As we reflect on the many accomplishments of the past year of the Achievement Centers for Children, we gratefully recognize the many individuals who support our mission: to empower children and adults with disabilities and their families to achieve their greatest potential. Our family of supporters include generous donors and corporate partners, our leadership team and staff, and our volunteers, all who are dedicated and passionate about carrying out our mission every day.

Individuals with disabilities and their families are our focus. Volunteers are our hands and hearts as they contribute in many meaningful ways. Volunteers in our Therapeutic Horsemanship and Adapted Sports programs provide individuals with safe, enjoyable experiences that build confidence, strength and abilities. There are words (or signs) of encouragement and compassionate conversations with families. Volunteers become part of the family’s “team.” Volunteers serving on our Board of Directors, Associate Board, and those assisting with special events give their expertise, guidance, and time knowing they are making a difference in so many lives, those that need our help now, and those that will need us in the future. In addition, there are numerous community partners and corporate volunteers, who take time from their professional lives to provide service, collect needed items for our clients, or participate in our fundraising events such as “A Most Excellent Race.” For many, it has become a tradition that has continued for years.

The Achievement Centers for Children shows what can be achieved when people join together for the good of others. Our families are stronger; our communities are stronger; our futures are stronger. Because of you, we are honored to be able to help children walk, talk, play, learn and live their lives to their fullest potential. We are grateful for all of you and the special gifts you offer in support.

Sincerely,

Bernadette (Bernie) Kerrigan, MSSA, LISW, SPHR
President and CEO

James Kacic
Chairman, Board of Directors
Results That Matter

Statistics from this year offer a broad picture of our successes, but the accomplishments of our clients and families are the brush strokes that add color to the pictures and bring to life our true successes. Through serving 3,142 total clients, our professional staff witnessed the immeasurable every day, from the bonding smiles of a baby enjoying infant massage to the first words of a child at age four. From first steps taken without the aid of a walker to first experiences at Camp Cheerful. The pride and tears of joy on the face of parents as their children reach milestones—many told they would never achieve—is truly immeasurable. We are honored to have been a part of every individual's growth and progress this past year.

Thanks to You

As a Cleveland-based non-profit organization, we appreciate our generous donors who give their support so that we might make a difference in the lives of so many children and adults with disabilities and their families. We are truly grateful for the over 2,300 individuals, corporations, and foundations who supported our mission last year. For a complete listing and to find out ways to donate, please visit our website at achievementcenters.org/annual-report-2022.

We could not have accomplished all that we did without the personal time commitment, skills, and dedication of the over 1,250 volunteers who contributed over 9,700 hours in many different ways last year. For more information about volunteer opportunities, visit our website at achievementcenters.org/volunteer.

“Seeing my son, who has Down syndrome, relaxing and enjoying our special time through infant massage puts a smile on my face and warms my heart.”

—Darlene Barrett

Ethan and his father, Jack Von Duhn coach adapted baseball together. Ethan said he “loves seeing smiles on the faces of the players he's helping,” and Jack enjoys the special time he has with Ethan as they coach together. After coaching younger players, Ethan plays with his team of adult players.
ACHIEVEMENT CENTERS BUSINESS

In June, Deborah Osgood, Vice President of Development and Marketing, retired after 17 years of dedicated service. We are grateful for her meaningful contributions through the years, and wish her the best in her well-deserved retirement years.

NORTH COAST THERAPY ASSOCIATES, LLC (NCTA) a subsidiary of ACC

In the school year 2021–22, North Coast Therapy Associates provided 34,400 hours of occupational and physical therapy services to its 1,132 students in ten school districts and two private schools.

SPECIAL EVENTS/FUND DEVELOPMENT

Through all our special events, online and print appeals and other fundraising; individual, corporate and foundation donors contributed more than $1.8 million to further our mission. For more information on how to contribute, visit AchievementCenters.org/donate.

Blue Chip, Blue Tee, our annual golf tournament, welcomed 104 golfers to the beautiful Kirtland Country Club, raising more than $95,000 for the Achievement Centers’ programs and services.

Cheers to Camp Cheerful raised over $82,000 for recreation programs at Camp Cheerful!

A Most Excellent Race, attracted 582 walkers and racers helping to raise more than $131,000 to benefit Camp Cheerful. This was nearly 20% more than the previous year!

Photos, this page, clockwise from top: Stephanie Barnett, Physical Therapist, uses play to encourage stretching and improve eye-hand coordination with baby, Claire. Congratulations to Deborah Osgood on her retirement; Tiffani Tucker as MC of “A Most Excellent Race,” our new all-girls Adapted Football team; Michael with the Autism School Director, Kimberly Allen; and farewell to Ridge.
RECREATION

*Corporate Volunteer Groups* donated over 1,120 hours of their time to projects at Camp Cheerful in 14 volunteer groups. Thank you!

*Adapted Sports* continued to grow with new programs and increased participation. More than 848 volunteers encouraged and guided 266 athletes this year! Our first season of Adapted Tennis was a huge success. Our 25 players learned the great game of tennis, and improved their eye-hand coordination and balance while making new friends out on the court. Our 2022 Cleveland Browns Adapted Football league welcomed a new All Girls Division. The ladies were very excited to have their own division! We had two members of our Junior Wheelchair Cavs team that accepted scholarships to play college basketball at Edinboro University. We wish them the best of luck in their college careers as student athletes.

*Therapeutic Horsemanship* had an amazing 6,383 hours donated by 148 dedicated volunteers helping our horses and our riders. Two mini horses, Ruger and Ellie, assisted our summer campers. Sadly, one of our special horses, Ridge, who spent over half of his 31 years at Camp Cheerful passed away. So many of us have fond memories of gentle Ridge.

*River Rock Adult Day* Program now has 54 participants. In December, the River Rock Computer Lab and the “Jacob’s Ladder Adapted Fitness” group activity were added to the many meaningful activities available. Through generous donations, we purchased a new 11-passenger transit van with an accessible lift to bring our clients to and from the River Rock program and take them on community outings.

*Day and Weekend Camps* welcomed 195 campers this year. Our Counselors from Germany, the UK, and Poland were outstanding additions to our summer staff!

EDUCATION AND AUTISM SCHOOL

The Autism School is thrilled with the progress our students have made this year. With the hard work of staff and families, we have been able to return four students to their home school districts this year. Successful re-integration into a public school is indicative of program success. We are so proud of the students. Additionally, the school is growing in response to demand from school districts, in part because of the impact the pandemic has had on students with autism and as a result of our proven student outcomes. This year, the school expanded to include a fifth classroom at Westlake; bringing the total program to seven classrooms.

THERAPY SERVICES

We continued to use teletherapy as an option and as a hybrid approach to in-person therapy services. Our excellent collaboration between physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech and language therapies improved progress in the lives of clients relating to communication, mobility, and feeding. Achievement Centers Therapy Services program has a strong reputation with in-state and out-of-state universities. We hosted four students in physical therapy, six graduate students in occupational therapy, and five students in speech and language therapy.

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

*Behavioral Health* staff have all been certified through Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS).

*Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH)* joined MetroHealth Hospital’s Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) to offer Infant Massage sessions in the community to NFP’s program participants. More families are enjoying the benefits that Infant Massage offers!

*ACCENT Social Work Support* staff completed a total of 870 Request for Service calls which included client referrals for ACC services and linkages to community resources.
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2021–2022 CONSOLIDATED FINANCIALS

INCOME

Service Fees $ 7,150,494
Contributions 2,687,205
United Way 44,695
Government Grants 551,871
Miscellaneous 1,620,583
Legacy and Bequests 700,000
TOTAL $ 12,754,848
Endowment Investment Gain/Loss $ (1,722,626)
Trust Gain/Loss $(167,628)

EXPENSES

Therapy $ 3,297,286
Education 2,243,811
Camp 2,020,487
Family Support 1,824,033
Transportation 15,741
Management 1,214,588
Development 641,407
TOTAL $ 11,257,353
Depreciation/Amortization $ 556,432

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2021–2022 STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

- Provided a total of 142,567 service hours to children, adults, and their families.
- Received a client satisfaction rate of 98% through family surveys received.
- Raised over $1.8 million in charitable support from the community.
- 91% of clients receiving services at the Achievement Centers for Children achieved or partially achieved their individualized goals, including improved functional skills (crawling, walking, talking), increased academic achievement, and improved social/emotional development (interacting with peers, managing stress, coping with a disability).

In Fiscal Year 2021–2022, many of the clients served by the Achievement Centers participated in or received multiple programs and services. Over the past year, the agency provided 5,298 programs and services to 3,142 individuals and their families (unduplicated). These numbers include North Coast Therapy Associates, LLC.
Achievement Centers for Children

Founded in 1940 as the Society for Crippled Children, we serve children and adults with a broad range of disabilities and special needs including physical, developmental, neurological and emotional challenges.

Our unique service model weaves together education and autism services; therapy and the Intensive Therapy Clinic; recreation, camp and sports programs; adult services, and family support/social work services to meet the needs of the entire family and provide the best outcomes.

We provide services on-site at three locations, in homes, to students in schools and on-line via telehealth and remote learning.

OUR MISSION
We empower children and adults with disabilities and their families to achieve their greatest potential.

OUR VISION
A future where individuals with varying abilities have opportunities across the lifespan to live life to the fullest. Everyone will reach their highest potential at home, school and in the community as a result of the family-focused and integrated services our staff so competently and passionately provides.

Our Core Values and Guiding Principles
HOLISTIC — applying an integrated and interdisciplinary approach focused on the whole person

FAMILY-FOCUSED — compassionately involving families of all income levels as true partners

RESULTS-DRIVEN — providing exceptional programs and services based on proven practices

DIVERSE — promoting diverse representation in direct service and agency governance

EMPLOYER OF CHOICE — attracting and retaining outstanding and professional staff who demonstrate mutual respect, honesty, professional growth, teamwork and excellence

STRONG STEWARDS — ethically and effectively managing all resources and accounting for client outcomes and organizational results

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