



ANNUAL REPORT

2019



Dear Friends,

Sammy's House started 20 years ago as a vision of guardianship and loving care. We began in Sammy's living room, serving four medically fragile infants. We thought in the beginning that there would be other children who needed this care, little did we know it was going to be hundreds and later thousands of children.

When I look back at the ideals that we based Sammy's House on, it's all about creating a foundation of care and safety within a structure of education and intervention. Today, we have grown tremendously and are now serving infants to young adults and their families.

In 2019, we launched our new logo to reflect who we are today, a massive global house that provides acceptance and loving care to many individuals with different needs. We've been fortunate enough to partner with incredible donors and volunteers that have helped us grow into the agency we are today. There are no words to thank everyone who has supported us along the way and are still supporting us to this day. It's been an incredible journey, an incredible 20 years- and it's going to be an incredible 20 more years!

Thank you for your support!

Isabel Huerta

Executive Director

VISION & MISSION

At Sammy's House, our vision is to **bridge the gaps** in services for individuals who are **medically fragile** and/or **developmentally delayed**.



Our mission is to provide high-quality **education and care** for children and youth with and without special needs, offer education and **resources for families** and **raise awareness** on the value of diversity.



2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Community



Innovation



Growth



- Volunteers donated more than 800 hours of service
- We expanded our community footprint to partner with some of Austin's most prominent businesses
- Sammy's House launched an innovative Young Adult Work Readiness Program that provides individuals with special needs with the skills necessary to move towards independence

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



107 Children Served



Individualized Curriculum



Highest Accreditation



Sammy's House's Child Development Center serves children with and without special needs from the time they are 6 weeks old until they enter kindergarten. We welcome 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 who have children with special needs to keep a typical work schedule.

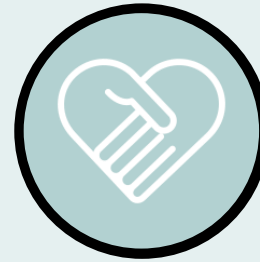
Our inclusive programs promote learning by using individualized curriculum and medical and therapeutic intervention designed to help each child reach their full potential.

We are proud to have been awarded 4 Stars, the highest accreditation from the Texas Workforce Commission's Texas Rising Star Program. We were named the Workforce Solution's Outstanding Child Care Center of the Year for Travis County in 2015 and were a finalist for the 2016 HEB Excellence in Education Awards and a semi-finalist in 2017 and 2018.

RESPIRE CARE PROGRAM



132 Children Served



Caregiver Support



Social Opportunity



Sammy's House offers evening and weekend respite/crisis care outside of regular child care and school hours to give parents and caregivers a chance to relax and recharge. In 2019, we served 132 children and teens and provided 660 hours of respite care.

Evidence shows that respite care has enormous positive outcomes for parents and caregivers of children with special needs, including improved social support and life satisfaction, relief of psychological stress and improved marital relationships. Sammy's House strives to serve the *whole* family by offering programs that provide parents and caregivers with a temporary break in care.

In addition, respite care has significant benefits for the children and teens attending care sessions as it encourages social interactions with peers, offers opportunities to engage in a wide variety of activities and promotes independence later in life.

YOUTH & TEEN SUMMER CAMP



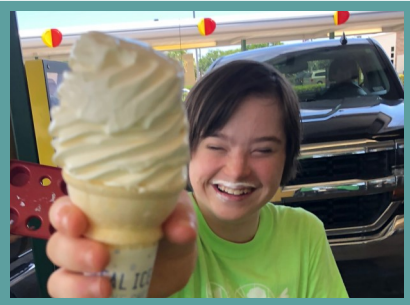
62 Campers Served



Caregiver Support



Adaptive & Inclusive



Sammy's House provides inclusive, safe, reliable care for youth and teens with and without special needs who can't be left alone during the summer months due to intellectual delays, behavioral outbursts and/or the need for daily medical intervention.

In 2019, 88% of youth participating in summer camp and 100% of campers participating in Teen Camp were medically fragile and/or developmentally delayed.

Sammy's House inclusive summer camps aim to provide campers with a summer experience similar to their typically developing peers. Our camps encourage social interaction with peers, promote "safe risk taking" by allowing campers to try new activities and offer opportunities to engage with members of the community. Campers take part in various field trips, water play and other summer activities that have been adapted for children and teens of all abilities.

YOUNG ADULT WORK READINESS



9 Interns & Staff



Work & Social Skills



Adaptive & Inclusive



Sammy's House launched our young adult work readiness program in the summer of 2019 to provide young adults with special needs with the necessary work experience and social skills to move towards independence. Interns completed a number of tasks that can be adapted to meet each individual's needs.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

"When I was asked to join the Board, I had no idea about the impact this organization would have on me. Hearing the stories on how we are changing families lives in Austin is what drives us to reach out to volunteers, organize fundraisers and appreciate all the professionals involved in the day to day operations. I serve on the Board because together, we are making a difference."

Mark Hardtmeier, Board of Directors

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Oversight



Integrity



Quality Control

2019 FINANCIALS

Activities and change in net assets for the year ending 12/31/2019

Revenue & Support	
Tuition	\$490,475
Contributions	\$273,909
Grants	\$42,500
TOTAL INCOME	\$806,884
Expenses	
Programing	\$40,420
General Administration	\$37,017
Salaries & Benefits	\$651,834
Fundraising	\$51,035
Facilities	\$89,084
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$869,390
TOTAL INCOME	(\$62,506)

Statement of financial position as of 12/31/2019

Assets	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$159,078
Accounts Receivable	(\$4,782)
Other Current Assets & Prepaids	\$44,576
TOTAL ASSETS	\$198,872
Liabilities	
Tuition Deposits	\$13,534
Equity & Retained Earnings	\$247,844
Net Income	(\$62,506)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$198,872

HOW YOU CAN HELP



Volunteer



Donate



Advocate



Volunteer

Sammy's House has meaningful volunteer opportunities for individuals, small groups and large corporations that can be one-time or reoccurring.

Email info@sammyshouse.org to learn how you can help.

Donate

There are many ways to donate to Sammy's House! Monetary donations can be made through our website, paper products and cleaning supplies can be delivered to our center and classroom items can be purchased on our Amazon Wish List.

Advocate

Become an **Ability Advocate** for children in need by spreading the word about Sammy's House! Follow us on social media, attend a fundraising event and sign up for our email list.

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