



Neurodiversity Support for Children, Inc.

Empowering Families. Fostering Resilience.

2025 Annual Report





A WORD OF GRATITUDE

Dear friends, colleagues, and families,

As a neuropsychologist, I have heard the same story over and over again... parents need support for their neurodivergent child and they do not know what they need or where to find it, and once they do, they are met with overwhelming financial and systemic barriers to accessing services. I have spent hours on the phone answering these “what” and “where” questions, trying to support parents in making the best decision for their family. Unfortunately, it is often the families that do not have the financial means or the educational resources to navigate this process who suffer the most. I was determined to create an organization that would support families by providing psychoeducation, resources, and financial aid, essentially, fostering resilience in both the parents and the neurodivergent children. As I talked to more and more families and colleagues, I realized just how great the need was for this type of organization. Parents volunteered enthusiastically and professionals listened compassionately; it was the start of Neurodiversity Support for Children (NSC).

NSC board members spent 2024 learning about non-profit organizations, developing our mission, and outlining our values. We grew substantially as an organization. We researched as much as we could, attended regular meetings, made connections with other nonprofits, and began the long, arduous journey of establishing a meaningful 501(c)(3) public charity. Our first group of board members were intelligent, powerful leaders who led with insight, knowledge, and fierce passion. We were courageous and dedicated to helping families across Massachusetts. We had emotional conversations, learned from each other, and discussed our own trials, challenges, and successes with neurodiversity. We created a strong foundation for NSC with structure, clinical expertise, and lived experience that would carry us into 2025.





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The year 2025 was groundbreaking. We exceeded our goals and expectations. As some board members completed their terms, we welcomed four new board members into NSC. We became a board of strong, brilliant parents, professionals, and young people who shared the same passion for supporting neurodivergent kids and their parents. We each brought our own unique perspective, shaped by our history and commitment for the future. Our success not only confirmed the need for financial support across the state, but it also motivated us to keep growing. As we read each grant application, each family's experience and hardships, we were validated as an organization. There is, indeed, a considerable financial need among neurodivergent families. There is also a need for quality, comprehensive neuropsychological evaluations and effective, research-based therapy. There is a need for special education advocates and lawyers, who can support parents through the fight to get their child what they need, and deserve.

NSC can empower families and foster resilience by providing the financial means and educational resources needed. We are excited for what 2026 will bring. Our goal is to continue to grow, reach more families, and partner with more businesses, corporations, nonprofit organizations, and local practices. Our goal is to help every neurodivergent child and family in Massachusetts receive the support they need and deserve.

Thank you to our founding board members, our initial partners, the parents and families who looked to us for support, and the communities who supported and welcomed our new nonprofit. We look forward to building upon this, our initial annual report, and growing our impact for years to come.

***With gratitude,
Jillian Bennett, PhD, BCBA-D, LABA
President and Founder***





NSC Mission & Purpose

Our mission is to empower and support the values, strengths, and mental health needs of neurodiverse children by providing access to neuropsychological evaluations, research-supported mental health therapy, & advocacy services through financial assistance & educational resources.

- **Child Neuropsychological Evaluations Help Parents:**
 - **Better Understand, Support, & Advocate for their Child**
- **Child Therapy Helps Parents:**
 - **Support Challenges, Nurture Strengths, & Empower the Child**
- **Educational Advocacy & Legal Support Helps Parents:**
 - **Advocate for What their Child Needs & Deserves in the School Setting**
- **But There is Limited Access due to:**
 - **High Private Pay Costs & Out-of-Pocket Expenses**
 - **Insurance Restrictions based on Diagnosis, Length or Type of Treatment, &/or Provider**
 - **Reduced Understanding of Special Education Law & Specific Child Rights in Schools**
 - **Reduced Understanding of Effective, Research-Based Treatment Options**





2025 Accomplishments

- Received 54 family grant applications, representing 11 out of 14 Massachusetts counties
- Supported 5 out of the 27 families that met the grant criteria, funding 24% of the requested funds, including giving away:
 - \$4,900 for Neuropsychological Evaluations
 - \$1,000 for Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
 - \$5,100 for Educational Advocacy & Legal Services
- Participated in 5 community events & made meaningful connections with neurodivergent families & other professionals & organizations:
 - Natick Neurodiversity Night - March 2025
 - Linclusion 5K - April 2025
 - Sponsored a 50th Birthday Party - June 2025
 - Yoga Class to Support NSC- August 2025
 - Kids' Activity Table at Ashland Day - October 2025
- Received donations from our first 2 Corporate Sponsors at the Bronze and Silver Levels
- Received 3 grants from the Town of Ashland Select Board, the Boston Athletic Association, & the Bank of America Charitable Gift Fund
- Obtained 4,670 website visits, 119 email subscribers, 350 Facebook Followers, 716 Instagram Followers, & 558 LinkedIn Followers





2025 Statement of Activity

Revenue	Donation Revenue - Community Fundraising	\$282.00
	Donation Revenue - Corporate Sponsors	\$1,500.00
	Donation Revenue - Grants	\$4,400.00
	Donation Revenue - Individual Donors	\$27,982.98
	Donation Revenue - Non Profit Donation	\$121.54
	Revenue - Website Sales	\$9.31
	Interest Earned - HYSA	<u>\$85.07</u>
	Total Revenue	<u>\$34,380.90</u>
Expenses	Grant Recipients/Program	\$11,000.00
	Expenses	\$495.00
	Legal Expenses	\$683.28
	Promotional Marketing Expenses	\$961.70
	Software Expenses	\$509.79
	Tax/Accounting Expenses	\$30.00
	Training Expenses	<u>\$30.00</u>
	Total Expenses	<u>\$13,679.77</u>
	Change in Net Assets	\$20,701.13
	Net Assets as of 01/01/2025	<u>\$21,185.27</u>
	Net Assets as of 12/31/2025	<u>\$41,886.40</u>





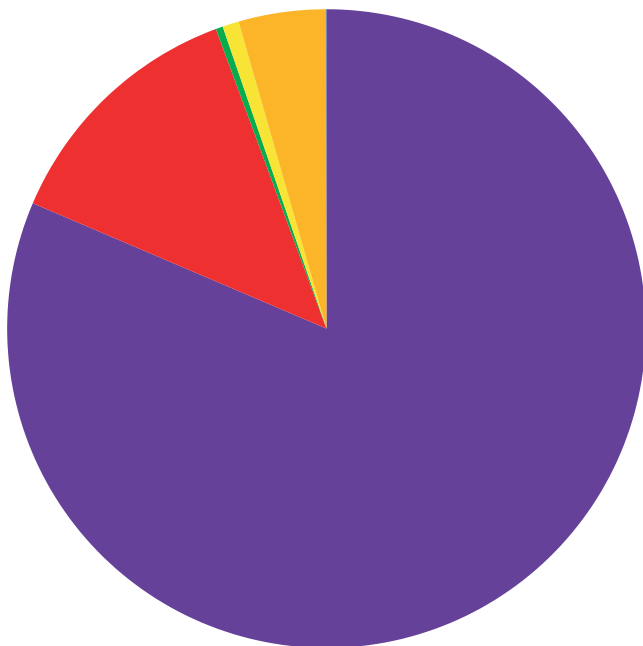
2025 Financial Overview

2025 Donations \$34,313.87

2025 Expenses \$13,948.24

2025 Net Income \$20,365.63

Revenue Sources



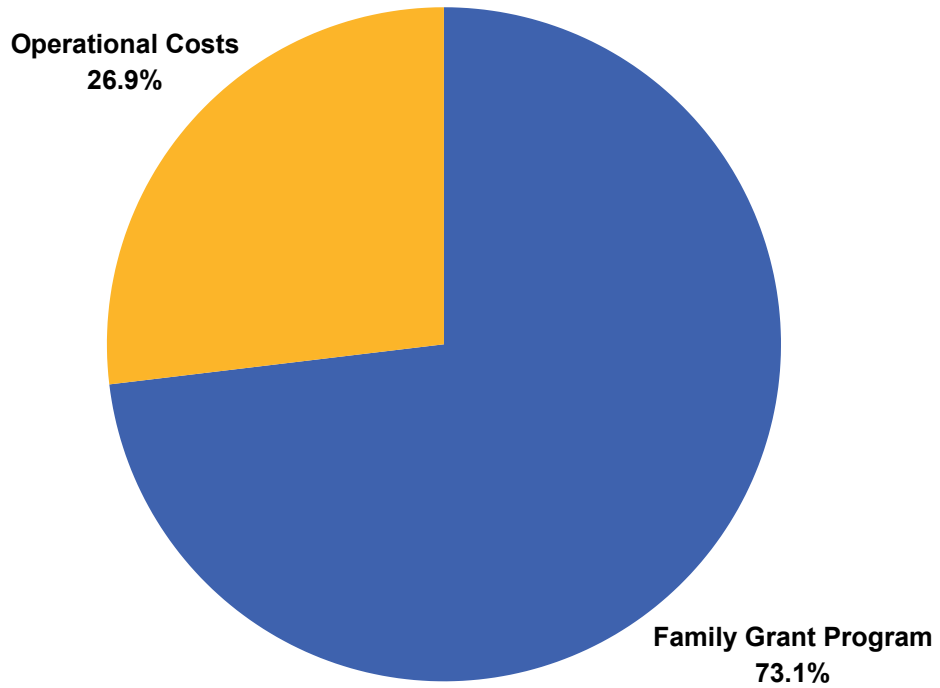
- Individual Donors = 81.4%
- Grants = 12.95%
- Non Profit Donors = .36%
- Community Fundraising = .83%
- Corporate Sponsorship = 4.41%
- Sale of Educational Materials = .03%





Program Investment

Total 2025 Expenses:	\$13,679.77
2025 Family Grant Program:	\$11,000.00
2025 Operational Costs:	\$3,679.77





2025 Financial Overview

2024 Donations:	\$25,415.16
2025 Donations:	\$34,295.83
% Increase	<u>34.9%</u>

2025 Average Donation Size:
\$2,031.64





Dedicated Volunteers

We are a volunteer-based board of highly skilled and dedicated parents, professionals, and young people who share the same passion for supporting neurodivergent kids and their parents.

Current Board Members:

Jillian Bennett, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA - Founder & President

MelindaVanDeKoppel, M.A., LMHC - Treasurer & Director

Sarah Owen - Clerk, Director, & Bookkeeper

Amy Donahue, MSW, MBA - Director

Meghan Sass, MD - Director

James McCoy - Director

Rithika Kilari - Director

2024-2025 Board Members:

Anne Donovan, M.Ed., BCBA, LABA, CCTP - Clerk & Director

Branwen Cale, M.A. - Director

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2025's Largest Donor!**

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Bank of America Charitable Gift Fund
Boston Athletic Association**

**Linclusion
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