



# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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## Dear Shore Friends and Families,

This past Fiscal Year has been filled with excitement, new partnerships, and patience as we eagerly anticipated the completion of the remodeling of the Joseph Koenig, Sr. Training Center to become a state-of-the-art vocational center. This site provides the True North – Find Your Path and Supported Employment Programs. After nine months of renovations, the center reopened in September and has received rave reviews from the individuals we serve, staff, families, and other community stakeholders. New features include: a computer lab, a lounge, as well as art, sensory, training, and lunch/multi-purpose rooms. We are enrolling individuals, like Julian, with the focus on providing a pathway to securing competitive employment and opportunities to become an integral part of their community.

We partnered with Lissa Levy, owner of Elle's Marshmallows, who employs several individuals, like Janie, who is highlighted in this report, to help with the packaging of her marshmallow products. She uses our commercial kitchen at the Lois Lloyd Center, and we welcome other small businesses to partner with us in a similar way.

We collaborated with the Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation (M-NASR) to provide a Sports Explorer Program where individuals are picked up from their day program and brought to a nearby park district where they are taught how to play a variety of sports. Music therapy was added through a partnership with the Institute for Therapy through the Arts. Individuals had the opportunity to sing and play with instruments at their new facility in Evanston. The Skokie Police Department brings America, aka "Meri" the comfort dog to visit on a regular basis. We also added therapies through Therapy Providers to benefit the health and wellbeing of the individuals we serve.

To help families, especially those with young children, we established Connected Families – a free monthly networking group facilitated by Valerie Moothart, Community and Family Engagement Manager. Her role was established thanks to a generous grant from Richard C. and Margaret V. Romano Charitable Trust. These meetings feature a speaker on related topics and have grown in the last six months. We want to be a valuable resource for families navigating school and state systems that are often difficult to maneuver, setting children up for a lifetime of success as they transition into adulthood.

As we celebrate our 75th Anniversary in January 2026, our mission remains at the forefront to improve the quality of life for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities through educational, residential, vocational and other related programs provided with community integrated supports and services. Together, with our families and constituents, the future is bright and promising for the individuals entrusted in our care.

Warm Regards,

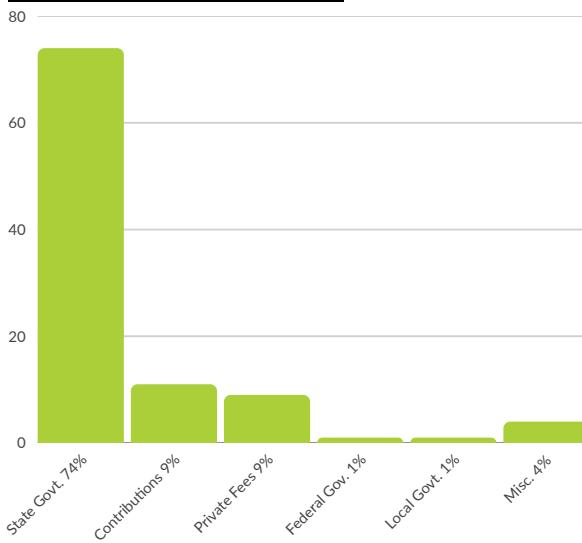
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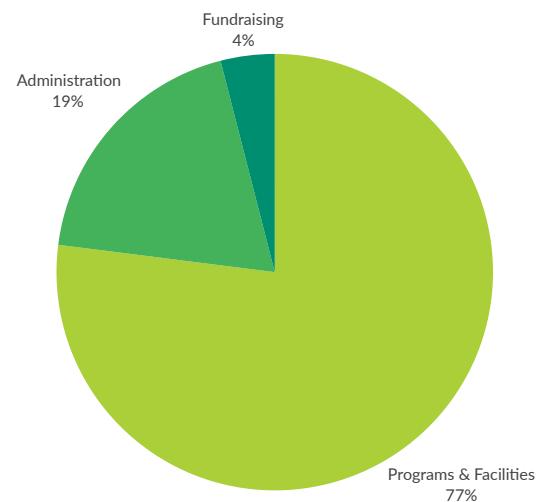
Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

# Financial Statement

## SOURCES OF INCOME



## DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENSES



## FINANCIAL RESULTS: OPERATIONS

	FY 2025 (7/1/24 - 6/30/25)	FY 2024 (7/1/23- 6/30/24)
Public Support & Revenue	\$6,836,768	\$6,357,170*
Expenses (before depreciation/amortization)	\$7,151,829	\$6,467,089
Depreciation/Amortization Expense	\$285,607	\$267,681
Surplus/(Loss)	(\$302,886)	(\$291,757)

\*Includes HUD and Restricted Funding

## 2025 BY THE NUMBERS

**132**

individuals received Community Day Services.

Over **300**

community integrated outings occurred.

**32**

individuals received residential services in Shore homes and in the community.

**74**

years of improving the quality of life for nearly 400 individuals.

**50**

individuals received Home-Based Services (HBS), which now serves individuals 3 years and older.

**22**

individuals received Behavioral Health Services to learn new coping skills and increase independence.

**132**

individuals received nursing services

# Our Success Stories



## Mitchell

Over the course of nearly five decades, Shore has played an integral part in enriching Mitchell's life through his participation in the Life In Motion -Your Choice Program. Mitchell has gained independence and advocates for himself. He enjoys gardening, art, going on outings and is a big help around the center by refilling the pop machine and restocking paper supplies on the shelves in the kitchen. Afterward, Mitchell breaks down the boxes and takes them to the recycling bin. This June, Mitchell was recognized for his accomplishments with a Personal Achievement Award at the 74th Annual Meeting.

*"My uncle Mitchell has been helped by Shore Services for as long as I can remember. He used to go to the facility in Evanston, which was a block over from our home. My grandmother would drop him off and pick him up every day. I'm not sure how my grandmother was introduced to Shore but I for one am so grateful for the services you provide. My uncle thrives because he has been nurtured and made to feel like a productive part of society. Not someone to be ashamed of or hidden away but someone to be embraced and supported."* - Melissa Virgises, Mitchell's niece

Janie has been a participant at Shore since 1999 and is a valued member of our community. She attends the True North – Find Your Path Program, which is a vocational day program, and is a resident at one of our homes. Janie likes meeting up with her friends and going on outings together.

A New Jersey native, Janie worked at Burger King, a dry cleaner, and was especially proud of her work at Roy Rogers Restaurant, 6 days a week! Once Janie moved to Chicago, she worked with the Supported Employment Program on her goals of obtaining employment and independence. She secured employment at Jewel, where she worked for over 10 years, with support from a Job Coach.

In January, Janie started working 1-2 times a month for Lissa Levy, Owner of Elle's Marshmallows. Lissa uses our licensed commercial kitchen, and Janie packages and labels the artisanal products, ensuring quality and consistency. Janie looks forward to the days she is scheduled to work in the kitchen, but advocated finding another, more regular job where she can be active and earn more money. Her efforts led to a new job opportunity as an Energy Force Ambassador for ComEd, which she is excited to start in 2026. Janie's very personable, and we are confident she will do an amazing job interacting with people while sharing valuable information on energy-saving tips.

When asked, "What do you like about Shore?" Janie replied, *"I like a lot of things! Going out to Book Club at the Skokie Public Library, to the movies and restaurants. I like the staff here; they're nice. I walk every day around the Koenig Center, and I like what they did here and it's bigger now and we have more space."*



## Janie

Julian recently started working with our Supported Employment Program as he is eager to find a new job. He has experience working in manufacturing, light maintenance and was a grounds keeper, but has not found his dream job yet. Julian is interested in the trade industry and likes the physicality these types of positions offer.

Julian stated, *"I've enjoyed working with Shore. You are helping me with my job applications and résumé writing. I've learned that it's tough out there looking for jobs! I've heard that before but now I know that it's true. I can always improve on something."*

In Julian's free time, he enjoys recreational activities and woodworking. He collects records and listens to them either really old ones from the 50s-80s or current ones. Julian's parents and grandparents had a lot of records, so that is how he became interested.

Perhaps you or someone you know can help Julian continue his life's story by opening a door to what may become his dream job. Please contact Liliana Zarnowiecki, Community Employment Manager, at [lzarnowiecki@shoreservices.org](mailto:lzarnowiecki@shoreservices.org) or (847) 581-0200 ext. 221 for more information on Julian and others who are seeking competitive employment.



## Julian

# Thank You For Your Support

Your most generous contributions, from your time and expertise, to in-kind and financial gifts, are deeply appreciated and allow Shore to continue to provide quality programs and services for hundreds of individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Thank you for empowering our individuals served to live as independently as possible.

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The Legacy Society comprises some of our most dear friends and supporters. These members are very special to Shore as they have decided to include us in their estate plans. This is the highest form of generosity and helps to ensure that individuals who rely on Shore Services will continue to receive the resources, therapies, training and supports they need to achieve independence.

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For more info on our Legacy Society, contact Mary Matz, Chief Philanthropy Officer, at (847) 982-2030 x 221 or mmatz@shoreservices.org.

\*In memoriam

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Join us once a month for a free networking meeting with families with children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The meetings are free and feature speakers on a variety of topics. Childcare is also available for a nominal fee.

For more information, contact Valerie Moothart, Community & Family Engagement Manager at [vsmoothart@shoreservices.org](mailto:vsmoothart@shoreservices.org) or 312-515-4092. Check out the Jumpstart feature at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eDjA7UpaQVo>.

## Save the Dates 2026 Special Events

### 75th Anniversary

January 3, 2026

### Pickleball & Pints

Saturday, January 31, 2026

Pickledilly & Sketchbook Brewing Co., Skokie

### Pizzamania

Tuesday, February 18, 2026

Gigio's Pizza, Evanston

### 75th Anniversary Gala

Saturday, April 18, 2026

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For benefit sponsorship opportunities or more event info, contact Mary Matz at (847) 982-2030 x 221 or [mmatz@shoreservices.org](mailto:mmatz@shoreservices.org).



**Help Guide Individual Abilities and Shape Futures.**

## OUR MISSION

Shore's mission is to improve the quality of life for persons with intellectual and other developmental disabilities through educational, residential, vocational, and related programs provided with community integrated supports and services. Since 1951, we have been meeting the needs of nearly 400 children and adults with disabilities through quality programs and services, including residential homes, day programs, job training and placement, and community integration. Individuals from 18 Chicago and Northeast Cook County communities are served at our centers located in Skokie, Evanston and Morton Grove. Our tagline is "Guiding Individual Abilities", which aims to empower every individual to find their passion and live with purpose. We envision a world where people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are celebrated and empowered to live with dignity, autonomy, and equal access to every aspect of community life.



**Guiding Individual Abilities Since 1951**

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