

Annual Report

Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 2024



the BIG PICTURE



club 21TM
learning & resource center for individuals with down syndrome

2009-2024



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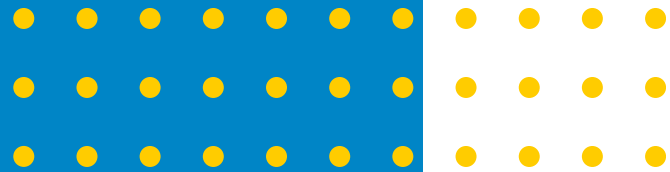
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Mission Statement

Club 21 provides the educational tools and resources that enable individuals with Down syndrome to be fully included.

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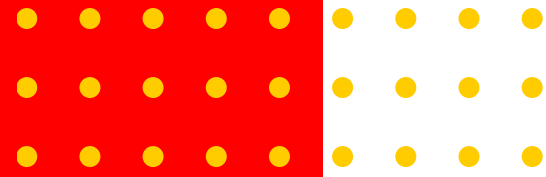
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A Message from the Board President



This past year, Club 21 celebrated our 15th year anniversary, and what a journey it has been! Our impact over these past 15 years includes offering over 18 programs for ages birth to 30, training of over 400 teachers in 75 school districts, an annual conference bringing top experts in the field, all our curriculum translated into Spanish, and numerous other resources including community groups, parent tools, and availability of experts to support our families, just to name a few.

It has been so rewarding to hear the stories of how Club 21 has changed the lives of so many and opened doors so individuals with Down syndrome can be fully included. We need the support and partnership of our whole community as we continue to develop and offer programs that will have a meaningful impact going forward.

The Staff and Board of Club 21 are so very grateful for the generous contributions from all of our donors. I am so proud to be part of this organization and encourage you to join us in supporting this important work!

Matt Peacore
Club 21 Board President





A Message from the Executive Director



“A story has no beginning or end: arbitrarily one chooses that moment of experience from which to look back or from which to look ahead.”

-Graham Greene

15 years of stories + community + believers/partners = a growing organization that is changing lives and opening doors to a meaningful life.

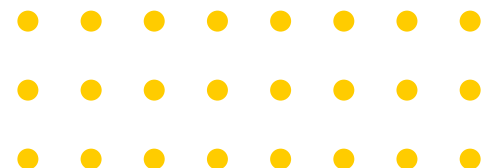
THAT IS THE BIG PICTURE and our continuing story.

Club 21 started with a story.

The Litteken family story: We chose to continue a pregnancy with a baby girl with Down syndrome and went looking for research and support. We found little information available in Southern California, but we did find some amazing people with similar hearts who saw the possibilities of what could happen if we provided the resources. All of us joined forces and worked hard. And together, on March 21, 2009, we opened Club 21's doors.

We keep hearing stories. Stories of closed doors, lack of information, stories of deep love and dreams of a better system and future. Each of these stories helps us identify needs, find solutions, create programs along the pathway and build a strong, vibrant community. And because of your support and partnership, we were able to hire a Transition coordinator who will help our young adults visualize a big picture and equip them as they begin to tell their own stories of hopes, dreams, community and belonging. I can't wait to look ahead and hear the stories that will be shared!

Nancy Litteken
Club 21 Executive Director

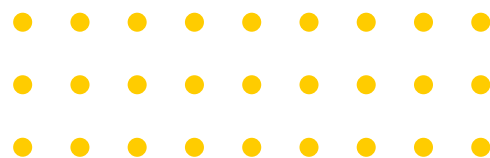




What We Do



Club 21 provides the educational tools and resources that enable individuals with Down syndrome to be fully included. From first diagnosis onward, Club 21 empowers families to identify the needs of their child with Down syndrome and teaches them how to navigate the medical, educational and regional center systems to maximize their child's potential. For that to be a reality, family support, school support, direct educational training and community building are essential. All of our programs and services fall into these four categories. Club 21's ultimate vision is that the individuals with Down syndrome who follow our educational pathway will have opportunities for lifelong learning, independence/interdependence, communities of belonging, meaningful employment, and live self-determined and fulfilling lives. By providing training and resources at every step along this pathway, Club 21 enables families to advocate for and maximize the opportunities and services that are available to their child.



15 years of community, stories & celebrations



The Chan, Dueñas and Hom families

Club 21 opened its doors on March 21, 2009. We started our programming with babies. What a privilege it has been to welcome families and to educate, encourage and enable them as they journey together with hope and possibilities. So many stories have come from our First Steps group.

Two families came with a pre diagnosis and met with us with tears and questions and decisions to make. One family came with the grandma and their new baby in a carrier and wondered what the future would hold. Nadia was born in November 2009, Nathan in March 2010 and Benny in April 2010. These three families began a lifelong friendship in the summer of 2010 and have continued on the Club 21 pathway ever since. This year they celebrated Nadia's Quincenera together!

"We all met at First Steps of course. Club 21 is the glue and the heart of our group!"
Heather Brown-Hom





Sasha Fowler - Keck Graduate Institute Genetic Counseling Student

In my 26 years, I have rarely encountered a community as warm and uplifting as Club 21. As a master's student in genetic counseling at Keck Graduate Institute (KGI), I had the privilege of completing one of my five internships with this exceptional organization. Very few workplaces

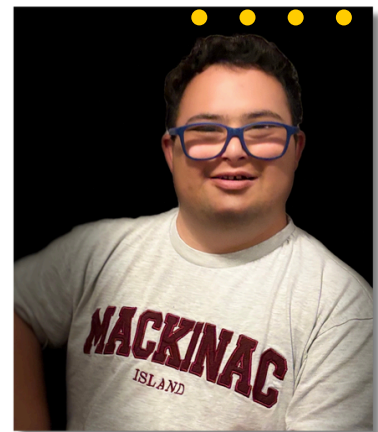


leave you feeling energized and inspired, but Club 21 is the beautiful exception. It is more than just a space where individuals learn to navigate their disabilities—it is an absolutely essential community. A rare place where the small things are celebrated, and no personality is too big. This organization has dedicated years to empowering the families it serves, and it shows in each event. As part of my intern experience, I will be presenting at the Tools for the Journey Conference this January, sharing what I've learned at

Club 21, while highlighting some voices of the incredible young adults with Down syndrome who are part of this community. It has been so valuable to learn not only about the logistics of navigating a disability, but the beauties of it. As a future provider, I am excited to take Club 21's principles and attitude to facilitate a warm and welcoming environment for my future patients. As for now, it has been my absolute pleasure to meet each and every person at Club 21.

Carol Magarino - Club 21 Member and Dual Diagnosis Program Parent

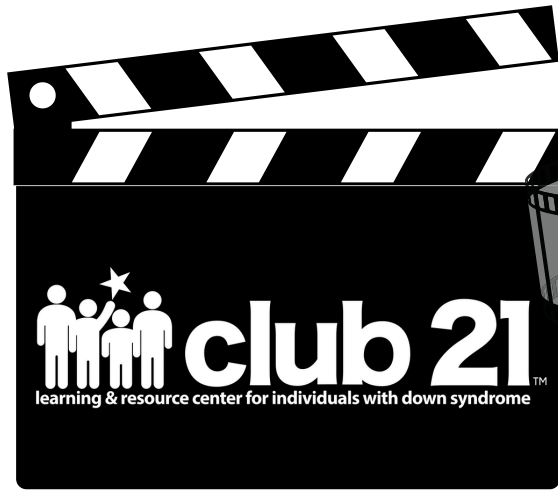
Our son, Brandon, has a dual diagnosis of Down syndrome and Autism. He is non-verbal and has sensory issues, anxiety and can sometimes have behaviors that seem aggressive. Club 21 has made a huge impact on Brandon's life. Given his lack of spoken language, Brandon has often been underestimated. Through the Every Child a Reader program, Brandon learned to read, which was a surprise to many, especially his teachers. Additionally, Brandon has attended Club Connections social group for young adults for several years.



He struggled at first to interact appropriately with his peers, but with much patience and brainstorming with Club 21, he now participates properly and absolutely loves to see his Club Connection friends each month. Their understanding and willingness to work with Brandon has made a tremendous impact on Brandon's ability to be in different social settings, which is crucial to being included and accepted in society.

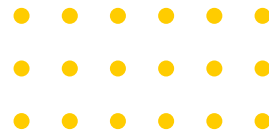
Year in Review

Club 21 By the Numbers



We produced a 15th Anniversary short video

[VIEW HERE](#)



Tools for the Journey



Club 21 began by hosting a conference in 2009 and we've hosted an annual Tools for the Journey conference every year since. January 2024's featured:

23 presenters from throughout North America who shared their expertise and innovative, researched-based strategies on a variety of topics across all ages and stages

129 parents attended

45 educators of individuals with Down syndrome and other intellectual disabilities participated



EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP



Our Educational Partnership program was introduced in 2014. Over the past 10 years,

136 parents and 444 educators from 75 school districts

received the tools, resources and support they need to provide successful inclusive education for all their students.



85 new babies and their families connected and began building community in our First Call/First Steps Program

214 Students

437 Parents

74 Educators

18 Educational Programs, workshops, and conferences



715 volunteers served as tutors, classroom assistants, Second Saturday support, and helped execute a fun-filled Together is Better Walk & Celebration.

10 genetic counseling students from Keck Genetic Institute did a rotation with Club 21, increasing their knowledge of Down syndrome and insight into providing an informed diagnosis.



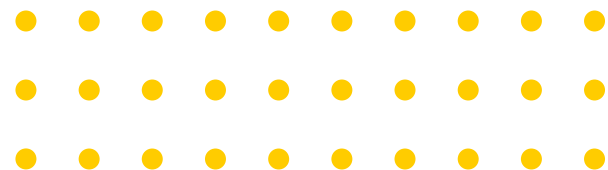
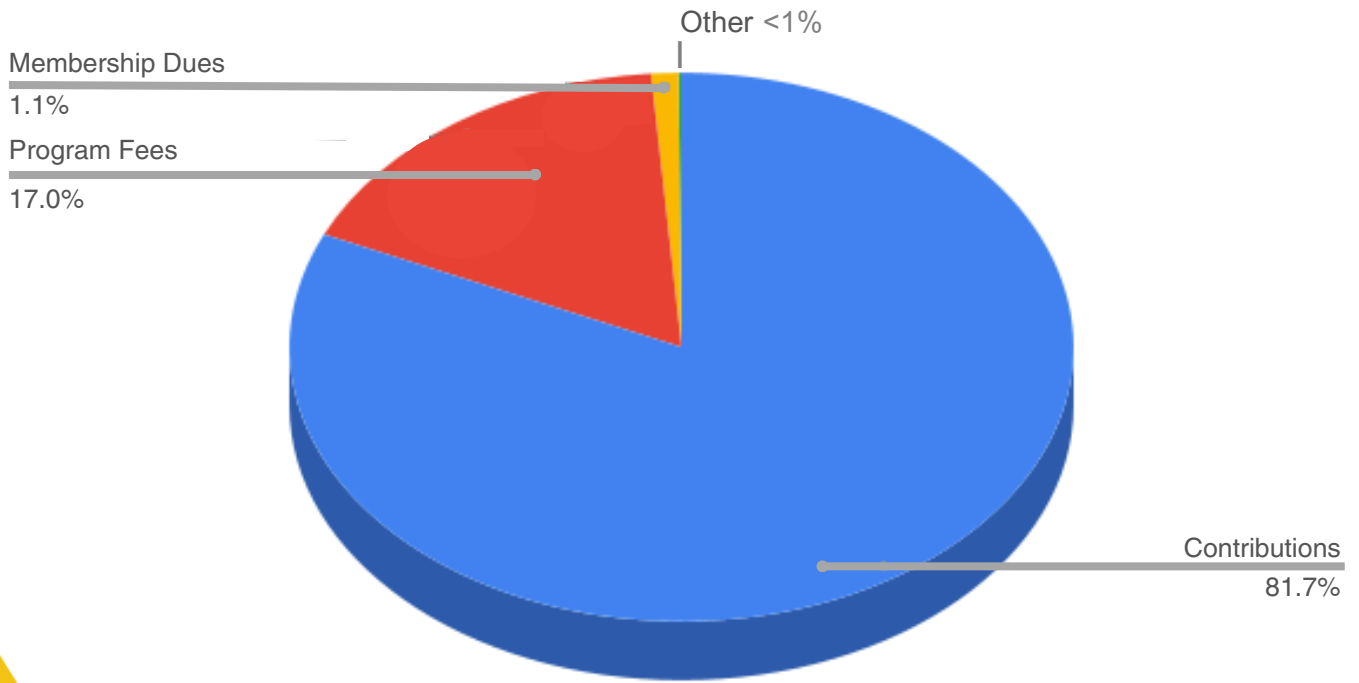
53 parents, teachers and service providers received an individualized consultation with our Educational Consultant.

91 teams with over **1230** family members, friends and supporters participated in our annual Together is Better Walk & Celebration and raised **\$280,338** to support Club 21 programs



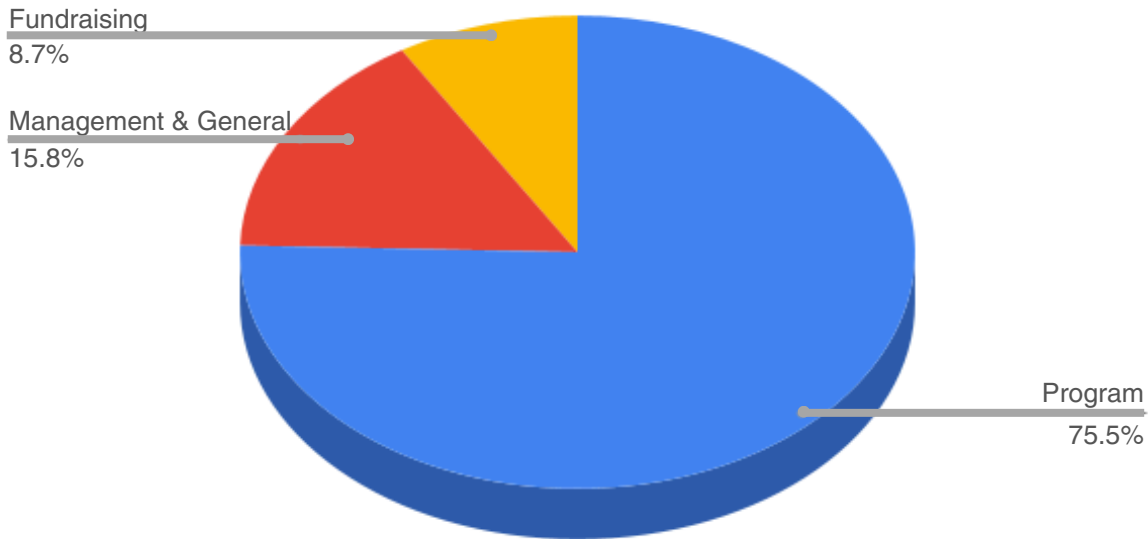
SUPPORT and REVENUES

■ Contributions	\$614,937
■ Program Fees	\$128,034
■ Membership Dues	\$ 8,445
■ Other	\$ 924
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	\$752,340



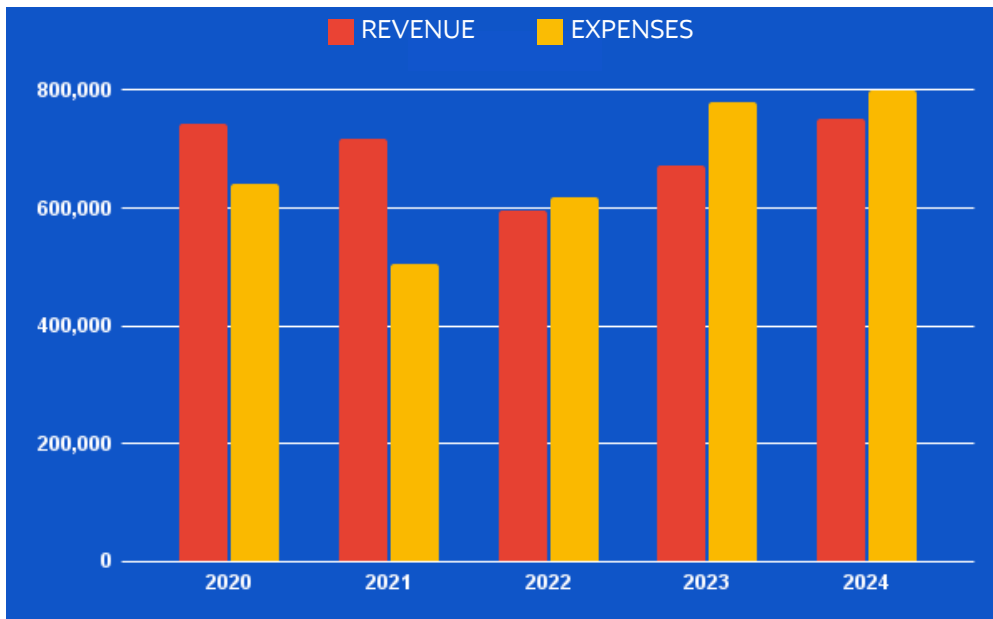
EXPENSES

■ Program	\$604,367
■ Management & General	\$126,822
■ Fundraising	\$ 69,800
	<u>\$800,989</u>



The Board designated net assets for use in securing the Organization's stability and continuity and for the development and growth of programs. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, \$325,000 and \$325,000, respectively, are board-designated for operating reserves for six months of budgeted expenses and \$151,658 and \$191,592, respectively, for program enhancements and development.

5 YEAR OVERVIEW



YEAR	REVENUE	EXPENSES
2020	\$741,888	\$641,225
2021	\$716,933	\$506,352
2022	\$596,001	\$618,649
2023	\$671,811	\$779,961
2024	\$752,340	\$800,989



\$10,000 +

Iron Aiden (Ricin/Locsmandi)
Ryan's Army (Zadak)
Team Candelora



\$2,000 +

Team Adam (Sroujeh)
The A Team (Cathren)



\$5,000 +

Chasing Ace (Pedersen)
Chloe's Busy Bees (Walch)
Molly B Golly (Litteken)
Sunkist (Harris)
Team McLaughlin
Tim's Tribute (Borquez)
Winnie Win Win (Ruggeri)



\$1,500 +

Amanda Grace (Grassedonio)
Devon's Devoted (Mallari)
Ella's Entourage (Abbondanza)
Emmanuel (Martinez/Garcia)
Enzo's Wookiee Walkers (Duran/Delgado)
Everyday Magic (Olivarez)
Soaring with Enrique (Gonzalez)
Team Nathan (Gandolfi)
Team Tomas Parra



\$2,500 +

Brandon's Brigade (Magarino)
Down With Josh (Morente)
Estelle's Angels (Gray)
James' Pack (Lohmeyer)
Mighty Maddox (Calvillo)
Rhys's Rockstars (Lynx/Schott)
Team Elliot (Steadman)
Team Love (Greer)
Team Max (Seiner)
Team Nadia (Duenas)
Team Olivia Vittoria (Lemus)
Team Peacore
Team Smiles (Delgado/Medow)
Team Sugar Shane (Lee)
The Walking Ted (Brown/White)



\$1,000 +

Fun Team (Remias)
Kindred Spirits (Gang)
Nathan Chan (Su/Chan)
Super Shiloh (Davis/Brown)
Team Hectorito (Gonzalez)
Team Holly (Dempsey)
Team Jenna (Jimenez/Krawiec)
Team Zach (West)
Walk with Faith (Ancheta)



\$500 +

Baby Gault (Balsamo/Gillis)
 Benny and the Underdogs (Brown/Hom)
 Hope for Annabelle Moon (Sandhovel)
 Jack Attack! (White)
 JD's Green Team
 Kayla B (Barker)
 Lucia's Brainy Bunch (Serio)
 Magnus's Secret Agents (Cull)
 Sevi's Smile (Enriquez)
 SuperMaya (Vasquez)
 Team AJ (Lam)
 Team Bao (Treadwell)
 Team Cupcakes (Ortega)
 Team Levi (Foley)
 Team Lincoln (Rodriguez)
 Team Reyes (Kulzer/Reyes)
 Team Teresa (Montano)
 Travis Tour (Kennedy)
 Walk with Joy (Domingo)



Under \$250

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 Benji Renteria (Renteria)
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 Brandon's Buddies (Sardo)
 I Love Lukey (Lee)
 JuliaP (Ufa)
 Kassie's Spark (Trigonis)
 Luisa Hernandez
 Matts Magnitude (Von Der Ahe)
 Mikuni's Mob (Mikuni)
 Team Charlie (Brauer)
 Team Chiara (Mazzilli)
 Team Ryder (Shields)



\$250 +

Bella's Besties (Gill)
 Club Connections (Blanco)
 Dawn Treaders (Valenzuela)
 Down Syndrome Rocks (Fraser)
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 Team Ellie Bellie (Wang)
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 Team Matthew (Corbala)

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Core Values:

1. Raising Expectations (Vision)
2. Family/Educator Support (Educate)
3. Innovation (Think outside the box)
4. Building Community and Support (We all belong)

Proven Process:

Club 21's Educational Pathway -
we equip and train at every step of the pathway

Our End Goal:

1. Opportunities for Lifelong Learning
2. Independence/Interdependence
3. Communities of Belonging
4. Meaningful Employment

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