



ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2024



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letter from the CEO

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Community Services Foundation, I'm excited to present the CTF Illinois Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024. As always, this report is more than just a summary of our efforts. It's a reflection of one simple fact: with the right tools, anyone can achieve the extraordinary. Through your support and partnership, we have been able to provide these very tools to the people we support, helping them rise to meet their full potential. In fact, this year alone, we have expanded our vocational program, provided self-advocacy opportunities throughout the state, improved our CILA homes, and continued upgrading our facilities to meet the evolving needs of the people we support.

Each page in our report is a celebration of the steps we're taking to fulfill our mission. We've been able to embrace innovation and implement new ideas to continue fostering a more accessible world for all, and it's entirely thanks to our donors, supporters, and advocates. In other words...it's all thanks to **you**.

Best Regards,

Mary Pat Ambrosino

transforming futures since 1971

For over 50 years, CTF Illinois (CTF) has supported people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Guided by their commitment to person-centered services, CTF proudly empowers hundreds of people throughout the state of Illinois to live life with independence and dignity through day programs, group living arrangements, home-based supports, and more.



an integral partnership

Since 1989, Community Services Foundation's sole purpose has been to support the programs and services of CTF Illinois.

Through fundraising efforts, special events, grant writing, and property management, Community Services Foundation is able to use their resources so that CTF Illinois can focus on what really matters:

the people we support.



ctf's mission

empowering each person we support
to live the life they want to live



ctf's vision

creating a culture where people are not
defined by their differences, but recognized
for the value they bring their communities

building her own path: april's road to success



In June 2023, April began new chapter of her life when she moved into one of CTF's suburban Chicagoland CILA homes, offering her a fresh start and stable environment where she could thrive. Here, April not only gained a space to call her own, but she also became fast friends with her housemates.

Since moving, April has truly blossomed. She enjoys an active social life and goes on frequent outings with her housemates. She's also been embracing opportunities to leave her comfort zone, like sharing her original poetry at The Painted Turtle's Open Mic Nights.

However, as April continued challenging herself to grow, she encountered a roadblock when it was time to find a job. April was qualified for almost every role, except for one thing: she didn't have the GED or high school diploma many employers require. But instead of giving up, April took charge of her future by enrolling at Prairie State, where she earned her GED in under a year. Now, she's thriving in a job she loves at Goodwill and working towards financial independence. We can't wait to see where April's journey leads next!



“Math is my favorite subject because it challenges me and I like to be challenged. I don't like when things come easy.”

-April

Your **choice**, our goal

core values



CTF's Home-Based Services Program offers flexible support to people with disabilities and their families, guiding them through options such as acquiring waiver funds for personal care, therapies, and home modifications to make daily life more accessible.

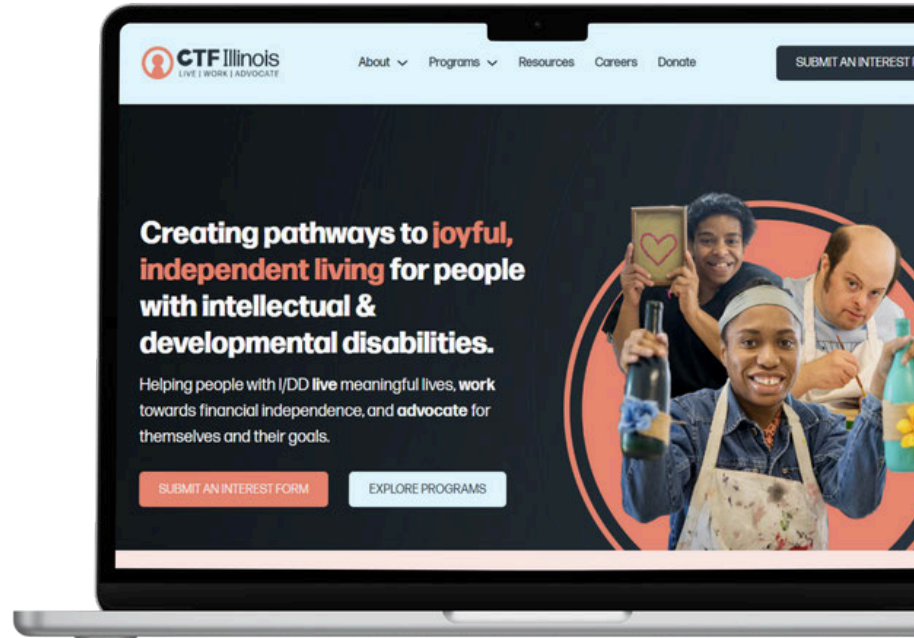
Recently, our staff assisted a family in navigating options and securing waiver funds to install a stair lift in their home. This essential modification allows their son to safely move between floors, greatly enhancing his mobility and independence.

core values

In FY24, CTF embraced significant changes, focusing on innovation and growth. Along with a fresh new look, they've launched a redesigned website built with accessibility at its core. Now, it's easier than ever for the people we support, their guardians, and anyone looking for resources to access a library of educational assets, including program information, living guides, important links, and other helpful tools.

Check it out today by visiting ctfillinois.org.

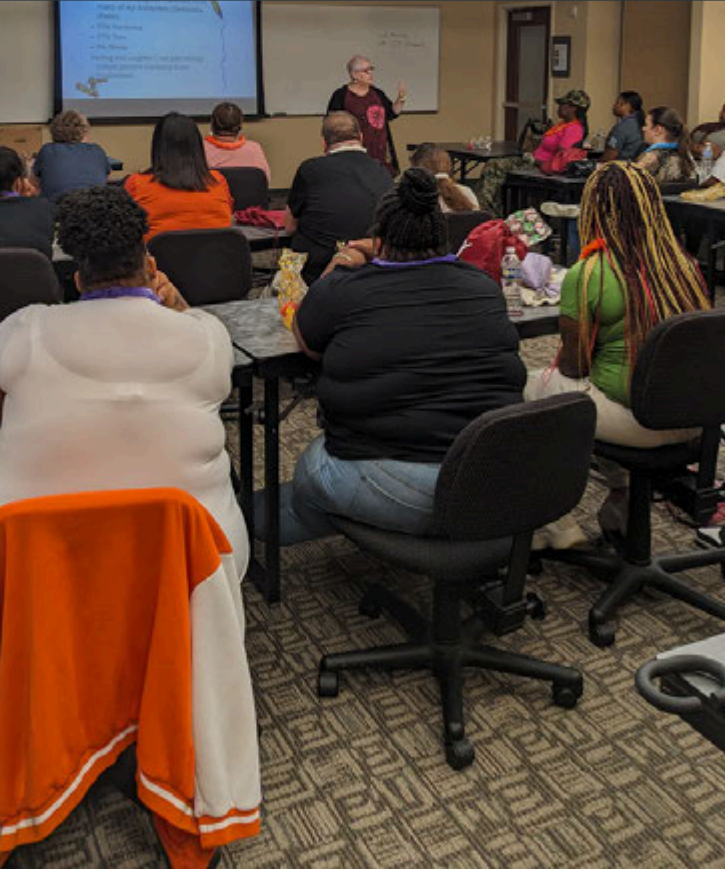
Optimize resources with great
responsibility and integrity



Foster a culture of **respect** through open communication & thoughtful actions

core values

This year, CTF conducted a company-wide employee survey to gather feedback on how we can better support staff. With focus on several key areas, including workplace satisfaction, communication, and opportunities for professional development, CTF is implementing new initiatives and training programs to ensure every team member has access to the resources needed to be successful.



core values

CTF was awarded the SWTCIE grant, enabling them to provide vocational training to people with disabilities, with three already having found jobs within their community! To achieve the goals of helping as many people find employment as possible, CTF's team meets quarterly with consultants for additional training to continue expanding the program within their communities and beyond.



Create a place to **learn** with
room to **grow**



Enjoy what you do and share
that **passion** with others



core values

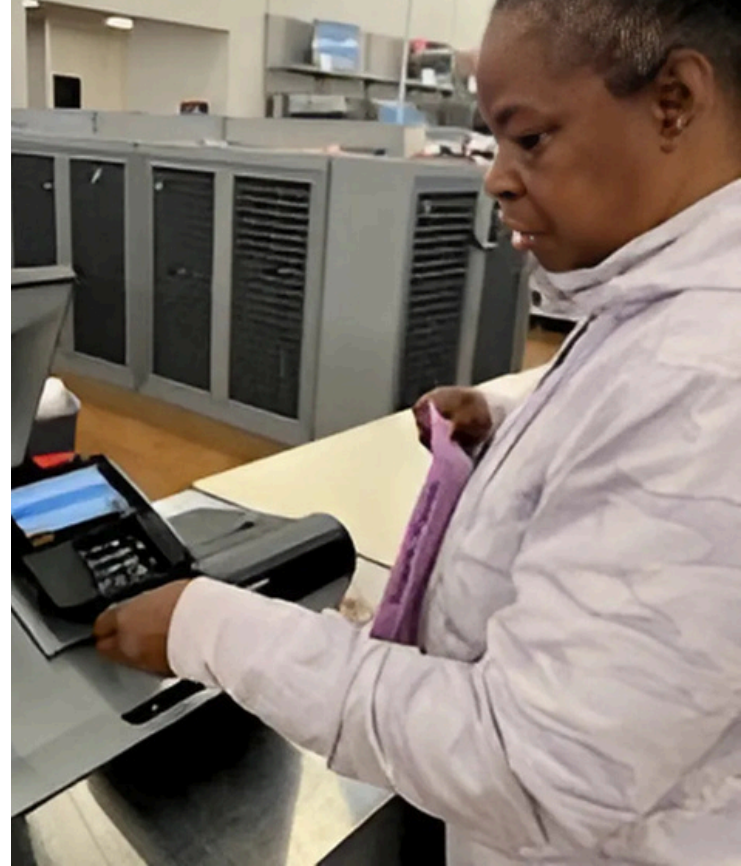
Three residents enjoyed a weekend getaway exploring St. Louis, where they each checked off some bucket list items. Brandy visited a casino for the first time where she tried her hand at the slots, while Bessie finally visited an aquarium. Meanwhile, George made a trip to the top of the iconic Gateway Arch. They can't wait to see where their next adventure takes them!



core values

Strive to find ways to
continuously **improve**

CTF partnered with True Link Visa to provide CILA residents with their own debit cards, offering a secure and convenient way to manage their personal funds. True Link functions as an innovative way to provide individuals with greater financial independence while promoting safety and responsibility.



Embrace **collaboration** to create extraordinary achievements

core values



The Vogt Art Center in Tinley Park partnered with CTF Illinois to showcase the talents of artists with disabilities in a public exhibition. Thanks to this unique opportunity, the artists not only have the chance to promote inclusion through their creativity, but also build meaningful connections within their community.



make an impact

For over 50 years, we have been lucky to see a community outpouring of support through donations, sponsorships, volunteerism, participation in our special events, and more. If you're looking to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities, here are a few ways you can support us:

Honored Society Membership

When you join The Honored Society, your yearly pledge will be used to support the dreams of the residents in CTF's group homes. From taking a weekend trip to simply buying a new set of bedsheets, every penny will go towards the things that make life beautiful.

Make A Match

From now until December 31st, Community Services Foundation will match your gifts to CTF, dollar for dollar, in our annual Make A Match campaign. Please use the provided envelope to make your donation or donate online.

**scan the QR code to learn
more about how we'll
double your donation!**



special events

We invite you to join us for next year's special events, where together, we can make a lasting impact in our community! Mark your calendars and be part of something bigger as we come together to create positive change in the lives of those we support.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon

Join us in representing Community Services Foundation at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon! This is your chance to run for a cause, support our mission, and make a real difference.

Aloha 5K:

Grab your grass skirts and running shoes because on Thursday, June 12th 2025 we'll be hosting our Aloha 5K in Orland Park!

Jerry Meyer Golf Classic:

You're invited to celebrate 15 years of golfing for good at our annual Jerry Meyer Golf Classic. We can't wait to see you on the green in September!

For more information on these events and other ways to give, visit us at:

www.csfil.org

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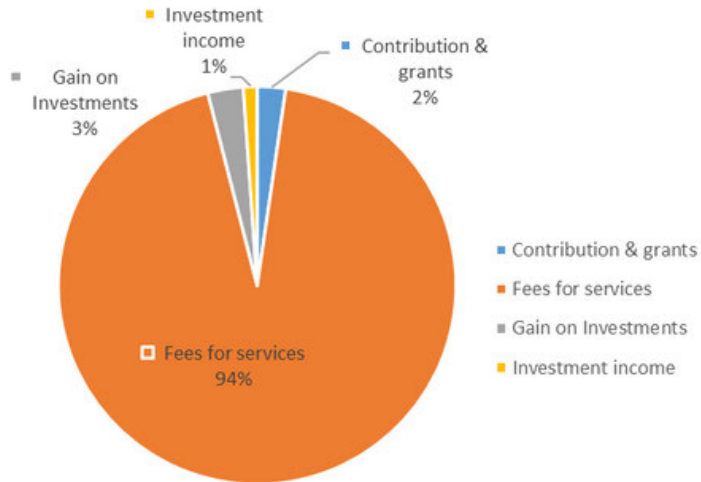
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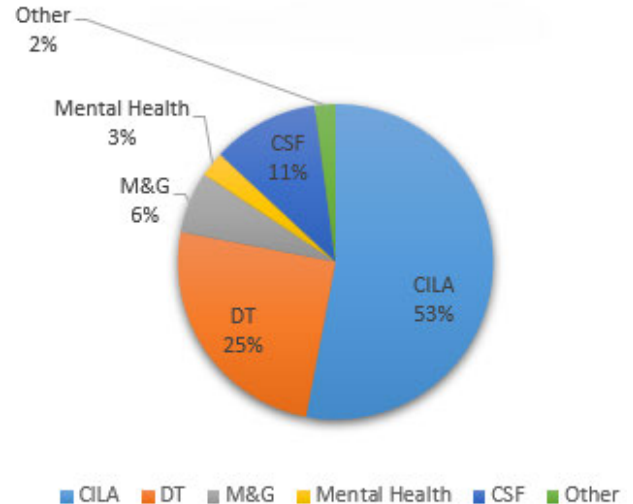
FY24 financials

(*Unaudited)

Revenue by Source



Expenses by Program





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