

Center for
Independent Futures™

2023

Annual Report



Center for Independent Futures is a \$1.5M nonprofit organization supporting over 115 participants. It was founded more than 20 years ago by two mothers exploring long-term living options for their disabled daughters when options were slim to none.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER

As we reflect on this remarkable year at Center for Independent Futures (CIF), we are filled with pride in the progress we've made and the impact of our work in empowering individuals with disabilities to live fulfilling, independent lives. At the heart of our mission lies a commitment to excellence, and we are thrilled to share that CIF has achieved **CQL (Council on Quality and Leadership) recertification**—an acknowledgment of the highest standards in person-centered services and organizational practices. This milestone underscores our dedication to the rights, dignity, and well-being of the individuals and families we serve.

This year has been one of growth and achievement. Among our highlights:

- **Expanded Reach:** We've broadened our impact by welcoming new participants and families, ensuring more individuals benefit from our life-changing programs.
- **Innovative Curriculum:** Our revamped My Full Life™ digital learning platform empowers individuals with practical life skills, helping them achieve independence.
- **Enhanced Support:** We've strengthened our services with our new Director of Programs and Services and Development Director, who have brought fresh expertise and energy to our team.
- **Measuring Impact:** By gathering feedback from participants and families, we've made measurable strides in evaluating our outcomes, aligning with our mission to improve lives.

None of this would be possible without the steadfast support of our community—families, donors, staff, and advocates who share our vision of inclusion and opportunity for all. Together, we are building futures filled with independence, self-determination, and hope. Thank you for your continued partnership and belief in our work. We look forward to another year of progress and impact, inspired by the incredible individuals we are privileged to serve.

Warm regards,



Dick Malone
Executive Director

2023

JENNY MOTOLLA'S STORY

A JOURNEY OF INDEPENDENCE

In the heart of Evanston, Jenny Motolla is a shining example of what's possible when individuals are given the right support. Her journey to independence, marked by resilience, has been fueled by Center for Independent Futures (CIF), whose mission is empowering individuals with disabilities to lead full lives.

Jenny, born in 1971, is the eldest child of Californians Jackie and Phil Motolla. Realizing California didn't offer the support Jenny needed, they sent her to the PACE program in Evanston, where she learned to live and work independently. It was there Jenny met Jane Doyle, co-founder of CIF—a connection that changed her life.

Now, 34 years later, Jenny thrives in Evanston with continuous CIF support. She lives independently, with her Life Skills Coach, DeeDee Goldman, helping her manage groceries, job support, and relationships. DeeDee's guidance brings peace of mind to Jenny's parents, who live far away. As Jackie says, "DeeDee just handles things."



Jenny's community includes close friends like Debbie, Shelby, Josh, and Ben, who are like family. With the support of CIF staff like Joe Jackson, they navigate life's challenges together. Jackie and Phil now see that CIF, not their younger daughter Amanda, will ensure Jenny's long-term happiness and security.

For Jenny's parents, CIF has provided hope and confidence for their daughter's future. "Let's all do what we can to maintain this fabulous organization," says Jackie, ensuring CIF continues to support individuals and families like theirs. In a world of uncertainty, CIF remains a beacon of hope, helping people like Jenny live empowered, meaningful lives.



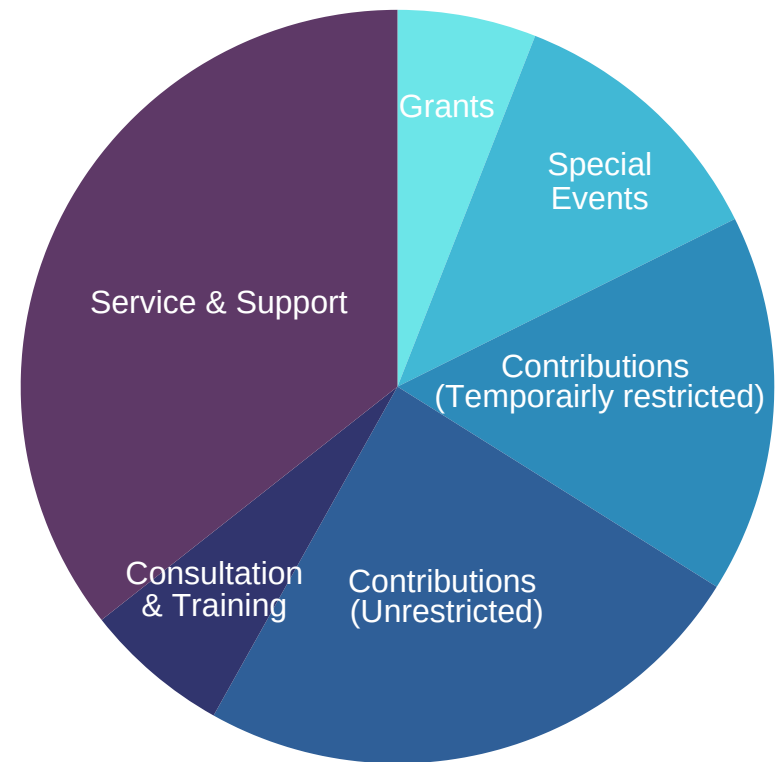
"CIF inspires hope in us," says Jackie, Jenny's mother. "We are confident that CIF will guide her sister Amanda and us, providing services and finding resources. Amanda's role will be that of a loving sister, not a caregiver—an idea that brings us immense comfort."

FINANCIAL DATA

SOURCES OF SUPPORT



Sources of Support	\$1,797,515
Grants	\$107,008
Special Events	\$210,418
Contributions (Temporarily restricted)	\$292,169
Contributions (Unrestricted)	\$435,028
Consultation & Training	\$112,527
Service & Support	\$640,365



FINANCIAL DATA PROGRAM ALLOCATION



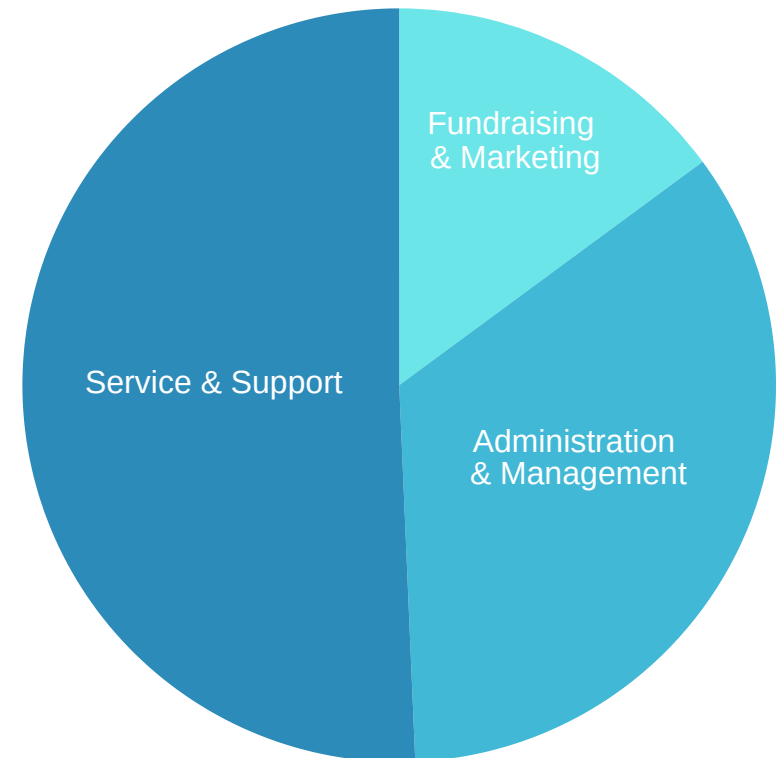
Program Allocation \$1,751,498

Fundraising & Marketing \$260,935

Administration
& Management \$602,924

Service & Support \$887,639

Net Income \$46,017



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The generosity of our donors has enabled us to uphold a vision for the future where individuals with disabilities have access to all opportunities of a full life. We sincerely appreciate your support.

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Accreditation is the independent, third-party evaluation of an organization to assess its alignment with a specified set of standards. CQL Accreditation helps human service organizations improve the quality of its services, and the quality of life for people receiving those services.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

It provides organizations with expert insight, unbiased accountability, clear action steps, relevant data, innovative practices, internationally recognized tools, ongoing guidance, and more. For your loved ones, this all amounts to them living the good life that they want to live.

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