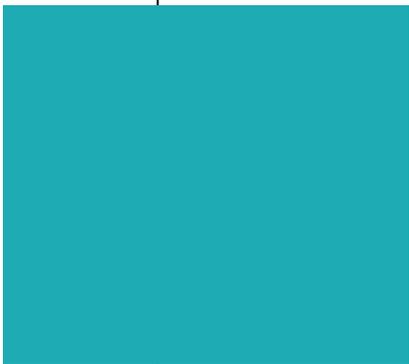


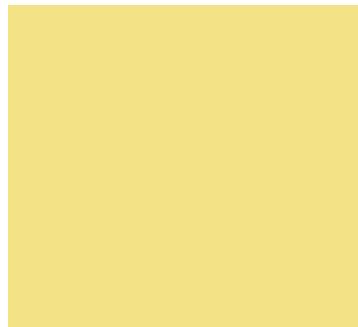
2025

# Down Syndrome of Louisville Impact Summary



**Mission:** To support, educate and advocate for individuals with Down syndrome.

**Vision:** A world where every individual with Down syndrome reaches their full potential.



# Because of you, 2025 was extraordinary

You built connection. You delivered education. You championed advocacy.

You brought joy to every stage of life for individuals with Down syndrome and their families.

More people than ever found support, friendship, and opportunity through Down Syndrome of Louisville, because you cared.

The numbers in this report? They're your impact.

The stories? They're your legacy.

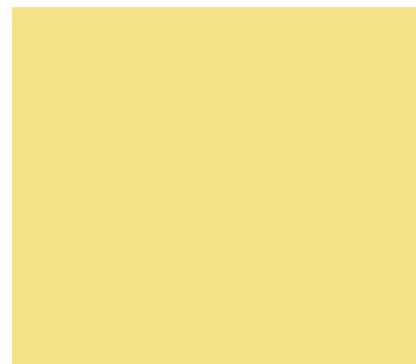
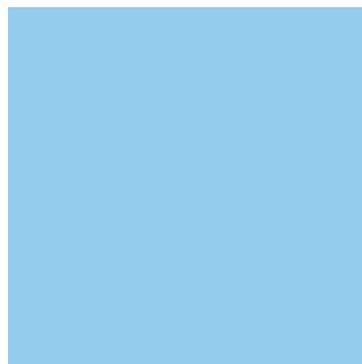
Thank you for being part of this journey. Whether you attended an event, shared our story, volunteered your time, or simply stayed connected, you made this year one of meaningful growth.

Together, we're strengthening a community where every individual with Down syndrome can thrive this year and for years to come.

With heartfelt appreciation,



**Taylor Ingram**  
Executive Director



# Milestones & Memories

**129** volunteers  
contributed **732** hours

strengthening programs across every age group.



Over **3,800**  
hours of services  
promoting lifelong  
learning.



**93**  
million  
impressions across  
social media.

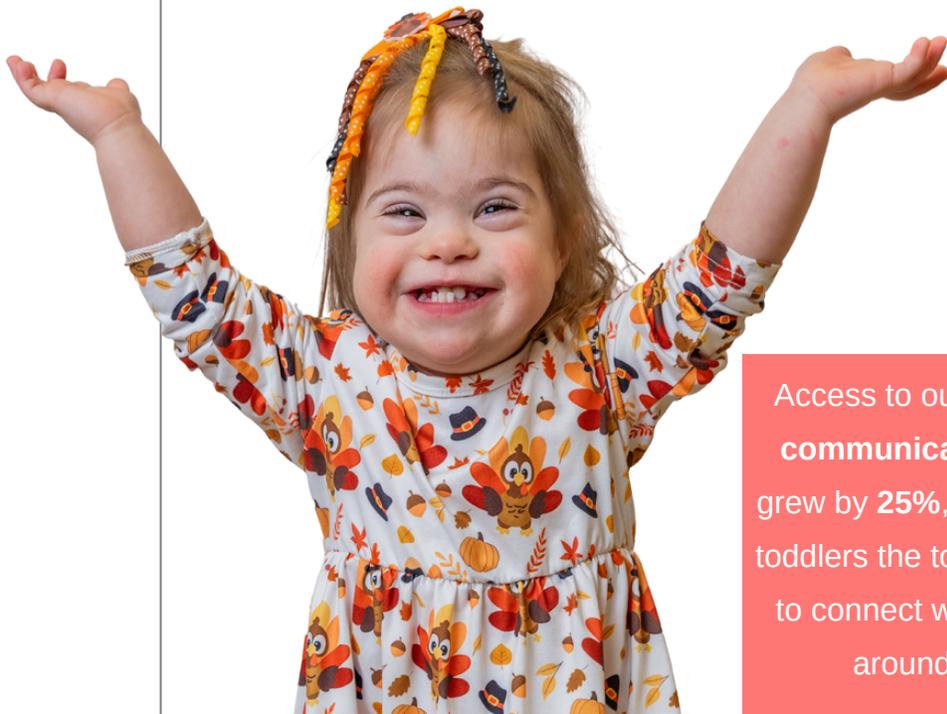


# Building Strong Foundations

**41 babies and toddlers** strengthened age-appropriate skills through **Indiana First Steps** and **Kentucky Early Intervention System (KEIS)**, giving them a confident start.

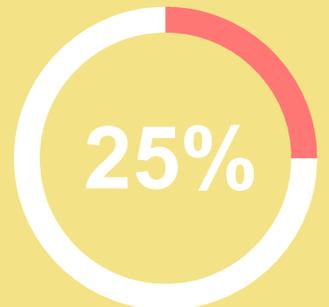


Our preschool celebrated  
its **one year**  
anniversary.



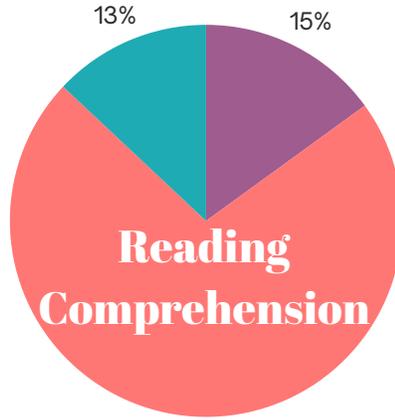
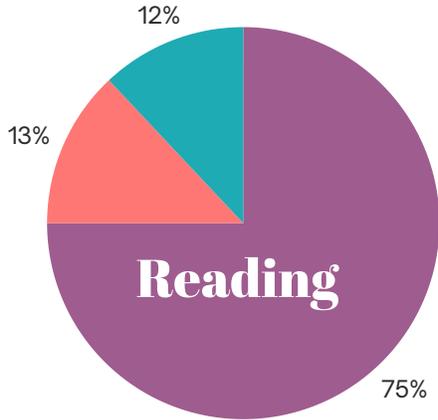
Access to our **preschool communications class** grew by **25%**, offering more toddlers the tools they need to connect with the world around them.

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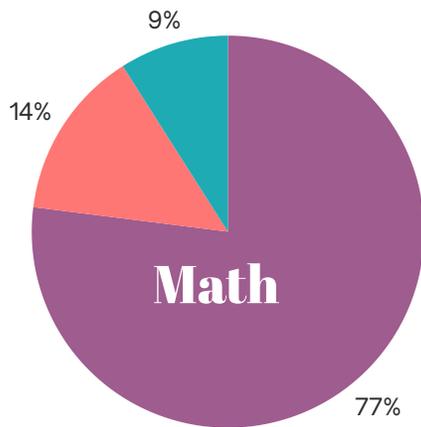


# Summer of Growth

This summer, **39 school-aged children** stayed sharp through the **Summer Education and Enrichment (SEE) program**, preventing summer learning loss and keeping curiosity alive.



Percentage of SEE Campers who  
**Improved** - **Maintained** - **Regressed**



Families gave SEE a perfect **5.0** rating across all major categories - overall experience, staff support, and program quality.



## Teen Engagement



Teen Club hosted **20 sessions** offering an average of **14 teens** a place to belong and build independence.



In May, **25 teens** experienced the magic of **prom** and made memories that will last a lifetime.

# Adult Independence

With your support, we expanded the **Southern Indiana Academy** to a **third day**, and launched a **Healthy Movement class**.

We welcomed **18 new individuals**

across our **Indiana and Kentucky Academies**,

bringing our adult learning community to

**140 members**



**Book Club and Living & Learning** offered

**133 sessions**

providing meaningful connections and continued learning.



# Employment that Empowers

We expanded our Career Solutions network with **four new employment partners** - Publix, Ocean Soul, Saint Xavier High School, and Kentucky Branded.

**48** individuals thrived in community jobs this year through **Career Solutions**, turning employment goals into real opportunities.



Trenton celebrated **10 years** with Cracker Barrel, and Macey marked her **10-year anniversary** with Bennett & Bloom Eye Centers. These anniversaries highlight the dedication of our employment partners.



We also celebrate the **20 former participants** now working independently in the community. Their continued success reflects the lasting impact of **Career Solutions'** personalized coaching, strong partnerships, and the confidence our members carry with them long after support ends.

# Celebrating Creativity & Talent



The **Boogie Down Crew** energized the community with over **16 performances**, bringing joy wherever they went.



Our production of **Shrek the Musical** brought community theater to life and highlighted our remarkable talents.

“DSL’s Got Talent” featured **44 performances** by **62 individuals** each sharing their skills with confidence and pride.

# Family Connections

**22 new families** were welcomed to DSL, adding new stories and perspectives to our community.



More than **140 moms** of children with disabilities enjoyed restorative bi-annual **Mom’s Nights Out** thanks to **Barren Heights, Critically Loved, and FEAT of Louisville.**



Over **12 hours** of expert-led programming in our monthly Education Series equipped parents and caregivers with essential knowledge.

**17 families** received support through our Adopt-A-Family program, making the holiday season brighter for those DSL families who needed it most.

# Moments that Brought Us Together



The Louisville Hat launched as a bold symbol of city pride and inclusivity. Thanks to your support, more than **200 hats** have already been sold.

Halloween celebrations reached even more families with over **120 attendees** at Boo at the Zoo, and **10** decorated cars at our first Southern Indiana trunk-or-treat. 

From Boogie Down Brew with Falls City Brewing to Boogie Down Blend with Heine Brothers and Racing Louisville, these flavorful collaborations proved that when we come together, great things happen.



**15 members** experienced an unforgettable day at Racing Louisville FC's third annual Rock Your Socks clinic, enjoying a private session with Racing players and building confidence through sport.



# Special Events that Move Our Mission Forward

The **Gallop Gala** once again kicked off Derby season in spectacular style. Our largest gala to date, welcomed **689 generous guests** and generated critical support for the programs our families count on.



Our **33rd annual Pro-Celebrity Golf Tournament** returned to **Audubon Country Club**, continuing its legacy as our longest-running event. The day opened with **32 DSL members** teeing off before **145 golfers** joined them on the course, creating unforgettable moments and supporting year-round services.



The **Kindness Warrior Walk** brought the entire DSL community together at Waterfront Park. With **121 walk teams** and countless families, friends, and advocates, it was a powerful celebration of inclusion and a vital contributor to our mission.



# United for a Stronger Community



We awarded a grant to Dreams with Wings, helping fund their **2025 Achieving Dreams Summer Camp** for **50** young adults with Down syndrome.

We supported the publication of updated medical guidelines through the **GLOBAL Down Syndrome Foundation**, ensuring families and healthcare providers nationwide have access to current, reliable care.



## Leading Beyond Our Walls

Career Solutions presented at the **Kentucky Association of People Supporting Employment's First Conference**, where two members and their managers shared success stories and best practices.



We received a **Certificate of Recognition** from **The Keystone Community Foundation** for our shared mission to strengthen communities and help people thrive.

Members of our team were appointed to key roles on the **Kentucky Employment Council** and the **board of Down Syndrome Affiliates in Action**, helping shape statewide and national conversations about opportunity.



# Financial Summary

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

We are an independent nonprofit serving families across **32 counties** in Kentucky and Southern Indiana. Service fees and reimbursements cover part of what it takes to deliver high-quality, lifelong support, but not all of it. A healthy mix of grants, events, sponsorships, and individual gifts allows us to meet needs quickly, invest in great staff, and sustain programs families count on year-round. Every dollar stays here, helping more than **1,300 individuals** thrive.

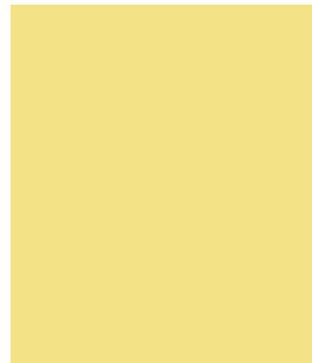
## Revenue

General Donations \$362,093  
Grants \$394,935  
Special Events \$847,852  
Government Agencies \$1,236,681  
Program Fees \$325,872  
Investment Income \$7,718  
Total Revenue \$3,175,151



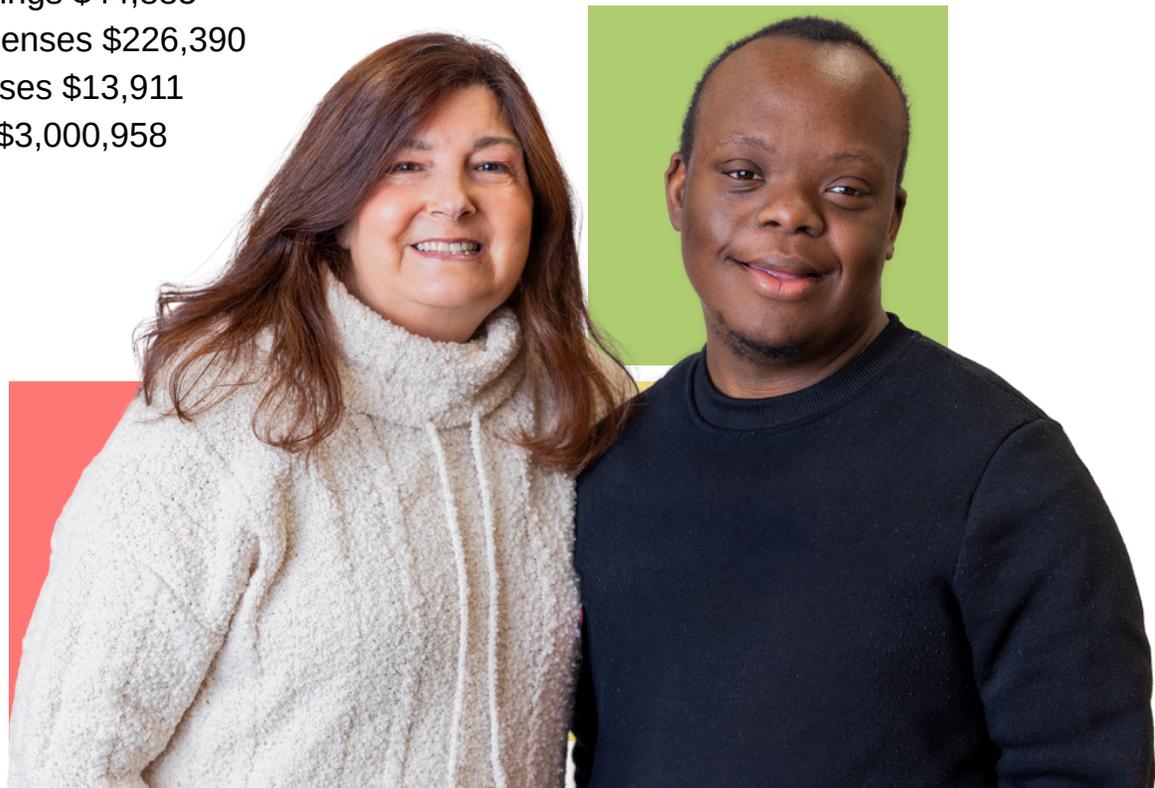
## Expenses

Salaries and Related Expenses \$2,037,585  
Contract Services \$305,063  
Operating Expenses \$221,880  
Facilities \$151,244  
Travel and Meetings \$44,885  
Fundraising Expenses \$226,390  
Business Expenses \$13,911  
Total Expenses \$3,000,958



## Net

\$174,193



# A Year Shaped by Your Generosity

We proudly recognize the grantors and families whose gifts are reflected here. Whether offered in partnership or in tribute, these meaningful contributions strengthen programs that empower individuals throughout their lives.

## 2025 Grantors

Caesars Foundation of Floyd County  
GPD Employees' Foundation  
The Keystone Community Foundation  
Kosair for Kids  
MAC Construction  
Norton Healthcare Community Initiatives  
The Starbucks Foundation  
TCC Gives  
WHAS Crusade for Children

## 2025 Legacy Gifts

Estate of Patricia Fall Garrett  
Estate of Wilma L. Benson

## 2025 Memorial Gifts

Gifts made in memory of...

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Brooklyn Griffith  
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