

CDS celebrates...

20
years



Center for
Developmental
Services

2019 Year in review

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MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Center for Developmental Services - a milestone of our own! In the summer of 2000, a team of pediatricians and specialists from six nonprofit entities opened our doors for services and support in one location to families who had a child with a disability. Since that time, we have continued that mission with incredible partners who collaborate to help children and their families succeed.

Although co-location is a key component of the CDS Partnership, we are so much more. By working together, we help to coordinate therapies, support systems, and resources to maximize the developmental progress of each child. No other multidisciplinary center offering the scope and depth of services available at CDS exists in the United States. It is a strong testament to the incredible community support that we have this asset here in the upstate.

In celebration of our 20 years of helping children, we are launching our [#20for20months](#) campaign that you'll see in print media and on our social platforms. No matter what crisis may affect our nation, children will still need disability services. We hope this campaign will move individuals and companies to be part of our mission who may not have supported us before. As the economy dips, nonprofits are often impacted to a greater extent than funders realize. We need to ensure our services maintain the high quality our clients deserve, and that we have the capacity for their growing needs.

When we asked our clients for one word that describes the impact CDS has had on their child, the most repeated words were: hope, independence, confidence, and support. These same words could be used to describe how you make a difference when you give to CDS. With each gift, a child makes strides towards *independence*, parents feel more *supported*, adolescents gain *confidence*, and families are given *hope*.

Thank you for investing in us over the past 20 years. You have made a difference for thousands of families here in the Upstate.



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Jason Vaughn
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A black ink signature of Dana McConnell.

Dana McConnell
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2019 STATISTICS



9,303

Unique children and individuals served



78,763

Total family visits to our facility



175

Volunteers donated their time



450

Volunteer hours logged



100

Outreach events in our community

EXPENSE ALLOCATION



92%

PROGRAM



4%

MANAGEMENT
& GENERAL



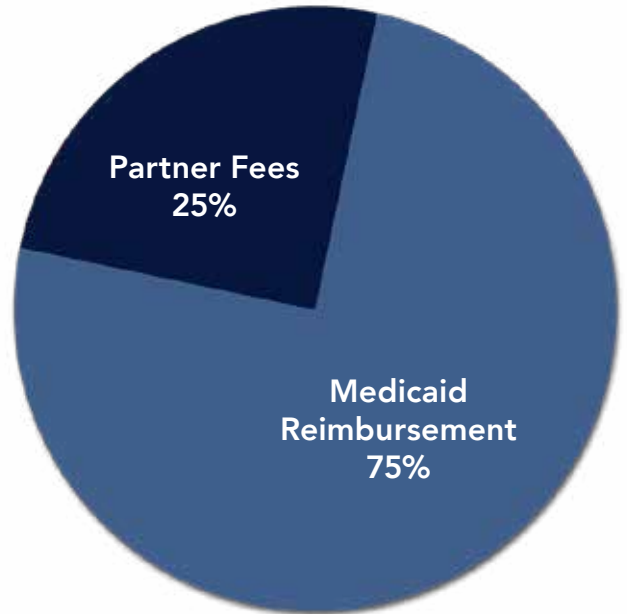
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FUNDRAISING

REVENUE SOURCES

Donations

Programs/Fees



CHILDREN SERVED

1,170
ANDERSON

640
PICKENS

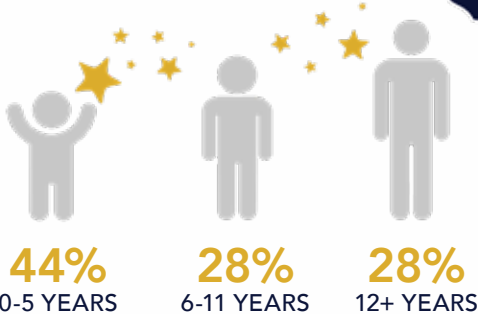
4,524
GREENVILLE

1,489
SPARTANBURG

435
LAURENS

1,045
OTHER

BY AGE



2019 HIGHLIGHTS



Greenville Senior High School chose CDS to be the beneficiary of their 2019 Spirit Week. In only one week, these incredible students raised over \$252,000 to support our current programs as well as ensure the long-term impact of CDS.



The SPARK! for Autism research group made a special trip to the Upstate to test individuals and families diagnosed with Autism in hopes of finding a genetic link. The study was conducted by researchers at the Medical University of SC (MUSC) with help from volunteers and staff at CDS.



We launched our inaugural Bowl and Brew to benefit CDS at the newly renovated Bowlero in Greenville. Donors, board members, staff, and families all enjoyed spending the evening together in this inclusive, family-friendly environment.



The Ned Marshall Memorial Golf Tournament presented by AC Controls raised over \$17,000 for CDS! We are so thankful to be included in this wonderful event in honor of the late Ned Marshall, a long-time employee with AC Controls who had a special place in his heart for children.



We offered a Summer Reading Program to families to actively keep young minds engaged during the break. In addition, every Wednesday the Greenville County Schools served nutritious meals before summer reading. A total of 323 lunches were provided through this partnership program.

THE BLACKBURN FAMILY



“The therapy and care Emma received here, even before they had a name for her condition and had no idea what they were dealing with, was exactly what Emma needed.”

After the premature birth of their first child, Brian and Lynn Blackburn brought their daughter, Emma, to the preemie clinic held at CDS. The preemie clinic is a department of the Prisma Health-Upstate Children’s Hospital called Developmental Pediatrics, which is designed to provide early detection of developmental delays.

After Emma’s 9-month visit to the preemie clinic, it was recommended that she start physical therapy through Kidnetics, also a department of Prisma Health-Upstate Children’s Hospital and another partner at CDS. Shortly after that, Emma’s treatment plan was expanded to include feeding therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy. At fifteen months, the nurse practitioner told them that, “We aren’t sure what’s wrong, but we do know that Emma is more than just a little girl who was born a few weeks early.” All they knew for sure was that Emma had an undiagnosed genetic syndrome. Lynn held her daughter tight and cried all the way home.



In the months that followed, Emma received hearing evaluations through Clarity, which was convenient since they were right down the hall. With each visit to CDS, the friendly faces of the Family Connections office walked with Lynn as she navigated a new world filled with confusing paperwork and countless appointments, all of which were critical to ensure that Emma received the best possible care.

In 2005, they finally received a name for her diagnosis, Rubinstein-Taybi Syndrome (RTS). Lynn remembers being afraid that the delay in the diagnosis might mean that they were missing something that would help in Emma’s development, or that they had not done something they should have been doing to help their daughter. She was relieved to find out that all the things they should have been doing, they were already doing at CDS. The therapy and care Emma received here, even before they had a name for her condition and had no idea what they were dealing with, was exactly what Emma needed.

Emma is now seventeen and a 9th grader at Woodmont High. No one there can believe that she was ever nonverbal! Or that she had to be taught how to climb the stairs and touch her own nose!

Her family has been amazed at her progress over the past seventeen years. To them, it has been pure joy to see all the accomplishments they didn’t know if they would ever see.



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