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**The ARISS Team Thanks You for Your Tremendous Support in 2018!**

As the ARISS team reviews 2018 successes, it is time to say thank you to our very dedicated supporters. To begin expressing thanks appropriately, ARISS commends 2018 donors who contributed \$1,000 or more. The extreme confidence in ARISS by these generous individuals, organizations, and corporations propels ARISS's successes in using Amateur Radio for a thrilling conversation with an orbiting ISS astronaut to introduce youth, educators, and others to science, technology, engineering, arts, and math, space, radio technology and Amateur Radio. They are:

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We fervently applaud them all. NASA, AMSAT, and ARRL have backed ARISS since 1996 during its infancy when the team first developed ideas for the program!

ARISS also pays tribute to the many other donors who firmly stood with ARISS's goals in 2018. Even more important, many of these donors faithfully contribute their dollars year after year.

Every donor's support is critical to launching the new ARISS hardware in 2019. The new radio system will improve ARISS educational activities, the packet and SSTV capabilities, and will include other exciting communications features, such as a voice repeater. The new system will ensure that ARISS communications will continue seamlessly for the weekly school and youth group radio contacts with astronauts on the Space Station.

ARISS has a ways to go to reach our dollar goal before launches of new equipment can occur, and there is not a lot of time left. 2018 ARISS donors stated that they hoped their generosity would encourage others to become ARISS backers. You can join in the funding challenge by contacting Frank Bauer, [ka3hdo@gmail.com](mailto:ka3hdo@gmail.com) or Rosalie White, [k1sto@arrl.org](mailto:k1sto@arrl.org). We hope to hear from you! Contributions can be given directly at <http://www.ariss.org/donate.html>

ARISS saw a very positive 2018. We hope for an even more stupendous 2019 thanks to generous donors like you. Thank you for your support!