



# Impact Report

2021 - 2022







We are proud to share our Impact Report which recognizes the generous donors who have contributed to our Kids On The Go Metro Detroit Chapter in 2021 and 2022. We are happy to highlight some of the activities that have taken place at our organization over the past couple of years and invite you to join us as we celebrate these achievements and the influential gifts made by those we are honored to call friends.





# Our Story

Kids On The Go was founded in 1999 by Kristy Schena, M.S., CCC-SLP as a dream to help fill the educational gap over the summer months for children with special needs. With tireless effort, kindness and generosity, Kids On The Go has steadily grown to serve our community's most precious members.

## OUR MISSION

To recognize and facilitate the goals of children with special needs and to further develop their current skills through therapeutic and wellness programs for the children and their families.

## OUR VISION

To provide a safe environment that will foster opportunities for growth and inclusion and provide valuable resources for our community.



Kids On The Go has proudly awarded more than 4,000 scholarships

# Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

In our world today, it is abundantly clear that ensuring a culture of diversity is key to our future and necessary for us to cultivate a feeling on inclusion. At Kids On The Go, we want every child/family who could benefit from our programs to know they are available and have access to them. Thanks to our generous donors, sponsors and community, we continue to expand our programs and continue to offer all of our camps FREE of cost to children and their families.



Kids On The Go is committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of our staff, participants, volunteers, board members, subcontractors, and vendors. We are committed to a nondiscriminatory approach and provide equal opportunity for employment and advancement in the workplace. We respect and value diverse life experiences and heritages and ensure that all voices are valued and heard.

Darien Harris, one of the founding members of our DEI Committee, was inducted into the 50th class of outstanding Communication Arts and Sciences alumni as the recipient of the 2022 Rising Star Award.



# Family Feedback

KOTG surveys our Families after every Camp Session. We are proud to share some of the anonymous feedback given to us.

"Do You Feel Your Child's Goals were Addressed?"

**100%  
Yes!**

**90%**

Parents/Caregivers reported progress upon completion of program

"Love KOTG! Feels like family. Somewhere where our kids belong and are accepted and loved!"

"Keep up the integrity of always having the best staff. AMAZING! You CONNECT and it makes a difference."

"KOTG has been a blessing! We finally found a place where my son feels safe comfortable confident and accepted! The amount of support and knowledge of resources has greatly helped me get my son exactly what he needs to be successful! I have and will continue to refer other families to KOTG."

"It's incredible to have a place where my kid can go to have fun and learn skills in a way where there is no pressure or judgment."



"KOTG has been a blessing for our family!"



"Very grateful for the KOTG team!"

# Our Programs



Kids On The Go has proudly awarded more than 4,000 scholarships for children with special needs to participate completely free of charge.



- Adaptive Bowling
- Adaptive Dance
- Adaptive Theater
- All Star Flag Football
- All Star Hoops
- Better Letters
- Bike riding
- Boxing
- Bucket Drumming
- Build Up Robotics
- Communication in A Digital World
- Cooking Adventures
- Empowered Too!
- Fall Fitness
- Friendship Cheer



# Our Programs



Going Social  
KLUB 16+ powered by  
SPARC

KOTG Golf Academy

Letters Together

Little Sluggers

Multidisciplinary Camp

Music Therapy

Social Skills Camps

Socially Snacky

Students Helping

Students Literacy

Summer Sounds

Teens to Work

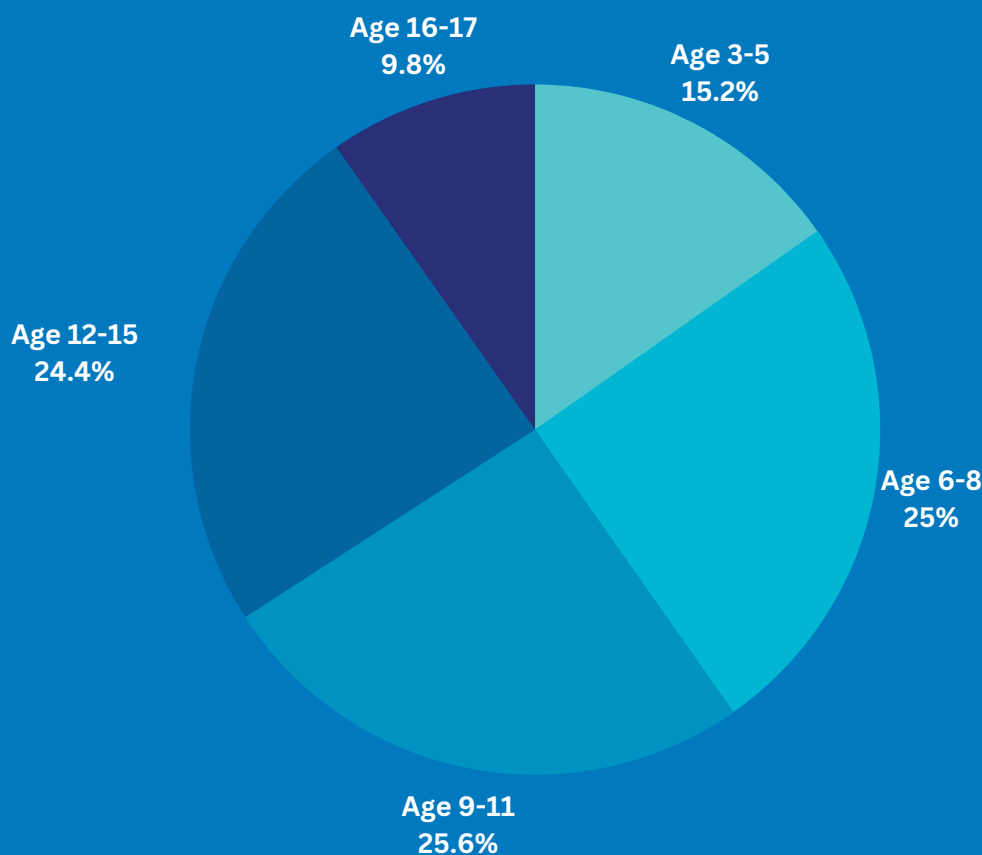
Tennis

Toddlers At The Table



# Camper Demographics

## KOTG Camper Ages



**2021**

**440**

**Scholarships  
Provided**

**2022**

**480**

**Scholarships  
Provided**

**2021**

**2025**

**Clinical Hours  
Provided**

**2022**

**2385**

**Clinical Hours  
Provided**

## Diagnosis Served Include:

Autism Spectrum Disorder

Cerebral Palsy

Cognitive Impairment

Developmental Delays

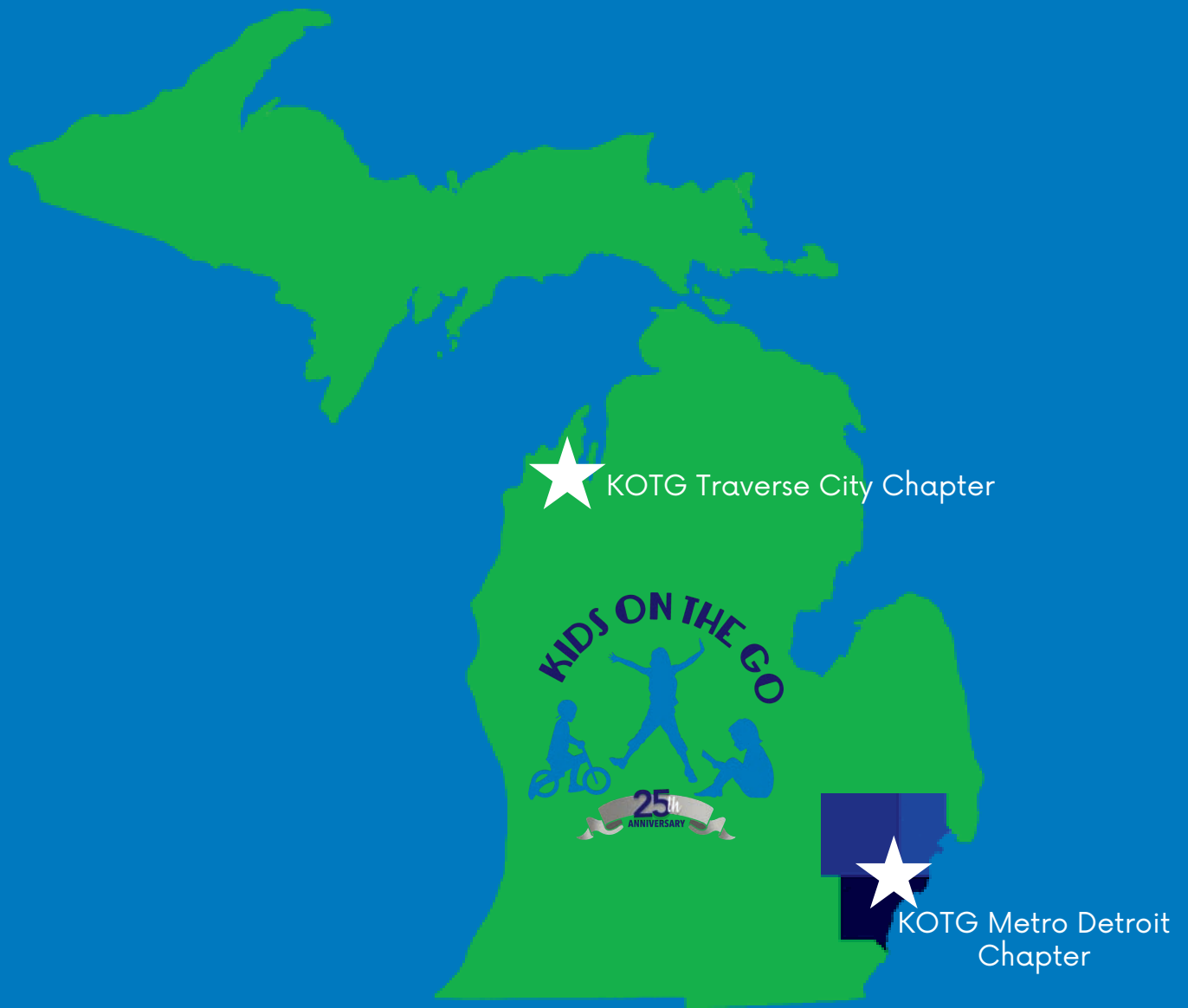
Down Syndrome

Sensory Processing Disorder



# Metro Detroit Chapter of Kids On The Go Proudly serving 3 Counties in Michigan

Macomb Oakland Wayne





# Sponsor Night

The Kids On The Go Sponsor Night is a treasured annual tradition! Each year toward the conclusion of our summer camp, this event gives children and teens who participate in our programs, along with their families, the chance to meet the individuals or representatives from businesses whose gift of \$500 or more was directed toward sponsoring a camper. Sponsors are able to witness the impact of their generosity and hear about the experiences their camper has had through Kids On The Go. It's a true celebration with a DJ & dancing, games, Wally's Frozen Custard and even a train ride!

Our 25th Year Celebration Sponsor Night will take place on Wednesday, August 9, 2023. More details to come!





# Sponsor Thank You's!

Dear Sponsors of KOTG,  
 My husband Kyle and I are beyond grateful our daughter, I... has been granted the opportunity for the scholarship at Kids on the Go Camp! She is a spunky little three year old and she thrives in a classroom setting. We can't wait to see her continue to grow through the summer thanks to the support from KOTG and sponsors like you! All of the children in this program are special and your donations are beyond appreciated by us and all the other parents!  
 Thank you so very much!



Dear Sponsor,  
 Thank you so much for supporting me at Kids on the Go this year. I love Teens to Work. It's a great time for me to work with my friends. I like making smoothies the best. There's spinach in them and you can't even taste it.  
 I'm having a great summer with Kids on the Go!

Dear Ms. Kristy,  
 I have been meaning to write this note for a long time. I want to thank you for everything you do to make Kids on the Go such a wonderful place for kids with special needs.  
 I have been going to the camps for about seven years and have learned so much from all the great teachers and leaders.  
 I have learned to:

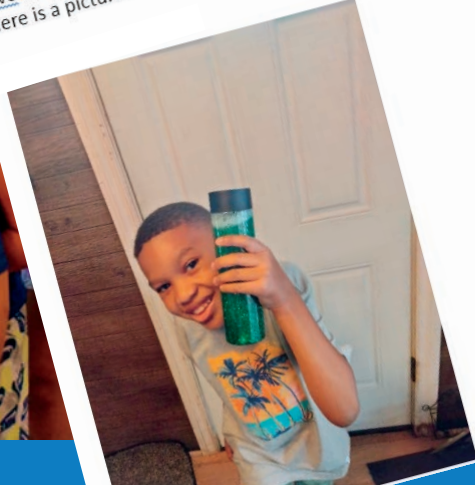
- Hold a pencil properly.
- Create artistic pictures.
- Understand stories and what they mean.
- Ride a bike.
- Tie my shoes.
- Act in a play.
- Play tennis.
- Cook some yummy things.
- Garden.
- Make a movie video.
- Have better conversations and good social skills..
- Cheer
- Dance
- About broadcasting news.
- Feel the rhythm of bucket drumming.

My experience has been great and I want you to know how much I appreciated being able to participate in all those camps.  
 I hope you will share this with all the people who help to make these camps possible.

Dear Sponsor,  
 On behalf of my son Liam, I would like to thank you for sponsoring him for the kids on the go camp. Your support will help develop his skills in speech, coordination, and strength. You contribution will help him be prepared for this upcoming school year. As you can imagine, there are many expenses that come with having an autistic child. Your sponsorship provided continued speech, occupational and physical classes for Liam.  
 Your contribution is very appreciated to not only my family, but many families in the community. Without the support from people like you, we would not be able to attend kids on the go camp. Thank you once again for your generous support for the kids on the go camp and for my son Liam.



We are so Thankful for what you have done for us and for my son he love his camp he have improved so much, you have made my kid smile. Here is a picture!

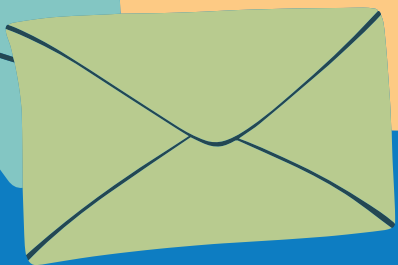


Dear Sponsor,  
 My name is Loyal and I want to Thank my sponsor. I had fun at kids on the go camp. I made lots of art stuff and I really like it. Here is my art work. I am also learning how to write sentences and write stories. I read my story yesterday at camp.



Dear Kids on the Go Sponsor,  
 It with the upmost appreciation and gratitude that I draft this letter thanking you for your contribution to the 2022 Kids on the Go (KOTG) Summer Camp program. My son has attended this program since 2017, and it is something that we look forward to participating in annually. The staff at this organization consistently and genuinely model empathy to all, so rest assured your funds have truly been allocated to an amazing organization!

As the parent of a child with autism, this program is a lifesaver in more ways than one. Aside from the superb service AND great course offerings, the entire program is FREE! With the inflation of groceries, the never-ending therapy copays, supplement purchases, and special dietary requirements my funds are exhausted. The mere fact that no additional costs are required for my son to attend KOTG is pure relief, as I am not forced to make another tough decision between my son's needs and other fiscal responsibilities. For this reason alone, I am eternally grateful for your donation which covered his cost to attend the camp.





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