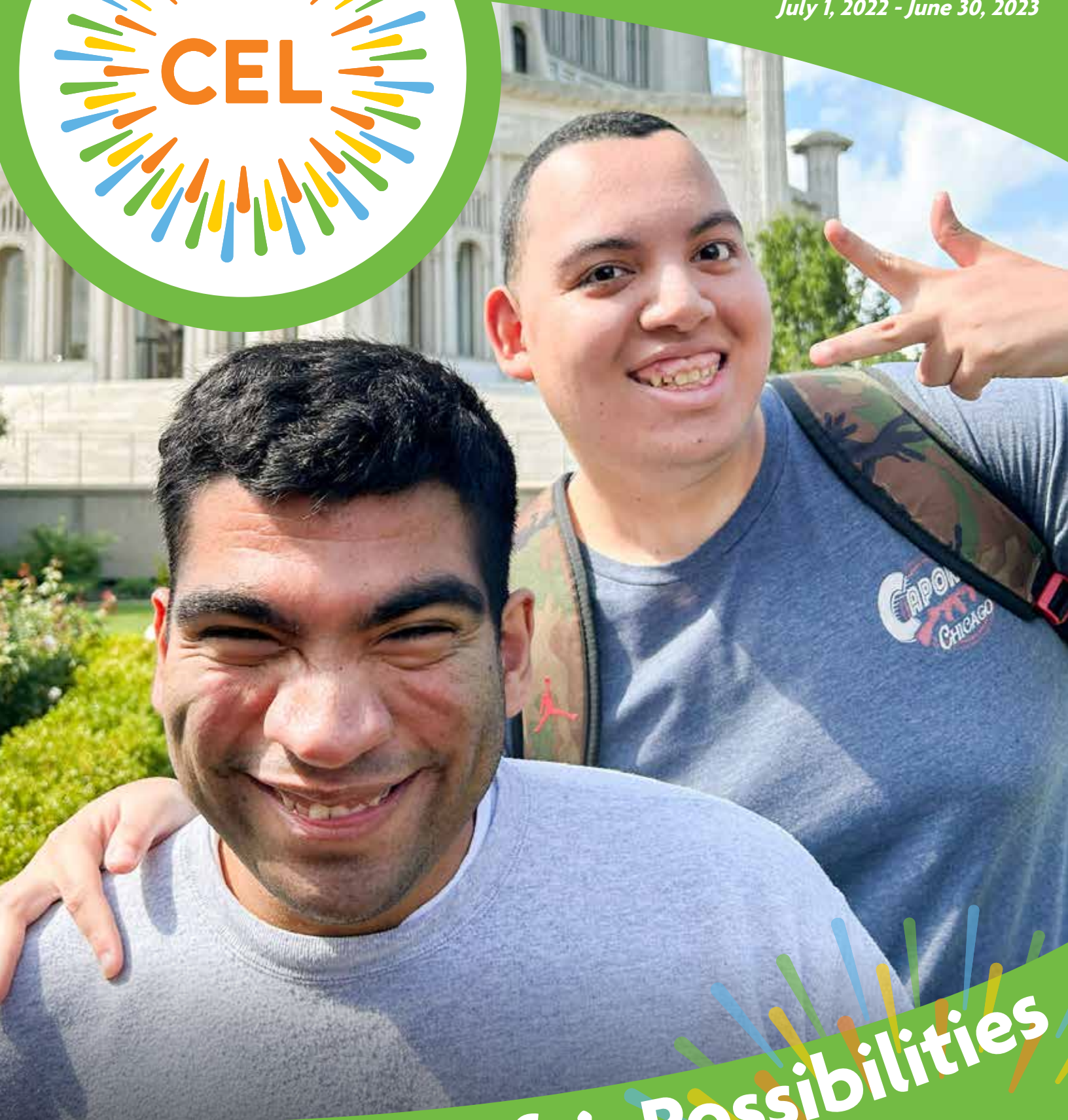




Center for Enriched Living Annual Impact Report FY23

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023



Experience Life's Possibilities



Our Vision

People with developmental disabilities are empowered to realize their greatest potential, thrive within the community, and achieve their hopes and dreams.

Our Mission

Enriching the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities by maximizing their opportunities for personal success, fun & friendship, employment, and community involvement.



We're Excited You're Here!

You may notice that things look a little different – **CEL has a new logo and tagline!**

We updated our branding to reflect the experience of our members. CEL is where you are individually known and respected, you connect with others who accept and welcome you, and you achieve more than you thought was possible. **It is a safe, fun, positive place to make friends and be part of your larger community as an active participant.**

By promoting independence, self-advocacy, and personal growth, CEL helps individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities thrive and reach their full potential. The organization is committed to removing barriers, both physical and attitudinal, and creating opportunities for learning, engagement, and social connections. With a strong sense of community and a dedicated team of staff and volunteers, CEL makes a positive and lasting impact in the lives of our members and their families. CEL is where everyone can experience life's possibilities!



Two programs launched to serve members in new ways:

Robert Vihon Family Resource Center:
Mental health and disability services and resources for individuals and families

Catalyst Day Program:
Life skill building focus for greater autonomy and satisfaction



Dear Friends & Supporters,

For the past 37 years, I have had the extraordinary privilege of serving this incredible organization dedicated to empowering teens and adults with developmental disabilities so they can realize their potential and thrive within the community. This journey began in 1987 when I first joined CEL as their first Director of Development. Over the years it has evolved into more of a profound personal and professional experience.

I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the privilege of leading this organization. When I assumed the role of CEO in 2003, I could not have envisioned the extraordinary progress we would achieve as an organization. Over the past two decades we have made significant strides in enhancing the lives of teens and adults with developmental disabilities. I am confident in a bright future for CEL and our members through the talented and excellent leadership of our new CEO, Herb Washington.

As I step into retirement, I do so with the knowledge that our work is far from over. I know that with your renewed and generous support CEL will continue to thrive and make a profound difference in the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Thanks to you there will always be opportunities for teens, adults, and seniors with developmental disabilities to experience life's possibilities!

With gratitude,

Harriet Levy
Retired CEO



*CEL is proud to welcome
Herb Washington as our
new CEO!*



Milestones under Harriet's Leadership

- Renovating CEL building to the standard of Universal Design in 2016 to create a more supportive, diverse, and inclusive community
- Launching an Employment program in 2017, matching people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to jobs that meet their interests, talents and skills
- Raising nearly \$1 Million to launch the Robert Vihon Family Resource Center, providing individual & group counseling, therapeutic support, & resources for people with disabilities and their families



VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

FY23



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In Memoriam
Robert S. Vihon

Meet
the
FY23
Board!



In Memoriam
Jeffrey A. Davis



EMPLOYMENT PARTNERS

Thank you to these local businesses who partnered with CEL to hire valuable employees who have intellectual and developmental disabilities.

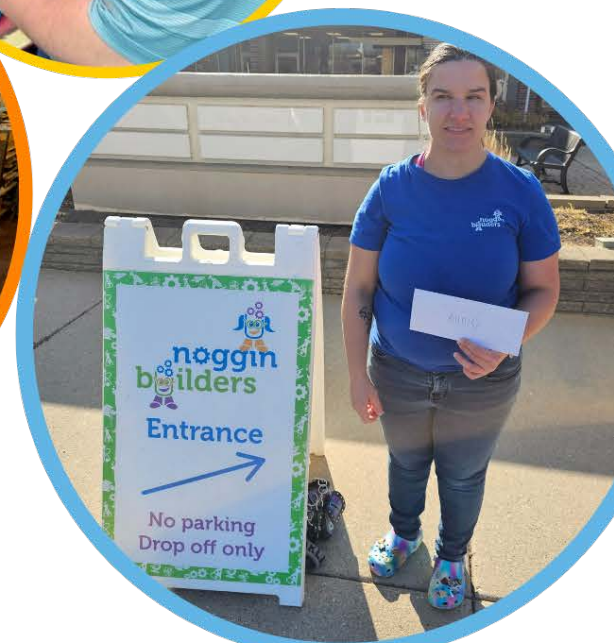
Amazon Fresh
Bark University
Blitt and Gaines Law Firm
Boarder Tails Rescue
Culver's
Dogtopia
Gigi's Playhouse
Heartland Animal Hospital
Horizon Therapeutics/Eurest
Hotel Indigo
Kohl's
Leider Greenhouses
Lou Malnati's
Mariano's

Noggin Builders
Pet Factory
Prospect Heights Public Library
Rainbows for All Children
Riverside Foundation
Saf-T-Gard International
Schaumburg Boomers
Thrown Elements Pottery Studio
T.J. Maxx
Walgreens
The Wild Roaster

Watch this video to learn about the impact of CEL's Employment Opportunities Program:



CEL Members thrive when given opportunities to succeed!



Member Statistics



381

**Member
Lives
Enriched**



80,463

Program Participation Hours



55

Communities Served



260

**Members Receiving
Scholarship**

\$92,739

Financial Aid Awarded

Support & Revenue

Misc/Interest: \$80,404

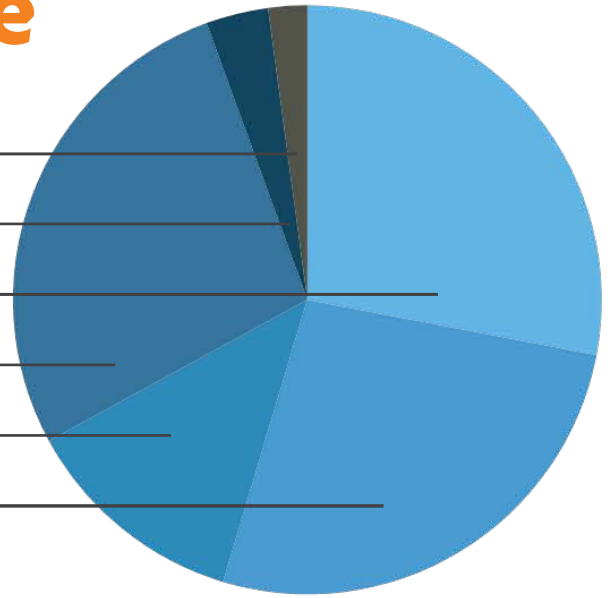
In-Kind: \$129,652

Contributions: \$1,055,186

Membership Fees: \$1,032,006

Special Events: \$1,003,535

Grants: \$467,852

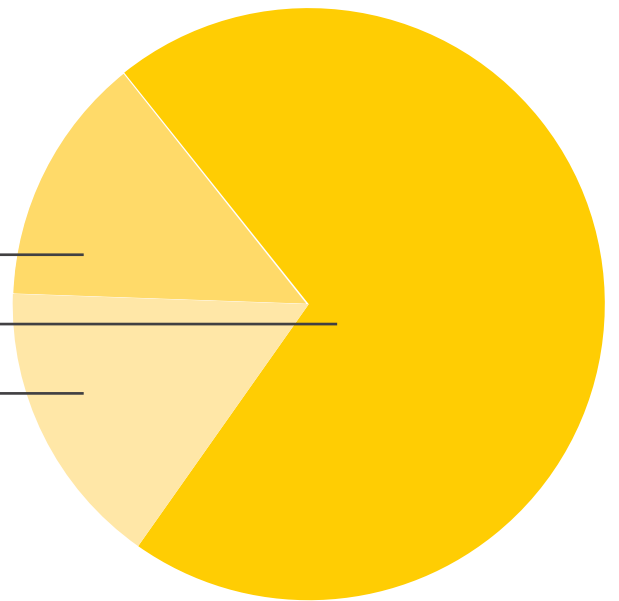


Expenses

Management/General: \$608,300

Programs: \$3,121,986

Fundraising: \$699,023



FY23 Ending Net Assets: \$6,728,898

*CEL is proud to once again achieve a
Candid Platinum Seal of Transparency
on GuideStar*





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