



2021-2022

ANNUAL REPORT



In Memoriam: Betty Bell

Betty lived her life in service to young children with special needs and their families. Betty always saw the child first – not the disability, not the challenges, not the family’s road ahead – but simply the child. She loved them all, and was often heard to say, “these children are my children.” She made so many families feel hope where they had only been despair.

Born in Corsicana, Texas, Betty was a proud graduate of the University of Texas School of Nursing and received her master’s degree in developmental nursing from the University of Florida. Following her graduation from Florida, she served as acting director of the nursing division of The Mailman Center for Child Development at the University of Miami. She also completed post-graduate fellowship studies in the care of children with special needs at the University of Washington.

Betty was a pioneer in the newly recognized field of early intervention in the late 60's and 70's. Following a nationwide search in 1970, she was hired by the University of Alabama at Birmingham to be the Coordinator of the Developmental Program for Infants and Toddlers at the Center for Developmental and Learning Disorders (CDLD), a program that she ran for 13 years until the program was closed. This program represented the first time that early intervention was available in Birmingham.

In April 1984, Betty received a phone call from The Service Guild of Birmingham, a local women’s volunteer organization. The Service Guild was interested in starting an early intervention program, and Betty immediately joined with The Service Guild to start a program known as EIP (Early Intervention Program). EIP began in a Sunday School classroom at Trinity United Methodist Church in Homewood, and stayed for 10 years until the program outgrew the space provided by the church. In September 1994, The Service Guild purchased a building in Homewood to house EIP. After the program moved there, it began to grow rapidly in its new space. In 2002, the program was renamed The Bell Center for Early Intervention Programs to honor its long-time program director and the thousands of lives that were changed because of her.

Betty received multiple honors and awards for her work. She was honored among Women Who Shape the State in 2018, received the University of Texas 2017 School of Nursing Hall of Fame Award, named to the Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame in 2008, named Early Interventionist of the Year at the Alabama Early Intervention Pre-School Conference in 1991, and received the Lotus Award in 1987, among numerous other awards throughout her career. She was a member of the Alabama State Nurses Association, American Nurses Association, National Down Syndrome Congress, National Organization for Rare Disorders, member and president of the Spina Bifida Association of Alabama, member of the Spina Bifida Association of America, and board member of Down Syndrome Alabama.

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STATEMENT FROM OUR DIRECTOR

In one of Winnie the Pooh's many adventures, author AA Milne wrote of Pooh's dear friend, "Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude." Piglet, it seems, had learned the importance of gratitude, and that's a lesson we take seriously at The Bell Center.

Like Piglet, we hold a rather large amount of gratitude here at The Bell Center. Amidst the backdrop of a continuing pandemic and economic uncertainty during our 2021-2022 program year, The Bell Center continued to transform the lives of infants and toddlers who are at risk for developmental delay. We helped countless families during these trying times, as they continued their journey, often unexpected, with a child with special needs.

During 2021-2022, The Bell Center served 128 children from birth to three years of age who came to The Bell Center from 11 different Alabama counties. We provided 11,070 hours of therapy and early childhood special education, and this translated into thousands of developmental milestones achieved by the children attending The Bell Center. We're filled with gratitude to have been a part of each child's journey.

During the year, thousands of hours of service were donated to The Bell Center. Service Guild of Birmingham members and volunteers from the community worked in our classrooms, assisting the children as they worked on their individual goals. BellRunners spent hours preparing to run in honor of Bell Center children and fundraising thousands of dollars that helped us continue our mission. We're grateful for every individual who worked in a classroom, participated in one of our events, became a BellRunner or simply made a donation to help fund our mission.

Corporate sponsors and local foundations committed their funds to the support of our many programs, and this support remains the bedrock under our programs. Our hearts are simply filled with gratitude for these committed sponsors. As we head into the 2022-2023 program year, we've added a fourth transdisciplinary team which will allow us to serve our increasing enrollment of infants and toddlers who are at risk for developmental delay. We're offering our Infant Massage class to infants recently released from NICUs and their parents. We're expanding our Project ImPACT, an effective parent coaching program designed to teach families strategies to help their child with developmental delays learn, develop social communication, and play skills during daily routines and activities. In short – our hearts are overflowing with gratitude as The Bell Center continues to be a premier provider of early intervention services in the central Alabama area.

-Jeannie Colquett



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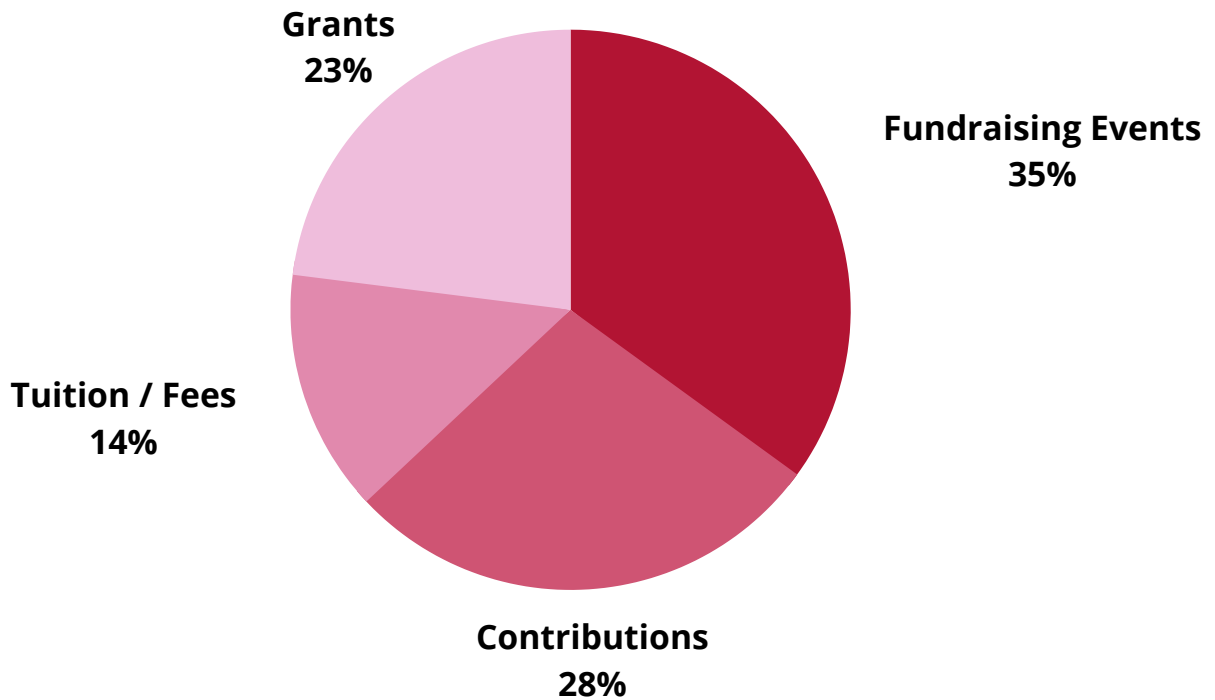


Ashley Woods

2021 - 2022 FINANCIALS

During the 2021 - 2022 year, The Bell Center operated on a \$1,341,832 budget. Below is a breakdown of the fiscal years income.

2021 - 2022 Income of \$1,341,832



TBC remains committed to providing therapy to all families in need, serving children from diverse socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds. We ask families to pay nominal therapy fees each month but offer financial aid in the form of reduced or waived program fees for those in financial need. TBC is proud to have never turned a family away for the inability to pay.

TBC IMPACT

with your continued support, we accomplished the following in the 2021-2022 year:



Served 128 infants and toddlers throughout the year



Provided \$63,775 in scholarships.



Expanded programming with the addition of 4 new therapists (PT, OT, Speech, and Special Education)



Our therapists completed 256 hours of continuing education



ANNUAL EVENTS



TAILGATE CHALLENGE

During The annual Tailgate Challenge, the only event hosted at TBC, teams square off to see who can create the best tailgating experience. Attendees enjoy tasting delicious food and drinks from some of Birmingham's best tailgaters. The event raised funds and community awareness for The Bell Center.



CORNHOLE CLASSIC

Hosted by our Junior Board, The Bell Center Cornhole Classic is a round-robin tournament. Top social teams advance to single elimination playoffs for a chance at great prizes and gift cards. Attendees enjoy playing cornhole, eating delicious food and listening to live music! Congrats to the Junior Board on exceeding their fundraising goal.



BIRDIES

Birdies for The Bell Center is an annual golf tournament hosted by The Bell Center's Junior Board. In only its second year, Birdies doubled in sponsorship and participation exceeding their fundraising goals.



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Volunteers

Community volunteers provide one-to-one assistance to children served in our All About Me program. This two-hour program operates very much like a typical preschool classroom. Children participate in circle time, snack time, art activities and music activities. The classroom is lead by a team of professionals including an early childhood special educator, speech and language pathologist, occupational therapist and physical therapist.

The classroom schedule and activities are therapeutic in design and promote growth and learning. Community volunteers at The Bell Center commit to working with a child for 2 hours once a week. The experience of volunteering at The Bell Center is both meaningful and rewarding and our volunteers are vital to the success of our program.

"The best part of volunteering at The Bell Center is watching the children grow and learn every week. The teachers and therapists are creative, intuitive, and inspiring. It is so fun to watch teachers/therapists take a challenging behavior or situation and figure out a fun way to approach it. Birmingham is lucky to have such a phenomenal resource available!"
-Suzanne Kilpatrick

BellRunners

The BellRunners program is historically The Bell Center's most profitable fundraising event of the fiscal year. The program pairs participants of the Mercedes Marathon, ½ marathon, relay, or 5k with a child receiving therapy from The Bell Center. The runner commits to running and fundraising for the TBC child. This program is greatly impactful for both the runner and The Bell Center. The runners are able to commit their hours of training and dedication for the race to a greater cause, which in turn raises awareness and funds to support our therapy programs. The Bell Center is grateful for all our BellRunners and the positive impact you have brought to TBC by running for a reason.



"I ran my first full marathon as a BellRunner for Quinn. After that, I ran for Coleman, Virginia, Sawyer, Brooks, and Theo. As I celebrate my 10th year, I am excited to make a difference for another child through this amazing program and share the joy it brings to my heart."

-Robin White





BellRunners

Thank you to our 2021 - 2022 BellRunners!

Amanda Adams
Nicole Alberson
Melody Al-Kahlout
Cole Altman
Libet Anderson
Carrie Anderson
Jennifer Andres
Esther Arnold
Blake Atwell
Sarah Atwell
Reed Avant
Lacey Bacchus
Melissa Baker
Amanda Balcerzak
Allison Bassett
Alyssa Baumann
Brice Baumann
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David Bell
Sloane Bell
Jessica Bou Akar
Shelly Bridges
Gavin Brown
Whitney Brown
Lindsay Bryant
Justin Bryant
Trent Buchannan
Olivia Burg
Schuyur Burg
Rebecca Burkhouse
Christofer Butterfield
Kaylis Byrnes
Jordan Callahan
Dylan Carson
Daniel Carter
Kristen Caudle
Melissa Cochran
Clay Cochran
Grant Cochran
Ryan Collins
Jeannie Colquett
Melanie Connor
Flynt Connor
Laura Cook
Martisha Cook
Sheetal Cordry
Brian Corley
Thea Couture

Mat Cox
Russell Cradock
Robyn Cramer
Katie Crawford
Drew Crawford
Jane Darby Crawford
Rose Crawford
Sally Crawford
Ben Crawford
Matt Davidson
Katie Davis
Donya Deal
Jeremy Deal
Angela Denton
Alex Derencz
Carly Derencz
Amy Dowley
Patrick Dray
Carla DuMontier
Abbie Dunne
Trent Dunne
Luanne Dunne
Dennis Dunne
Brittany Dunne
Justin Dunne
Martha Farren
Angela Farthing
Evan Fisher
Alicja Foksinska
Alicja Foksinska
Donna Fortson
Steven Fortson
Ma'eva Fortson
Kristen Fowler
Rachael Franklin
Charles Franklin
Leslie Galloway
Paula Galvin
Noah Garrick
Ben Glasscock
Jonathan Gomez
Carter Gray
Kelly Green
Justin Green
Kaylee Gunn
Lindsay Hackney
Sakina Haji
Noah Harmon
Eli Harmon
Daniel Harmon

Nick Harper
Savannah Harper
Jimmy Harrison
Ed Hauser
Ann Parker Henderson
Graham Henniger
Alison Henninger
Jenny Hester
Shannon Hicks
Denise Hill
Bubba Hoffman
Stephanie Holley
Wes Holley
Bryant Horn
Dane Hoven
Allie Hudson
Jordan Insinga
Jenn Jackson
Blake Jackson
Jud Jacobs
Jeff Jantz
Stephen Johnson
Jamie Johnson
Katie Johnson
Amy Jordan
Stacey Junkin
Emile Katz
Gregory Kennedy
Jason Kessler
Rajan Kharel
David Killian
John Kimber
Madison Kissel
Tammy Kissel
Savannah Kissel
Brooke Kissel
Easton Kissel
Giada Kissel
Alex Knight
James Krueger
Jane Lamb
Lucas Lamb
Beth Lauderdale
Douglas Lee
Susanne Lee
Issac Lee
Jackie Logsdon
John Lorino
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Andrea Maddox

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Vicky McAdams
Joan McAlexander
Jennifer McCain
Anna Ruth McCalley
Jason McClain
Leslie McDaniel
Jennifer McGraw
John McGraw
Sally McKay
Allison Mckelvey
Andrew McLarty
McCarley McMichens
Kelly McNair
Emily McNearney
Rhusabh Mehta
Elizabeth Meredith
Jennifer Meyers
Meredith Mills
Temp Millsap
Sara Mizerany
Mary Pat Monogue
Mary Pat Monogue
Colin Moorhouse
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Mary Beth Moses
Connor Mui
Courtney Murphree
Shelby Nesman
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Ella Owen
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Alex Parish
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Jim Pickle
Ahnaya Pinkney
Suzanne Pirkle
Lars Porter
Mary Potts
Melissa Pouncey
Natalie Pruitt
Matthew Quimby
Kelly Rainer
Amelia Ricks

Stephanie Robinson
Bragan Rowell
Kim Schaefer
Taylor Schoel
Danny Shaffield
Boris Shoykhet
Perry Sims
Caroline Sims
Abby Slupe
Mayson Smith
Drew Smith
Shannon Smith
Will Smith
Tony Sorace
Blake Stacy
Krisie Stakely
Elizabeth Staley
Jeane Staley
Jon Studstill
Britney Summerville
Rhonda Taylor
Abbey Taylor
Morgan Terch
Jeffrey Terch
Brad Tew
Ryan Thomas
Jalisa Thomas
Tatum Thrash
Andrew Thrash
John Trippe
Amy Uffinger
Christine Velezis
Heath Wallace
Rich Webster
Rich Webster
Brooke Weldon
Paul Wells
Andrea Wells
Heather Weston
Robin White
Liz Wiatt
Bailey Wick
Jack Williams
Hudson Williams
Sally Williams
ShaNada Williams
Lisa Williams
Marie Wilson
Nichole Winters
Cara Wolman
Ashley Wright



The Service Guild

Making Big Changes Every Step of the Way!

The Service Guild of Birmingham's mission is to provide active and committed members dedicated to fundraising and to assisting children at risk for developmental delay while maximizing their potential through a one-to-one therapeutic approach. The Bell Center for Early Intervention Programs was established by the Service Guild of Birmingham in 1984. Founded in 1958, the Service Guild has brought women together to serve the needs of children with disabilities for over 50 years.



The original 53 members of the Service Guild focused their efforts on creating a school for children at risk for developmental delays. The Guild taught classes, handled publicity, and offered financial support for what would become The Bell Center. With the aid and involvement of the Guild's committed volunteer members, The Bell Center continues to be a vital resource for children with developmental delays and their families.

This year, The Service Guild consisted of 121 volunteers. As a team, The Service Guild contributed 3,072 hours of volunteer service in The Bell Center. The Guild contributed nearly \$300,000 in funding to support the crucial early intervention therapy services provided by The Bell Center.



THE SERVICE GUILD

The Service Guild Executive Committee

- Eva Gonzalez**, *President Advisor*
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