

FY 2024

Annual Impact Report





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President's Message



Dear Friends,

At Capper Foundation, we are passionate about providing opportunities for our community's children, adults, and families. Programs like adult services, adaptive recreation, and community employment training empower individuals to thrive. Dialogue Coffee House, a program of Capper

since 2023, has expanded opportunities for individuals with disabilities, preparing them for meaningful roles in the workforce. Our interdisciplinary pediatric therapies are helping children to meet life-skill goals, preparing them for success in achieving their dreams.

Ensuring that every individual, regardless of intellectual, developmental, or physical abilities, has the opportunity to lead a fulfilling life is at the core of our mission. This is where our individual, corporate, and community partners help create a multiplied impact to improve lives. Your involvement plays a pivotal role in advancing the hopes and dreams of those we serve, equipping them with vital skills and aiding their families in navigating the challenges of caring for individuals with special needs.

As we reflect on this past fiscal year, we are genuinely inspired by the steps forward we have taken with the assistance and generosity of so many partners in our mission. Together, we are succeeding in building a more inclusive community.

Zach Ahrens, MBA, FACHE
President & CEO

► Our Mission

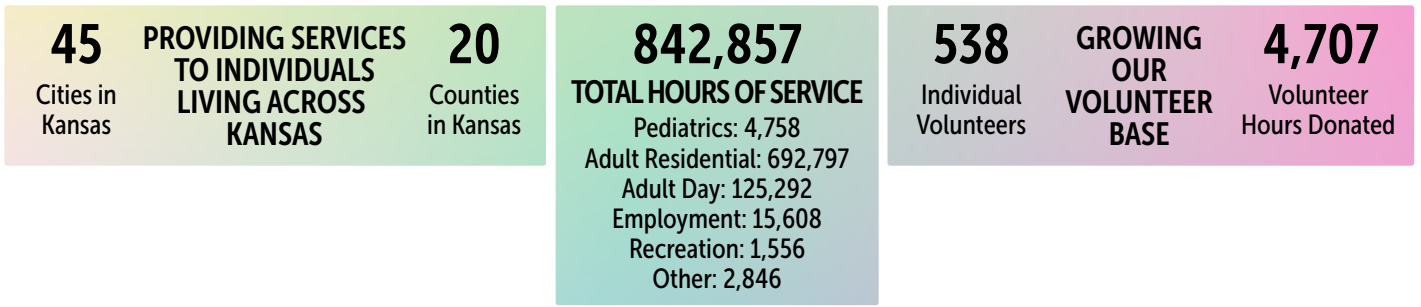
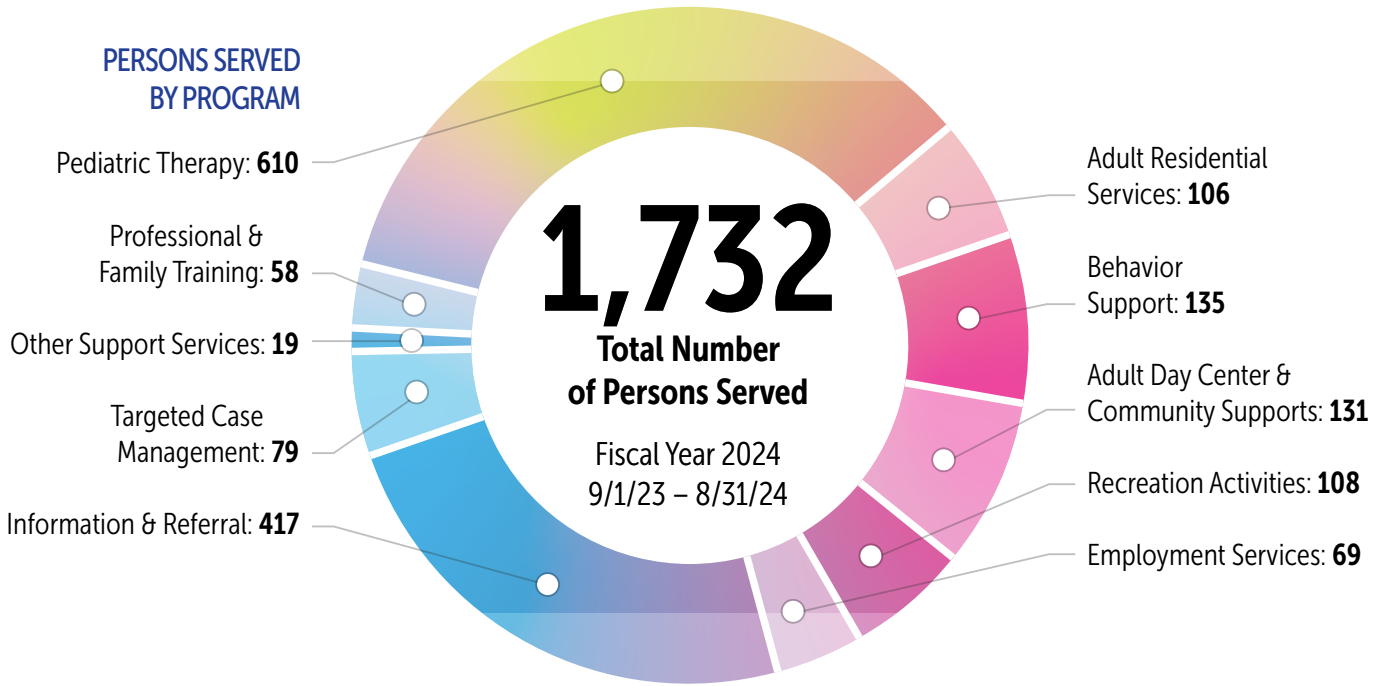
To build abilities and empower people of all ages living with disabilities.

► Our Vision

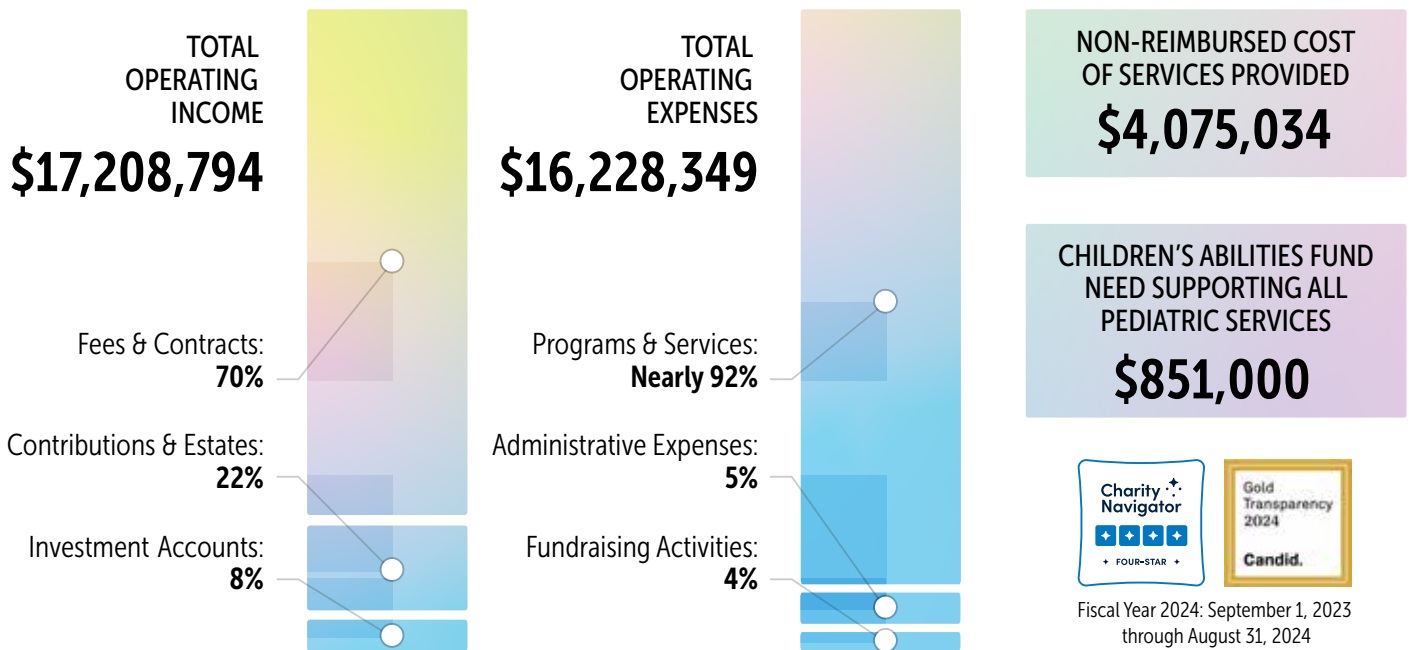
Every person is valued and enjoys access, independence and opportunities to advance their hopes and dreams.



We are People Helping People



Fiscal Year 2024 Income & Expenses



Building Abilities

In Fiscal Year 2024, Capper Foundation continued its vital work of empowering individuals of all ages living with disabilities.

Through our diverse programs, we support independence, inclusion, and well-being by offering a range of services, including pediatric therapies, employment training, and adult day and residential care programs.

None of this would have been possible without the generosity of our donors and corporate partners, along with the dedication of our volunteers and staff. Thanks to all of you, we've been able to expand our services, reach more people, and make a real difference in the lives of those we serve in northeast and south central Kansas.

On the following pages, you'll find highlights from the past year—milestones made possible by your support and involvement. We're excited to share our progress with you!



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ORGANIZATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ *Capper Foundation was recognized by Charity Navigator with a twelfth consecutive 4-star rating, placing us among the top 5% of charities nationwide.*
- ▶ *An anonymous donation was received in honor of Vietnam veteran Marvin Henry to underwrite our Veteran's Assistance Fund.*
- ▶ *Capper Foundation was named a recipient of the 2024 Kansas Leadership Center Leadership Transformation Grant.*

Pediatric Services

At Capper Foundation, we're all about helping kids with disabilities reach their full potential with caring, personalized therapy services. Our experienced team offers pediatric physical, occupational, and speech therapy that's designed to support each child's growth and development.

We focus on improving motor skills, boosting communication, and promoting independence—while personalizing our approach to meet each child's unique needs. Using play-based techniques in a warm, encouraging environment, we help kids overcome challenges, build confidence, and gain skills needed to thrive and reach their specific goals.

Our goal is to become partners with each family we serve in creating a solid foundation for lifelong success for their child.



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PEDIATRIC SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ *Fairlawn Plaza Shopping Center hosted their 48th annual Christmas shopping event for children receiving Pediatric Services at Capper, providing a shopping experience at Walgreens, photos with Santa and lunch at Kiku's.*
- ▶ *Capper hosted the first Capper Invitational Pickleball Tournament to benefit Pediatric Services at Capper.*
- ▶ *A Pay It Forward Grant from DeVaughn James Injury Lawyers was received in honor of Capper Kid Mireya Keck.*

Adult Services

At Capper Foundation, we empower adults with disabilities by providing day and residential services that promote independence, dignity, and inclusion. With a focus on building relationships and meaningful community involvement, our dedicated support professionals, strive to create an environment where individuals can truly thrive.

With services offered in Topeka, El Dorado, and Winfield, Kansas, our Day Programs focus on building interpersonal skills, socialization, and personal growth, while our Residential Services offer safe, caring spaces in which to provide care for those requiring a higher level of support. We continue to see meaningful progress in the lives of those we serve—and we're excited to keep expanding our impact in the years ahead.



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ADULT SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ *With grant funding from ITC Great Plains, a wheelchair swing was placed at our Topeka campus providing a relaxing way to experience our beautiful courtyard gardens.*
- ▶ *In June of 2024, adults served at Capper Foundation in Topeka participated in a Live at Lunch event at Every Plaza by selling baked goods.*

Community Employment Services

The Community Employment Training Program supports teens and adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities by teaching them the skills they need to secure meaningful employment in their communities. This program helps individuals gain independence while working toward their personal goals.

Dialogue Coffee House provides hands-on experience for individuals with disabilities. At Dialogue, participants gain valuable job skills in a supportive and inclusive environment, helping them build confidence and develop the tools they need for success in the workforce.



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COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ April 18th was designated as "Dialogue Day" by the city of Topeka in recognition of the 5th anniversary and the ongoing mission of Dialogue Coffee House.
- ▶ Initial plans were unveiled for the development of a 4,000 square-foot employee training center to be located adjacent to the Dialogue Coffee House at 29th & Gage.
- ▶ Dialogue Coffee House added three new locations in the Topeka area providing over 40 new jobs for individuals with disabilities.



Dialogue Coffee House is a Community Employment Program of Capper Foundation

Adaptive Recreation Programs

Capper’s Adaptive Recreation Programs provide a supportive and inclusive environment where individuals with disabilities can safely engage in a variety of recreational activities. Participants improve their physical strength, coordination, and self-confidence in encouraging social settings. The skills developed through these programs enhance physical well-being and provide a strong sense of accomplishment while fostering meaningful connections with friends, family, and community.



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ADAPTIVE RECREATION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ *Over 125 participants, volunteers, and staff made our annual iCan Bike and iCan Swim camps a success.*
- ▶ *For the third year in a row, Capper Foundation assisted Koss Construction in bringing C.A.S.T for Kids, an adaptive fishing event for kids with disabilities, to the Topeka area.*

Volunteer Support & Community Outreach

Each year volunteers from area businesses, schools, civic organizations, as well as individuals, donate thousands of hours in support of Capper programs, events, and facilities. In addition to sharing their time and talent, Capper volunteers also serve as advocates by lending their voices to raise awareness of our mission of building abilities within the communities we serve.

Capper Foundation is proud to give back to our community through our Ability Awareness Training workshops, co-hosting C.A.S.T. for Kids, and educational outreach promoting increased awareness and inclusion for individuals living with disabilities.

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VOLUNTEER SUPPORT & COMMUNITY OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ *Over 225 individuals from eight different Topeka area businesses and community organizations participated in Capper Ability Awareness workshops in FY 2024.*
- ▶ *As an outreach to area care providers, Capper hosted a continuing education seminar focusing on strategies for providing care to children with autism.*



A Legacy of Caring

Capper Foundation would not exist today if not for the generous estate gift of Senator Arthur Capper to build a rehabilitation center and special purpose school for children with disabilities in 1951. His legacy gift continues today because others have embraced his giving philosophy and named Capper Foundation in their estate planning as well.

Legacy giving is a powerful way to ensure the long-term success and sustainability of Capper's mission to build abilities and empower people of all ages living with disabilities. By making a planned gift, you create a lasting impact on the future of individuals with disabilities in our community. While giving today plays a critical role in advancing our programs, legacy gifts are essential in ensuring that our services continue to meet the evolving needs of children and adults with disabilities for generations to come. A legacy gift provides the opportunity to leave a meaningful, lasting mark on the lives of those who will benefit from Capper's programs, making sure that they are accessible, innovative, and impactful for years to come. Will you consider joining other Heritage Society legacy partners by gifting Capper Foundation in your will, trust, or through a property gift? Together, we can continue to change lives and create a brighter future for individuals living with disabilities.

Visit with your wealth advisor or call Capper Foundation at 785-272-4060 for information on how you can help build abilities through A Legacy of Caring.



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CAPPER FOUNDATION SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

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FOR OVER 100 YEARS...

Serving with Integrity, Transparency & Trust

	12X consecutive 4-star ratings
	Nearly 92% of expenditures to programs and services
	Top 5% of charities nationwide

In 2024, Capper Foundation earned its twelfth consecutive 4-STAR rating by Charity Navigator for strong financial health, transparency, accountability and trustworthiness.



Capper Foundation was recognized by Candid GuideStar as a 2024 Gold Transparency charitable organization. Less than five percent of non-profits registered with GuideStar earn this recognition.



PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING
Your donation will help us continue to provide life-changing care to those we serve in our communities.

TO DONATE: SCAN CODE OR VISIT WWW.CAPPER.ORG



With training provided by the Capper Supported Employment Program, Tori has gained the skills needed to acquire two part-time jobs in Topeka.

Building Abilities Across Kansas



TOPEKA

- Pediatric Therapy Services
- Adult Day Services
- Adult Residential Services

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TOPEKA AREA LOCATIONS

Dialogue OG
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Dialogue West Topeka
Fellowship Bible Church
6800 Southwest 10th Avenue
Topeka, Kansas 66615
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Dialogue Downtown Topeka
Blue Cross Blue Shield Kansas
1101 SW Tyler St., Bldg. B
Topeka, Kansas 66612
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