



2023 - 2024 Impact Report

**“Giving is not just about making a donation.
It is about making a difference.”
- Kathy Calvin**



A Letter From Leadership

Spring, 2025

Dear Friend of Kids On The Go,

We are extremely grateful and very excited to share our 2023 - 2024 Impact Report. As we reflect on the past couple of years, it is humbling to see the incredible amount of generosity that has been shown to Kids On The Go. Thanks to the support from our donors, community partners, friends, staff and volunteers, many of whom are highlighted here, we have been able to continue to build a culture of growth and make a difference in the lives of the children and families we serve.

We hope the “Impact” part of this report is not lost on those who take the time to read it. We are very happy to share the feedback from our families, number of children and teens we have been able to serve and partnerships we have been able to build over the last two years. The information in this document are not just statistics; they are the real and lasting effects of what generosity, commitment, and belief in our work can accomplish.

The saying “actions speak louder than words” comes to mind as I invite you to follow us on social media, visit our newly updated website and keep an eye out in the community for the ways in which the contributions from our donors are making a difference. Watch for photos with lots of smiles and updates on our programs that would not be possible without you.

As we look ahead, we are inspired to build on this momentum and continue to explore ways that we can remain a beacon of support for those in our community with special needs. For now, we invite you to celebrate these successes with us and continue being a part of our journey.

With deepest appreciation,

**Kristy Piana Schena, M.S., CCC-SLP
Founder/Executive Director**

Our Story

Kids On The Go was founded in 1999 by Kristy Schena, M.S, CCC-SLP as a dream to help fill the educational gap over the summer months for children with special needs. With tireless effort, kindness and generosity, Kids On The Go has steadily grown to serve our community's most precious members.

Kids On The Go is a pediatric non-profit program designed to provide children with special needs (3-17 years) with physical, occupational, speech and recreational therapies both over the summer months and during the school year.

WHERE IT STARTED



BI-COUNTY HOSPITAL

WHERE WE ARE NOW



THE NONPROFIT CENTER AT PARE

Mission

At Kids On The Go, our goal is to recognize and facilitate the goals of children with special needs and to further develop their current skills through therapeutic and wellness programs for the children and their families.

Vision

To provide a safe environment that will foster opportunities for growth, inclusion and provides valuable resources for our community.

Core Values

SOAR values reflect our organization's commitment to provide inclusive, empowering, and well-rounded programs for children (ages 3-17) with special needs in a nurturing environment where children feel confident to grow and explore.

S

Support

Encouraging children and families to take an active role in their growth and progress by providing valuable resources and therapeutic support.

O

Opportunities

Create opportunities for all children to enhance skills and build confidence so they reach their full potential through inclusive programs.

A

Abilities

Promoting the development of physical, social, emotional, and mental well-being through therapeutic and wellness programs.

R

Resources

Fostering partnerships with families, community members, and organizations to create a supportive network for children's development.



Program Highlights

Kids On The Go has proudly awarded nearly **5,000** scholarships for children with special needs to participate completely free of charge.

Winter	<p>Adaptive Dance</p> <p>Boxing at Transformation Lab</p> <p>Communication in a Digital World</p>	<p>Cooking Adventures</p> <p>Teens To Work</p> <p>Yoga</p>
Spring	<p>Adaptive Dance</p> <p>Adaptive Theater</p> <p>Boxing at Transformation Lab</p>	<p>Build Up STEAM (Legos/Robotics)</p> <p>Teens To Work</p>
Summer	<p>AAC & Me!</p> <p>Adaptive Bowling</p> <p>Adaptive Dance</p> <p>Adaptive Theater</p> <p>All Star Flag Football</p> <p>All Star Hoops</p> <p>Better Letters</p> <p>Bike Riding - Try & Ready to Ride</p> <p>Bucket Drumming</p> <p>Build Up STEAM (Legos/Robotics)</p> <p>Empowered Too!</p> <p>Exploring Foods with Friends</p> <p>Friendship Cheer</p> <p>Golf Academy with First Tee</p>	<p>Golf Academy - 3 Hole League</p> <p>Going Social</p> <p>Hockey for All Stars with ESYSF</p> <p>Independent Living</p> <p>Klub 16+</p> <p>Letters Together</p> <p>Little Sluggers</p> <p>Multidisciplinary Camps</p> <p>Multisensory Art</p> <p>Music Therapy</p> <p>Pickleball at GPYC</p> <p>Social Skills Groups</p> <p>Summer Sounds</p> <p>Teens To Work</p>
Fall	<p>Adaptive Dance</p> <p>Circuit Training at Transformation Lab</p> <p>Cooking Adventures</p>	<p>Family Wellness Day</p> <p>Martial Arts</p> <p>Teens to Work</p>

*Classes subject to change

Community Impact & Metrics

Number of People Served

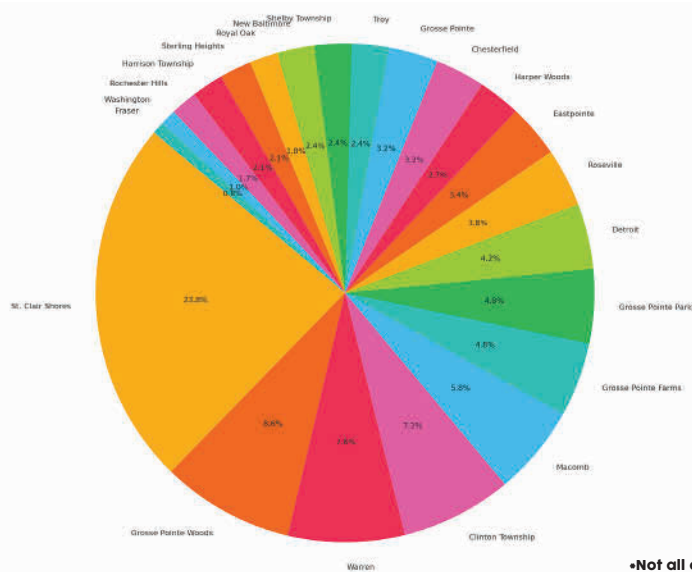
2023: 3,255 Clinical Hours Provided

2024: 3,278 Clinical Hours Provided

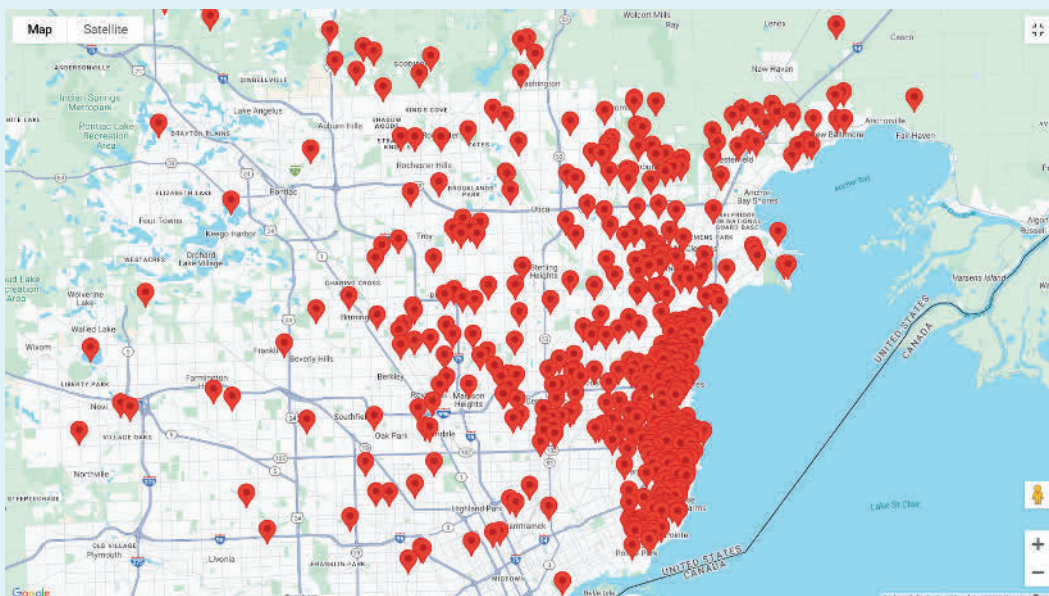
2023: 413 Scholarships Awarded

2024: 460 Scholarships Awarded

Count of Campers City of Residence



Geographic Reach



Family Feedback

"KOTG has been an essential part of my family's life for the past 12 years. Since my son was 3 1/2 years old and is now a 15-year-old freshman in high school and my daughter who also started at 3 and is now a 7th grader, this organization has been selfless and has served the special needs community as well as my family for over 25 years."

- Lisa, Parent

"Our daughter, Katelyn, has been a part of Kids on the Go programs for over 12 years. In that time, she has had speech, handwriting, learning to ride a bike, cheerleading, baseball, golf and tennis. Without these programs, Katelyn would never have had the chance to learn to play golf, like her brother does. She can now participate in our family chipping contests and enjoys the time with our family."

- Michelle, Parent

"My personal connection is with Kids on the Go. Our family has been the beneficiary of their services for nearly 10 years. We have a child on the spectrum who might not have developed in countless ways had it not been for the programs and support offered by their team of dedicated staff."

- Kris, Parent

"Kids on the Go gave my son something extracurricular to do just like any other kid. As a parent of a special needs child, you often feel left out because your child can't just do "normal kid things" like join a regular dance class or join the school's basketball team. You then also lose out on your child being able to socialize outside of school, and when your special needs child has no friends, there aren't a lot of options. Kids on the Go is the only place in the area that gives my son something to do outside of school. It not only has helped strengthen his gross and fine motor skills, it has given him such great confidence."

- Erica, Parent



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Regan Wright was honored with the Russell Agosta Service Award for her exceptional advocacy and volunteer work supporting individuals with special needs. As a board member, volunteer, and parent advocate, she has shown deep dedication to inclusion and empowerment for people of all abilities. This award recognizes her compassionate service and lasting impact on the community.

Katie Lubera is the first recipient of the Founder's Award at Kids On The Go, honoring her 24 years of exceptional service. She has played a key role in expanding programs like Social Skills and Teens to Work, mentored graduate students, strengthened the therapy team, and supported colleagues. Katie is celebrated as a dedicated leader, mentor, and friend who embodies the organization's values.



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