closely with the ASC staff on the day-to-day planning and programming needs of a national charity.

Christine moved into the President's role in March of 2007, and will continue to work with the Board of Directors, Autism Spectrum Disorder stakeholders, government and many others in the ASD community to strengthen ASC's financial position to help ensure that all Canadians with ASD achieve their individual potential.