

Administrative Matters Immediate Needs Grant

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Respite Care, Inc.

Mission Statement

- Respite Care, Inc. is a nonprofit organization in Northern Colorado that provides short-term, quality care for children with developmental disabilities and respite to their families, enabling them to enhance their quality of life.



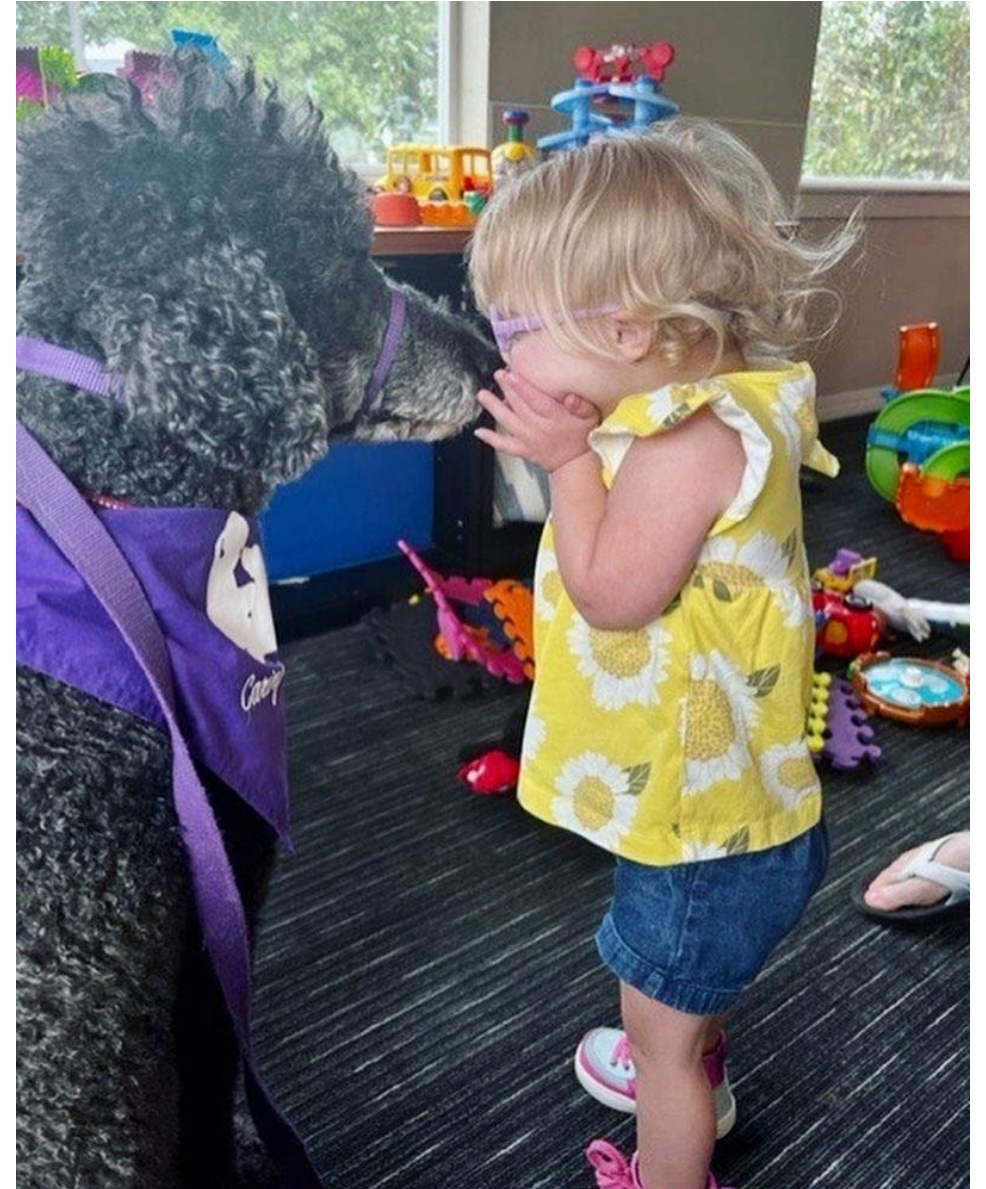
History

- Respite Care was founded in 1981
- Started in a house on Wood & Cherry Streets in Fort Collins by a group of families that needed support and a community for their children with disabilities.
- Moved to our current location 19 years ago



What We Do

- Specialized Care
- Serve Infants - 18 y/o
- Pebbles, Rocks, Boulders
 - Medications, Seizure Management, Exceptional Child Care Staffing Ratio
 - Day Care for kids 0-5 y/o
- Overnight Care
- Before/After School Care
- Day Camp - 8 weeks (including 2 weeks in Weld County)
- Wilderness Camp
- Horse Camp
- Enrichment Opportunities
 - Field Trips, Special Visitors, therapy dogs, music therapy, dance, art



Immediate Needs Grant

- Respite Care, Inc. implemented a cohorting system in order to continue operating and to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure.
- Many of our children are medically fragile so cohorting was a priority for us to stay open.
- Cohorting resulted in fewer children per classroom, requiring additional staff time and associated expenses.
- The Immediate Needs Grant from Larimer County funded these additional costs to enable our safe operation.



Impact of the Grant

Fully funded for \$68,995 to cover the additional costs of staffing during the covid pandemic.

RC was closed down from 03/16/2020 to 04/27/2020.

- Admin - continued working from home, at full salary. Managed Covid response.
- Child care specialists - had opportunities to be paid to clean the house, and were paid at a percentage of their average hours, to increase retention during and following the Pandemic.
- We didn't know when we'd reopen to families, but worked so that it could be as soon as possible, which required us to maintain staffing; a very small number of staff left due to the pandemic
- We hosted Distance Learning, which often required 1:1 staffing.
- We took on more: sanitizing, kids health checks, managing potential outbreaks, laundering PPE (masks) in house, managing vaccine opportunities for our staff, monitoring what is going on in the community, parent survey, etc.

Cohorting:

We provided two 4-hour blocks of care each day, from 8-12 and from 1-5. Staff cleaned between and after blocks. There was a limited amount of children allowed during each block to minimize contact. We separated groups and also staff who were permitted to work with each groups, much more stringently

Peace of Mind

Families have a resource in Respite Care that is difficult to find elsewhere.



Enrichment

Children who attend Respite Care have access to programs like Wilderness Camp and Summer Day Camp.



Opportunity

Respite Care gives the gift of time to families; time to work, pursue educational opportunities, etc. while the kids are engaging in activities with their peers.



“You have all made the last 12 summers of her life special in an irreplaceable way. As her dad, knowing she is safe, engaged, happy, learning and loved, is a joy and comfort that can’t be measured. You have given her so much. Given our whole family so much. I am forever grateful!”

- Respite Care Parent

*94% of families have indicated in recent surveys a decrease in stress levels due to Respite Care.

Respite Care Facts

- Our budget for the 23/24 Fiscal Year is \$2.3 million
- 854 volunteers provided over 5,800 hours
- 40 PT employees and 28 FT employees
- Provided over 52,000 hours of care
- Provided 169 nights of overnight care last year
- Sliding fee scale from \$3.50 - \$13.00 an hour
 - Average family pays \$5.00 an hour
- Our cost to provide specialized care is \$33.50 an hour

How do we make all of this happen?

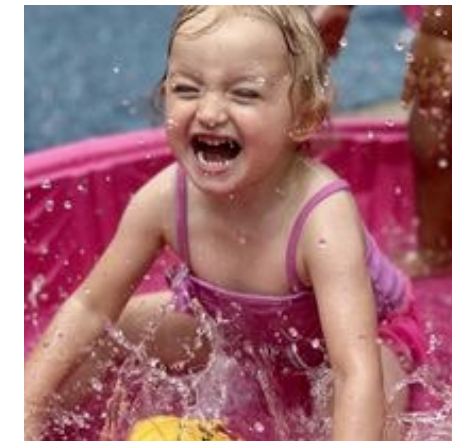
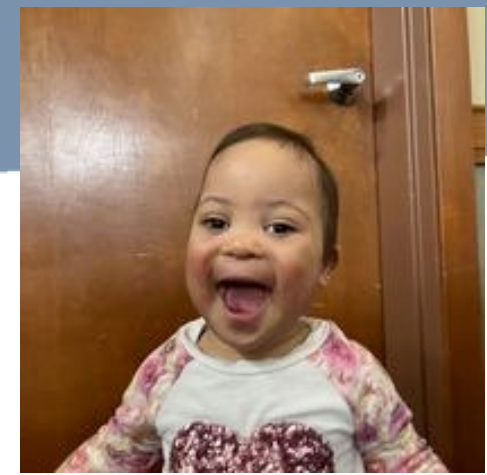
Our Community!

74% of our budget comes from donors

11% from Grants/Foundations

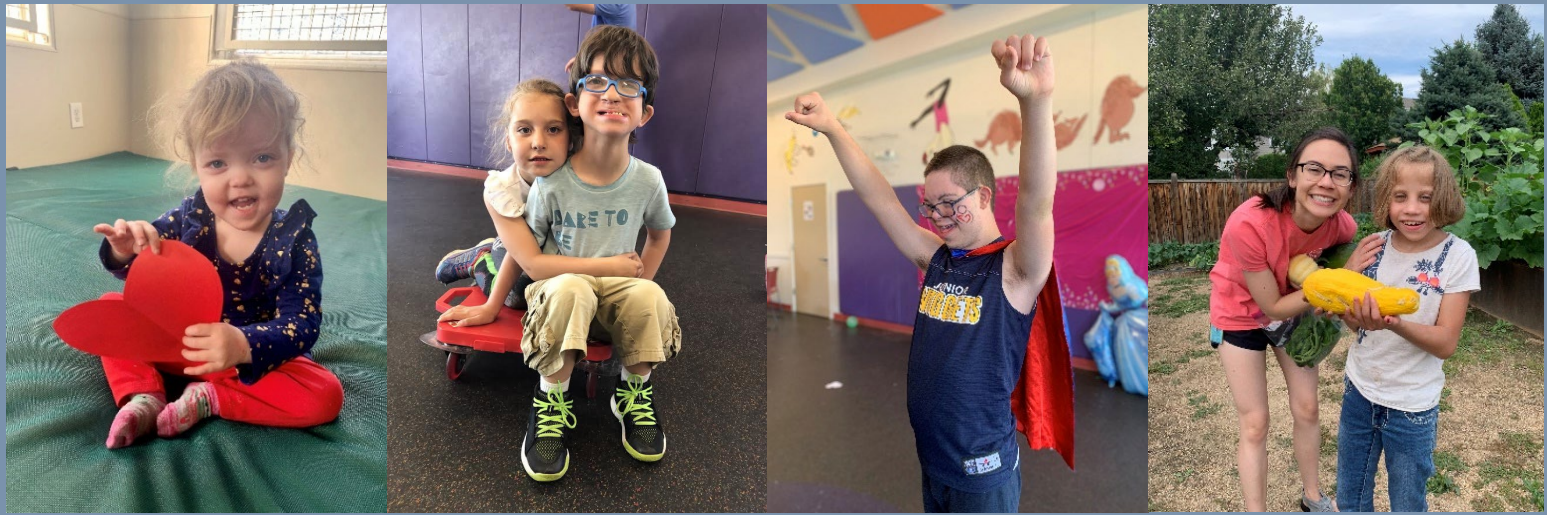
15% Program Revenue

*Donations qualify for the Colorado Child Care Contribution Tax Credit



Questions?





Thank you!

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