



ANNUAL REPORT 2024

MISSION STATEMENT

Friends of Club 21 is a Colorado non-profit celebrating Down syndrome locally and around the world. We exist to see supported communities, social awareness and global generosity for families affected by Down syndrome.

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is that every individual with Down syndrome would flourish into his or her full potential and live an abundant life.

Message From The Executive Director

Dear Friend,

2024 was a remarkable year for Friends of Club 21 as we expanded our impact through advocacy, education, and the arts. Highlights included a strong community presence in the Monument 4th of July Parade and the formation of our Down syndrome choir, which quickly became a source of joy and inspiration. The year concluded with the 10th annual Christmas This Year, a heartwarming pageant celebrating a decade of showcasing the incredible talents and resilience of our members.

As we look ahead, we are excited to deepen our impact through the continued development of the Arts Academy. By creating more opportunities for creativity and self-expression, we're empowering our community to shine even brighter. Thank you for your unwavering support in building a world where everyone belongs.

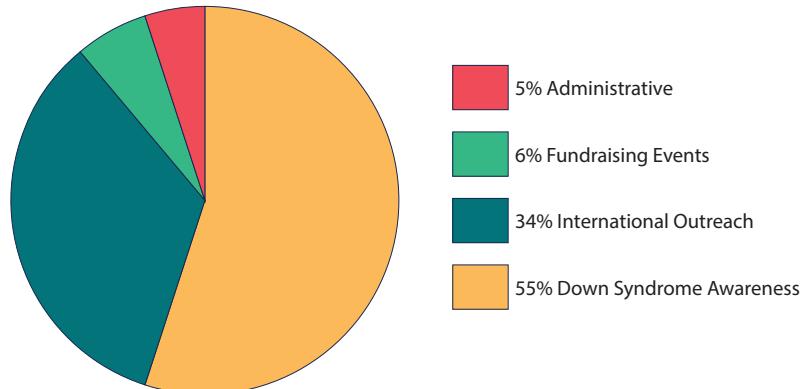
— Jared Anderson
Executive Director, Friends of Club 21



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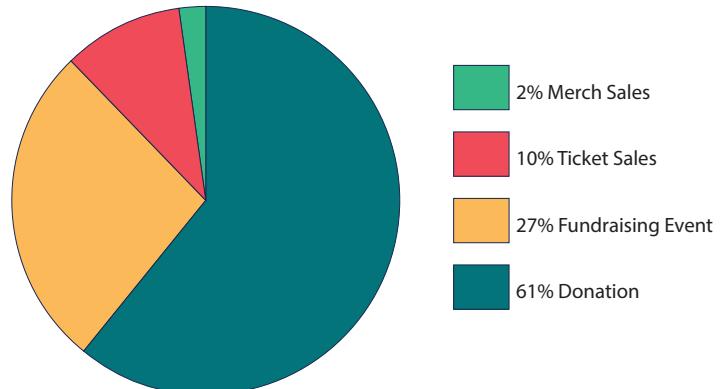
Breakdown of Expenses

Total expenses: \$349,551.41



Breakdown of Income

Total income: \$384,435.92



CAMPAIGNS AND EVENTS

Overview of key fundraising efforts and their results



MIRACLES HAPPEN

The Miracles Happen fundraiser, hosted by Kennney and Company Realtors over Labor Day weekend at Cheyenne Mountain Resort, raised \$50,000 to support Friends of Club 21. This generous contribution significantly impacted the nonprofit, enabling it to enhance its programs advocating for individuals with Down syndrome through arts and education. The funds will help expand educational resources, arts-based initiatives, and community outreach, furthering Friends of Club 21's mission to empower individuals with disabilities and promote inclusion.

CLUB NIGHT

Our first annual “Club Night” was a truly special event, as we took our traditional donor dinner and transformed it into a community celebration. Held at the Venue at Almagre, we opened the doors to not only our dedicated supporters but also families, friends, and advocates of the Down syndrome community. This shift from a more exclusive donor gathering to an inclusive celebration allowed us to strengthen our connection with the wider community and further amplify our message of advocacy and inclusion. The evening featured a silent auction, inspiring personal stories, and a lively jazz band, all creating a fun and memorable atmosphere for everyone. Thanks to the generosity and support of our attendees, we were able to raise over \$40,000, which will go a long way in supporting our mission to provide arts and education programs for individuals with Down syndrome.



CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR

The 10th Annual Christmas This Year Holiday Spectacular, hosted by Friends of Club 21, is a truly special event that highlights the talents and creativity of individuals with Down syndrome and their families. Held every December at the Ent Center for the Arts, this unique production gives our community the chance to shine in the spotlight.

The event features an incredible variety of performances, including music, dance, and theater, all brought to life by individuals with Down syndrome. It's a celebration of joy, inclusion, and the holiday spirit, bringing together families, friends, and supporters for an unforgettable experience. With each passing year, the Spectacular grows in both scope and impact, drawing larger audiences and raising awareness about the importance of inclusion and advocacy in arts and education.

What makes this event so meaningful is not just the performances, but the sense of pride and belonging it fosters within our community. It's a reminder of why we do the work we do—to empower individuals with Down syndrome and create spaces where they can thrive. The Christmas This Year Holiday Spectacular at the Ent Center for the Arts is a powerful reflection of our mission to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to shine.



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Friends of Club 21 extends heartfelt gratitude to our key sponsors and donors for their unwavering support in 2024. Your generosity and commitment play a pivotal role in advancing our mission to advocate for and empower individuals with Down syndrome through arts and education.

We would like to recognize the following organizations for their significant contributions:

- Every Home
- Kenney & Co
- Envision Radiology
- Integrity Bank
- Thrive Commercial Partners
- Great West Construction

Your dedication to inclusion and community impact strengthens the foundation of our programs and helps create a brighter future for individuals with Down syndrome. Thank you for being an essential part of our journey.

ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES:

REDESIGNING OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At Friends of Club 21, we are entering an exciting new chapter in our mission to empower individuals with Down syndrome and their families. Central to this effort is the redesign of our Board of Directors—a step forward to ensure strategic growth, sustainability, and greater impact for our community.

We are thrilled to announce Holly Rollins as the Chairperson of the Board. As a dedicated mother and advocate for the Down syndrome community, Holly brings a wealth of personal experience, passion, and leadership to this role.

Her vision will guide our efforts as we:

- Strengthen governance and organizational leadership.
- Build dynamic partnerships and expand resources.
- Innovate and grow programs that empower individuals with Down syndrome.

Under Holly's leadership, our redesigned board will be a catalyst for meaningful change, amplifying our ability to foster inclusion, advocacy, and education. This evolution is a testament to our unwavering commitment to unlocking the potential of the Down syndrome community. Thank you for standing with us as we embark on this transformative journey!

LOOKING AHEAD: FUTURE GOALS

At Friends of Club 21, we are excited to share the progress we've made in developing the Arts Academy. We have initiated conversations with potential partners throughout the Front Range, with the vision of providing individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) the opportunity to experience the transformative power of the arts. Our goal is to create a space where creativity, expression, and inclusion come together, allowing individuals with IDD to thrive and experience a fullness of life through artistic engagement. This is just the beginning of a promising journey, and we are thrilled to see the impact it will have on the community.



We invite you to be part of this exciting journey! Your support helps make the Arts Academy a reality, providing individuals with IDD the chance to explore their creativity and experience the enrichment the arts offer. Whether through a donation, partnership, or volunteering, there are many ways to get involved. Together, we can create an inclusive space where every individual has the opportunity to thrive. Join us in empowering lives through the arts today!

Learn more and signup for updates at
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