2016

Year in Review

Center for Developmental Services℠

MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP

Every year we celebrate thousands of children meeting new milestones. This past year, we were able to celebrate some milestones of our own. As we reflect on these achievements, we are reminded of how much we treasure our wonderful community, our talented staff, and the valuable programs and events that have positively impacted our partners and families.

Our year started out with a fun hockey night sponsored by SANDLAPPER Securities where both donors and CDS families mingled together as they cheered on the Swamp Rabbits. In the spring, we marveled over classic cars in Pickens County as a beneficiary of the 20th Annual Blue Ridge Fest. A Cornhole Derby highlighted our summer with a new tailgating fundraiser in Travelers Rest. We then finished strong with our annual Eggs Benefit breakfast, being thankful again for a matching challenge by the Greenville Health System.

Throughout the year, we were honored to receive numerous awards. CDS received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, the highest rating possible from America's largest independent charity evaluator. This top distinction was earned as a result of our sound fiscal management practices and commitment to accountability and transparency, which confirms to our donors that we are using funds appropriately in our mission. Additionally, on-line voters elected CDS as Best in the Upstate, our second year in a row, for Best Child Development Center. We were also rated as a 2016 Top Non-Profit from GreatNonprofits.org. On a local level, we were given another three-year funding award by the Greenville County United Way under their Life Essentials focus area, a key component in the Cycle of Success.

For our programs, Outshine Homework Help continued during the school semesters for children aged 5-12 years old. We held a Financial Literacy Summer Series for parents, and hosted Greenville CAN's monthly Lunch and Learns for local disability providers. We also teamed up with the Greenville County School District to provide meals for children 18 years and under as part of their summer feeding program using the district's new food truck service.

In 2016, we partnered with several organizations to enhance our facility for our families: our library was renovated and renamed as the Bon Secours St. Francis Resource Center, and our patient entrance was transformed to be a scenic railway through the Blue Ridge Mountains. In 2017, we plan to continue renovating our facility in order to provide more space for serving our most medically-fragile children.

These programs, enhancements, honors, and financial achievements are the result of unwavering support by the community. Thank you for all you have done in being a part of our success. We are looking forward to another exciting year ahead.

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2016 STATISTICS

6,824
Unique children served

44,117
Total family visits to our facility

1,279
Families provided intake to our partners

46.33%
Families use 2+ service providers under the CDS umbrella

603
Families were provided Spanish interpretation

300
Volunteers gave their time

755
Volunteer hours logged

79
Health fairs participated in for outreach

54
Tours given to community groups

347
Individuals received tours

CDS FAMILY STORY

Chad and Lisa Massey's son, Joseph, was eighteen months old when they noticed he was delayed in his speech. Although his pediatrician was not concerned, they felt like something was not right and wanted to have him evaluated. After looking through the phone book and doing research on their own, they discovered CDS.

Within the next few weeks, Joseph had his first appointment at CDS with one of our partners, Clarity, for a hearing and speech evaluation. The therapist at Clarity discovered that he was not only delayed in speech, but also in fine motor skills and self help skills. The family was then connected to BabyNet, a state program that helps to fund therapies for children under three years of age.

Through BabyNet, Joseph was referred to Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics of GHS Children's Hospital, another partner at CDS. There, he was diagnosed with ADHD and semantic-pragmatic speech disorder, which is at the mild end of the autism spectrum. Lisa remembers asking the doctor what this meant for Joseph's future and if he would ever be able to have a normal life. The physician told her that it was difficult to predict, as some children made big improvements and some did not. Lisa, however, was determined to give him every advantage she could.

During this time, Joseph was expelled from two daycare programs due to behavior problems. With few choices left, Chad left his job to stay home full-time with his son and take him to every therapy appointment.

Joseph was in speech therapy, physical therapy and occupational therapy with CDS partners (Clarity and Kidnetics) and the school district. At one point he had seven therapy appointments each week. Chad and Lisa felt comfortable at CDS because the staff were always friendly and Joseph had fun there. He loved the play areas where they waited for the appointments. While Joseph was in therapy, his parents would sometimes talk to other parents and compare stories. In Lisa's words, "It was nice to know that we weren't the only ones going through that situation."

Lisa filed insurance petitions when the insurance declined payment for services, and the therapists showed Chad techniques they could implement at home to help Joseph progress. The couple spent so much time trying to help their little boy.

Joseph was released from all of his therapies when he was five years old. Each therapist said he was able to advance quickly, had met all of the goals they had set for him, and was very bright.

Joseph is now fifteen years old and a sophomore in high school. He is enrolled in all honors classes, is learning to drive, and runs on his school's cross country team. Joseph hopes to go to Clemson University and wants to be an aerospace engineer. His parents could never have imagined that he would come so far and are grateful for the impact CDS has made in their lives.

OUR PARTNERS

CDS was formed so that parents of children with special needs have a better way to get the help they need. And it's our partners that help us deliver on our unique vision.

Children's Hospital of Greenville Health System

- **Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics:** Medical & developmental evaluations by physicians & nurse practitioners.
- **Kidnetics:** Therapeutic services for children, on an inpatient & outpatient basis, from birth to 21 years.
- **Wonder Center:** Therapeutic day treatment for children (0-6) with medical and developmental problems that require daily nursing care.
- **Pediatric Prosthetics and Orthotics:** Providing extensive orthotic intervention for cranial remolding, scoliosis management, and lower extremity bracing.

Clarity

Evaluation and treatment for children and adults with speech, language, hearing, auditory processing, learning/academic and other developmental concerns.

Family Connection

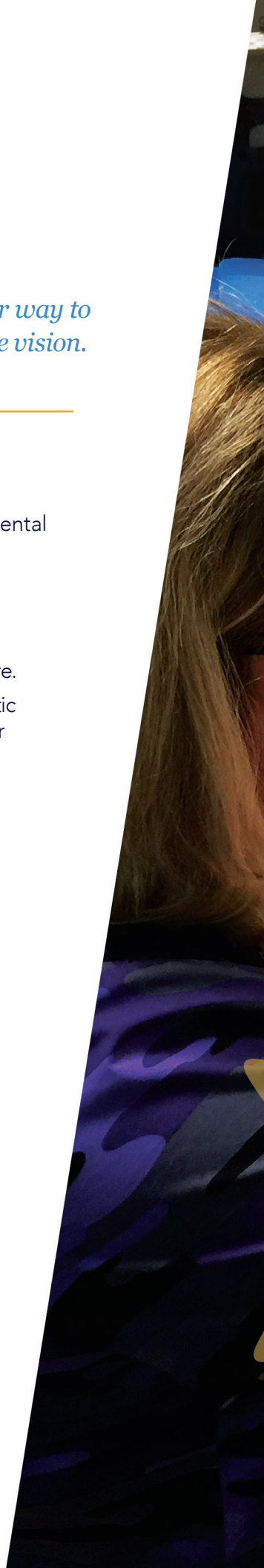
A parent-to-parent network providing support, training, and information to families with children who have disabilities and special healthcare needs.

Greenville County Schools

Screening for suspected hearing, vision, speech or developmental disabilities and special education services for children 3 to 21.

KidVentures

Early-intervention learning activities for children with special needs, hosted in the child's natural environment in weekly intervals for children birth – 5 years.



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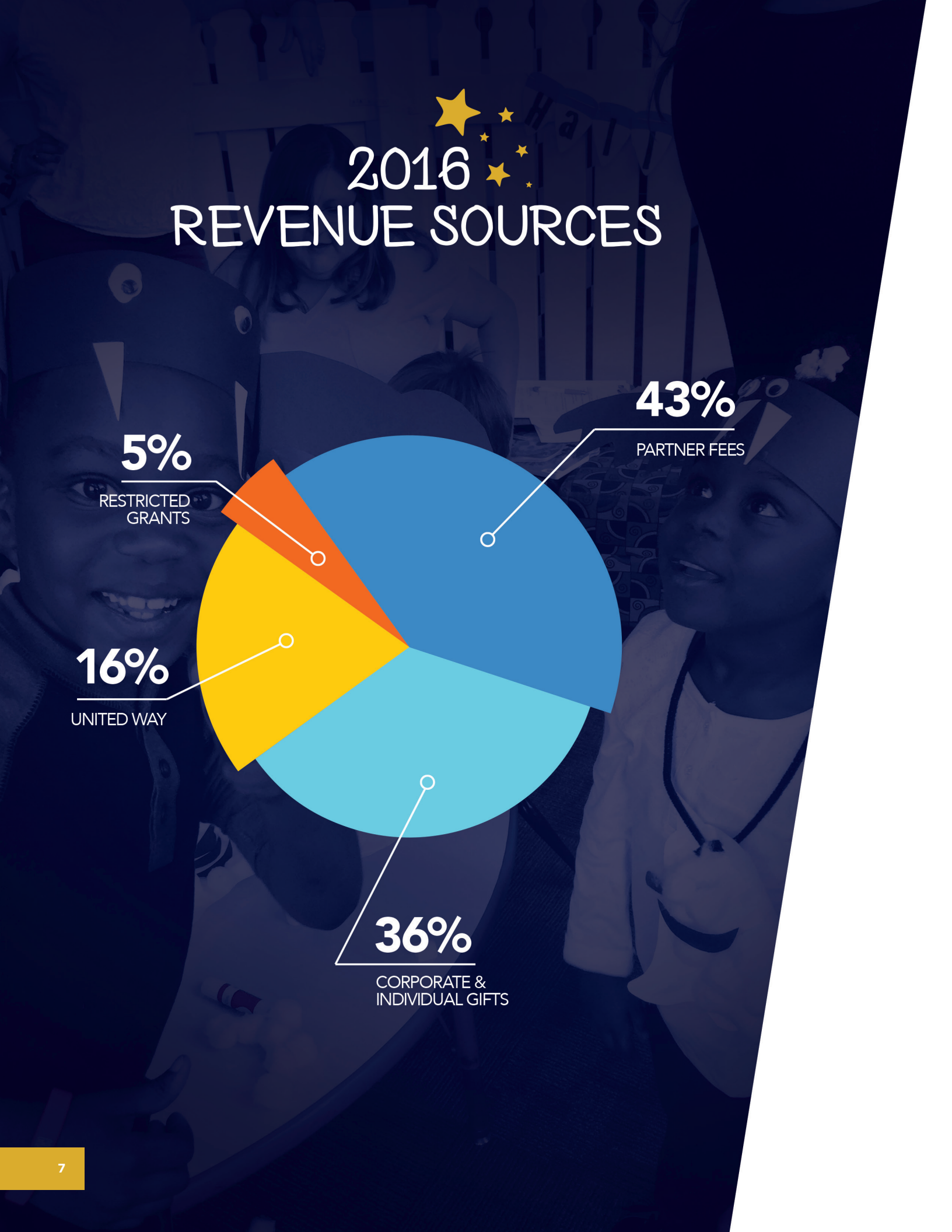


EXPENSE ALLOCATION

CHILDREN SERVED

830 ANDERSON

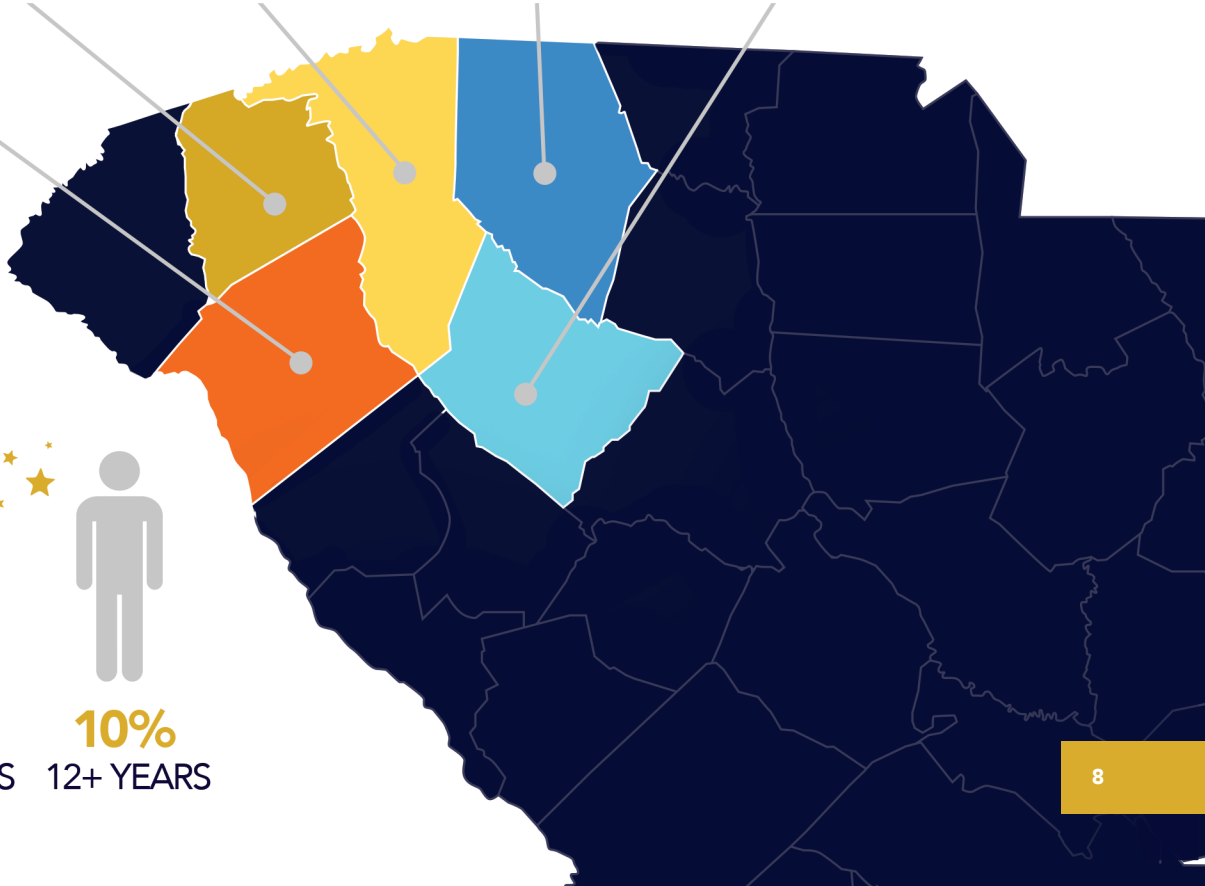
444 PICKENS

3,584 GREENVILLE

1,155 SPARTANBURG

270 LAURENS

541 OTHER



BY AGE

66% 0-5 YEARS

24% 6-11 YEARS

10% 12+ YEARS

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

We had a great year in 2016! Below are some of our favorite highlights.

CDS Hockey Night

CDS enjoyed another successful hockey night, thanks to SANDLAPPER Securities and the Greenville Swamp Rabbits. Some of the children we serve participated in the ceremonial puck drop and kept the benches "warm" for players during their pre-game warm up.

Best in the Upstate

CDS was awarded Best in the Upstate for our homework help program for children 5 – 12 years old.

Outside Games

We added an outside hopscotch and Twister game for children during therapy appointments, thanks to talented artists from St. Joseph's Catholic School.

Summer Meals

A summer meal program was started in conjunction with the Greenville County School District to have a food truck stop onsite for children under 18.

New Renovations

Our entrance was transformed and our library renovated, thanks to the generous support of Bon Secours St. Francis and the design skills of Brains on Fire. Now families have even more reasons to love coming to CDS!

The Cornhole Derby

Our newest event for 2016, the Cornhole Derby, became an annual fundraiser as corporate and individual teams competed for the coveted trophy in this competitive tailgating tradition.

Blue Ridge Fest

We were grateful to be named a beneficiary of the Blue Ridge Fest in Pickens which raised $16,000 for our programs. What a fun way to enjoy music, delicious burgers, and classic cars!

LOOKING AHEAD

As we take a peek into 2017, here are some projects we're working on:

★ Wonder Center Expansion

As the only day care available in the Southeast US for medically-complex children, a new room will be added to alleviate our growing wait list. The new space will allow for 9-12 more children to receive full-time care in addition to the 27 already being served. Children who attend the Wonder Center cannot go to a traditional day care because of their significant medical needs. The Wonder Center is staffed by Pediatric Nurses and a Child Development Specialist from the GHS Children's Hospital.

★ Lobby Renovation

Our 35,000 square-foot family-friendly facility was originally renovated in the late 1990's prior to opening our doors in 2000. Since that time, the number of children who have come through our doors each day has more than tripled. The lobby renovation and redesign is critical in our ability to continue serving over 6,800 children annually. This renovation will include a secluded waiting area for immune-suppressed infants, more engaging activities to keep children busy, and increase energy efficiency for reduced utility costs, all while providing stimulation and/or relaxation in preparation for provided therapy services.

★ Medical-Legal Partnership

This new program provides free legal services in a wide variety of civil (non-criminal) legal matters to eligible low income families at CDS. Some of their cases include bankruptcy/debtor relief, safe housing, child support issues, and integrating a lawyer into their child's medical complexities for improved overall health and well being. This program is a collaborative initiative with the Greenville Health System, SC Legal Services, and Furman University.

If you are interested in helping to support these important initiatives, our website donation platform allows you to specify which program your funds will be allocated toward.
Visit www.cdservices.org/donate to make a difference today.

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Thank you for your generous investment in the children and families we serve.

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