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THE 2022 LITTLE CITY ANNUAL REPORT

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To Our Family & Friends

Time is one of the greatest resources we have at Little City.

You can see all the difference time can make in the participants and residents we serve together. A single school year can lead to life-changing breakthroughs, a few months in the Employee Development Services program can result in someone's first job, and a season of Special Olympics can create lifelong friendships.

When you give someone enough time, truly remarkable things can happen.

I have had the honor and privilege of being trusted with leading and growing Little City over the last 20 years. That gift of time has allowed me to see the best in people and the power we have when we work together to create a better future for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

In the past 20 years, we have opened a therapeutic day school, created state-of-the-art homes at the Duffey Family Children's Village, completed a momentous merger with Countryside,

opened more adult residential homes in the community, and so much more. It's overwhelming to think about all the tremendous change at Little City over these two decades.

But even with all these landmark achievements, it's been the time spent with residents, staff, and donors that has changed me the most.

I have met the most inspirational, selfless, and loving people at Little City and it is the time they give every day that makes this place so special. There is no greater feeling than seeing a family that experienced challenges and hardships before Little City find a renewed sense of hope and optimism by seeing the growth and opportunities their loved one receives here.

This past year has been one of many emotions knowing it would be my last at Little City. But as I submit this final annual report letter to all our supporters, families, partners, and donors, I feel only gratitude for the opportunity that was given to me and pride for all we accomplished. As you will see in the stories here, people with developmental disabilities continue to break barriers at Little City and realize their potential in inspiring ways. **That is possible – and has always been possible – because of you.**

I often call Little City a family and that's because it is true. The people here genuinely care about the mission, and it is evident in all they do. So even as I prepare to leave Little City, I know it remains in the best hands – your hands. Little City is as strong as the community that supports it and that has never been stronger.

So, remember to dream big and give those dreams time. Twenty years have passed by in the blink of an eye, but the accomplishments we realized have made a lifetime of difference for those we serve.

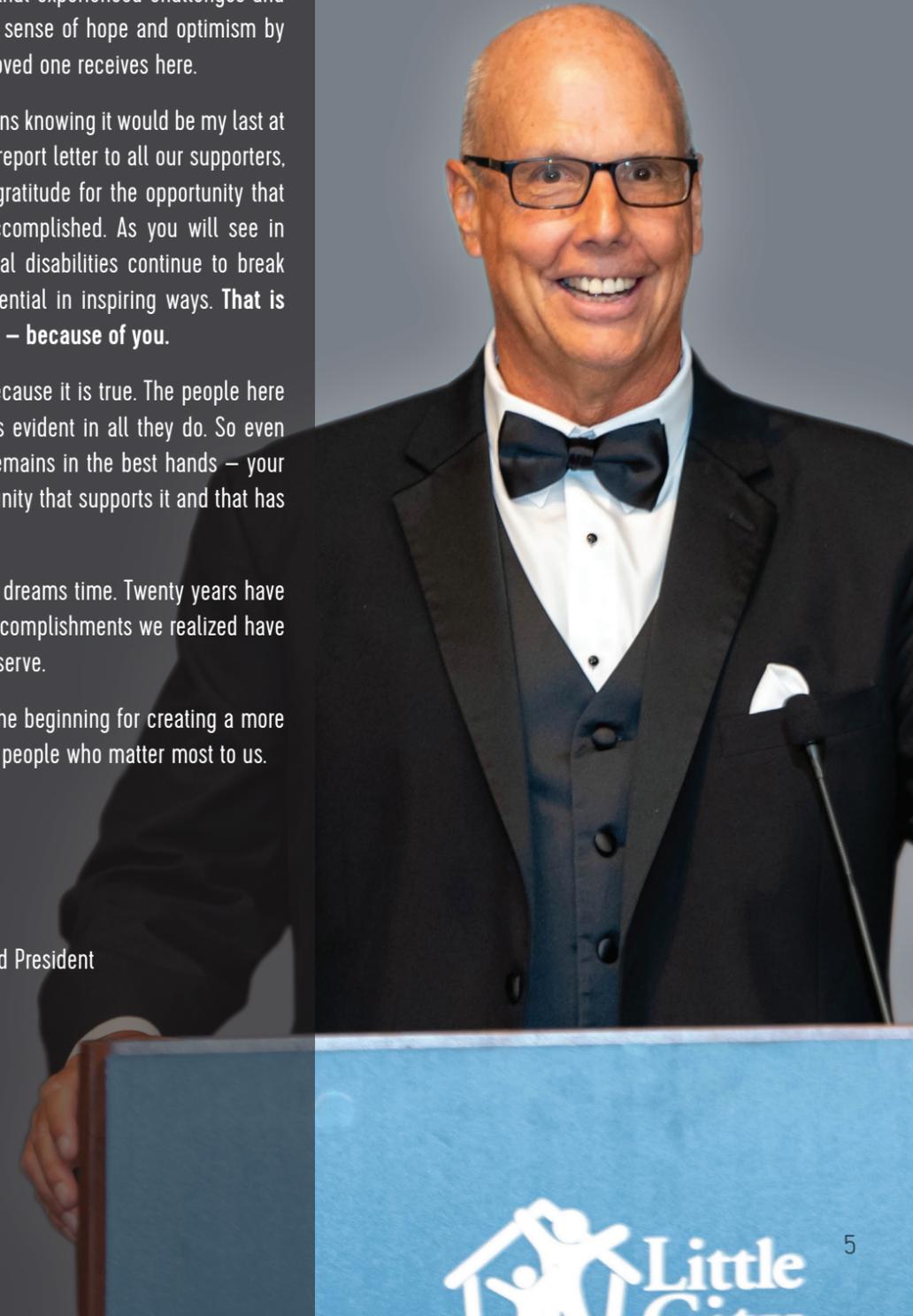
With a little time, you will see this is only the beginning for creating a more compassionate and equitable world for the people who matter most to us.

Thank you for everything.

With deep appreciation for your support,

Shawn E. Jeffers
Executive Director

Greg Burns
Little City Board President



REImagine

Tarik is able to explore creatively every day, thanks to you. And the reimagined Center for the Arts will enable so many more with disabilities to find and grow a unique potential.

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Tarik Shares His Voice Through Art

After two years of emptiness, the Little City Center for the Arts is exploding with color and life once again.

As the program re-opens for the first time since shutting down in early 2020 due to COVID, artists, new and old, are dusting off their brushes and getting ready for a new experience in the reimagined Center for the Arts.

Longtime artists like Tarik are already leading the way and showing the world the creative talent he and so many others have to offer. Tarik's work was selected for a monthslong exhibition at the Intuit: Center for Intuitive and Outsider Art in Chicago that will run through May 14, 2023.

New Little City art facilitator Sam Farchione said after two years without a proper outlet, artists like Tarik have a lot to say through their work and Little City's art program will help get that message heard.

"I'm still meeting a lot of the artists and learning about them, and I am looking forward to working with all of them," Sam said. "Tarik is fantastic in how his voice comes through in what he does. The artwork really sets up what he is thinking about. If he has a piece of paper and pencil in his hand, he can show you what he is thinking through his art."

Tarik's Intuit exhibition, entitled *Open*, has already made a splash nationally. Popular website, *Thrillist*, ranked Tarik's exhibit as one of the 16 best museum exhibits to visit in 2023. Tarik was one of only two Chicago exhibits to make the list along with world-famous Remedios Varo, whose work is being shown in the Art Institute of Chicago.

The newly reopened and reimagined Center for the Arts hopes to be a haven of creativity where artists like Tarik can strive for that recognition and spotlight. The overhauled studio has dedicated spaces for a variety of art such as photography, woodworking, multimedia work, and traditional painting and drawing.

But the renovated Center is also more than just a creative hub. Guests are now welcomed by a gallery where they can browse and even purchase work on-site. Participants will also work in a customer service capacity, online store management, and other business-related roles to develop skills that can help toward community employment while also giving the artists' work more exposure.

Community interaction will also be part of the new art program, with plans to take students out to local art galleries and museums to learn more about the world of art. Wendy Mayfield, Director of Community Day Services, said they are also hoping to have area artists and experts come to the center for guest speaking and teaching engagements.

"Right now, we are just excited to get classes going again and welcoming people back to the program after a long time away," Wendy said. "We see a lot of potential for the center and as we start to add more facilitators, we will keep expanding our programming and what we are able to do."

With artists like Tarik leading the way, Little City's Center for the Arts newest chapter may be its most colorful yet.

When you support programs like our Special Olympics and recreational teams, your impact is a revitalization that goes beyond the sport – individuals are provided with an environment to develop and strengthen their life and social skills that can be applied throughout every day.

REvitalize



Over 800 hours of Special Olympics sports and activities were provided to individuals with disabilities in 2022 – including softball, basketball, powerlifting, swimming, golf, track & field, bowling, volleyball, boccee ... and now flag football!

Athletes Are Gaining Skills On The Field, For A Lifetime

Little City's Special Olympics program made new strides in 2022, fielding a flag football team for the first time and finding immediate success thanks to leaders like Robbie and Jimmy.

Despite a short season of six weeks and having never played football together before, Little City's team took second place at the regional tournament held at Northern Illinois University's football stadium thanks to the leadership and great play of Robbie, who emerged as the starting quarterback, and longtime Special Olympics star Jimmy as wide receiver.

"It was a ton of fun," Robbie said. "We're going to try to win state next year."

The idea to try flag football came from the success the softball team had and wanting to stay together and compete after the season was over. Seven of the 13 people who were part of Little City's first flag football team came from the softball squad and that helped revitalize an energy and chemistry that helped with learning the new sport for the first time.

While it was a long process to learn the rules, practice plays and discover what each player was good at, Special Olympics coach and recreational therapist Eli Vazquez Martinez said that process helps build life skills and social skills the team can use in everyday life.

"Communication is really the key difference between team sports and some of the more individual sports we do," Eli said. "They have to work on talking to each other, trusting each other, and keeping each other involved. It's skills that go beyond football."

During the short six-week season, the football team played three games locally before heading to NIU for the regional competition where they came up just short in the game to decide who went to the state finals. But with a year under their belts, Jacob said they expect to start the season earlier in 2023 and have more players interested in joining the team.

With flag football part of the schedule, Little City's Special Olympics program now has team sports year-round with basketball, volleyball, football and softball in addition to the more individualized sports such as swimming, powerlifting, and many more.

Eli said the Special Olympics program and entire recreational program is always looking for feedback on what the participants are interested in and looking for ways to add classes and sports to appeal to as many people as possible.

"It's always exciting when a new sport can be added and I already have heard a few people asking to join the football team next year," Eli said. "Everyone had a lot of fun, and it was great to see them all grow as the year went on."

When you donate today, you help provide the best opportunities – like these young men to remain together – so growth, learning, and success are achieved each day ... for a lifetime.

REmain



Over 150 adults with disabilities are thriving in 20 CILAs throughout the Chicago suburbs – enabling individuals like Tommy, Wyatt, Blake, Jesse, and Evan to live productively for a lifetime.

A Historic Transition Is Fostering Continued Growth into Adulthood

Little City bridged the gap between children and adult services in a historic way, transitioning five participants in the children's program into the same adult residential CILA (Community Integrated Living Arrangement) – helping each to remain in a constant and foster continued growth and learning into adulthood.

It can be difficult for a single person in Little City's children services to make the jump to the adult program, whether it is because of a lack of space, life skill development or a return home or to another agency. But with five participants turning 22 within roughly a year, the opportunity to try something that had not been done was too great to pass up.

"It really is an incredible achievement by so many people on our team in children's, adults, and facilities," said Kelly Holm, Chief Program Officer for Adult Services. "It's such a unique situation and it's something that might not come around again for some time."

The five residents have virtually grown up with each other, with Tommy and Wyatt having graduated around the same time from the ChildBridge Center for Education with Blake leaving just before them. Jesse and Evan, who went to Kirk, were still familiar faces to the other three and have felt right at home in their Newport residence.

Home manager Ross Jaske said the five of them are like brothers, sharing a lot of the same interests, wanting to go out in the community to the same places and even getting in the occasional sibling spat.

"They're all pretty good friends and they act like brothers," Ross said. "They like doing the same things, it's easy for them to agree, they want to go out and get pizza together. It's different than if they are 22 and living with someone who is 61. They're still learning, so it's been good for them."

The five young men have also paved a way for more children to successfully transition to Little City's adult program. Before arriving, the previous residents at the Newport Home were transitioned to other CILAs and Newport was left vacant as renovations were made for the anticipated arrival of the five. That vacancy meant Little City took on a short-term loss for long-term gain.

The goal is not for the five to live together long term, but to move on to other CILAs and even more apartment-like settings such as the Port Center as their life skills and independence improve. The Newport Home would then welcome a new set of young adults still working on the skills needed to thrive in a CILA.

Joanne Kuhstoss, Director of Adult Residential Services, said because of the successful transition of Blake, Tommy, Wyatt, Evan and Jesse, the Newport Home is set to bridge that gap between children's and adults for years to come.

"When I first got here, the number of referrals from the children's program could be challenging because the adult residential program is pretty different," Joanne said. "Now we have a home that really is focused on that transition, and we can constantly monitor when they are ready to take that next step."

So far, all the residents have excelled in their new surroundings, including four of the five exploring the day programming at Countryside Center while Evan continues to grow and thrive in the autism program at the Recreation Center. Some may even be ready sooner than later for Employee Development Services – a step once not thought possible during their early days at the ChildBridge Center for Education.

Because of the opportunity to remain together, these individuals are continuing to find success and grow each day.

REalize

When you donate, this is the integrated and life-changing environment that you help recreate for individuals with the greatest needs. Thank you for always supporting our students and enabling them to THRIVE all year long!

37 children with autism and other developmental disabilities are learning and growing at the ChildBridge Center for Education – and in 2022 alone, 10 individuals graduated from the Day School, helping them take the next step as adults to continue a lifetime filled with success.

Brady Is Thriving, Thanks To You

Brady has been at the ChildBridge Center for Education for about two years, but in 2022 he started to really THRIVE.

The ChildBridge Center for Education launched the new THRIVE program in 2022 to recreate a more fully integrated and encompassing environment to cater to the students with the greatest needs. Brady is part of the first group of seven students in the program and has blossomed in the early stages, showing substantial improvements in life skill development, academics, and behaviors.

“Maladaptive behaviors are a common issue with students in the THRIVE program and we have already seen big improvements from everyone,” said Phil Siegel, school principal. “Just a year ago it would be hard to think Brady could move into a CILA setting after school, but because of the huge strides he has made that is a very reachable goal now.”

In Brady’s case, a combination of maladaptive behaviors and dependency on tablet usage hurt his ability to learn, transition, and interact with staff and students. But the new and recreated environment that the THRIVE program provides has been the key to unlocking his potential.

Unlike traditional classrooms, the THRIVE program utilizes a double classroom so students can learn and use sensory resources at the same time, allowing them to continue engaging with the class work while also having the vital tools for social and emotional regulation on hand.

Classrooms are also capped at four students each and there are five core staff members such as teachers and paraprofessionals along with a rotation of Board-Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) and other specialists to keep each student supported and engaged throughout the day.

Brady, who started at ChildBridge Center as a community-based student, also made the move to the residential program, giving him the full spectrum of what the THRIVE program can offer.

This is what your generosity does for individuals with the greatest needs...recreating this integrated environment for each to THRIVE.

“While we take great pride in the work we do with our community-based students, there is a continuum of care we can achieve with our residential students and an added opportunity to work with them,” Phil said. “The THRIVE program really bridges that gap between school and residential and the student has that extra support throughout the day.”

Little City’s THRIVE program is the first of its kind in the state, delivering educational and residential services to children and young adults who are at risk of needing to leave the state for services or on track for a State Operated Developmental Center. It has already gained the notice of state departments and leaders who hope the program can expand and serve as a template for others.

“The state of Illinois does not have the capacity needed to serve these children,” said Rich Bobby, Senior Chief Program Officer, Children’s Services. “This is not going to happen overnight, but the reality is we need to be part of the solution and my hope is to stop the pipeline to state institutions and out-of-state placements.”

If Brady is any indication, the THRIVE program will make life-changing differences for students for years to come.

“Brady’s academic stamina has substantially increased. There was a time when even trying to transition away from the iPad would trigger behaviors, but today Brady is engaged at school and learning at a whole different rate than he used to,” Phil said. “The goal is to have these students succeed in the least restrictive environment possible and Brady will be out of the THRIVE program and in a less restrictive environment before he graduates, no doubt about it.”

RElocate

Ethgar is working towards gaining community-based employment in 2023 because of your support last year. When you give today, you are enabling so many more to realize that potential.



391 individuals with disabilities were able to access the Day Programs & Services in 2022, thanks to YOU! Each having the best opportunity to grow life and social skills, work towards community-based employment, and always reach for their unique potential.

A New Space Has Enabled Growth

Ethgar just needed a little space to blossom.

Ethgar was one of the roughly 100 participants who relocated to an entirely new center in 2022, heading from the longtime Lakeside Center in Waukegan to a beautiful and dynamic space in Grayslake that has transformed the programming and the people who benefit from it.

Janet Medina, a longtime life-skills instructor at Grayslake, said Ethgar is just one example of participants excelling in the new environment that focuses on classroom learning, choices, and more variety than the old Lakeside Center could offer.

As someone who has worked with Ethgar since 2019, she said he has taken more strides in the last year than she has ever seen before – and the relocation to the more dynamic space was pivotal in his growth.

“He’s just such a great worker and helper and he has really gotten more comfortable around others,” Janet said. “He’s still a little shy but you can see how much more comfortable he has become since being here.”

While the old Lakeside Center had a warehouse-like layout that focused primarily on contracted work done on-site by participants, the new 15,000-square-foot facility has multiple classrooms and larger meeting areas to give participants an opportunity to pursue interests and develop more skills.

Ethgar, in addition to continuing to do on-site work such as shredding and some product assembly for above minimum-wage rates, has increased his social skills through exploring the new curriculum and classes the Grayslake center offers. He is involved in music, cooking classes, physical education courses such as outdoor hikes around Lake County’s natural parks, art and much more.

The layout of the new center is key to the early success. Rooms are divided into Earn, Learn, Create and Recreate spaces. In the Earn curriculum, individuals learn work skills and social skills for potential employment. In the Learn area, people can work on subjects like math, reading, and writing. Create allows participants to engage in art, dance, and other outlets while Recreate focuses on health, fitness, and community engagement.

Cortney Lucente, Assistant Director of Lake County Community Day Services, said the curriculum is still growing and more and more options will become available to help participants like Ethgar reach their full potential.

“It’s been a really wonderful change for everyone, and you can see how much more we are capable of as a program and how much more they are capable of because of the opportunities they now have,” Cortney said. “Ethgar has just always been this wonderful, polite, and professional person and now he is able to take that next step.”

After a highly successful 2022, Ethgar is set to join the Employee Development Services program in early 2023 and work toward gaining a job in the community – a step Janet said he is more than ready for.

REset

This is your impact on adults with disabilities when you donate today – enabling each to work productively for a lifetime and grow their life skills to find success each day.

In 2022, 45 adult participants were placed in a new job through the Employment First program here at Little City – helping each to work productively and reach their unique potential for a lifetime.

Mike Took The Next Step And Never Looked Back

Mike needed a reset.

For more than a decade, Mike had worked in an enclave setting in a hospital, going from department to department collecting empty cardboard boxes, breaking them down and bringing them to the compactor. The enclave setting gave Mike a steady routine and structure while getting a taste of what community employment could be, but after 14 years, he was ready to take the next step . . . he was ready for a reset.

Mike recently got his first community-based job, earning a position at the Red Robin in Woodfield and has learned the job skills and independence to do his work without a job coach, navigate public transportation and communicate with staff and supervisors at the restaurant.

It was a big change for Mike who is one of the first Little City participants to benefit from each program within the employment program.

“Mike really is a unique case because he experienced every program we offer in order to get where he is today,” said Shawna Pearson, Director of Employment Services. “He is a great example of what can happen when Employment First, EDS in the Community and our classes here are used together.”

Mike’s readiness for the change was evident right away to his job developer Keenya Coley. Keenya said Mike had to relearn some skills after doing the same job for so long, but his work ethic and eagerness made him a quick learner. He was also comfortable enough to express when a situation may not feel like the right fit after an interview – a rare trait for many of the first-time job seekers at Little City.

“It took him a little while to open up, but he is such a humble person and hard worker and all-around good guy that he just takes to things really quickly,” Keenya said. “When he first started at Red Robin, he told me he was worried he wasn’t doing a good job because he sincerely cares about his work and when I told him that all the managers told me how much they love having him, he really took off after that.”

Since the reset in employment, Mike is working twice a week at the restaurant and comfortable interacting with his co-workers and managers – a social skill he had little chance to develop in his previous enclave setting. Keenya said she now only needs to visit the job site as Mike is thriving, and he has figured out how to manage transportation to and from work.

She said the self-reliance and independence a community job provides compared to an enclave setting has already made a positive change in Mike’s life.

“It was such a joy to work with Mike and we’re buddies now. Seeing how this has made such a positive difference for him has really made me feel like I helped accomplish something special,” Keenya said. “He loves what he does and it is the perfect fit for him.”

REunite



“I love what I do, and they play such a significant role in my life and I know I am able to play a significant role in their lives, too.”

— Gwen Scott, Little City Foster Parent

297 youth are served in Little City’s Foster Care & Adoption program across multiple centralized locations in Chicago, Joliet, and Matteson.

Gwen Continues To Be Home For So Many Foster Kids In Need

Gwen Scott always knew she wanted to help people.

She didn’t necessarily expect that would include fostering more than a dozen children over the course of 14 years.

“I would take more kids right now if I could, but I’m at my capacity,” Gwen said. “I love what I do, and they play such a significant role in my life and I know I am able to play a significant role in their lives, too.”

Gwen currently has a set of four sibling sisters ages 6 through 11 and is going through the guardianship process, which would set-up a sort of co-parenting situation with the biological parents. Over the years, Gwen has experienced short- and long-term fostering, working to reunite foster children with their families, helping older teens to transition out of the foster system and even recently adopting.

Mariah Brandon, Family Recruitment & Matching Supervisor, said finding Gwen was a blessing as she came to Little City from a different agency.

“Gwen is just an amazing person and has always been there to help out in a tight squeeze or any emergency we may have,” Mariah said. “I was lucky enough to be her case manager when she first came here, and you can see how much she really cares about what she does. She is an amazing ambassador for us.”

Gwen also said coming to Little City was a turning point for her as the support she received only strengthened her love for fostering and made her the parent she is today. Before coming to Little City, she said fostering felt like more of an individual effort compared to what she has experienced here.

“Little City is full of awesome people who have supported me the whole way and have inspired me. There are just so many go-to people,” Gwen said. “People are sometimes shocked I can have four or five kids at a time, but you learn through the ups and the downs and the tough times that there is a whole team of people ready to support you. They are the reason I am the foster parent I am today. I couldn’t choose a better agency.”

Gwen’s passion has been passed down. Her daughter, who grew up around Gwen’s fostering passion, has recently become a Little City foster parent and Gwen’s contagious love for fostering has helped others take an interest in trying it for themselves.

Mariah said stories like Gwen’s are more important than ever as Little City prepares for its first full year in new locations throughout the Joliet and Matteson areas. She said people like Gwen, who are not only fantastic foster parents but eager to share their passion, will help encourage much needed families to give fostering a try.

“It’s a learning process and I’m still learning, but you just have to love what you do and – even though it’s not easy – it is very easy to love this,” Gwen said. “So many of these kids feel like they aren’t loved, so you just love them and then they feel like home.”

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 Shirley A. Vallort
 Darryl & Antonia Van Kampen
 Joanne E. Van Natta
 James & Mary Ann Vanaria
 Eberhard & Catherine Veit
 Gerald & Marilyn Viator
 Mark G. Walenga
 Larry & Doris Walther
 Mary Jo Warfield
 Anne Wege
 Roger & Mary Jane White
 John Wietecha
 Carol A. Wojtalik
 Brian & Kristie Wolek
 Diane Wright
 Chau & Chin-Mei Wu
 Kenneth & Anita Youga
 Barbara Zahn
 Joseph Zielonski
 Steven & Kathleen Zimmermann
 Charles Zitnick
 Carol Zofkie
 Joyce Zurek

*deceased

In-Kind Gifts and Volunteering

Because of our volunteers, Little City was able to complete the many projects that were accomplished in 2022. Additionally, Little City received many in-kind donations which are some of the most effective and impactful resources in helping us achieve our mission.

In-Kind Gifts

American Legion Auxiliary Group
Mark Anderson
Amy Augustine
Dana Balogh
Daniel Barry
Benefit Cosmetics LLC
BluSky Restoration Contractors
Eleni & Dimitrios Bousis
Cook County
Frank Davis
DICK'S Sporting Goods, Inc.
D'Vine Wine & Gifts
Alex Durante
First Ascent Climbing & Fitness
Float Sixty

Goodman Theatre
Mary Carol & David Grabill
Grape Experiences
Joyce Henricks
iFly Rosemont
Juice Beauty
Kane County Cougars
Carol Klick
Lynfred Winery, Inc.
Melanie Masi
Metropolis Performing Arts Centre
Mark & Marianne Rakoczy
Revolution Brewing
Mark & Heather Ritter
Michael A. Sangermano

Neil Shelton
Shred415
Six Flags Great America
St Edna Catholic Church
St. Andrew Women's Philoptochos Society
Rob Steere
Sutton Studios
Shannon Sward
The Field Museum
The Great Escape Room
The Home Depot
Top Golf Schaumburg
VAI Italian Inspired Kitchen
Walgreens Company
Tracy Williams
Wines for Humanity

Volunteer Groups

American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA)
Assurance
BluSky Restoration Contractors
DICK'S Sporting Goods
Ernst & Young
Friends of Countryside Gallagher
Little City Associate Board
Motorola Solutions
Omron
Robert Half Talent Solutions
Society of Casualty and Safety Engineers (SCSE)
Vistex
Zurich



A group of volunteers from Dick's Sporting Goods came by Little City's Fitness and Recreation Center and painted, cleaned up the facility and gifted Little City participants with new fitness equipment for the gym.

Visionary Society

The Visionary Society honors the lifetime individual givers of over \$50,000

Platinum Leaf (\$500,000+)

Abraham & Judith Bohrer
John M. & Becky J. Duffey
Vincent & Patricia Foglia / Foglia Family Foundation
Ethel & Joel Sharenow
George & Dimitra Zervas

Gold Leaf (\$250,000-\$499,999)

Julie Bell/ Julie Bell Living Trust
Eleni & Dimitrios Bousis
Vernon* L. & Merle* Carson
Alec K. and Viena P. Gianaras Foundation / Alexander Gianaras
Marguerite D. Hark
Jeff & Vicki Heise
Alfred B. Henry*
Donald & Ellen Kuhns
Dorothy Rose* / The Dorothy Rose Living Trust
Matthew & Tina Schubert
Henry Smogolski / Smogolski Family Charitable Trust

Silver Leaf (\$100,000-\$249,999)

James Andersen*
Steven & Barbara Anderson
Howard* & Linda Bell
Gilda M. Castiglione
Elaine A. Cohen*
Kent P. & Elizabeth D. Dauten
Nancy & B. Timothy Desmond
Tahra & Mark Dodson / The Dodson Foundation
Christopher & Cindy Galvin
John & Mary Jo George
Judge Albert* & Celia Green
Randall Green
William* & Jean* Hartmann
Edward & Andrea Hockfield
Shawn & Barbara Jeffers
Kaye B. Karch & Jerry Rubin
Ellen Kolegar
Rosellen & E. William Monter
Michael J. & Donna Poelle
Sidney Port*
Joseph & Susan Power / Power Family Foundation
Dale & Leanna Rublaitus
Randall & Elizabeth Sass
Robert L. Sherman & Barbara Bradford
James H. Stone/ James H. Stone Trust
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Stone*
Eleni Tzotzolis/ Cermak Produce
Hal R. & Cindy Wolken

Bronze Leaf (\$50,000-\$99,999)

John L. Aikin
Alex & Karen Alexandrou
David & Martha Althoff
Bruce Amsterdam & Ilene Grossman
Ronald Barsanti
Larry & Cathy Bertolozzi
Saul Chez*
Eileen Christensen
Lillian B. Churchill
Michael & Nancy Daley
Gwendolyn A. Damico
Todd DeFranco / DeFranco Plumbing, Inc.
Nancy & James Donahoe
Rit & Mehetab Faisal
Charles (Gil) & Betty Fergus
Paul & Mary Finnegan
Andrew C. & Karen M. Flis
Bernard Goldberg
Good Family Foundation / Dr. Mary L. Good*
Mary Carol & David Grabill
Jonathan & Monica Green
Pamela & Gregory Greene
Jean Hartmann*
Richard D. Hodgers
James* & Tamara* Howell
Leo B. Klimaitis / Susan L. Klimaitis Foundation
Charles Kotval*
Mitchell & Sari Kovitz
Frank R. Kral*
Wendy K. Kritt
Linda LaPorte
Carol L. Meyer
Kenneth M. & Theresa M. Mihalka
Edward & Jean Murphy
David & Daryl Nelms
Norman* & Lillian* Orenstein
Daniel* and Helen* Pradt
J.B. and M.K. Pritzker Family Foundation
Mark & Marianne Rakoczy
Andrew & Kim Richmond
David A. Rose
Janet & Alan Rosenfeld
Paul & Joan Rubschlager Foundation
Robert & Julie Samson
Dennis & Carla Schlemmer
Debra Schnabel
John* & Erma* Schnabel / John J. Schnabel Trust
Carol M. Symons*
James Testa & Terri Rudd
Robert J. & Roberta Washlow

*deceased

Legacies & Bequests

Legacies & Bequests are a result of the gracious philanthropy of those who made the decision to include us in their estate plans. To learn more about planned giving, contact Tina Maraccini at tmaraccini@littlecity.org or visit www.littlecity.org/plannedgiving.

Realized Legacies & Bequests

Davita Bloom Trust
Estate of Jeanette A. Casano
Edelstein Charitable Trust
Alice Essling Living Trust

Anna Fredriksen Irrevocable Trust
Thomas P. & Etta L. Garrity Trust
Althea G. Gorak a/k/a A.G. Revocable Trust
Dominic G. Origitano Estate

Theodore I. Salmon Trust
Jane Wilson and David Mayhew Stone Charitable Trust

The Judith & Abraham Bohrer Heritage Society Members

Jan Abramowitz
John L. Aikin
Alex & Karen Alexandrou
Alexis Alm
James Andersen*
Alan & Joy Baltz
Howard* & Linda Bell
Julie Bell/ Julie Bell Living Trust
Abraham & Judith Bohrer
Lola J. Brantner
Vernon* L. & Merle* Carson
Nancy & B. Timothy Desmond
William Drake*
Charles (Gil) & Betty Fergus
Alec K. and Viena P. Gianaras Foundation / Alexander Gianaras

Lillian Gorak*
Jonathan & Monica Green
Pamela & Gregory Greene
Ronald & Marci Holzer
James* & Tamara* Howell
Ryan & Carmen Isherwood
Shawn & Barbara Jeffers
C. Conrad Johnson*
William D. Johnson
Leland* & Shirley* Kenney
Ellen Kolegar
Linda LaPorte
Sandra Loebe-Stoken & Richard Stoken
Michael & Joyce Lueth
Terence J. McElligott

Carol L. Meyer
Shirley L. Miller*
Deborah Nelson
Lucretia Perrone Charitable Unitrust
Michael J. & Donna Poelle
Dorothy Rose*
Randall & Elizabeth Sass
Harold H. Schmalbeck*
Matthew & Tina Schubert
Henry Smogolski/ Smogolski Family Charitable Trust
Carol & Ulfur Thors
Rivian H. Wolf

*deceased

Executive Director Shawn Jeffers celebrated with The Heritage Society's namesakes—Abraham and Judith Bohrer—on Abe's 102nd birthday this past October.



By the Numbers

Your support is the reason the people in our care are exceeding expectations and reaching their unique potential. In 2022, your gifts and compassion helped provide:



Life-changing programs and services provided to as many as 999 individuals each day.



8,068 hours of home-based services provided to children and adults with disabilities.



Thriving homes to 60 children in the residential program.



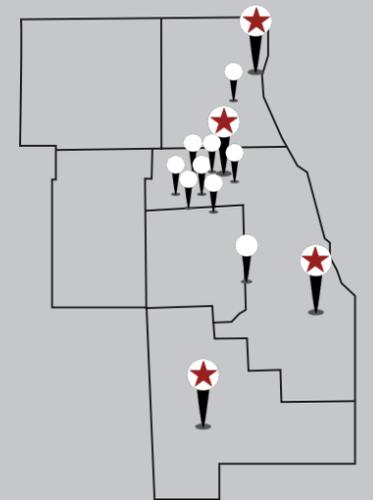
320 individuals provided over 1,300 hours of volunteer work throughout our vibrant community.



45 adults were placed in a new community-based job in 2022.

Location Scope of Services

★ Location of our Main Campus, Countryside, Grayslake and Foster Care & Adoption Offices



CILA Locations: Palatine, Hanover Park, Streamwood, Schaumburg, Arlington Heights, Roselle, Hoffman Estates.
Counties Served: Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will.

Your support is what creates this vibrant community for hundreds of individuals with disabilities to be provided with the best options and opportunities to live safely, learn continuously, explore creatively, and work productively throughout their lifetimes.

In Loving Memory

This past year, Little City suffered the difficult loss of our beloved Susan Lavieri. Her life impacted so many people in profound ways. We miss her greatly, and her spirit will live on in all those who have had the privilege of being a part of her life.



Susan Lavieri February 12, 1949 — June 26, 2022

22 Years at Little City

It is with great sadness that we share that longtime resident Susan Lavieri has passed away at the age of 73.

Susan lived at the Cedar Home at Little City for 22 years, becoming a staple for both her housemates and staff alike. She was affectionately referred to as Mama Sue in the home and the other women would often follow her lead.

While mostly nonverbal, Sue was known for her independent streak and determination to do what she was passionate about. Sue loved the horseback riding program through Little City, activities with her housemates and watching her favorite show, Golden Girls. Before coming to Little City, Sue even worked at Forkosh Hospital.

Crystal Valley, who supported Sue at the Cedar Home for many years, said she was one of the loveliest and happiest women she ever met.

“She was tiny and tough and never let anything get in her way,” Crystal said. “The residents in that home have been together so long and they just all love each other. She meant so much to them and the staff who had the opportunity to work with her. Everyone loved Sue.”

Sue will be greatly missed by all at Little City, but the impact she had on all she knew will carry on in our hearts.

FY22 Financials

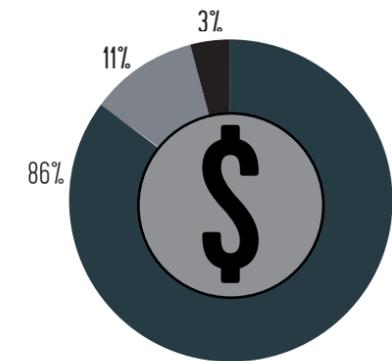
Little City provides innovative programs and services that foster development and personal fulfillment for the individuals served. To do so, Little City relies on government funding and direct contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations.

Beyond the state-required minimal standard of care, Little City’s quality-of-life standards encompass programs and services that foster a life of health, recreation, education and culture that protect one’s rights, beliefs, choices and aspirations.

The charts below provide a glance at Little City’s operating expenses and revenues for Fiscal Year 2022 dating July 1, 2021 — June 30, 2022.

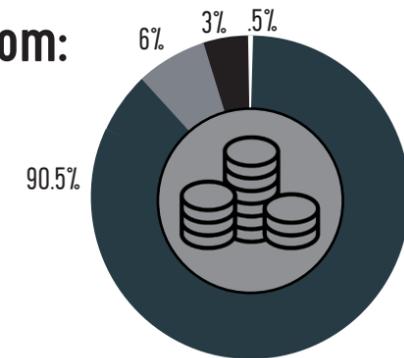
How funds are used:

- Programs & Services: 86%
- Management & General: 11%
- Fundraising: 3%



Where funds come from:

- Government Funding: 90.5%
- Private Donations: 6%
- Corporate Foundations & Grants: 3%
- Investments & Other Income: .5%



86% of every dollar you gave went directly to funding the comprehensive scope of programs and services that are changing lives each day!



Since 1959, Little City has been dedicated to serving children and adults with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities by providing the best options and opportunities to live safely, learn continuously, explore creatively and work productively throughout their lifetime. By inspiring, advocating and pursuing success with passion and purpose, lives are changed through hope, happiness, and optimism.

Learn more at www.littlecity.org