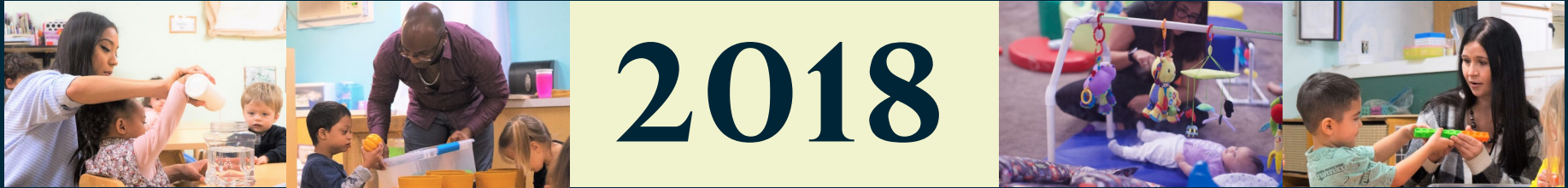


# SAMMY'S HOUSE



# ANNUAL REPORT

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## SEE THE ABILITY







AT SAMMY'S HOUSE OUR  
VISION IS TO BRIDGE THE GAPS  
IN SERVICES FOR **CHILDREN**  
AND YOUTH WHO ARE  
**MEDICALLY FRAGILE**  
AND/OR  
**DEVELOPMENTALLY DELAYED**  
BY PROVIDING HIGH-QUALITY  
**EDUCATION** AND CHILD  
CARE SERVICES, OFFERING  
RESOURCES FOR **FAMILIES**  
AND WORKING TO CREATE A  
COMMUNITY OF **TOLERANCE**  
AND **INCLUSION**

# YOUR GIFT MATTERS

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the challenges of 2018, they are quickly overshadowed by the accomplishments. Thanks to hundreds of generous donors and volunteers, our building and its classrooms continue to be transformed. We had some new walkers this year and some new talkers. We have a child with special needs holding his own with our preschool/kindergarten curriculum. Could we ask for more... well yes, why stop now!

The Sammy's House reputation in the community is growing. Together we have created an environment where the word "inclusion" does not have to be spoken because we live and breathe it every day. We have an environment where children play, care and love each other in wheelchairs, walkers and on their own two legs. Could we ask for more... why not!

Volunteers, corporate sponsors and loving friends and family are all coming to help us hold the children up and pull them forward. Our vision for the next few years will be to expand our services to teens and young adults with unique abilities. New opportunities will make way for new programming. Could we ask for more... well the kids say YES!

The kids have promised to give us an exiting 2019, our 20th anniversary. On behalf of the families we serve, thank you for your commitment to support and protect our children and for your gifts of time, talent and treasure!

Isabel Huerta  
Executive Director



# 2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



## VOLUNTEERS

Over 200 of volunteers donated 600 hours to Sammy's House



## CHILDREN SERVED

We served 111 students



## CHILD CARE LICENSING

We received a perfect score from Child Care Licensing



## RESPITE CARE

Our Respite Care program grew by nearly 50 children and teens



## SAMMY'S HOUSE VAN

We bought a brand new 16 passenger van for our Summer Camp and Respite programs



## ENRICHMENT CLASSES

We expanded our enrichment classes in literacy, science, math and the arts





“The level of care, warmth and communication is unmatched. She’s genuinely excited to see her teachers and friends in an environment that keeps her growing. It’s very rare to find a place that feels like an extension of your family, but we found that here. I truly feel I have a village.”

- Jessica F., Sammy’s House Parent



# CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Our early childhood program serves children 6 weeks old until school age. We offer full-time and part-time care for children with and without special needs in an inclusive environment.

Sammy's House welcomes school-aged children of all abilities to join our after-school program, which is available Monday—Friday from the time students get out of school until 6pm, allowing parents to keep a typical work schedule.

Our accredited program has been awarded 4 stars, the highest accreditation from the Texas Workforce Commission's Texas Rising Star Program. We were named the Workforce Solution's Childcare Center of the year in 2016, a finalist for the 2016 HEB Excellence in Education Awards and a semi-finalist in 2017 and 2018.



## EDUCATION

Helping children thrive through curriculum based instruction and high-quality childcare services



## INTERVENTION

Supporting health and development by incorporating medical care and therapy in a natural environment



## INCLUSION

Creating an environment where everyone has the chance to learn to the best of their ability







# EVENING & WEEKEND RESPITE



## INDIVIDUALIZED CARE

Providing the precise care your child requires in a fun, group setting



## CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Supporting the mental health of caregivers by allowing them a temporary break in care



## SOCIAL OPPORTUNITY

Fostering friendship and inclusion for children in the community

Sammy's House offers respite care to families outside of regular child care and school hours to give parents a chance to relax and recharge. Our staff provide individualized loving care and have the specialized training to adapt activities and outings, so that every child can feel comfortable and have fun, regardless of their abilities.

We offer Respite Care to children and teenagers on and off-site with and without special needs.

Sammy's House Teen Connection is a social group for teenagers 12-18. The program is designed to give teenagers with special needs opportunities to build friendships and engage with the community. Possible activities include dining at local restaurants, shopping, seeing a movie, bowling or going swimming. Teen Connection is a ton of fun and welcomes siblings.

# YOUTH & TEEN SUMMER CAMP



Sammy's House operates inclusive summer camps and adaptive teen camps to give youth and teens with and without special needs a summer experience similar to their typically-developing peers.

Campers take part in various field trips, water play and other summer activities that have been adapted for children and teens of all abilities. We have an on-site pool with lifeguards on duty and a low child-to-staff ratio.



## INCLUSIVE

Our summer camps are for children and teenagers with and without special needs



## ADAPTIVE

Camp activities and field trips are carefully adapted to meet the needs of each camper



## FUN

Campers participate in a myriad of activities, field trips and water play

“I cannot express how much the teachers and staff have positively impacted our family. I go to work each day knowing that my children are safe and learning from teachers who are willing to adapt their lesson plans to fit their individual needs.”

- Whitney W., Sammy's House Parent





# PARENT RESOURCES



## PARENT EDUCATION

Giving parents and caregivers the tools they need to effectively parent children with and without special needs



## SUPPORT

Understanding the complex dynamics of families with children with unique abilities and assisting them to find the resources they need



## COMMUNITY

Reducing isolation by providing opportunities for parents to find each other

Sammy's House understands that caring for a child with special needs is tough, and we're here to serve the whole family. We operate programs designed to give parents and caregivers the necessary break they need to regroup and maintain a typical work schedule.

As a member of the nonprofit community, we often partner with organizations that specialize in family support and are able to occasionally offer parents holiday sponsorships, access to food pantries, reclaimed furnishings and other household items and referrals for parent education.

Sammy's House aims to reduce isolation in families with special needs children by providing opportunities for parents to find each other. We have a number of community events each year including an adaptive spring carnival, movies in the playground, potluck lunches and more!

# 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elizabeth Riley  
*Chairman*

Stacy Crain  
*Past Chairman*

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Dane Piper  
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Erin Halligan

Mike Hardtmeier

Sarah Schenk

Roy Spann

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Brenda Veselka



"As the mom of a child with special needs, I know first-hand the value of finding a place like Sammy's House where a child can thrive and progress. I am honored to serve as a board member where I can use my experiences to advocate for the continued development of Sammy's House and the children they serve."

- Brenda Veselka, *Board Member*







# FINANCIALS

## ACTIVITIES AND CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 12/31/2018

### Revenue & Support

Tuition	453,987
Contributions	294,077
Grants	72,750
Total Revenue & Support	820,817

### Expenses

Salaries & Benefits	584,212
Instructional Support	54,583
Fundraising	55,583
General & Administrative	25,770
Facilities	86,645
Total Expenses	806,793

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF 12/31/2018

### Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents	201,783
Accounts Receivable	-17,791
Other Current Assets & Prepaids	70,852
Total Current Assets	254,844

### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	1,205
Tuition Deposits	11,690
Equity & Retained Earnings	242,029
Total Liabilities & Equity	254,844

# HOW YOU CAN HELP



## VOLUNTEER

We have volunteer opportunities for individuals, small groups and large corporations. Email [info@sammyhouse.org](mailto:info@sammyhouse.org) to see how you can help.



## DONATE

Make a one time or reoccurring donation online or mail it in. Buy a classroom gift from our Amazon Wishlist or Giving Tree and shop at Amazon Smile.



## CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN

Become a Champion for Children by hosting an event benefiting Sammy's House! Visit [www.sammyhouse.org](http://www.sammyhouse.org) for more information.



## ADVOCATE

Help us advocate for children in need by spreading the word about Sammy's House! Attend a fundraising event, follow us on social media and sign up for our email list.

# WE'RE SO LUCKY YOU'RE ON OUR TEAM

For 19 years, Sammy's House has relied on you, our dedicated group of donors, volunteers and advocates, to provide education and care to families and children in need.

Your belief in our mission and confidence in our work allows us to continue to provide our specialized programs and services, promote the message of diversity, and raise awareness for inclusion and the value of individuals of all abilities.

THANK  
YOU

