

# Unstoppable Futures

**The Childhood League Center Impact Report  
2021 - 2022**



# Dear Friends,

What a year it has been at The Childhood League Center! In the second full school year of delivering our services during a pandemic, our staff showed incredible resiliency. The Center has a tradition of excellence when it comes to our staff. We have highly educated and experienced experts who are among the top talents in their fields. That means our children, whether they are in Preschool at The Center or receiving Early Intervention services at home, are getting high quality early childhood education and interventions at all times. There is no better place for any child, especially one with developmental delays, than The Center.

I want to recognize four of our longtime staff members who exemplify that tradition of excellence, and who retired at the end

of the school year. We are so thankful to Bonnie Thompson, Carla Bearden, Carol Rodríguez and Mindy Shore for the 120+ combined years they gave to serving our children. Their impact cannot be overstated, as they served generations of Franklin County families. This year, new staff members are stepping into those roles and others, and they are already rising to the occasion for our children and their families.

Even though, as we look forward, we are facing another extraordinary year of change, we stand 100% ready. Our staff who work directly with our children excelled throughout the pandemic, innovating when faced with challenges and allowing all our children to thrive. Their talents and flexibility have allowed





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# Our Programs



## Early Intervention (0-3 years old)

A team of highly-trained specialists support one provider working directly with a family in their home to confidently promote their child's development. Those providers include Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech-Language Therapists, and Developmental Specialists. The aim is to meet the goals established by the family and to help them become lifelong advocates for their child.



## Preschool (3-5 years old)

Children with and without special needs learn in a fully-inclusive environment that is play-based and focused on social-emotional growth and developmental milestones. In Preschool, we work to leverage a child's strengths to meet personalized goals and to foster curiosity and confidence as lifelong learners while supporting families as advocates.



## PLAY Project

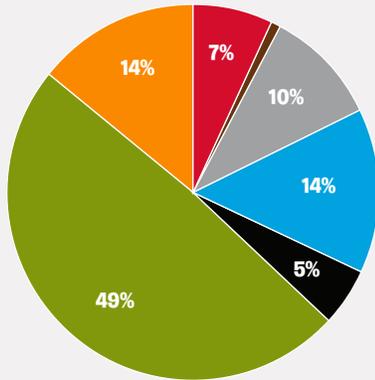
A parent-implemented autism intervention for young children that is intensive and evidence-based. It is based on relationships and can improve social interaction, communication and functional development. It empowers families to build their own skills to support their child's development, increasing the bond and affect between the child and parent in the process.



# Our Financials

## **2021 - 2022 PROGRAM REVENUE // Total Revenue [unaudited]: \$3,138,279** [July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022]

Since 1945, The Childhood League, Inc. has strategically planned a diverse funding base to help ensure program excellence.

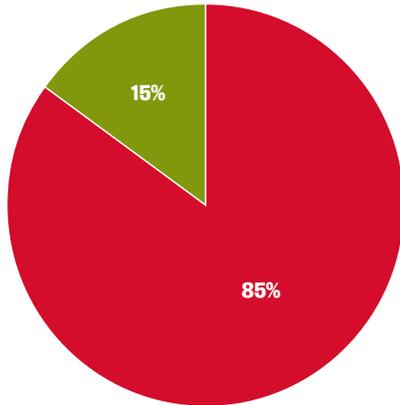


- 49% Government Funding\*
- 14% Individual Contributions
- 14% Investment Contributions
- 7% Grants, Foundations and Corporate Contributions
- 1% Help Me Grow Home Visitation Program
- 10% Merry Go Round
- 5% Other\*\*

\* Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Government Funds & Grants, State ECE/City ESC Grants, & State Budget Line Item

\*\* Facility Usage, PLAY Project, Tuition & League Dues

**2021 - 2022 PROGRAM EXPENSES // Total Expenses [unaudited]: \$3,173,699**  
[July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022]



- 85% Educational Programming and Therapeutic Services
- 15% Administrative, Fundraising and Merry Go Round



# The Center's New Board Chair

## Katrina Thompson



In July, The Childhood League Center's Board of Directors voted to approve Katrina Thompson as the Board's new Chair. Katrina is a partner at Barnes & Thornburg LLP and has been on The Center's Board since 2018. She has been an Honoree on Business First Magazine's 40 Under 40 and is part of the Leadership Columbus Class of 2019.

"I found myself drawn to resources, videos and trainings produced by The Center as I was navigating my own daughter's autism diagnosis and jumped on the opportunity to pay the support back by serving on the Board. I am excited to use my expanded role on the Board to draw in more people from the community to support the children served by The Center during their most critical period of development. Growing up myself with limited means, as some of my rural school's only diversity (my father immigrated from Brazil), and now raising a child with special needs, I feel very strongly that no child should be left behind and am proud to serve with a Board committed to the same mission."

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Katrina succeeds Leonard Scott, who has been Board Chair since 2017. Leonard, a Market Access Leader at Novartis, joined the Board in 2016. He has helped The Center navigate an ever-changing landscape for nonprofits, including the many challenges presented by COVID-19. Leonard will remain a member of the Board and will now serve as the Chair of the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee.

“During my time as Board Chair, I am most proud of leading a diverse Board working collaboratively and collectively with passionate and committed Board members from across the community to support the mission and vision of The Center. Serving The Center as Board Chair has been an honor of a lifetime. As I transition into my role as DE&I Committee Chair on the Board, my goal is to ensure The Center is well equipped to embed DE&I into the DNA of the organization, from staffing and programming to board members, volunteers, and donors.”



# Our Impact on Families

## The Pedersens



This year, a record 42 students graduated from The Childhood League Center. One of those graduates was Angelo. He was born with a congenital heart condition as well as Caudal Regression Syndrome, which impairs the development of the lower body. At four months old, Angelo began receiving services from our Early Intervention program, working with a Developmental Specialist from The Center. His progress in physical therapy set him up to join The Center's toddler classroom when he was just 2 years old. He immediately loved being around kids his own age, thriving in the inclusive social environment.

Angelo has learned so much from his teachers and fellow students that he routinely surprises his mother with a new bit of knowledge he's gained. Beyond his progress in the classroom, Angelo has



overcome incredible physical challenges. Nurse Ann has continuously adjusted his care plan and trained staff accordingly. He has been working with one of The Center's physical therapists for years, and has learned to propel and maneuver himself in his wheelchair with great expertise. He is also able to get out of it quickly and easily, hitting the ground and taking off at a moment's notice, using his hands to keep up with his peers and take him wherever he wants to go. His physical therapist describes Angelo as an amazing human, who always volunteers to tackle a challenge. She says sometimes he works so hard, it feels like he's doing the therapy all on his own!

Angelo has a very bright future ahead of him thanks

to his remarkable family, the tireless work of The Center's staff, and his own fierce spirit and will. He's left a mark on everyone at The Center. His teachers admire his spirit and attitude, and his classmates see him as a leader and an inspiration. We're going to miss him as he goes off to kindergarten, but we know he will achieve great things because The Center helped him to maximize his abilities. He is the embodiment of what it means to transform challenging starts into unstoppable futures.



# The Center: By the Numbers



80

Number of children with developmental delays  
The Center serves at  
any given time



Children who graduated from  
the Preschool this year, a  
record number



13%

Return on Investment for  
high-quality early education  
for children birth through five



77

Years The Center has  
been helping the most  
vulnerable children  
in our community

# Our Kids



# Thank You

Without our passionate advocates, there would be no Childhood League Center. It's because of our hundreds of supporters that we're able to continue to transform challenging starts into unstoppable futures for central Ohio's at-risk children. Those supporters include our donors, the League, Assisting Boards, Council, Board of Directors, parents & families, staff, community volunteers, our partners at local corporations & foundations, and our legislative advocates at the city, county and state levels. Thank you for all the ways you help The Center and our children.



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