



Communication Health,  
Advocacy & Therapy

# IMPACT REPORT 2025

## A NOTE FROM OUR CEO

**For 47 years, CHAT has been the go-to place for children with few—if any—other options.** In 2025, we made therapy even more accessible, serving 30 schools, eight preschools, and four nonprofit partner sites. We grew our Early Intervention practice to 10 SLPs supporting families throughout Chicagoland.

All in, we changed more than 1000 children's lives last year, while mentoring 34 students in speech-language pathology. Last December, we held our first Speak Easy Gala, honoring a leader in communication justice and champion of inclusion. If you missed it, this year's Speak Easy Gala is November 14th.

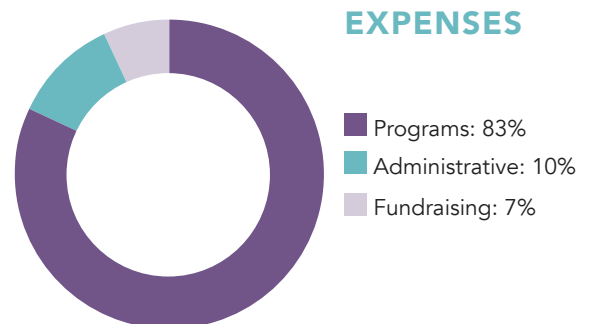
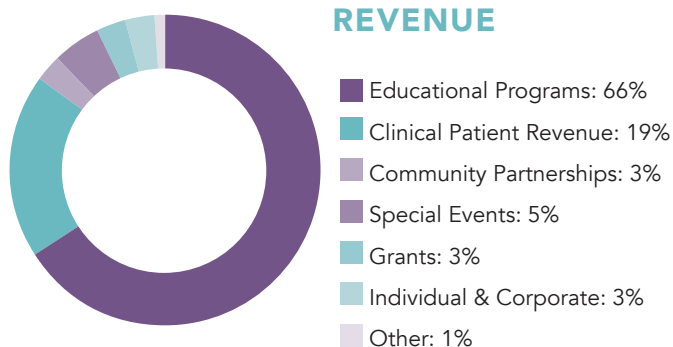
2025 was not an easy year for me, personally. I am deeply grateful for the gifts made in honor of my father, Tom Beauchamp, who would have been so pleased to see this legacy of his beneficence at work.

Thank you for helping us to continue our work in more challenging times. **Your generosity removes barriers to access, giving the priceless gift of communication to children in need.**

With Gratitude,

Karine Faden Fiore  
President & CEO

## CHAT BY THE NUMBERS



**1,000+**

children's lives  
changed

**\$471K**

in scholarships awarded  
since 2020

**70%**

of children served on  
Medicaid or underinsured

**34**

students supervised

**246**

individual donors

**5th**

cohort of Hallie Quinn Brown  
interns, now totaling 19

**\$2.2M**

budget

**463**

children served through  
scholarship and grants

**2,000+**

number of scholarship  
sessions provided

**\$98K**

raised through  
events

**4**

new SLPs onboarded to  
further our mission

**30**

schools and 8  
preschools served

**10**

SLPs providing 2,500 hours of  
Early Intervention services

**81%**

of summer program participants  
received scholarship

**\$20K**

in memoriam gifts for Tom  
Beauchamp, late father of  
President & CEO, Karine Fiore

# CHAT FUNDRAISING

## THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

**Foundation Supporters:** Telligen Community Initiative, Grace A. Bersted Foundation, Fred J. Brunner Foundation, Community Memorial Foundation, Venable Foundation, Andrew and Alice Fischer Charitable Fund.

**Partners:** Center for Independence, Childcare Network of Evanston, Northwestern University, Keshet and Equip for Equality.

## EVENTS



### 2025 Speak Easy Gala

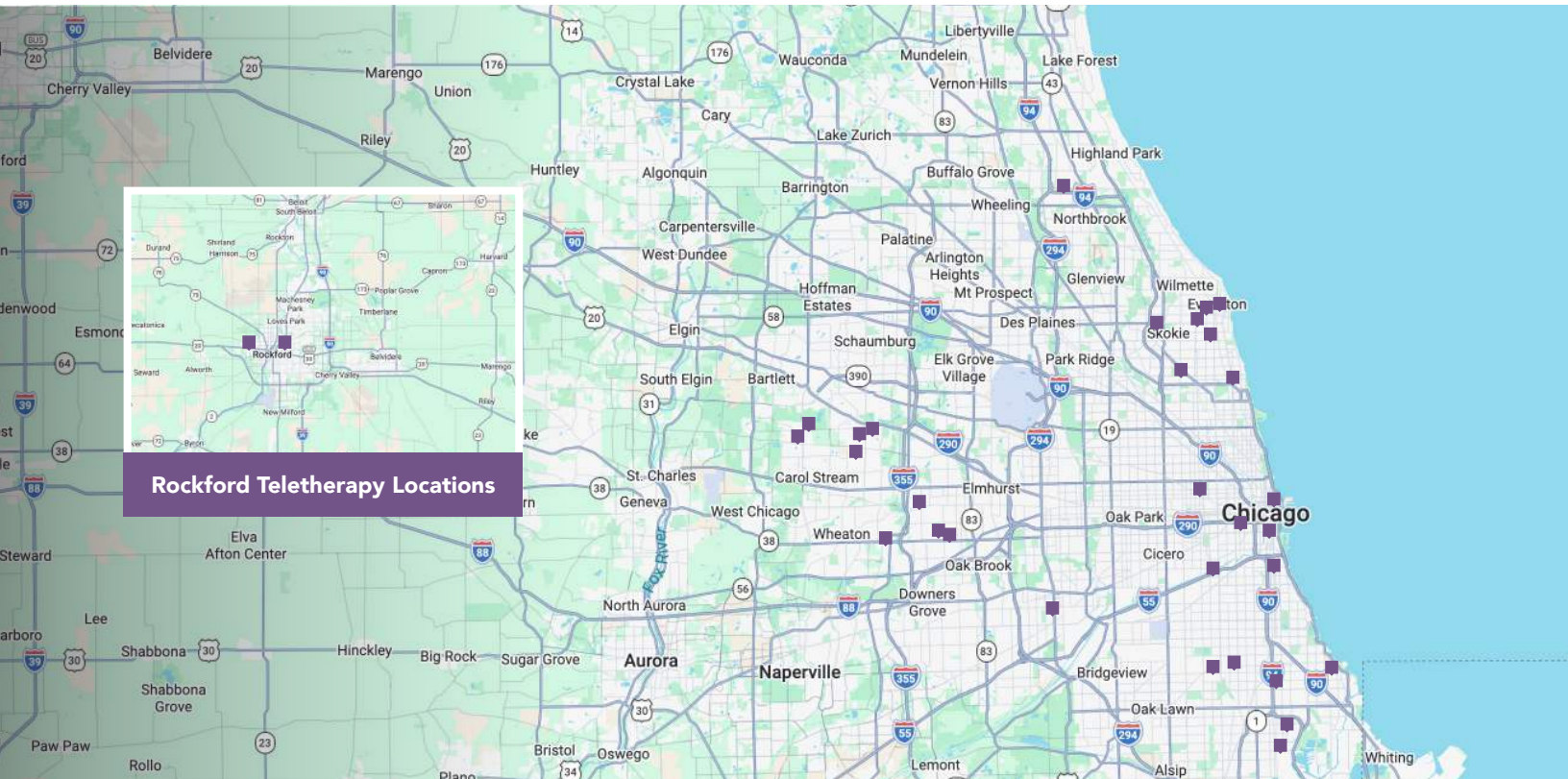
CHAT held our first Speak Easy Gala, honoring Virginia Devlin with our Communication Justice Award, and longtime client, Franco Bibbiano, with our Inclusion Champion Award

Thank you to our event sponsors: FTI Consulting, Dover Foundation, Meijer, The Parking Spot, and Porte Brown LLC.



# PARTNER LOCATIONS

CHAT continues to establish and deepen strategic partnerships with values-aligned schools and nonprofits, resulting in more services for more children at an increasing number of sites.



# ADVOCACY IS OUR MIDDLE NAME

CHAT SLPs continue to be a trusted resource to families navigating a complex system, including schools, insurance bureaucracy and informational resources to get their children much-needed services:

- The mom of one of Ms. Katie's clinic clients successfully advocated for her son to stay in his public school and not be placed in a therapeutic school...and got the school district to start a program of self-contained classrooms at the general education schools for students like her son! Katie was there every step of the way, reassuring and supporting mom toward this exceptional result.
- Ms. Milijana helped one of her students successfully self-advocate in the school setting. When he couldn't remember the editing password for his AAC device, he confidently told the SLP helping him to "call Ms. Mili—she knows!"
- Equip for Equality, our nonprofit partner for criminal legal system work, chose CHAT for our neurodiversity-affirming, rapport-first approach when they needed in-home services for a nonspeaking AAC user as a result of due process proceedings.