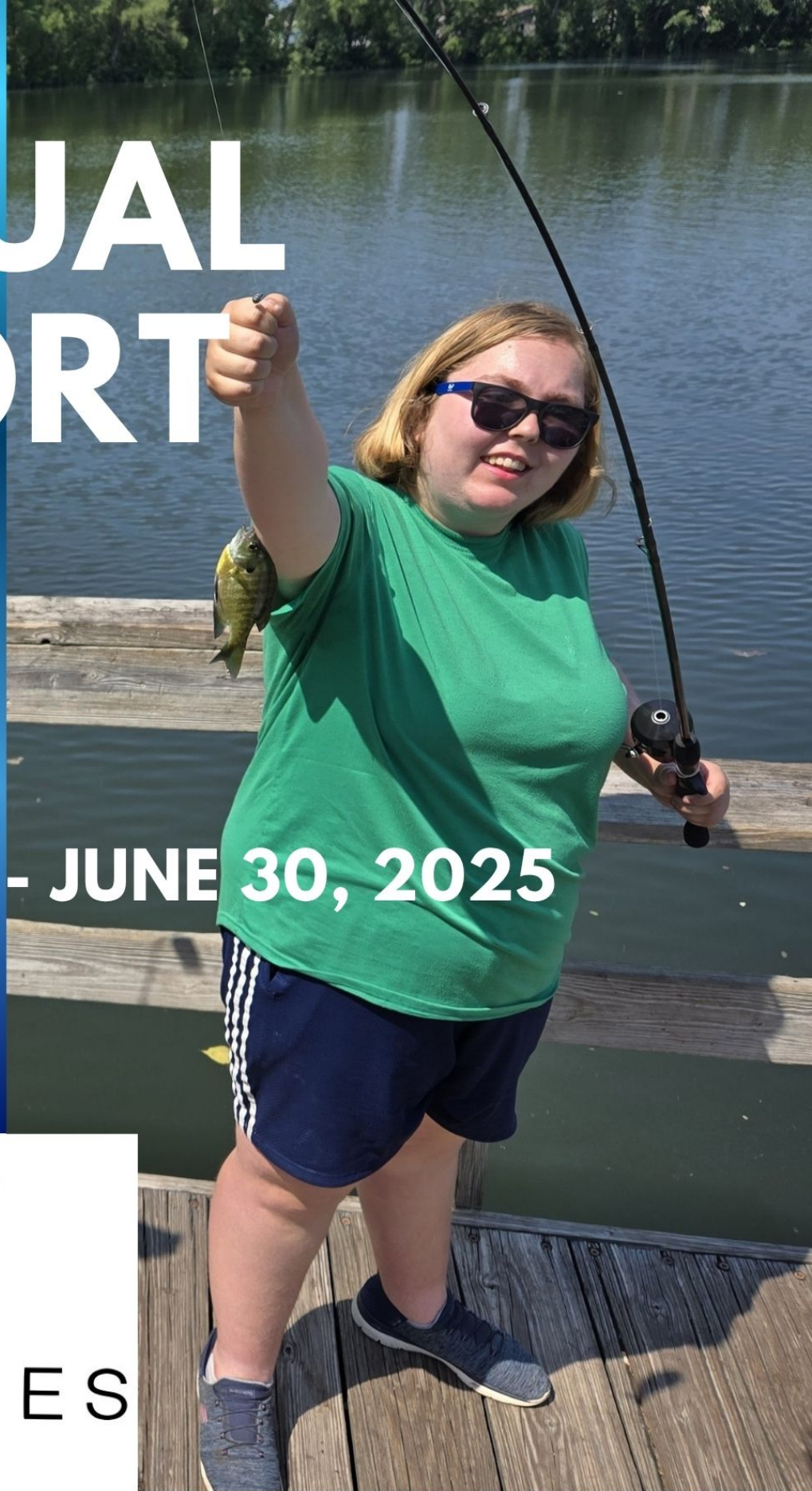


ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025



Center for Independent Living



Statements of Activities

	2025	2024
Support		
Contributions from General Public	17,489	44,761
Foundations	13,000	15,575
Revenues		
Grant Revenues	954,872	1,097,769
Service Fees & Miscellaneous	2,753,564	2,225,712
Investments	91,777	73,251
Total Support and Revenues	3,830,702	3,457,068
Expenses		
Program Services	3,262,701	2,875,212
Management & General	373,775	251,524
Total Expenses	3,636,476	3,126,736
Total Change in Net Assets	194,226	330,332

Statements of Financial Position

	2025	2024
Current Assets	1,608,164	1,384,619
Property & Equipment	307,434	316,682
Operating Right-of-Use Asset	422,108	502,483
Other Assets	-	9,644
Total Assets	2,337,706	2,213,428
Current Liabilities	350,757	330,988
Long-Term Liabilities	351,795	441,492
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	1,629,686	1,435,980
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	5,468	4,968
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	2,337,706	2,213,428

Thank you for your support!

Your donation makes it possible for people with disabilities to pursue greater independence.

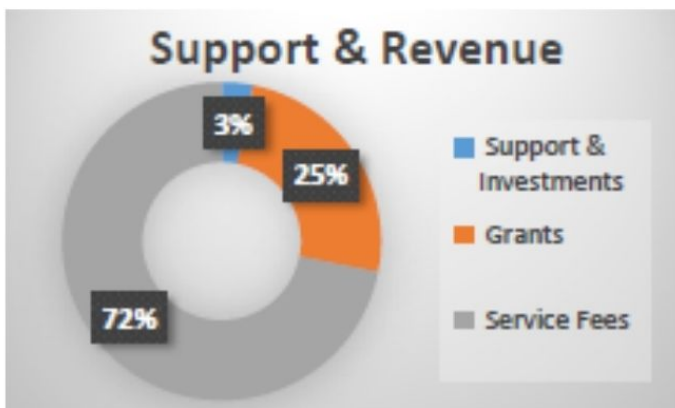
Your generosity helps build ramps, provide peer support, create recreational opportunities, hone in on independent living skills, advance advocacy efforts, strengthen transition services, and offer vital information and referrals.

Your gift to SMILES Center for Independent Living is tax-deductible as allowed by law. Most importantly, it supports dignity and empowerment. Secure credit card donations can be made on our website: www.smilescil.org

On behalf of the hundreds of people we serve each year,

THANK YOU!

Complete Audited Financial Statements and accompanying notes are available on request.





Supporting Our Community *A Summary of Success*



Our staff works collaboratively as a team and connects deeply with each of the consumers we serve. With caring hearts and a person-centered approach, we consistently go above and beyond to meet their needs.

Erica Rewitzer, Independent Living Skills Program Manager, shared a recent success story in which a consumer earned his Driver's Education Permit, with support from our IL Training Staff. He then transitioned into a job skills-development program at a local business—an opportunity that led to a permanent job placement.

Tricia Garza made a lasting impact while supporting a consumer who was experiencing homelessness and living in their car. Through Tricia's guidance, the individual successfully obtained Social Security benefits and moved into stable housing.

Advocacy Manager, Jenn Jones continues to advocate walking and biking safety by working collaboratively with local city administrators to address roadway safety concerns and promote safer community infrastructure.

Katie Hanson, PCA Choice and Community First Services and Supports Manager, helped connect a young consumer and his family to services through a local autism center. As a result, the young individual is now thriving—building communication skills and making positive progress in addressing behaviors.

Howard Rosten, Inclusive Technology & Ramps Manager, has been organizing adaptive biking events throughout the community, giving individuals the opportunity to try accessible cycling options in a fun and inclusive setting.

Peer Mentoring Program Manager, Anna Johnson has built a strong Cross-Disability Support Group that continues to grow in participation. She has also expanded the recreation program to include opportunities for community participants and collaboration events with other local organizations.

We welcome you to walk alongside our consumers and staff in support of our mission and vision so that we may continue sharing success stories for years to come



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COMMUNITY IMPACT

- 2517 people served:
- 1787 received Information and referrals
- 79 received Independent Living Skills
- 145 received Consumer Directed Support Planning Services
- 34 received advocacy services
- 9 received assistive technology services
- 75 persons utilized temporary or permanent ramps
- 4 people transitioned from institutional settings to community living
- 48 participated in peer mentoring
- 125 received personal care services
- 357 received Representative Payee Services
- 18 volunteers provided 1154 hours of service



Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Every year at SMILES, we witness stories of courage, determination, and transformation. This past year has been no exception. It has reminded us why our mission to empower individuals with disabilities to realize their full potential—matters more than ever. It is our goal for people to live independently and advocate for their rights.



Independence is not just a word; it is a journey. It is the moment someone confidently speaks up for themselves, secures housing, finds meaningful employment, or experiences the freedom to make choices about their own life. These victories are made possible by the unwavering commitment of our staff, the strength of those we serve, and the generosity of the people in our communities.

Together, we have broken down barriers and opened doors. Through advocacy, skill-building, and community partnerships, we have helped individuals turn challenges into opportunities. Each success story is a testament to what can happen when inclusion becomes a shared priority.

As we look ahead, our vision is bold: a world where every person, regardless of ability, has the tools, resources, and confidence to live life on their own terms. Thank you for standing with us, believing in this vision, and making it possible.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Bonnie Danberry
Executive Director
SMILES Center for Independent Living



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Mission & Vision

- SMILES Center for Independent Living's mission is to support people with disabilities to realize their full potential.
- Our vision is a world without barriers with equal opportunities and choices for an independent life.

We work toward achieving our mission and vision through five core services:

- Advocacy
- Independent Living Skills Training
- Information & Referral
- Peer Mentoring
- Transition to Community

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