



ANNUAL REPORT 2025

LATEST INFORMATION AND UPDATES
ABOUT OUR HAPPY PLACE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

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A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to share our 2025 Annual Report and reflect on another meaningful year of growth and impact at Our Happy Place Supportive Services.

This year brought many exciting milestones, including the expansion of our programs, strengthened community partnerships, a successful sold-out Happiness & Harmony fundraiser, and our achievement of non-profit status. These accomplishments reflect the dedication of our staff, volunteers, families, community partners, and supporters who believe in our mission.

The Board remains committed to providing strong governance and strategic leadership as we continue to grow and create opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities to connect, participate, and thrive.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Our Happy Place throughout the year. Most importantly, thank you to our members, who inspire us every day and remind us why this work matters.

CHRISTEL GALEA
BOARD CHAIR



A WORD FROM THE CO-FOUNDERS

As we reflect on 2025, we are incredibly proud of how far Our Happy Place has come and grateful for everyone who has been part of our journey.

This year brought many exciting milestones, including achieving non-profit status, expanding our programs and partnerships, launching the Box of Happiness initiative, and hosting our grand opening and first fundraisers. Most importantly, we continued creating opportunities for connection, growth, and belonging for the individuals we support.

To our members, families, staff, volunteers, board members, sponsors, and community partners—thank you for believing in our mission and helping us create a welcoming and inclusive community.

We remain committed to creating a safe, inclusive, and compassionate space where individuals of all abilities can build friendships, explore new experiences, and thrive. We are excited for what the future holds and look forward to continuing this journey together.

MELANIE MUIRHEAD & ANGIE FLAMINO
CO-FOUNDERS



MISSION

Our mission is to support individuals with physical, cognitive, developmental, emotional, and behavioral challenges—and their families—by creating a safe, inclusive, and compassionate community. We are dedicated to enriching lives through meaningful peer connections, engaging experiences, and personalized support that promote wellness, personal growth, and the celebration of self.

VISION

We envision a world where individuals of all abilities feel valued, included, and empowered. Our Happy Place strives to be a safe and welcoming space where every person can thrive—celebrating who they are, building lasting friendships, and experiencing life with happiness, purpose, and dignity.

ABOUT OUR HAPPY PLACE

Founded with the belief that everyone deserves a place where they feel valued, supported, and included, Our Happy Place Supportive Services provides meaningful opportunities for neurodiverse adults to connect, learn, contribute, and thrive within their community.

We offer a variety of engaging programs and experiences that promote personal growth, independence, wellness, social connection, and community participation.

Through recreation, life skills development, volunteer opportunities, creative expression, health and wellness activities, and community outings, we strive to create a welcoming environment where individuals can build confidence, form lasting friendships, and celebrate their unique strengths.

We are committed to fostering inclusion, dignity, and belonging while helping individuals lead fulfilling and meaningful lives.





2025 Highlights

- Federal Non-Profit Status Achieved
- Grand Opening Celebration
- Platinum Winner – Best Non-Profit (Community Votes)
- Best Non-Profit Float – Newmarket Santa Claus Parade
- 1st Annual Happiness & Harmony Fundraiser
- Paint for Purpose Fundraiser
- Hosted a Central York Chamber After Hours Networking Event
- Participated in the Newmarket Farmers Market
- Attended YRDSB and YCDSB Day Program Fairs
- Expanded community awareness and outreach
- Welcomed new volunteers & Students
- Introduced our first evening program

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 2025

Revenue:

Program Services

\$241,880

Donations

\$4,270

Fundraising

\$4,115

Government Rebate

\$2,650

Total Revenue

\$252,915

Year-End Results:

Operating Surplus:

\$2,403

Expenses:

Staffing & Payroll

\$145,393

Facility Rent

\$63,811

Program Supplies & Activities

\$14,235

Insurance

\$7,979

Administration & Operations

\$12,757

Fundraising Costs

\$1,295

Legal Fees

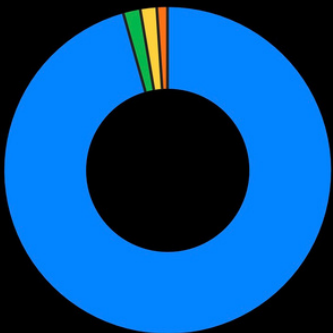
\$6,452

Total Expenses

\$250,627

2025 revenue sources

Revenue by source for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025.



Program Services
\$241.9K

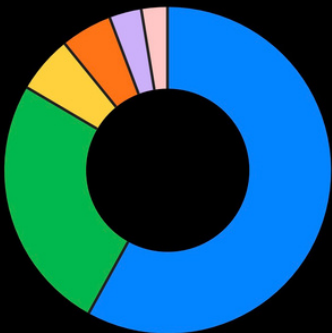
Donations
\$4.3K

Fundraising
\$4.1K

Government Reb...
\$2.6K

2025 expense breakdown

How Our Happy Place invested resources in 2025.



Payroll E...
\$145.4K

Facility C...
\$63.8K

Program...
\$14.2K

Administ...
\$12.8K

Insurance
\$8K

Legal & P...
\$6.5K



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PROGRAM DAYS

15+

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

1000+

STUDENT PLACEMENT HOURS

50

LIVE MUSIC SESSIONS

120

COMMUNITY OUTINGS

400+

MEMBER VOLUNTEER HOURS

2025 Annual Report

Building Connection. Creating Opportunities.
Everyone Belongs Here.



OUR MISSION

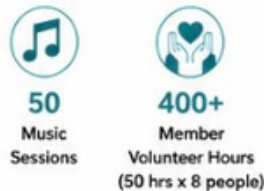
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2025 BY THE NUMBERS

PROGRAM IMPACT



COMMUNITY IMPACT



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



FUNDRAISING & SUPPORT



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- Federal non profit status achieved
- Hosted Grand Opening (April)
- Won Best Non Profit Float - Newmarket Santa Claus Parade (November)
- Won Platinum for Best Non Profit - Community Votes

- First Annual Happiness & Harmony Fundraiser (October)
- Paint for Purpose Fundraiser (November)
- Hosted After Hours Networking Event through Central York Chamber (October)
- Booth at Newmarket Farmers Market (Spring/Fall)

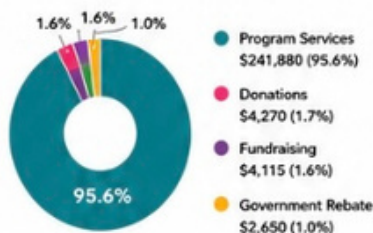
- Booth at YRDSB/YCDSB Day Program Fairs (April/May)
- 211 Registered on 211 Directory (March)
- Continued partnerships with local colleges, OHP providing student placements
- New volunteers joining us
- Offered first evening program

MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

Every program, every hour, every partnership and every dollar supports our mission and the individuals we are proud to walk alongside.

2025 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

REVENUE: \$252,916



95.6% of our revenue comes from program services – demonstrating a strong and sustainable operating model.

EXPENSES: \$250,628



YEAR-END RESULTS

Total Revenue
\$252,916

Total Expenses
\$250,628

Operating Surplus
\$2,403

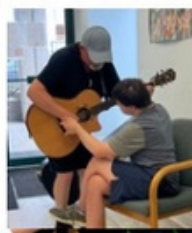
A positive operating surplus allows us to continue investing in programs and building for the future.

WHERE EVERY DOLLAR WENT



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

- Quick action grant awarded – Thrive & Connect Program
- Nominated for Business Excellence Award through Central York Chamber
- Box of Happiness Fundraiser
- Accessibility improvements
- Expanded community partnerships
- Transportation goals



THANK YOU!

To our members, families, staff, volunteers, students, donors, sponsors, partners and Board of Directors – thank you for being part of our journey. Together, we create a place where everyone belongs and can thrive.

Looking Ahead to 2026

As we continue to grow, our focus remains on expanding opportunities, strengthening accessibility, and increasing community inclusion.

Key Priorities:

- ✓ Securing more funding through Grants, Donations, Fundraising
- ✓ Accessibility improvements
- ✓ Expanded community partnerships
- ✓ Transportation solutions
- ✓ Continued growth in programs and services

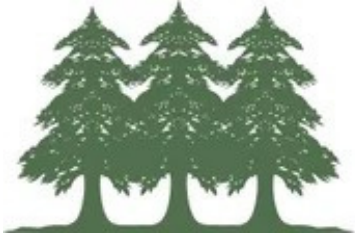
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