



2023

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



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Our Mission

To build abilities and empower people of all ages living with disabilities.



Our Vision

Every person is valued and enjoys access, independence and opportunities to advance their hopes and dreams.



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President's Message



Dear Friends,

Every day is a good day at Capper! A very special friend of Capper shared this sentiment, and I could not agree more. As we carry out our mission to build abilities and empower people of all ages living with disabilities, this statement certainly rings true. Capper Foundation is changing lives and bringing hope to individuals with disabilities and their families through the many services and programs we provide throughout communities in northeast and south-central Kansas.

As you review our Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Impact Report, know you are a part of thousands of individuals' journeys and success stories. Whether you are a donor, volunteer, staff member, vendor or family member, you are helping make a profound difference in aiding each individual Capper serves gain skills toward independence and live a more fulfilled life. Your engagement is making so many things possible, i.e., Capper's growth in the job training and community employment arena by our acquisition of Dialogue Coffee House, helping provide an enriching environment for adults in Capper's Day/Residential Services through our new experience rooms and Aktion Club, helping children advance their mobility and speech challenges through the use of our newly renovated PlayZone, adaptive recreation offerings so children can learn to ride a bike or swim safely as a few examples. For this, we thank you.

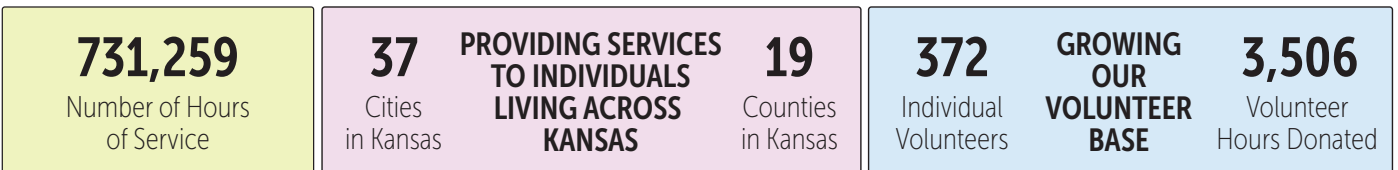
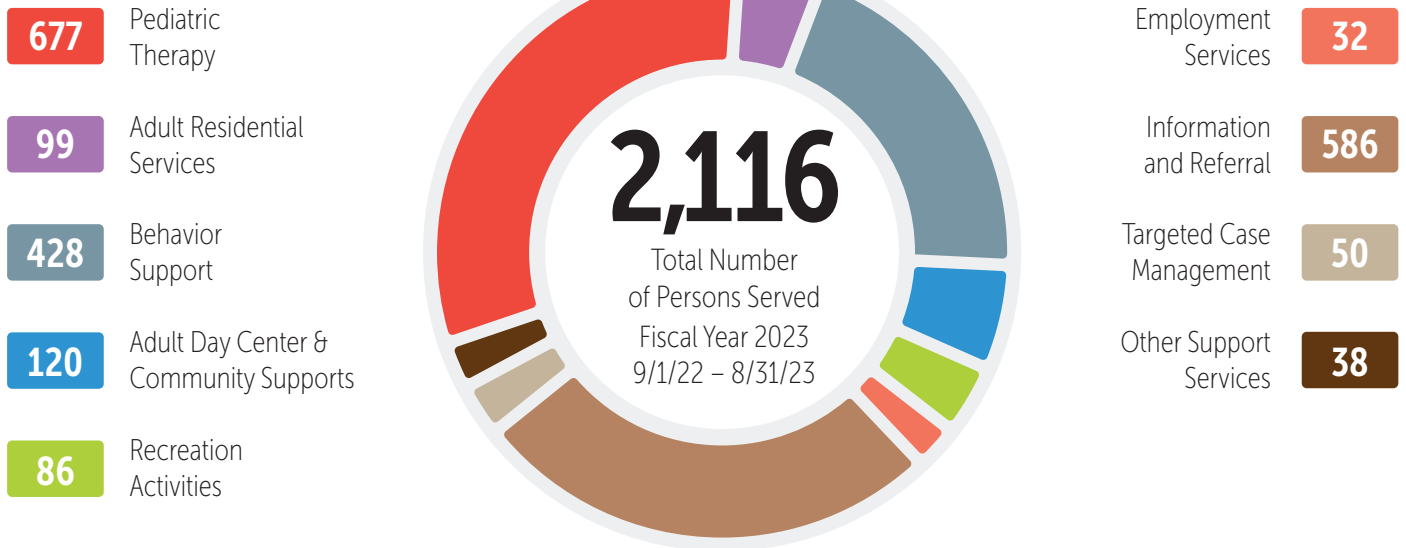
Serving infants, children, teen and adults, whether for a short part of their life or for their lifespan, we are very honored to provide quality care to help them feel valued and enjoy access to the same opportunities we all enjoy. Thank you for making our services possible for the thousands of families who depend on our expertise for their loved one. Thank you for helping transform children into adults who one day will contribute to our communities. We truly believe and live our mission because it is the right thing to do for families in our communities. In a sense, together we are building our communities as well.

We are sincerely grateful for your compassion and generosity, as we partner to build abilities. Thank you for caring. Thank you for acting on your belief in Capper Foundation.

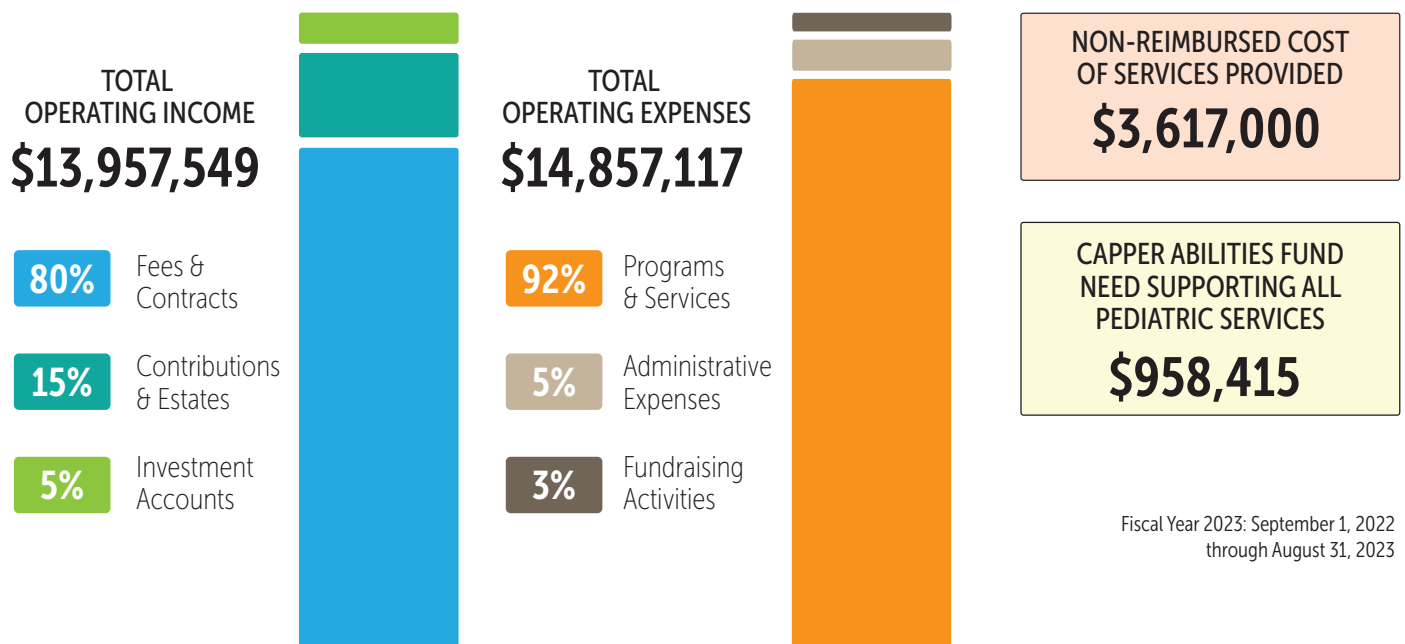
Zach Ahrens
President & CEO

We are People Helping People

PERSONS SERVED BY PROGRAM



Serving with Integrity, Transparency & Trust



Fiscal Year 2023: September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023



Building Abilities

Throughout Fiscal Year 2023, the leadership and staff at Capper Foundation, with the support and collaboration of our community partners, donors and volunteers, continued to fulfill our mission of helping those we serve to build their abilities. Our ongoing efforts to evaluate, modify, and expand the reach of our core programs and services resulted in a number of changes directly benefiting individuals and families while bolstering the overall organizational strength of Capper Foundation.

We are excited to highlight the progress made in each of our programs while also acknowledging the many individuals, businesses and organizations that have supported our mission and vision with their monetary, in-kind gifts and hours of volunteer service.



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Organizational Highlights

143 DONORS generously contributed at the President's Council level with gifts of over \$1,000 each.

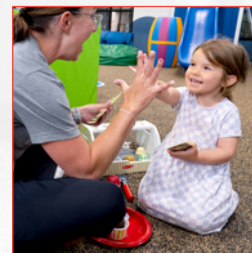
295 GUESTS participated in tours, presentations, and luncheons during Fiscal Year 2023.

JULY 14TH was celebrated at our Topeka, El Dorado and Winfield facilities as our founder, Senator Arthur Capper's 158th birthday.



Pediatric Services

Pediatric Services at Capper Foundation provide custom, individualized treatment plans for infants, children, teens, and young adults to 21 years, with disabilities or injury. Our therapists use a multi-disciplinary approach with proven interventions disguised as fun activities to provide children a chance to thrive at home and in their community. Our goal is to help them gain their highest level of independence as they grow and enjoy living a fulfilled life.



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Pediatric Services Highlights

562 CHILDREN were served through on-site Pediatric Therapy Services at our Topeka location.

29 STUDENTS received services from Capper Pediatric Therapists at area school districts.

20/30 CLUB OF TOPEKA provided a generous grant, funding a full renovation of our PlayZone therapy room including updated lighting, paint, HVAC, and adaptive playground equipment.



Adult Services

Adult Day Services focuses on providing adults living with disabilities engaging and stimulating daily activities in a safe and supportive environment. Opportunities for enhancing social skills, education, and service to others are provided in both on-site and community settings.

Copper Residential Services provide professional assistance and nursing care to help with all levels of an individual's needs, as well as teaching valuable skills to promote enhanced daily independence.



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Adult Services Highlights

120 ADULTS participated in 129,723 hours of day and community supports enhancing their social skills, independence and community engagement.

AKTION CLUB was sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Topeka (Downtown Kiwanis). Aktion Club provides opportunities for adults with disabilities to engage in community service activities.

EXPERIENCE ROOMS were introduced at our Adult Day Services Program in Topeka with activity-centered spaces including a dedicated game room, reading lounge, media room, gardening room, and more.



Community Employment Services

The Community Employment Training Program helps teens and adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities learn the skills needed to obtain meaningful employment in their communities, allowing them to gain greater independence and advance their hopes and dreams.



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Community Employment Training Highlights

DIALOGUE COFFEE HOUSE of Topeka joined Capper Foundation in April 2023, further expanding our Community Employment Services Program. Two additional Dialogue Coffee House locations were opened in the Topeka area throughout the year, with additional expansion scheduled for 2024.

32 ADULTS with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities were employed at local businesses in our Topeka, El Dorado and Winfield service areas.



Adaptive Recreation

Our annual *iCan Bike* and *iCan Swim* summer programs provide quality learning opportunities in recreational activities for individuals with disabilities, creating an environment where participants are safely empowered to learn new skills and maximize their individual potential.

Our warm water therapy pool, used for pediatric therapy and by our Adult Services Program provides a unique opportunity for fun exercise and building increased mobility and strength. The pool is also available for use by area community groups and families having a child or adult with a disability.



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Adaptive Recreation Highlights

60 PARTICIPANTS and families enrolled in our *iCan Bike* and *iCan Swim* Adaptive Recreation Programs. Each camp served 30 individuals with disabilities by teaching new skills, building strength, and instilling greater self-confidence.

WARM WATER THERAPY POOL was utilized for over 1,120 hours in 2023 by individuals and organizations from our community and Capper Pediatric Services and Adult Day Services programs.



Volunteer Support & Community Outreach

Each year volunteers from area businesses, schools, civic organizations, as well as individuals, donate thousands of hours in support of Capper programs, events, and facilities. In addition to sharing their time and talent, Capper volunteers also serve as advocates by lending their voices to raise awareness of our mission within the communities we serve.

Capper Foundation is proud to give back to our community through our Ability Awareness Training, co-sponsorship of C.A.S.T. for Kids, and educational outreach promoting increased awareness and inclusion for individuals living with disabilities.



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Volunteer & Community Outreach Highlights

372 VOLUNTEERS provided over 3,500 hours of diverse services during Fiscal Year 2023.

164 PEOPLE from area businesses and civic organizations participated in Ability Awareness Training designed to promote increased awareness of daily challenges faced by individuals living with disabilities .

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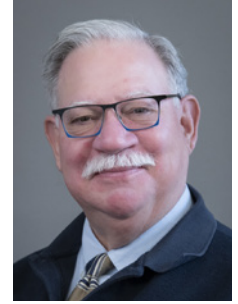
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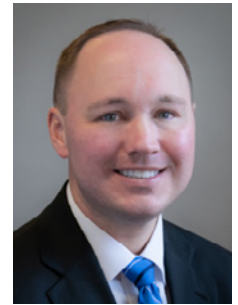
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