



CTF Illinois
COMMUNITIES TRANSFORM FUTURES

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2025



PRESENTED BY



COMMUNITY
SERVICES
FOUNDATION

table of contents

Letter from the CEO	02	A Strong Community	15
CTF Illinois: Our Mission, History, and Services	03	Special Events	17
2025 Snapshot	06	Make an Impact	18
Community Services Foundation	07	Board of Directors	19
FY25 Financials	09	Donor Recognition	20
Driving CTF Forward	10		
Finding Belonging	11		
Creating an Inclusive Workplace	13		



Get Connected



ctfillinois.org



CTF Illinois



CTF Illinois



@ctf_illinois



@ctf_illinois

letter from the CEO

Dear Friends,

Seven months ago, I had the privilege of stepping into my role as CEO of CTF Illinois (CTF). For an organization with over 50 years of history, that's a very short time, but despite barely scratching the surface of all there is to learn, I'm absolutely certain of one thing: CTF is incredibly special.

Seeing our programs and services in action is endlessly inspiring, but the true highlight of these past months has been getting to know the people who make this organization what it is. From spending time with the folks we support, to meeting the dedicated staff who make our mission possible each day, I've come to understand that CTF is defined by a community of individuals working to create a world where everyone has the opportunity to live the life they want to live, no matter who they are.

This period of learning has also been a time of action. CTF continues taking important steps forward in expanding our impact with increased outreach efforts and plans to launch a behavioral health program designed to support individuals with dual diagnoses of mental illness and developmental disability.

I look forward to building on this momentum alongside our staff, partners, and the people we support. Together, our Community will Transform Futures.

Warm regards,

Tony Barrett

Tony Barrett
Chief Executive Officer



CTF Illinois
COMMUNITIES TRANSFORM FUTURES

Proudly supported by Community Services Foundation

Transforming Futures Since 1971

CTF Illinois (CTF) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization that provides services to empower independence and a higher quality of life for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) throughout Illinois.

Driven by our belief that **Communities Transform Futures**, CTF's programming is created with the understanding that every individual we support has unique characteristics, needs, and desires. Through person-centered planning, and community-based programming, we build an environment that fosters respect, dignity, and success for the people we support so they can reach their full potential.



“ ———
Empowering the people we support to live the life they want to live.

-Our Mission

our history

1971

Markham Workshop opens its doors to 12 people discharged from Tinley Park Mental Health Hospital requiring structured life skills assistance and ongoing mental health support.

1974

To address the needs of residents in state facilities, Markham Workshop expands, becoming Southwest Community Services (SCS), who now provides vocational and community services to 40 people with I/DD.

2000

Charleston Transitional Facility opens in Charleston, IL allowing 48 people with I/DD to transfer out of a substandard Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) organization.

2016

Charleston Transitional Facility and SCS merge to form what we now know as CTF Illinois, a statewide nonprofit providing vocational, residential, and day program supports to adults with I/DD.

NOW

CTF Illinois continues to be a Community that Transforms Futures for people with I/DD by providing person-centered supports in community-based settings.



our services

Our holistic approach uses person-centered programs in community-based settings to help each individual unlock their full potential.



RESIDENTIAL SUPPORTS

Our Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) homes allow individuals to live independently alongside peers. With support from staff, residents learn skills like cooking, cleaning, and financial responsibility to run their own household.



VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Using individuals' strengths, interests, and goals, we provide customized supports for any stage of their community employment journey, with services like resume writing, interviewing, navigating public transportation, and job placement assistance.



COMMUNITY DAY PROGRAMS

Our variety of community-based day programs allow individuals to choose what best reflects their interests and personal goals in areas like art, therapies, life skills, community involvement, and more.



ADVOCACY

Inclusion is key to a bright future, not just for the people we support, but for the community at large. We lift the voices of individuals in our programming by empowering them to break barriers and stigmas through self-advocacy.

2025 snapshot

As a statewide organization, CTF Illinois works hard to provide quality services for as many people with disabilities as we can.

Starting with just 12 people in 1971, this snapshot highlights the present-day community our organization has built since opening, and defines what drives us to keep improving and transforming.



5

Counties served in Illinois

620+

Individuals supported annually

413

Employees throughout the state

35

Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILAs) Homes

10

Buildings providing community day services

an integral partnership



COMMUNITY
SERVICES
FOUNDATION

Since 1989, Community Services Foundation's sole purpose has been to support the programs and services of CTF Illinois.

Founded with the future in mind, Community Services Foundation uses fundraising efforts, special events, grant writing, and property management to provide needs-first resources that create opportunities for people with I/DD. Thanks to these endeavors behind the scenes, CTF is able to focus on what really matters: **the people we support.**



To learn more, visit csfil.org

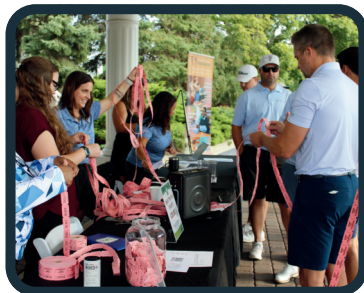


Strong Communities. Bright Futures.

Guided by their mission to create and develop opportunities for the people CTF serves, Community Services Foundation (CSF) uses their resources to respond to the needs of our clients. This past fiscal year CSF worked harder than ever to create a lasting impact by contributing **over \$1 million** in fundraising efforts, capital projects, and capacity building initiatives.

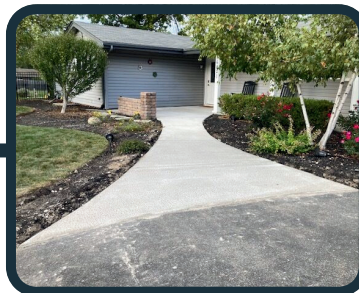


These efforts allowed CTF Illinois to empower the hundreds of individuals we support each year, including the four women who now call the new CILA provided by CSF their home.



\$98,000+

Funds raised for CTF through donations, special events, and giving campaigns.



\$582,000+

Capital projects to keep our spaces accessible and safe for the people we support.



\$372,000+

The cost of a new CILA home that provides independence to four women with I/DD.

Want to help Community Services Foundation continue investing in CTF's future and have a blast while doing it? Check out page 19 to learn more about their upcoming special events, visit csfil.org, or scan the QR code!

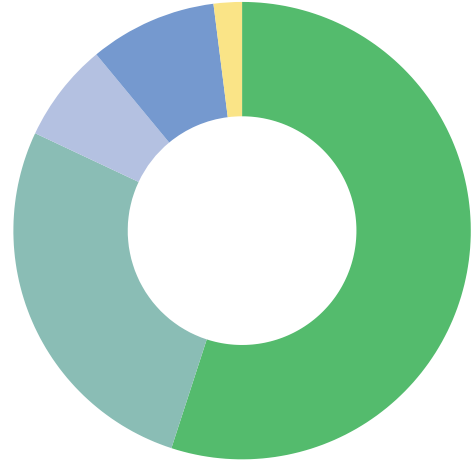


fy25 financials

*Audited by a third party

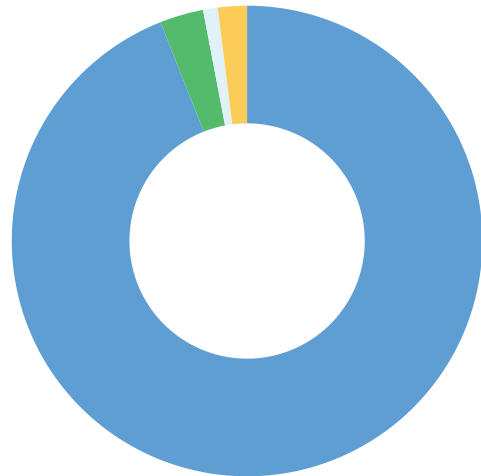
Expenses by Program

- 2% Other
- 7% M&G
- 9% Community Services Foundation
- 55% CILA
- 27% Day Programs



Revenue by Source

- 94% Fees for Services
- 2% Contributions & Grants
- 3% Gain on Investments
- 1% Investment Income



CTF Illinois Core Values

- Your **choice**, our goal.
- Optimize resources with great **responsibility** and **integrity**.
- Foster a culture of **respect** through open communication and thoughtful action.
- Create a place to **learn** with room to **grow**.
- Enjoy what you do and share that **passion** with others.
- Strive to find ways to **continuously improve**.
- Embrace **collaboration** to create extraordinary achievements.



Driving CTF Forward:

How Belinda Used her Voice to Create Change

For many people with I/DD, transportation is a lifeline. It makes it possible to get to work, attend day programs, see doctors, and stay connected to their community. When CTF applied for a highly competitive grant through the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to strengthen and expand these critical services, Belinda stepped forward to speak on behalf of her peers during the presentation portion of the application. Although nervous at first, she delivered a heartfelt message about how transportation gives her the independence to have a job, run errands, and feel included within the community. She also advocated for the needs of herself and her peers, explaining to the RTA's panel the many barriers she faces even with access to transportation, in hopes that she can inspire accessibility improvements not just for CTF, but for everyone.

Thanks to Belinda sharing her story, the RTA awarded a \$300,000 grant to CTF so we can continue empowering people with I/DD through transportation. We wanted to celebrate Belinda's accomplishment in a big way, so in recognition of her impact, we honored her at our annual Jerry Meyer Golf Outing, where she was presented with a certificate and an opportunity to say a few words. We could not be prouder of Belinda for her incredible advocacy work!



Finding Belonging

Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) homes are community-based homes where people with I/DD can experience independent living alongside their peers and with staff support. CTF Illinois operates 35 of these homes throughout Illinois, housing over 250 residents. From learning new skills to feeling a sense of belonging for the first time in their lives, the following stories highlight just a few of the life-changing successes made possible through CILA homes.



Austin

Austin spent years without the care or support he needed, causing him to struggle both with simple daily tasks and emotional regulation, but when he moved into one of CTF's CILA homes, Austin's world opened in an extraordinary way. Not only did he finally receive the basic support he needed, but for the first time, he was surrounded by people whose compassion helped him thrive.

Austin now attends counseling to learn healthy coping mechanisms, and uses a state-of-the-art electric wheelchair powered by his head movements. With his newfound independence, he takes every opportunity to try new things like playing games with his housemates, trying new food, and even taking a dip in the ocean!

Robert

A short time ago, Robert lived out of hotels with his sister and her husband. Stripped of a stable home and living each day with uncertainty, Robert spent his time feeling scared and hopeless. Thankfully, our community partners intervened, and with their help, along with the dedicated team at CTF Illinois, he was connected to safe housing and the support he needed to rebuild his confidence. Now, Robert is taking charge of his own life and even working toward his dream of one day living independently in a home that is entirely his own.



Brandy

After entering care at just 12 years old, Brandy spent the following years in various state-run facilities, searching for belonging. It wasn't until her father obtained full guardianship and enlisted the help of CTF Illinois that Brandy finally got the one thing she wanted: a home.

With support and consistency, Brandy has blossomed into an independent, confident young woman. She holds a steady job within the community where she earns her own income, and has a vibrant social life with friends and family when off the clock. Most important, though, is at long last she feels proud of the life she's building — one where she feels safe, respected, and empowered to make her own choices.



Aria

After experiencing a difficult childhood followed by a series of transitions between state-run facilities, Aria struggled with her self-worth and feelings of abandonment. Her turning point came when she moved into one of CTF's CILA homes with three other ladies just like her. Entering yet another new environment was intimidating at first, but she soon realized she was surrounded by staff and peers who truly cared about her and wanted her to succeed.



Since then, Aria has learned important life skills like budgeting, cooking, and cleaning, allowing her to utilize remote supports for greater independence.

She's even working to save for a vacation to Gatlinburg, Tennessee — a trip she's incredibly proud to afford on her own. Aria has also started rebuilding relationships, now spending weekends with her mom and daughter, Faith.



Creating an Inclusive Workplace

In January 2025, Governor JB Pritzker eliminated subminimum wages for workers with disabilities by signing the Dignity in Pay Act. Since then, CTF has introduced new vocational training initiatives to equip individuals with the tools they need to become more competitive job candidates.

Thanks to grant funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services, and our dedicated team, we've already helped over 40 people with I/DD start earning fair wages where they work. We also launched a new vocational program in our central Illinois area of service that provides job readiness groups to individuals interested in starting a career within their community.

VOICE

**We Train. You Hire. Together,
We Make A Difference.**



FACT: Only 14% of working age people with I/DD are employed within their community.

What is VOICE?

VOICE (**V**alued **O**pportunities for **I**nclusive **C**ommunity **E**mployment) provides support and training to help people with diverse abilities obtain community employment.

Why partner with VOICE?

Hiring a VOICE employee means adding a dedicated individual with a genuine passion for what they do to your team, while positioning your business as a community leader in building an inclusive workforce.



How do I get involved with VOICE?

Whether you're looking to learn more or ready to interview a candidate, we're here to help. Contact us at info@ctfillinois.org so we can learn more about your business and match you with a VOICE employee.

a strong community



Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias

In September, Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias joined us for a ribbon cutting to launch our partnership with the Orland Park DMV. For the next year, our RITA building will temporarily host the DMV as they seek a permanent location following an abrupt eviction from their old facility. As an organization committed to giving back, we're proud to support our community in this unique way.

State Senator Michael Hastings

Illinois State Senator Michael Hastings visited to get a firsthand look at the important work CTF does. He took time to tour a day programming building, speak with staff, and meet some of the people we support. Senator Hastings has since been a strong advocate for enhancements to our facilities, helping bring attention to the importance of safe, accessible spaces for the people we support.



State Representative Mary Gill

CTF had the pleasure of welcoming Illinois State Representative Mary Gill to tour our RITA program. During her visit, she got to know some of the people we support and chatted with us about her drive to empower people of all ages with disabilities. Representative Gill is known to champion inclusion, and we were thrilled to have her take the time to visit.



Baking Sweet Surprises

Meal prep and kitchen safety are essential skills that can be used for vocational development, team building, and community involvement. The folks in our central Illinois day programming worked hard this year baking sweet treats to hand out to local law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMTs, and other hardworking members of the community as a special thank you for all that they do.

Benches on the Avenue

This summer we participated in Tinley Park's annual "Benches on the Avenue" event, where participants are tasked to decorate themed benches displayed throughout the area. Thanks to support from our sponsor, Rosales Roofing, the artists from our Painted Turtle Program painted a piece inspired by nostalgic summertime treats like ice cream, watermelon, and Sunny D.



CPR Certification

Our community is a little safer, thanks to the folks in our programming who opted to become CPR certified. Together, they learned how to identify a life-threatening emergency, perform chest compressions, and keep the scene safe until professional help arrives. Upon completion of the course, they even earned a certificate through the Red Cross!

Our Vision: To create a culture where people are not defined by their differences, but recognized for the value they bring their communities.

special events

Community Services Foundation hosts annual fundraising events on behalf of CTF Illinois. Mark your calendars to join the fun and make an impact on the people we support!



Jerry Meyer Golf Classic

September 10th | Midlothian Country Club

Join us on the green for a fun day of golfing for good at our annual Jerry Meyer Golf Classic.



Bank of America Chicago Marathon

October 11th | Chicago, IL

CTF will be featured in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon for the second year in a row! Learn how you can show Team CTF's runners your support at csfil.org.



Make a Match

November 1st, 2026 – January 31st, 2027

This holiday season, Community Services Foundation will double the impact by matching your donations dollar for dollar.

LEARN MORE AT CSFIL.ORG

make an impact

Transforming futures starts with you.

YOUR GIFTS IN ACTION



TOVEY

With the help of new **sensory items**, Tovey is learning ways to regulate her emotions.



DARREL

We installed a **new wheelchair ramp** at Darrel's CILA. Now, he can access his home independently.



DEBBIE

After dreams of sandy shores, Debbie got to take a **dream vacation** to Florida.

donate online at ctfillinois.org



board of directors



Guided by our Community

CTF and CSF are governed by a volunteer Board of Directors who represent community sectors such as businesses, education, and human services fields.

michael **salvador**

board chairman

jason **helfert**

vice chairman

geoffrey **pignatiello**

secretary

michelle **barnes-beauford**

directors

glenda **corbett**

carl **utz**

john **clavio**





thank you to
 our donors

celebrating generosity

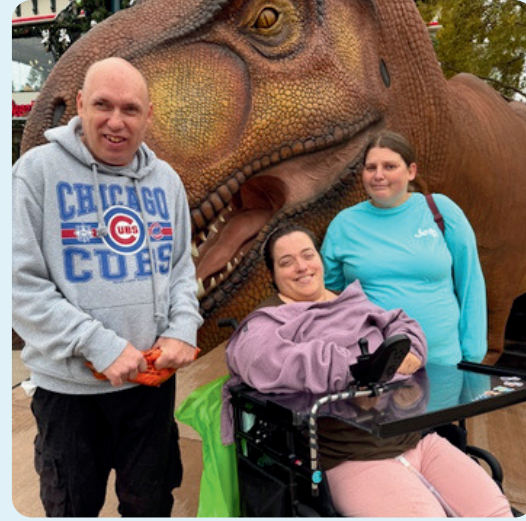
From all of us at CTF Illinois and Community Services Foundation, we extend our deepest gratitude to every supporter who helped improve the lives of people with disabilities. The following list of donors supported CTF Illinois and Community Services Foundation during the period of July 1st, 2023 - January 31st, 2026.

Individual Donors

Virginia Abbot	Kelly Evans	Alicia McKnight	Eileen Tierney
Don Edward Abel, DDS	Jack Fadden	Chris Mell	Gary & Sharon Toliver
Ronald Ahrendt	Wilburn & Patricia Floyd	Mike Messina	Nicholas & Kathleen Tristano
Alexis Alm	Jo Anne Fortson	Todd & Sandi Meussling	Carl Utz
Mary Pat & Peter Ambrosino	Friends & Family of CTF	Elizabeth Morgan	Tom & Martha Valaveris
Barbara Ambrosino	Frank Fuda	Elizabeth Mullins	Susan E. Varno
Laurie Aponte	Debra & Katherine Fuller	Benita Nixon	Kenneth Viskocil
Tony Barrett	Adrienne Gannon	Altay Ozyavas	Matt & Rebecca Vock
John & Teresa Barry	Daniel Garvey	William Paetow	Margaret Whalen
Jerry & Pam Bauer	Denny Goggin	Elizabeth Paller	Robert Wahlin
Kassie Bay	Steven Gray	Terri Pignatiello	Richard Wahlin
Thomas & Lyn Becker	Jim & Merry Guinn	Geoffrey Pignatiello	Grace Wallace
Nancy Becker	Newton Hall	Kathy Pilipchuk	Jason & Tracy Wavering
Roberta Beckert	Jason Helfert	Pisano Family Trust	Doris Whitenack
Jennifer Beese	Rochelle Hemphill	Agnes Pisano	Rasita Whittingham
Donald E. Bennett	Timothy Hendricks	Jerome Piszczor	Nancy Wolfram
Robin Bettenhausen	Kathy Hofer	Sandra Pitello	Joan Wolak
Bernie & Ginger Bittner	Karen Hooker	Jason Postma	A. Zaranti
Rich Blaesing	Robert J. Huguelet	Teneka Powell	Bruce & Anna Zumstein
Jordan Block	Michael & Mary Ellen Hunter	Jacqueline Price	Anonymous Donors
Mike Brown	Nola Jarman	Oleg Raygorodsky	
Carol Bruno	Gregg Jarman	Anthony Rea	
Michael Bugajski	Earnestine Johnson	Dorothy Rea	
Robert & Lynn Burke	Gail Kallend	Jim Reinhart	
Kristina Burzinski	Danielle Kane	Raymond & Mary Beth Roland	
Sally Campbell	Marcia Kennedy	David & Janice Rompala	
Jeff Campbell	Harold Kloosterman	Philip & Barbara Salvador	
Donna Cavanaugh	Genevieve Kottemann-Koy	Betty Scherp	
George Clinton	Michael Larocca	Lea Schilke	
Kelli & Michael Cody	Linda Larson	Sue Schmitz	
John & Leslie Cosich	Marcia Lata	Maureen Schorr	
Elizabeth Czuchra	R Diane Lathrop	Kathie Scott	
Richard & Linda Czuchra	William LeMonnier	Elise Simcox	
Catherine A. Daly	James & Susan Lennon	Paula Simcox	
Suzanne Dartt	Carol Lowman	Edwin & Judith Simpson	
Denise E. Dassie	Frank Luksander	Charley Smith	
Gus & Irene Deguilio	Patrick Mac Kenzie	Sheralyn Smith	
Nancy Devine	Steve Maris	Kenneth & Helen Socha	
Diane Dietz	Edward Matuschak Jr.	Brian Spenk	
Dennis & Margaret Dixon	Kelly Mays	Garnet P. Stout	
James Duffy	Melissa McDaniel	Robert Strybel	
Patrice Eberhardt	Diane McDermott	Joe Sullivan	
Bob & Kathy Emmet	Diane McDonnell	Doris Sweeney	
Carmel Eustace & Erin Rovers	Tim McGlennon	Charles Tarjan	

Community Donors

A-1 Quality Glass, Inc.
 Adams Memorials
 ATP Group
 Blackstone Property Maintenance
 C&T Auto parts, Inc
 CAC Construction
 Charleston Engineering Inc.
 Chicagoland CPAs
 CNB Bank
 The Coleman Foundation
 Community Services Foundation
 Cozad Asset Management
 DeBlasio Law Group LLC
 Eagleson Automotive Center
 Fennell Electric Inc.
 FESSI
 Fidelity
 Fraternal Order of Eagles
 Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club
 IL Pest Pro
 Illinois State Council
 Jim's Paint Shuttle
 K-Five Construction
 Kistler-Patterson Funeral Homes
 Lazy 8 Service Center
 Lexus Orland
 MAC Plastics Manufacturing Inc.
 MACK Industrial Solutions
 MAT LTD
 Meijer
 Nichole Ann Rompala Scholarship Fund
 Old National Bank
 Olney Lodge No. 926
 Orland Park Rotary Club
 Panda Express
 Proguard Insulation and Coatings
 Richey's Furniture
 SteadyCare LLC
 Tony DeRosa Foundation
 Target Circle
 United Way of Coles County
 United Way of Metropolitan Chicago
 VFW Olney Memorial Post 4226
 Xenia Manufacturing Inc.



Our Affiliates

CTF Illinois and Community Services Foundation proudly collaborate with a diverse network of organizations and funders who support our mission and help drive us forward.





18230 Orland Parkway
Orland Park, IL 60467

(708) 429-1260
ctfillinois.org

empowering the people we support to live the life they want to live



**CTF ILLINOIS IS
PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY**



**COMMUNITY
SERVICES
FOUNDATION**

csfil.org