

Pacekids Programs Annual Report Year Ended August 31, 2022

Message from Leadership

We would like to begin this annual report with a message of thanks after an extraordinary year.

Since 1994, Pacekids has stayed strong in its dedication to supporting children with diverse needs and their families. This year we were able to provide programming in homes, in the community, and in our two schools thanks to your commitment, support, and engagement.

The past several years have posed challenges we never expected to see. As we adjust to our new reality, we are happy to take the learnings from the past two years and apply them in our lives and work. This includes continuing to host virtual meetings, share therapy videos, and connect with families in small groups. We are inspired by the dedication of our incredible team who ensure the families we have the privilege to serve have access to this life changing programming.

Through this report you will read about our families, the work of our team and some of the incredible supporters who are enabling children to thrive across the city.

Once again, we couldn't have achieved so many incredible things without your support!

Thank you most sincerely and respectfully,

R. Aly Leed



Alex Reed, Executive Director





Scott Matson, Board Chair

About Pacekids

In 1994, a group of passionate parents in our community came together with a common goal of ensuring that their six children with diverse needs could thrive. Together, they formed Pacekids Programs.

Pacekids has remained steadfast in our commitment to being family focused and striving for excellence in the therapy, education and empowerment of children with diverse needs and their families.

Today, Pacekids proudly serves over 600 children and families across the Calgary region each year.

Vision - A community where all children with diverse needs and their families thrive.

Mission - Pacekids empowers children with diverse needs and their families through excellence in therapy, education, and play.

Sharing Our Impact

Twins Silas and Kane are in their third year at Pacekids and thriving; a scenario their parents Noah and Francine could not imagine a few short years ago. Only months after they were born the boys began having uncontrollable seizures. After countless tests and hospital visits, Noah and Francine were told the unimaginable, that their boys wouldn't live past three years old.

"We were lost souls; we were completely shut off. We had accepted what was happening and that was the bottom line," said Noah.

Thankfully, after further testing, doctors determined that the boys had been mis-diagnosed and had a rare metabolic condition called Glut 1 Deficiency which was causing their seizures. "We got a call back from the metabolic department, and it was 'hey, we've got good news'."

From that point on everything changed for the young family.

Equipped with their new diagnosis, Noah and Francine were able to begin supporting their boys, managing their condition and seeking support to navigate their unique challenges. While Silas and Kane continue to learn new skills and techniques to navigate their global developmental delays, the two have been seizure free for several years and are showing incredible progress! Today, the now five-year-old boys are excited to join their friends each day and are always ready to play games in the gym.

"Pacekids has gone above and beyond for my kids. I could not be more grateful to the whole Pacekids team!" shared Francine.

Hear Francine and Noah share their story.



Our Year in Numbers

Our Programming

23,963 hours working directly with children and families to hone skills and work towards individualized goals through FSCD funded programs - including Behavioural & Developmental Supports, Specialized Services, and Triple P Programming

Over **90,000** kilometers were travelled by Pacekids staff ensuring children arrived to and from school safely

Our students enjoyed **7605** minutes in music therapy

Between our North and South schools, over **5070** circle times took place in our classrooms

Our Supporters

Over **\$170,000** were raised across our three annual signature events: Keeping Pace, Race for Pace, and Putting for Pace

848 donors made **2754** gifts in support of the Pacekids' Mission, which is an increase in donors by over **114%** from last year

Our Organization

6347 hours of professional development, education, and training was provided to **200** Staff members, ensuring continuous learning

Over **150** hours of assessment were provided to nearly **50** children, giving them access to over **\$430,000** in specialized programming

Full of Gratitude

Pacekids is able to impact our community through the incredible contributions of our partners and supporters. We are endlessly grateful for the community's generosity and commitment to helping children with diverse needs and their families thrive.

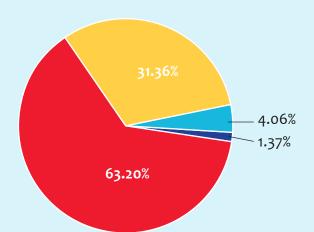
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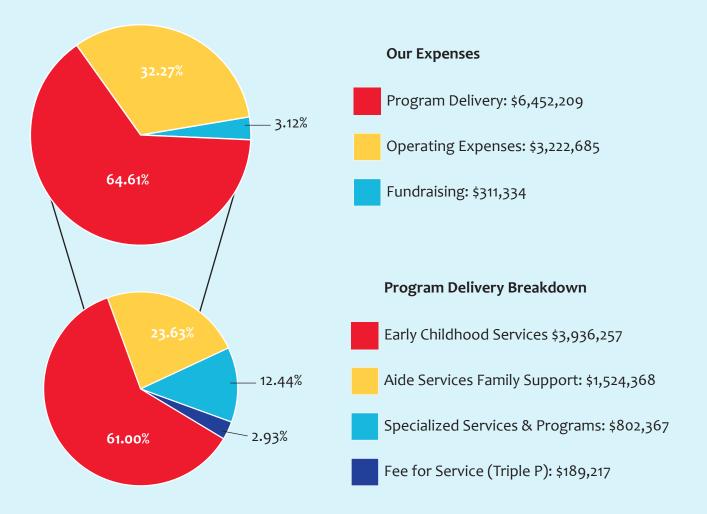
We are grateful for all our donors and supporters who helped make the past year so successful.

2021/2022 Financials



Our Funding





Any questions regarding Pacekids' financials can be directed to: <u>getinvolved@pacekids.ca</u> For Pacekids' complete audited financial statements, please visit <u>pacekids.ca/financials</u> There are many ways to get involved with the Pacekids community. Host an event, become a supporter or learn about our volunteer opportunities.

Visit <u>Pacekids.ca/GetInvolved</u> or email <u>getinvolved@pacekids.ca</u> to learn more.

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