



2022

# ANNUAL REPORT

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# ABOUT



## DAILY

Therapies  
Physical Therapy, Occupational  
Therapy, & Speech Therapy

Dreamplex Therapeutic  
School

The Friendship Place

After School Care

## WEEKLY

Recreational Therapy

Group Fitness

Vocational Sewing

Adaptive Sports

## SEASONAL

Sport Clinics (Monthly)

Adaptive Swim

School Break Camps

## YEARLY

Annual Gala

Inclusion Celebration

Sport Clinics Awards  
Banquet

The Central Florida Dreamplex is a center for therapy, fitness, recreation, and sports designed specifically for individuals with physical and/or intellectual disabilities. Our programs include traditional and recreational therapies, adaptive sports, early learner education, out of school care, vocational rehab, and group fitness classes for the whole family.

We strive to maintain a unique and effective environment to address individual members holistically, allow them to build the skills required to reach their full potential, and prepare them to be participants in their natural environment. Having a space designed specifically for those with disabilities contributes to development of self- perception, creates a sense of group identity, and promotes the ability to alter perception of disability.



# VISION

Creating a community that allows all persons, regardless of ability, to achieve their dreams

# MISSION

To provide opportunity and inclusion of all persons, regardless of ability, for sport, recreation, therapy and employment

## "GRATEFUL FOR THE VILLAGE"

*"The Dreamplex has been an incredible blessing to our family. Our daughter has made great progress in many areas since she started therapy there a year and a half ago. Her therapists have connected with her and they care about her growth and well-being. They are always finding new ways to challenge her while making it fun. When they found out that we didn't have equipment at home like a bath seat and a feeding chair due to insurance delays, they loaned us some, which made life so much easier for us. We are so grateful for the village of people at Dreamplex who love our girl and help her to be her best."*

*-Tember (Haven's mother)*



# FINANCIALS

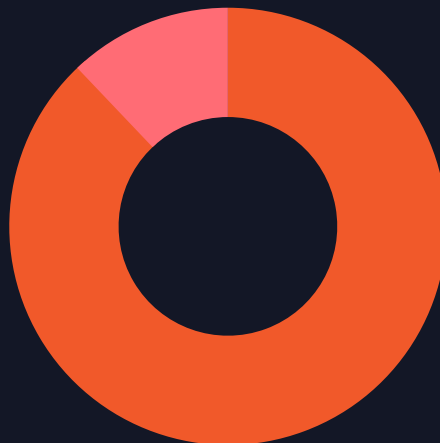
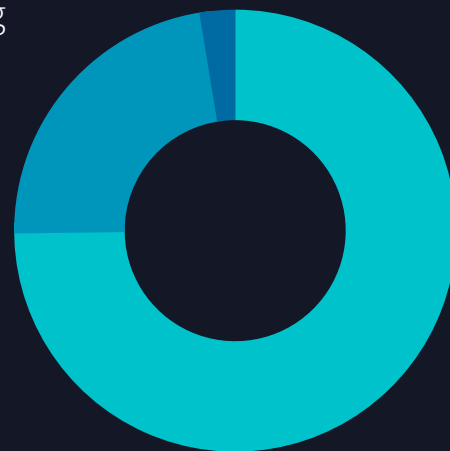
Donations, Grants, Fundraising  
22.6%

Other  
2.6%

## REVENUES

Management & General  
12.1%

Program Income  
74.8%



## EXPENSES

Direct Programs and Services  
87.9%

## "BRIDGES THE GAP"

*"The Dreamplex experience has given us the opportunity to communicate with our son verbally and nonverbally. It's been tough as a parent knowing that our son could not communicate and the frustration builds on both ends, so having the Dreamplex in our corner really helped to bridge that gap. We could not have achieved as much without the team at the Dreamplex. The support and effort means so much to us and our family."*

*-Allison (Amar's mother)*

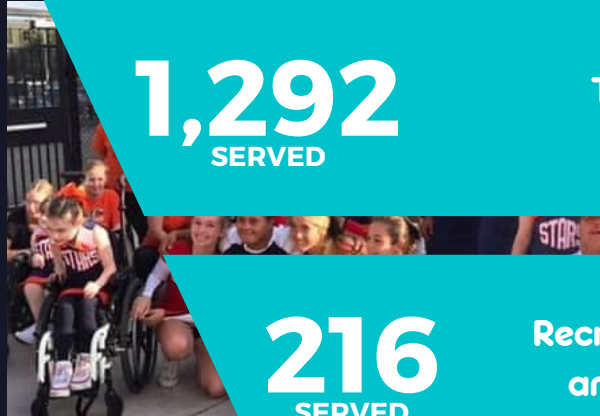




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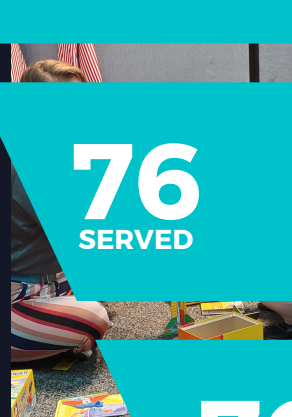
**1,523**  
SERVED

Total Extraordinary People Served  
at the Central Florida Dreamplex



**1,292**  
SERVED

Traditional Therapies  
(PT, OT, SLP, EI)



**216**  
SERVED

Recreation, Sports Clinics,  
and Fitness Programs

**76**  
SERVED

Adaptive Sports  
(For those with physical disabilities)



**76**  
SERVED

Dreamplex  
Therapeutic  
School &  
DreamCare

**22**  
SERVED

Vocational Sewing  
and Friendship Place



# HIGHLIGHTS

## Night of Encouragement

Two Nights of Encouragement were held in 2022 as a time and place for client families to connect, learn, and receive support. Topics ranged from families sharing their stories from diagnosis to adulthood, IEP's and transitioning out of the K-12 school system, and caregiver burnout.



## Flag Football Camp with UCF

Participants enjoyed a fun day learning and practicing flag football skills with UCF Football players! We ran fun drills and scrimmages then took a tour of the University of Central Florida football stadium, including the locker and weight rooms!





# HIGHLIGHTS

## Illuminate & Glow Dance Party

Community supporters came together and brought in over \$8,600.

Severe thunderstorms resulted in quick changes having to be made to the original event on the lakefront, but the understanding of the supporters who came and the Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra made it a lovely event.

The Glow Dance Party was rescheduled and it was a memorable time we plan to replicate in coming years.

Extra special thanks to GatorSkitch Corporation for covering the venue cost for our rescheduled event. Thank you to our co-title sponsors Dahl Family Law Group and Calloway Roofing, and all our sponsors who made this event possible.



## 1 Year at the Orlando Location

This year marked one year at our Orlando facility with OCA. Silvia and OCA gifted us a new sign that looks great next to theirs! We appreciate our partnership, staff, supporters, and all Orlando participants.

## Community Support

Winn Dixie, Ray Boutique, and Walgreens each hosted community fundraising events in support of the Dreamplex.



# HIGHLIGHTS

## 8th Annual Dreamplex Gala

The 8th Annual Central Florida Dreamplex Gala, presented by Harper Family Charitable Foundation, was an amazing success, thanks to our partners, sponsors, volunteers, staff, and families! The night featured testimonies, a murder mystery, silent and live auctions, appetizers, desserts, cocktails, dancing, and more!





# HIGHLIGHTS



## Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation

Three power soccer chairs were purchased with the \$25,000 grant, bringing the current power soccer program closer to providing a fully functioning power soccer chair, and top-tier experience, to each athlete during practices, scrimmages, and games. Proper equipment brings our program closer to becoming a competitive team.

## Community Foundation of South Lake

\$20,000 grant to provide sport and recreational opportunities and scholarships to South Lake County residents.

## Magruder Foundation

\$5,000 was granted for our Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy departments to purchase over 40 pieces of therapeutic and adaptive equipment. Our qualified therapists now have access to an extensive library of therapeutic and adaptive equipment to incorporate into therapy, helping them meet the diverse and changing needs of over 1,160 clients.

## The Margaret McCartney & R. Parks Williams Foundation

\$2,500 was awarded to support our occupational therapy and recreational programs. OT patients and Karate students in Orlando benefitted from new therapeutic supplies and equipment.

## "MAKING HUGE STRIDES"

*He needed help learning how to be aware of his own body and balance and sensing his own location in space. He has made marked improvement in understanding the physical aspects of the world around him, including touch, balance, and hand-eye coordination, and everyone has noticed how much more confident he is with his friends and in school, as well as how much more fluidly he moves.*

*-Amanda (Keegan's mother)*



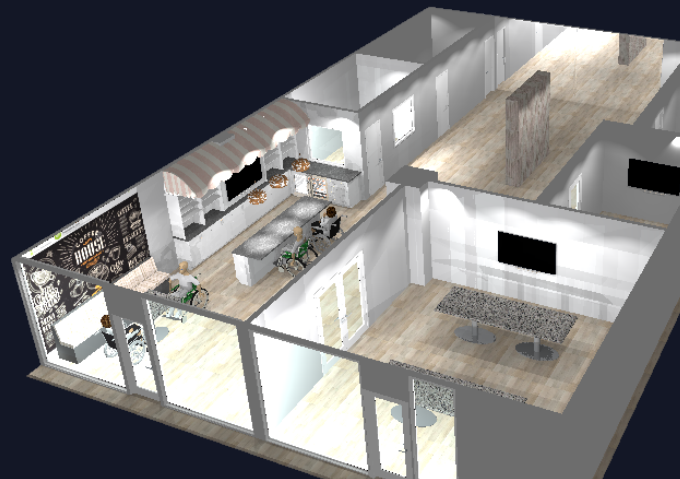
# THE YEAR AHEAD

## The Friendship Place

A recent financial gift, from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous, has provided us with the opportunity to provide daytime care for adults with disabilities and respite for their caregivers.

Currently under construction at 2400 S. Hwy. 27 in Clermont, The Friendship Place will be a space and a program for adults with disabilities, age 22 and older, dedicated to providing the safest, most engaging program for those who need a place to meet others, participate in fun activities, and practice life skills.

Pedro Rodriguez, the Director of The Friendship Place, understands that caregivers worry as they and their children age. Pedro and his team are dedicated to providing these caregivers with peace of mind by creating a safe, caring, and enjoyable space for their loved ones.



This program offers a 1:3 ratio of staff to participants. Participants of this program are cognitively impaired and developmentally delayed. Many are non-verbal, use wheelchairs or walkers, and require assistance with daily tasks. Participants who require 1:1 care are welcome to attend with an individual caregiver.



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# THANK YOU

*2022 was about getting back to operations as they were prior to 2020. We are grateful to everyone who has stuck with us during these uncertain years. It was exciting to, once again, bring the community together at both Illuminate and at our 8th Annual Gala. Recreational class sizes continue to increase, our adaptive sports clinics are growing into competitive teams, therapeutic clients continue to reach goals, the adult community is being served, and we continue to focus on our internal structure, systems, and team.*

*-Cameron Gomes, Chief Executive Officer*

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Foundation

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Foundation

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Banker



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Mary Kaeding

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