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About Us

Great Prospects, Inc. provides post-secondary (after high school) and summer programs for adolescents and young adults with developmental disabilities.

We help our participants grow and thrive as they make the critical transition to the adult world while learning to become a contributing member of the community.

Our signature program, "Therapeutic Day Program" is for young adults who have graduated or transitioned from high school and are interested in maintaining current skills and learning more about those needed for adult life.

This program focuses on social skills training, peer support, exploration of workplace options, community service, health and fitness, therapeutic activities, and planning for an independent future.
I started this non-profit organization when my own daughter, Indya, was finishing up her time in the school system and we couldn’t find a place for her post-high school. Great Prospects was born out of a need for a safe place for my daughter to continue to grow, learn, develop friendships, experience peer support, and have fun living life!

Great Prospects’ overall mission is to provide meaningful connections for individuals with disabilities through continued educational enrichment, social interaction, and challenging recreational programs. We offer parents a place to drop off their son/daughter and go to work knowing they will be well cared for in a safe and enriching environment. It is hard for others to understand our lives, therefore we have to support each other. Great Prospects can lighten the load for our families.

Now more than ever, we need your support to help us progress our robust programming that provides our valued participants with continued development opportunities and critical life skills. We are a quality resource for families and a place of growth, therapeutic activities, and substantial support for our participants.

We closed 2021 with so many blessings during our fundraiser in November, “A Time for Giving”. We are so very grateful to have such benevolent friends and supporters that we can continue to always count on year after year! We sincerely appreciate our partnership with Sandy Springs Society, as they awarded us a grant to fund our Saturday Fun Day program; the Franklin Foundation, who once again funded our therapeutic needs for the year; and the Kuse Foundation for assisting us in paying our team salaries. And finally, with the generosity and support of Rivercliff Lutheran Church, we are nothing. Thank you on behalf of all the Great Prospects participants, their families, and our board for your help this year. Together, we are empowering special people. Your involvement and generosity are invaluable, and we thank you for being the superheroes that you are in our community.

MICHELLE JERICHEVICH

2021 Annual Report
Our Goals for 2022

❖ Create Volunteer Opportunities for Participants
❖ Continue to Build Brand Recognition
❖ Grow Our Number of Participants by 25%
❖ Increase Social Media Community by 20%
OUR VISION

“Empower Special People”

HONESTY
Always is the Best Policy

RESPECT
All Individuals Deserve to be Treated with Dignity

PERSEVERANCE
Never Give Up

SELF-DETERMINATION
Be Your Best Advocate

OUR MISSION

Great Prospects’ mission is to provide meaningful connections for individuals with disabilities through continued educational enrichment, social interaction, and challenging recreational programs.
Great Prospects, Inc. Year in Review

BY THE NUMBERS

36 Adaptive Yoga Classes

52 hours of Adaptive Fitness

12 Music Therapy Classes

50 lunch trips

20 Birthday Celebrations

100 Handmade Cards Made for Cardz for Kidz

14 Friday Fun Days

12 Saturday Fun Days

9 New Friends!

3 Returning Friends

SOCIAL MEDIA STATS

❖ 20 New 5-Star Google Reviews
❖ 68 New Instagram Followers
❖ 84 New Facebook Followers
❖ YouTube Channel Debut
❖ Over $10,000 Raised for our Social Media Fundraiser

2021 Annual Report
Reflections from the community

“My daughter has attended Great Prospects, Inc. for years. She is always eager to get ready every morning to head to Great Prospects, And see her friends. I looked long and hard to find just the right programs for my daughter. Our family is truly blessed to have our daughter at Great Prospects, Inc. The programming is exceptional. The participants engage in a variety of activities in the community and are always learning new skills. The leadership and staff are passionate about helping our young adults achieve their fullest potential.”
Lucia, GP Parent

“Great Prospects, Inc. is a fantastic, experienced group of caring individuals who have given my son a place to enjoy with peers when he was out from school. Now that he has graduated, like the kids who go to UGA or Georgia Tech, our son is going to Great Prospects, Inc. He loves the friends he has made at GP and the daily fun and learning activities. Just a great place!”
Troy, GP Parent

“Great Prospects, Inc. changed our lives as a family. When our daughter aged out of the school system in early 2020, we had a hard time finding suitable programs to meet the needs of our daughter, now an adult with disabilities. We found GP through a friend. Since attending GP, our daughter is thriving. She loves getting up and getting ready each day she attends. She has made friends and I can see improvements in her physical stamina, flexibility, daily living skills and behavioral struggles. We are so thankful to have "stumbled upon" this amazing place!”
Karen, GP Parent
Reflections from the community

“My son has been attending Great Prospects for over 2 years since we moved to Georgia. He absolutely loves going here and wakes up each day ready to go. There is a great wide range of activities from field trips, nature walks, going to the movies and bowling coupled with great life skills training. The staff is warm and loving and we’re thrilled with the program!”
- Tracey, GP Parent

“My son loves Great Prospects, Inc. As someone who had a difficult time during the pandemic, it’s nice to see how happy he is to go to GP. He has a hard time meeting people and making friends, but he has so many at Great Prospects, Inc. The staff thoroughly understands the population they serve, which was a big relief for parents of an often-misunderstood person.”
- Jeanne, GP Parent

“Rivercliff Lutheran Church is so blessed to have Great Prospects on our campus daily! The positive impact they make in the lives of the individuals in the program is evident, and although it is not a Christian organization, we see God's fingerprints all over everything they do. The staff is a joy to work with and have such big hearts!”
- Theresa, Rivercliff Lutheran Church
We are so grateful for the growth we experienced in 2021! This growth has happened largely by Great Prospects, Inc. being spread through word-of-mouth in the community and high schools. We are growing in size and beginning to outgrow our space here at Rivercliff and hope to take steps towards securing our own GP home in the coming year.

This year we had two successful fundraisers – Spring Wine Event and November: A Time for Giving. We also received donations from the Chattahoochee Plantation Women’s Club throughout the year. We are grateful to the Franklin Foundation for once again funding the therapeutic classes (adaptive fitness, adaptive yoga, and music therapy) that are so vital to our program and participants. We are also grateful to the Sandy Springs Society for funding our Saturday Fun Day program. Saturday Fun Day had another successful year. This day provides both a day of rest for parents and caregivers, as well as a fun day for attendees to socialize and experience new things with their peers. In the coming year, we hope to add a second Saturday Fun Day every other month.

In 2022, we also hope to continue spreading the word about GP and making connections in our community.
We are happy to have been involved with the community again this year. One project we are working with is Project REACH with the local Sandy Springs Fire Department. GP is now a drop off location for people to recycle their aluminum cans to help raise money for burn victims in Georgia.

Learn more at https://www.gfbf.or/project-reach/

Another project we are involved with is Cardz for Kidz. We create handwritten cards to donate to the organization, who then distributes them to children or the elderly in hospitals to raise their spirits. Our goal for 2022 is to create even more cards!

We have been collaborating with Rivercliff (the Community Center that houses us) on different projects, including a winter clothing drive, preparing candles and candy cane messages for Christmas services, and attending a beautiful harp concert.

Friday Fun Days and special outings returned this year! We’ve taken trips to the Center for Puppetry Arts, Aurora Cineplex, Area 51 Mini Golf, Main Event Bowling, and the North Georgia Wildlife Preserve.

“Our Hopes for 2022 include finding new volunteer opportunities in the community, recruiting our own volunteers into the program, and having more fun outings and gaining new friends!”
Thank You 2021 Donors!

COMPANIES & ORGANIZATIONS

Chalmers & Adams, LLC
John & Mary Franklin Foundation
Kuse Family Foundation
Sand Springs Society
Rivercliff Lutheran Church
Hunton Andrews & Kurth
Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC
Chattahoochee Plantation Women’s Club
Gendell Family Foundation
Truist
Amazon Smile
Thank You 2021 Donors!

Board of Directors
&
Advisory Board

Kurt Powell
Michelle Jericevich
Chuck Gabriel
Jodi Kavanaugh

Marc Gendell
Kent Hill
Marge Krengel
Scott & Tracey Montz
Individual Donors
2021

Platinum + $5,000 >
Simone & Bill Godshall
D. & B. Powell

Platinum Up to $2,000
Deborah Arnold

Gold Up to $1,500
Douglas Chalmers

Silver Up to $1,000
Michael Adams
Charles Bradford
Cyndi Crandell
Christophir Kerr
Karen & Tim Newby
Sallie & Troy Ragan
Lisa Schwartz
DePriest Waddy
Johanna Maddox
Thank You 2021 Donors!

**Bronze – Up to $500**

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Heather Tolley-Bauer
Louis Vale
Alice Walker
Michael Wasserfuhr
K. & R. Wise
Chenhao Yuan
Azita Zarrabi
Warren Eldridge
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2021 REVENUE

- Donations: 15%
- Fundraising: 11%
- Grants: 5%
- Program Fees: 69%

2021 Revenue

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2021 Expenses

- Program: 73%
- Salaries/Wages: 11%
- Administrative: 14%
- Fundraising: 2%

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