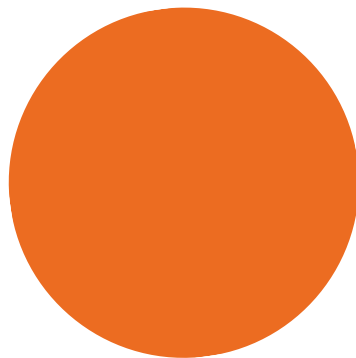




Annual Report

2025



Dear Friend of ACCEL,

This year was a reminder why this work at ACCEL matters. The culmination of hundred of small milestones and major events showed us that every bit of talent, ounce of effort, and dollar that went to ACCEL makes immeasurable difference for the people we serve.

This year we had Adult Services members make care bags for cancer patients, a classroom using AAC devices to win a pumpkin contest, students dance away at prom, and students running classroom enterprises with confidence.

This year, ACCEL grew in the number of families we served, the communities we reached, and the depth of what we offered. We celebrated our first full year in Iowa, expanded our school consultation program, and welcomed volunteers from across the Valley who invested in our spaces the way we invest in our students.

None of it happened without you.

The pages that follow show what your support made possible this year. We hope they make you as proud as they make us.

With gratitude,

Carla Landwerth
Director of Philanthropy, ACCEL





Our Mission

Empower individuals with special needs and developmental disabilities to develop the necessary skills to **learn, work, and live** successfully with **independence and dignity.**



Community

Everyone wants to be included and needed.

Participants in our Adult Services program spent time assembling care bags for cancer patients for a local nonprofit. This project transformed vocational practice into a meaningful opportunity to support neighbors.



Peer read-aloud groups have been a huge hit! Students have been visiting classrooms to read in small groups, helping everyone build confidence, connection, and community.



Celebrating one year in Urbandale, Iowa with Bista's ABA clinic! This inaugural year was all about building a supportive community where progress and genuine connection thrive.



Independence

*Independence looks different for everyone here.
All matter equally.*

Classroom enterprises transform learning into real experience. Our students have all sorts of enterprises in their classrooms including a coffee cart, car wash, and handcrafted soap. These student-led businesses provide a hands-on environment to practice the skills needed for future employment.



This year's pumpkin decorating contest winner was Room 4, whose students used their AAC communication devices to collaborate, share ideas, and bring their vision to life. Their theme — belonging — said it all.



Bista's school consultation program supported 14 Arizona schools this year, delivering 1,196 hours of consultations that directly helped 32 students overcome learning barriers and make meaningful academic progress.



Dignity

The experiences that shape who we are don't stop mattering because someone has a disability.

This year, our upperclassmen stepped into a night built entirely around them. Sensory inclusive, thoughtfully planned, and full of the kind of joy that happens when every single person in the room feels like they belong. These are the memories that last a lifetime. Our students deserve every one of them.



ACCEL Days brought the whole community together for our annual field day. Every activity was adapted so that each student could participate, compete, and shine.



This year, ACCEL was named the 2025 Valley Partnership Community Project beneficiary. Volunteers and donors from across the Valley rolled up their sleeves to give our Metro campus the upgrades it deserved

By the Numbers

42

Program graduates

From Bista & K-12 programs



22,734

Hours of therapy services

From Bista & K-12 programs

400

Program participants

Across all programs

28,379

Hours of Group Supported Employment

At Adult Services

2,171

Individualized goals worked on

From Bista & K-12 programs

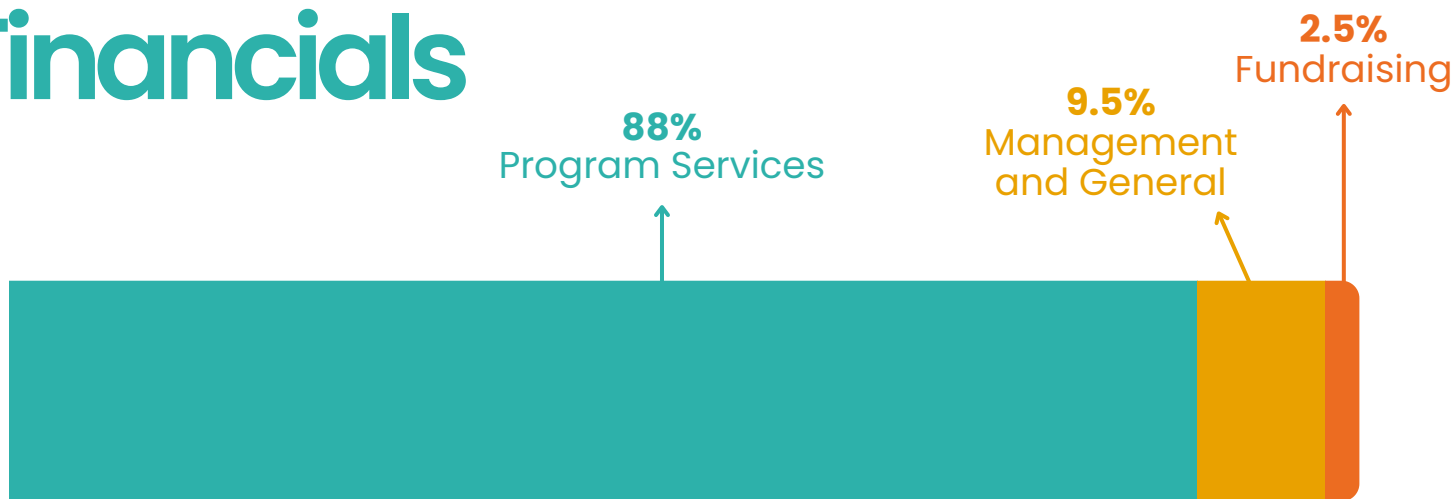


51,330

Hours of Community Outings

At Adult Services

Financials



Organizational Trust



We hold ourselves to the highest standards of transparency and fiscal responsibility. Our Candid Platinum Seal and Charity Navigator 4-star rating reflect that commitment and the trust our community places in us every year.

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Thank You!

Your support made all of this & more possible this year!