DGCKIDS

YOUR IMPACT

Progress through Partnerships

Fiscal Year 2025

Thanks to artist and DGCKids parent, Charlie Gauthier, the Center has an amazing mural!

Early Intervention

214 **children benefited from** individualized, in-home support that helps children develop communication, movement, and learning skills while giving parents practical tools, reassurance, and guidance during critical developmental years.

92% shared **positive changes** in their development.

A toddler explores a sensory light wall at the Center.

GRADS

Climbing at Meramac Adventure Ranch in Steelville, MO.

36 **school-age children participated** in the Group Recreational and Developmental Support (GRADS) program, forming friendships, gaining independence, and exploring their world through fun, inclusive activities.

1,450 **hours of programming** gave children and teens opportunities to practice mobility skills, explore new environments, build independence through life skills like cooking and travel, and form meaningful friendships grounded in confidence and the message, “Yes, you can!”

Family Support

Family Support services guide positive parenting strategies, support emotional adjustment and coping, connect families to services and resources, and offer advocacy assistance.

75 **families** participated in large group events, including seasonal celebrations, community outings, and Early Intervention graduations, resulting in 219 hours that strengthened and connected the DGCKids community.

A DGCKid and his dad having a blast at a family event.

Vision Screening

Screening a child with our SPOT camera takes seconds!

7,126 **children were screened** through our Vision Screening Program, giving families and educators critical early insights to support healthy development and learning!

707 children referred to an eye doctor.

Meet Ruby

For students like Ruby, a high school senior, DGCKids is a place where strengths are discovered, confidence is built, and the future feels full of possibility.

"My experiences with DGCKids have taught me many life skills: **working together with friends to make meals, utilizing public transportation, and traveling**.

The group activities help me learn how to lead and also be a better teammate. Next year, I am leaving home to go to college with more confidence, comfort, and trust in myself!" - **Ruby, High School Senior**

Ruby making french toast on a summer Challenge Trip to Breckenridge, CO!

At DGCKids, we don't just support children through their earliest years, we are with them all the way through high school graduation.

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From the CEO

As we kick off an exciting milestone, our 75th anniversary, I am filled with pride and gratitude. For 75 years, our organization has stood alongside children and families, meeting them at critical moments and helping them build confidence and independence that lasts a lifetime. This anniversary is not only a celebration of our history, but a recommitment to the future we are building together.

The impact of our work is made possible by the families who trust us and the donors who believe deeply in our mission. Every service delivered, every milestone reached, and every barrier reduced is the direct result of a community that understands the power of early intervention, education, and sustained support. **Your generosity ensures that families are not navigating their journeys alone and that children have the opportunity to thrive.**

As we celebrate 75 years of service, we do so with optimism, momentum, and an unwavering focus on what matters most: meaningful outcomes for the families we serve. **Thank you for being part of this legacy and for helping shape what the next 75 years will make possible.**

Andrew O'Dell
Chief Executive Officer, DGCKids

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Supporting Children with Visual Impairments

Volunteers

1,223 volunteer hours. So much of what happens at DGCKids is possible because of our volunteers. Whether they were out front leading tandem rides, helping bring events to life, supporting behind the scenes, or guiding our work as Board members, they showed up with heart and dedication.

Volunteers at Celebration for Sight at the Carousel Room at Faust Park.

Audited Financials

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

79¢ of every dollar goes directly to DGCKids programs and services.

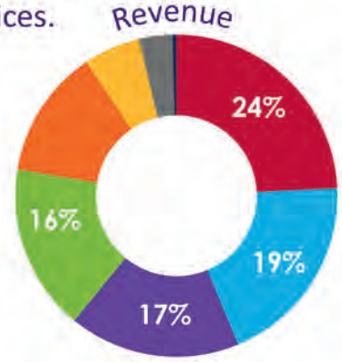
Operating Revenue $2,214,697

- Contributions.....$537,550
- Grants.....$431,004
- Changes in Investment Value.....$380,551
- Program Service Revenue.....$369,665
- Special Events.....$286,721
- Investment Income.....$126,947
- In-Kind.....$74,278
- Misc.....$7,981

Operating Expenses $2,325,334

- Program Services.....$1,828,615
- Management + General.....$296,754
- Fundraising.....$199,965

Revenue



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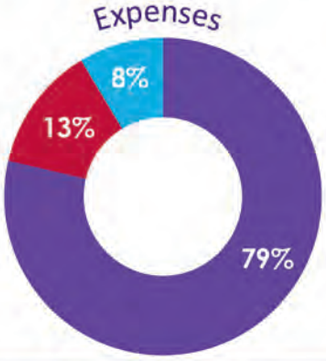

75 years strong. Made possible through the power of partnerships and a shared commitment to children and families, today and for generations to come!

Thank you to our partners and supporters,

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