



Building a Brighter Future  
One Small Step at a Time



# Annual Report FY2017

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## Executive Director's Report

2017 was another busy year for the Children's center – in fact every year is busy. Here's some of what was going on:

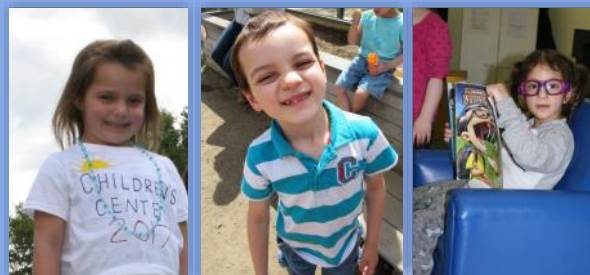
22 children participated in our autism programs.  
67 children participated in our behavior support programs.  
30 children received child care or specialized child care.  
81 children received occupational therapy.  
64 children received special education services.  
84 children received speech and language therapy.  
164 children received case management services.  
42 children received mental health services with a clinician.

2017 also saw the completion of our new playground. This playground has been a much worked for and long awaited project. For five years, we fundraised for it. We spent a year planning for it—stretching every penny to create an inclusive play space for children with all types of challenges—cognitive, sensory, emotional, and physical. All children can play and learn from each other in all areas of the playground. To my knowledge, there is no other inclusive play space like it in Maine.

We also opened a new site in Farmington. For years there has been no center based services for youth and children with special needs in Franklin County. We're there in the Fairbanks school providing services to more children than we projected. We're also providing case management services to children in that area.

Our work is not possible without our committed volunteer board, our amazing and talented staff, volunteers, and community sponsors. On behalf of the children and families we serve, I want to thank you all very much.

*Jeff Johnson*  
Executive Director



## President's Report

What a remarkable year The Children's Center has had! I have had the honor to serve as this year's President of the Board of Directors and I am so proud of the incredible accomplishments this organization has achieved!

We now house a one of a kind, all inclusive playground in Augusta! This allows every one of our kids to participate in playground activities! The value of our children interacting, growing and learning together has now moved outdoors! The kids absolutely love the new playground, as does our staff, so stop by and see for yourself soon!

The Children's Center has successfully brought a new classroom, affectionately known as "The Birches"! This investment positions us to respond to the growing needs for our services!

I want to thank the staff of The Children's Center, because they are truly Angels among us! Their passion to serve and their incredible compassion shown to the children is truly awe inspiring! When stories are told about the amazing growth and development of our kids, it waters the eyes and warms the heart!

To our community supporters, a hearty thank you for all of your support! The Chili Chowder Challenge and the annual Dinner and Auction events were very successful again this year, and all because of the wonderful support you give!

*Daniel Burgess*  
President of the Board



*The Children's Center's vision is a world where communities, families and caregivers join together to create nurturing environments in which all children are embraced as unique and valued individuals.*

## Statement of Financial Position

Revenues & Other Support	2017	2016
Grants & Contracts	\$37,421	\$30,277
Program Service Fees	\$2,625,019	\$2,608,530
United Way Contributions	\$65,422	\$73,417
Special Events & Other	\$82,826	\$62,752
Contributed Facilities & Services	\$7,012	\$8,210
Municipal Appropriations	\$6,195	\$5,131
Other Income	\$500	-
Miscellaneous	\$10,726	\$9,823
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$2,835,121</b>	<b>\$2,798,140</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Personnel	\$2,257,487	\$2,260,286
Travel	\$20,389	\$18,970
Professional Services	\$120,161	\$78,139
Equipment Rental & Maintenance	\$19,676	\$16,370
Occupancy	\$114,067	\$130,896
Insurance	\$37,676	\$32,092
Advertising	\$10,647	\$10,730
Printing & Postage	\$5,165	\$5,640
Telephone	\$18,505	\$16,546
Miscellaneous	\$31,445	\$26,870
Training & Development	\$12,585	\$17,639
Supplies	\$72,011	\$48,290
Depreciation	-	\$67,392
Bad Debt Expense	\$14,455	\$14,122
Contributed Facilities & Services	\$28,816	\$30,723
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$2,763,085</b>	<b>\$2,774,705</b>
<b>Total Revenues &amp; Expense</b>	<b>\$72,036</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Losses</b>		
Loss on Disposition of Assets	(\$187)	\$22,953
Non-cash Adjustments (Donated Lease & Depreciation)	(\$91,935)	-
<b>Increase/Decrease of Net Assets</b>	<b>(\$20,086)</b>	<b>\$482</b>
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$2,012,201	\$2,011,719
<b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<b>\$1,992,115</b>	<b>\$2,012,201</b>

## Statement of Activities

Assets	2017	2016
Cash	\$511,723	\$639,501
Board Restricted Cash	\$176,952	\$176,627
Accounts Receivable	\$262,432	\$266,269
Prepaid Expenses	\$38,282	\$43,376
Promise to Give for Use of Building/Land	\$125,845	\$147,649
Property & Equipment	\$994,911	\$866,422
Assets Restricted for Permanent Trust	\$1,500	\$1,500
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$2,111,645</b>	<b>\$2,141,344</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$14,601	\$15,481
Deferred Revenue	-	\$7,500
Accrued Liabilities	\$105,469	\$106,162
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$119,530</b>	<b>\$129,143</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted		
Available for Operations	\$691,167	\$816,001
Board Designated	\$176,952	\$176,627
Net Investment in Property & Equipment	\$994,911	\$866,422
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<b>\$1,863,030</b>	<b>\$1,859,050</b>
Temporarily restricted	\$127,585	\$151,651
Permanently restricted	\$1,500	\$1,500
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$1,992,115</b>	<b>\$2,012,201</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$2,111,645</b>	<b>\$2,141,344</b>



*The Children's Center's mission is to meet the needs of all children by offering quality programs that encourage individual growth, provide support for families, and promote inclusion in the community.*

## Children's Center Programs

**Autism Program:** Children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder receive one-on-one treatment services in a specialized setting overseen by a Board Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA) in order to increase independence and readiness for an inclusive early education classroom and/or public school setting.

**Special Education Services:** Children participate in individualized instruction focused on pre-academic skills and kindergarten readiness in a specialized classroom or inclusive setting depending on strengths and needs of the child.

**Occupational Therapy:** Licensed Occupational Therapists and Certified Assistants provide children with positive, fun activities to help them develop in the areas of self-help, fine and gross motor skills, oral motor, and play.

**Parent Education and Support Groups:** Education and Support Groups allow parents and caregivers to learn more about topics most relevant to raising a young child with special needs and seek support from others experiencing similar challenges.

**Behavioral Support Program:** A Licensed Clinical Social Worker oversees the highly structured classrooms focused on specific skills related to emotional regulation, behavioral management, and/or interpersonal skills for children with a behavioral health diagnosis in order to improve the ability to participate in a less restrictive environment.

**Child Care:** The organization offers full time child care for children six-weeks-old to five-years-old in one of three inclusive early education settings from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. year round except for observed holidays.

**Speech and Language Therapy:** Licensed Speech and Language Therapists and Certified Assistants help children develop their speech, language, communication, and oral motor skills to promote success in other programs, services, and settings.

**Targeted Case Management:** Highly skilled professionals work directly with children with special needs and their families in the home and community by providing families with support and resources needed to access services.

## Children's Center Board of Directors FY2017

Danny Burgess, Christine Devine, Don Devine, Elisa Ellis, Maria Hays, Karen Kearney, Aaron Kouhoupt, Joan Marson, Nancy Merrick, Chelsea Moeller, Ronald Norton, Julie Shephard, Mark Tanner, Bridgett Wagner, Lara Walsh

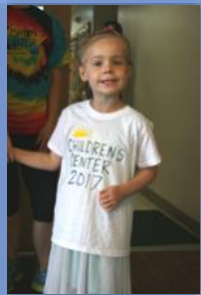
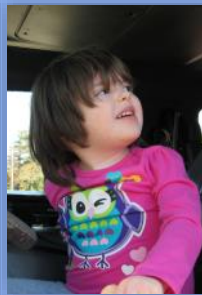
## Locations

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Gardiner, ME 04345

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21 Bigelow Hill Road  
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