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"In 2001 I learned to communicate via computer, make friends, it changed my life—no one seems to consider that even people who are thought to be intellectually impaired can change as they grow older."

– Martin Pistorius, Author

Amazing people who use AAC doing amazing work, share their powerful stories of leadership, success, and community:

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"As a writer and intellectual who uses AAC, I truly value the ability to express my ideas and to advocate for the AAC community who share some of my experiences."

– Lateef McLeod, ISAAC VP for LEAD

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"It's all about a positive attitude, it's about accepting ourselves...and accepting the differences in others."

– Jeeja Ghosh, Social worker MSW



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"AAC is more than communication, it's quality of life,"

– Meredith Allan, ISAAC President, 2018-2020

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"We have a moral duty to remove the barriers to participation, and to invest sufficient funding and expertise to unlock the vast potential of people with disabilities."

– Stephen Hawking

50,000,000
Users Worldwide*

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"...yes, I use a synthesized text-to-speech voice for motivational speaking. But that doesn't mean my life is boring and unfulfilling. Very far from it, in fact!"

– Glenda Watson Hyatt, Keynote speaker

Dare to Lead

50 million people in the world rely on AAC to communicate



#AACaware18

October's Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Awareness Month brought global attention to community leaders and people who use AAC aids. ISAAC, the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication, is the organization working to improve the lives of people with complex communication needs. Through Dare to Lead, ISAAC used this month to shine the light on how AAC helps individuals without speech. Thank you to those that helped celebrate the power of AAC around the world. Visit isaac-online.org for more information.

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*Total number of AAC users quoted is based off ASHA's estimate of the number of users in US, projected onto the global population of 7.7B