



Thompson Foundation *for* Autism

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Funds generated from the **2009 *It's in the Cards Dinner Gala*** have:

- Provided funding to the Intervention Division of the Thompson Center by providing financial support for a Ph.D psychologist, two child development specialists and staff support for these positions. The purpose here is to strengthen and expand Thompson Center services for school aged children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and their families.
- Provided support for legislation in the State of Missouri for autism coverage insurance.
- Provided funding to sponsor with the Missouri Department of Mental Health (Division of Developmental Disabilities) on the Missouri Autism Guidelines Initiative. Results to date consist of an impressive 41 member panel that are collaborating on a body of work, *Missouri's Best Practice Guidelines for Screening, Diagnosis, and Assessment*, slated to be published in early 2010.
- Provided funding to partner with the national office of Autism Speaks in co-sponsoring the National Autism Law Summit IV being held in St Louis on November 14 -15, 2009.