



Center for
Developmental
Services™

2025 Year in Review

Message from Leadership

As we reflect on the highlights and accomplishments of the last year, we are tremendously proud of the team and partners at CDS for providing high-quality services for our clients and families. The commitment and dedication of our collaborative is unmatched. We are able to accomplish our mission thanks to the generous spirit of our funders and donors, and we are immensely thankful for the support of the community.

If you've had the chance to spend time at CDS, you've surely felt the energy in our waiting area as children come and go or linger between appointments. The joy is contagious as they recognize, along with their families, the strides they are making in their therapy, or the pride they feel when they achieve something they haven't before. This magic happens all day, every day at CDS.

In 2025, CDS had the honor of serving 9,495 individuals through our partners and case management programs. Children received vital services, such as occupational, physical, and speech therapy, prosthetics and orthotics, audiology, assessments, and early intervention support. Adults with disabilities connected to additional services to help them grow and thrive through our case management professionals.

"Moving into the new year, CDS welcomes new Executive Director, Melanie Gearhart, who brings a passion to serve children and adults with disabilities, while connecting the community to our mission and vision. Melanie brings both the heart and the leadership our growing community needs. Across our region, the number of children with disabilities continues to increase — mirroring statewide trends where thousands of families rely on critical support services. As demand rises, so does our responsibility to expand our reach and walk alongside the children and families who depend on CDS. With Melanie's leadership, we are inspired by the possibilities — deeper partnerships, stronger support networks, and a future where every child has the opportunity to thrive." — Anthony Toklo, Chairman of the Board. We are also tremendously grateful for the service and leadership of former Executive Director, Dana McConnell, and wish her the very best in her next chapter.

We look forward to continued growth and a strong, sustainable future for CDS and for the people we serve.



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Melanie Gearhart
CDS Executive Director



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Partners and Programs

CDS exists to make caring for children with developmental delays and disabilities easier and more effective by linking medical and support services in a single location.



Prisma Health Children's Hospital

- **Audiology:** Provides comprehensive hearing evaluations, hearing aid sales, fitting and follow up services for the most advanced digital hearing aids available.
- **Kidnetics:** Provides therapeutic services for children on an inpatient and outpatient basis from birth through age 21. Their comprehensive team is made up of occupational therapists, physical therapists, and speech-language pathologists. Team members work with the child's family, physician, and school to extend all therapies into the child's environment to maintain a continuum of care.
- **Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics:** Provides medical and developmental evaluations as well as psychological, neuropsychological, and educational tests to develop effective care management plans in consultation with families.
- **Wonder Center:** Provides therapeutic treatment and day care for medically-complex children from birth through age 6 with medical and developmental challenges requiring daily nursing care.
- **Pediatric Prosthetics and Orthotics:** Provides a full range of pediatric orthotic and prosthetic devices specifically designed for each child. Intervention may include cranial remolding, scoliosis management, and lower extremity bracing.



KidVentures of Thrive Upstate

Provides family training and service coordination for children with developmental delays and disabilities in the child's natural environment, from birth through age 5.



Project Hope Foundation

Provides a lifespan of autism services, including education, Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) therapy, adult services, and community engagement.

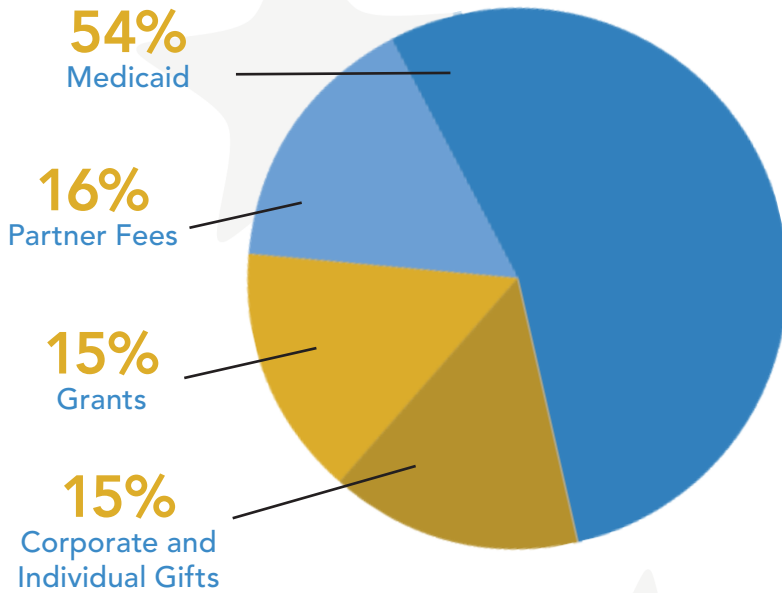


Center for Developmental Services

- **Partnership Coordination:** CDS provides community outreach, enrichment activities, and building management on behalf of all the partners in our 35,000 sqft facility.
- **Case Management:** Case managers support people with disabilities by connecting them with resources and services through local agencies and Medicaid waivers. This program serves individuals residing in Greenville County who have intellectual disabilities, autism, and head and spinal cord injuries who qualify under OIDD eligibility.

Statistics

Revenue Sources



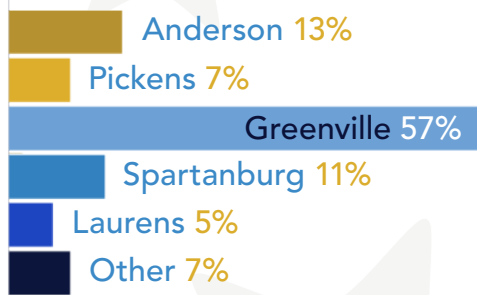
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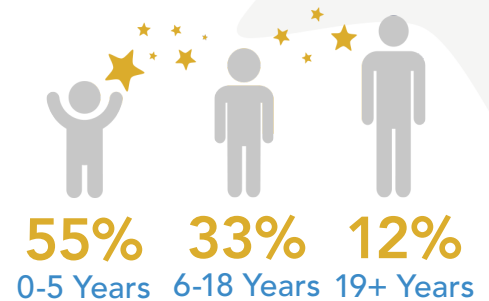
Clients Served



By County



By Age



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This recognition level was established in 2012 for donors who pledge at least \$1,000 per year for 5 consecutive years. Multi-year commitments are instrumental in sustaining our operations.

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Ruthanne: Where Possibility Begins

"When the family first walked through the doors of the Center for Developmental Services, they immediately felt that they were not alone."



From the very beginning, Lenze and Cody Ramage knew their path to parenthood would include adoption. After years of waiting and learning about adoption and the tremendous need for children in India, they made a decision rooted in courage: to adopt a child with significant medical challenges. They broadened their medical openness, trusting that with the right support and the right community, they could say yes.

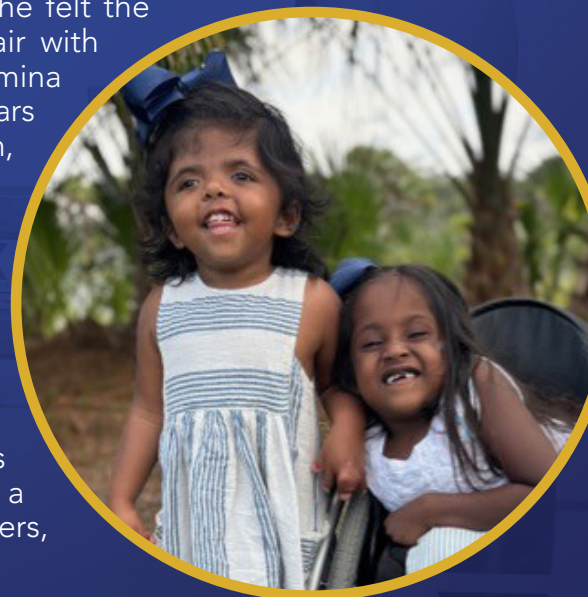
Once they decided to adopt a child with significant medical needs, almost instantly they were sent a file with information about a little girl who would become their wonderful daughter. They said when they saw her picture, they saw the biggest brown eyes they had ever seen, and in that moment they knew that Ruthanne would join their family. They said when they finally held her, their family became whole.

Ruth Anne was born with spina bifida at the thoracic level and is paralyzed from the waist down. Once she was home, her parents learned she also faced additional spinal cord diagnoses, including severe scoliosis and kyphosis. The road ahead felt uncertain. There were new daily patterns to learn, new skills to master, and moments that felt overwhelming. However, there was also a fierce little spirit emerging in Ruthanne that was determined, observant, and full of light.

When the family first walked through the doors of the Center for Developmental Services (CDS), they immediately felt they were not alone. The space was bright and welcoming, not sterile or intimidating, and alive with possibility. Under one roof in downtown Greenville, therapies and specialists came together to wrap around their daughter and their family.

At CDS, Ruthanne began to discover what her body could do. She felt the thrill of a swing for the first time. She learned to guide her chair with growing confidence. Day by day, her muscles strengthened, her stamina increased, and her independence blossomed. Two and a half years later she can move through the halls at CDS like she owns them, transfer into her chair independently, celebrate every milestone, and will proudly announce that she hit 86 golf balls at Topgolf.

At home, she is the most loving big sister to Bertie, who joined the family at just two years old. Sweet, feisty, and fiercely independent, Ruthanne checks on everyone by asking how your children are and how your family is doing. She dreams without limits and is willing to be helpful around the house with chores. Some days she wants to be a doctor. Some days a child life specialist like her mom. Sometimes she wants to work for Amazon. And sometimes, she wants to be a mermaid. Whatever she chooses, her parents no longer see barriers, they only see possibilities.



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CDS could not make our incredible impact in the community without donor support. Thank you for your generous investment in the children and families we serve.

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There are many ways to support the vital work we do. We appreciate the critical investments made in our programs and future sustainability so we can be there for families who need us.

Unrestricted Gift

Gifts of cash or check can be mailed to CDS at 29 N Academy Street. Gifts with ACH or credit cards accepted at www.cdservices.org/donate.

Gifts of Stock

CDS accepts gifts of stock which allows a tax-deductible advantage at market-value.

Other Investments

Donors over 71 years who must take a Required Minimum Distribution can direct their funds to CDS. Life insurance policies are also accepted.

Endowment Gift

Our endowment began in 2019 to ensure our programs will help children for years to come.

Bequeaths

Leaving a lasting legacy to CDS will help ensure children with developmental challenges have access to the resources they need.

Restricted Gift

Any gift that specifically supports a requested need such as pool equipment or HVAC.

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