

Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2025



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DEAR FRIENDS,



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Across Chicago's South, West, and Southwest Sides, the work of Gads Hill Center continues every day—in classrooms filled with young learners, in after-school programs where students discover new possibilities, and in the quiet moments when families find the support they need to move forward. The strength of this work has never come from any one leader or program. It comes from the community of people who believe in it and carry it forward together.

This past year marked an important moment of focus for our organization. Together, staff, partners, and supporters **strengthened the systems and relationships that sustain our work.** Gads Hill Center remains ready to meet the evolving needs of the communities we serve.

One milestone we are especially proud of is our selection as a lead partner agency for Chicago Public Schools' **Sustainable Community Schools** initiative. Through this partnership, we will deepen our collaboration with schools as community anchors—providing students with safe, enriching out-of-school opportunities while connecting families to educational resources, mental health services, and community programs. It is one example of how Gads Hill Center continues expanding the network of care that surrounds young people and their families.

The broader landscape for families and social service organizations continues to shift, both in Chicago and across the country. In moments like these, progress is not only measured in new programs or new buildings. It is found in **stronger partnerships, healthier organizations, and communities that continue moving forward together.**

We are grateful for you, our powerful community of supporters who make this work possible. Your belief in Gads Hill Center ensures that our mission continues to grow and endure.

Adelante!



Our Mission

Gads Hill Center creates opportunities for children and their families to build a better life through education, access to resources, and community engagement.

Our Vision

A future where every individual, regardless of where they begin, has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

What We Do

Founded in Chicago in 1898, Gads Hill Center strives to offer affordable and reliable access to essential social services. Today, that looks like bilingual (English/Spanish) education, wellness, & family services for people of all ages.

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FOR EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Wraparound services for the whole family

We approach service with the understanding that what impacts a single individual will, in turn, impact everyone in their life.

That's why we build lifelong relationships, and offer service and support at every step along the journey.



Gads Hill Center's support for families can begin pre-birth, with doula services and parenthood workshops.



From infancy, we support families with early childhood education, home-based services, and resources that build stable foundations together.



Our early learning programs prepare preschoolers of all abilities for kindergarten through bilingual instruction, social-emotional development, and family engagement.



School-age youth can take advantage of after-school programs, academic support, and enrichment from their very first day of kindergarten through college applications and beyond.



Through workshops, family mental health services, community advocacy, and other forms of civic engagement, we stay connected with everyone in our neighborhood.

My kids and I have just received so much love from everyone at Gads Hill Center

**ISELA PULIDO
GSD MOM**



CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Our early childhood education offerings provide quality childcare for parents and educational preparedness for the not-so-big kids in our communities.

School Readiness

One of the ways we measure our programs' efficacy is by assessing how many of our participants demonstrate the skills and knowledge they'll need when they start kindergarten.

Our benchmark is **80%** of participants meeting or exceeding the standard. **Our little ones look even better.**

Competency Area	Participants This Year	Previous Year
Social-Emotional	93%	89%
Physical	95%	97%
Literacy	93%	89%
Language	87%	90%
Cognitive	97%	90%
Mathematics	95%	88%

614
CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OLD
& THEIR FAMILIES

6,140
EDUCATIONAL HOME VISITS
FOR FAMILIES

106k
MEALS PROVIDED TO
PARTICIPANTS

School-Age Successes

For over 20 consecutive years, the rate of college acceptance for our youth has remained at 100%.

Our Youth Services Department continues to outpace nationwide averages for GPA & attendance.

3.1 AVERAGE GPA FOR PARTICIPANTS OF BUILDING LEADERS

3.4 AVERAGE GPA FOR PARTICIPANTS OF JR BUILDING LEADERS

90%+ AVERAGE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RATE AMONG GHG STUDENTS



YOUTH SERVICES



Gads Hill Center's team continues to provide a safe, secure environment outside of school where Chicago youth find mentors, friends, and a second family of caregivers.



MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Laying their Foundation

For the students we serve, success isn't measured in grade point average; instead, it's measured in stability. Attending class. Staying engaged. Building routines.

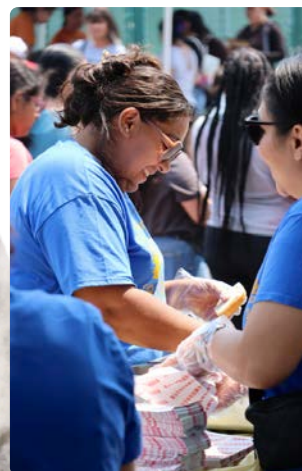
For us, success looks like over **85% of our participants reporting decreased difficulty in school** since starting therapy with us.

Looking Ahead

In the year to come, we're poised to meet the mental health needs of **250+ students**, as well as **150+ adults**, including parents, providers, and teachers through workshops, consultations, & training.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Through community outreach, we connect families to essential resources, health and wellness services, and year-round support.



Access & advocacy

From voter registration to culturally affirming events classes, and trainings, we help keep families connected to their civic power.



+3,251
COMMUNITY MEMBERS SERVED

40+ FAMILY THERAPY SESSIONS & PARENT CONSULTATIONS

100+ STUDENTS RECEIVING INDIVIDUAL THERAPY

150+ CLASSROOM OBSERVATIONS & TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

350+ PARTICIPANTS REACHED THROUGH PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS



A BIG WIN

We're thrilled to announce Gads Hill Center's acceptance into Chicago Public School's Sustainable Community Schools Initiative.



The Start of Something New

This exciting partnership allows us to deepen our impact in schools across the South, West, and Southwest sides of Chicago—providing students and families with the programs and services they deserve.

Through collaborative planning and comprehensive support, we'll help partner schools implement the six SCS pillars and deliver tailored educational, cultural, and wellness activities.

A WORD FROM OUR SCS PARTNERS



Through our partnership with Gads Hill Center, we are able to be responsive to the specific needs of our scholars—ensuring that, when they walk into the classroom, they are fully supported and ready to engage, succeed, and lead.



Ishshah Phillips
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Hubbard High School



Malcolm X said, "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." Thanks to Gads Hill Center, we are afforded the opportunity to put this into practice, providing our students with an education that supports their path to a future that they have always deserved, and is now within reach.



LaKenya Sharpe
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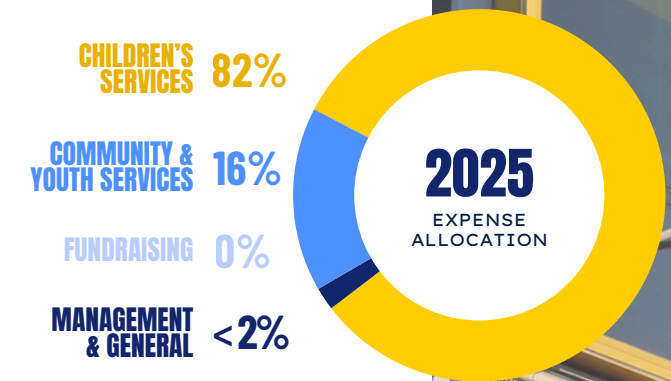
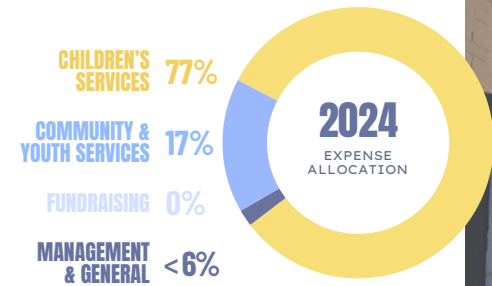
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Statement of activities for the year ended June 30, 2025 (with comparative totals for the same span of the previous year).



Revenue

	2025	2024
Contributions	1,573,307	1,855,286
In-Kind Contributions	62,068	47,074
United Way of Metropolitan Chicago	25,000	25,000
Fees & Grants from Gov't Agencies	14,574,248	15,988,684
Program Service Fees	57,578	85,107
Interest and Dividends	141,555	121,002
Gain (loss) on Investments	215,519	255,754
Miscellaneous Income	388,311	67,802
Total Revenue & Other Support	\$ 18,929,986	18,445,709

Expenses

	2025	2024
Program Services:		
Children's Services	14,423,797	14,226,370
Youth & Community Services	1,862,008	2,829,143
Supporting Services:		
Management & General	362,336	300,261
Fundraising	75,096	54,393
Total Expenses	\$ 16,723,237	17,410,167
Change in Net Assets	2,206,749	1,035,542
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	12,513,852	11,478,310
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 14,720,601	12,513,852



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Literacy Zone	773 306 0856
M & E Daycare	773 585 7979
Kiddie College	773 922 6599
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