



# 2025 IMPACT STATEMENT

In 2025, F.R.I.E.N.D.S. Down Syndrome Special Needs West Florida Inc. achieved remarkable financial and programmatic milestones, reinforcing our commitment to supporting individuals with Down syndrome and their families.

## 2025 at a Glance:

**\$144,248**



**Total Revenue**

163% of budget

**\$117,959**



**Raised from Fundraising**



**\$43,562**

**Net Operating Revenue**

2x our goal



**30%** Budget Efficiency

**250%**

Funded WDSD Celebration



**Inclusive Programs:**



**Record participation and expanded impact**

# 2025 Revenue Breakdown

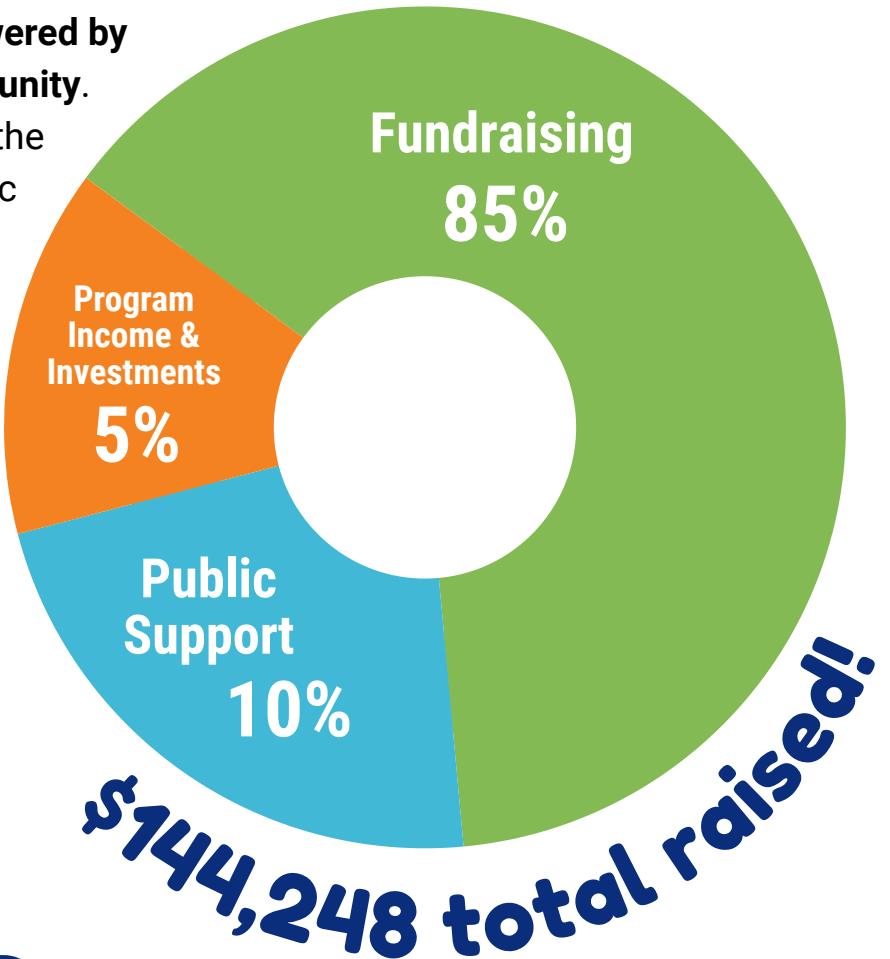


Our success in 2025 was **powered by the generosity of our community.**

From fundraising events like the Buddy Walk to ongoing public support, every contribution helped fuel our mission.

Each dollar raised represents a commitment to inclusion, education, and opportunity for individuals with Down syndrome and their families.

F.R.I.E.N.D.S. achieved outstanding financial results in 2025, **generating \$144,248 in total revenue**, which is 163% of the \$88,500 budget.



## Expense Management

### Operating Expenses:

**70% of Budget**

Careful budgeting and efficient operations helped F.R.I.E.N.D.S. deliver more impact while spending less than planned.

By keeping **operating expenses at 70% of budget**, we maximized every dollar to fund programs, scholarships, and family support, achieving a **net operating revenue of \$43,562**, more than double our goal.

### Net Operating Revenue:

**163% + of Plan**

# Program & Event Highlights



Our **Inclusive Programs & Classes** continued to grow in 2025, offering joyful, community-centered opportunities for individuals with Down syndrome to learn, move, and connect.

**Buddy Baseball, Buddy Walk, and our Inclusive Dances** reached record participation, creating spaces where friendships and confidence flourished. Expanded activities allowed families to engage more frequently throughout the year, building a stronger sense of belonging and inclusion across our community.

2025 was a standout year for F.R.I.E.N.D.S.' signature events. **The World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) Celebration co-hosted with Gigi's Playhouse and DSATB** was our most successful yet—**over 250% funded relative to budget**—bringing families, volunteers, and community partners together for an unforgettable celebration of inclusion.

Our annual **Buddy Walk** remained a cornerstone event, uniting hundreds in awareness and advocacy while driving vital funds to sustain our programs year-round.



# Community Outreach



Beyond programs and events, F.R.I.E.N.D.S. deepened its commitment to family connection and public awareness. In 2025, we distributed **more parent support materials and promotional resources than ever before**, ensuring that new families and community members could access the tools and encouragement they need.

Through strengthened partnerships across West Florida, F.R.I.E.N.D.S. amplified its reach, fostering collaboration that supports individuals with Down syndrome and other special needs and their families at every stage.



## Looking Ahead...

As F.R.I.E.N.D.S. steps into 2026, we're building on the incredible momentum of the past year. With each program, event, and partnership, we continue to

- **expand** our outreach,
- **strengthen** community connections,
- and **provide meaningful support to** families across West Florida.

Together with our donors, volunteers, and community partners, we'll continue shaping a future where every individual with Down syndrome is celebrated, supported, and given the chance to thrive.