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**RiteCare**  
of Utah

Scottish Rite Masons  
*Helping Children Communicate*

**2024 Annual Report**

# Letter from the Board Chair and Executive Director

As the Board Chair and Executive Director of RiteCare of Utah, I am honored to lead an incredible team of therapists, volunteers, and supporters dedicated to providing life-changing speech, language, and reading therapy to children at no cost to their families. Despite some challenges this year, we remain steadfast in our mission, and I am proud of what we have accomplished together.

## **Commitment to Our Mission**

RiteCare of Utah continues to be the only program in the state that provides free speech-language and reading therapy to children ages birth to 12 years old. Our parent-centered model ensures that caregivers are actively involved in therapy, equipping them with the tools to support their child's progress at home. This collaborative approach leads to greater success in communication, confidence, and overall development.

## **Program Highlights**

- **Therapy Services:** This year, we experienced a 11% increase in the number of children served and therapy visits performed compared to the previous year. This growth reflects our commitment to expanding access to therapy despite challenges. We are grateful for our dedicated team, who worked tirelessly to provide high-quality, individualized therapy to every child we served.
- **Summer Group Therapy:** Our summer group sessions were a tremendous success, serving nine children over eight weeks. These sessions provided intensive, engaging therapy while fostering social skills and confidence in a supportive group setting.
- **Supporting Future SLPs:** We were fortunate to have SLP graduate student intern Kennedy Birtsch assist Vicki Hunsaker, SLP, during our summer program. It is a privilege for RiteCare of Utah to provide hands-on training and mentorship for future speech-language pathologists, ensuring the next generation of professionals is well-equipped to serve children in need.
- **Utah Philanthropy Day Recognition:** This year, we proudly participated in Utah Philanthropy Day, a celebration of giving and service across the state. We were especially honored as our Marketing Coordinator, Michelle Woodard, was awarded the prestigious Heart & Hands Award for her tireless dedication and strategic contributions to promoting RiteCare of Utah's mission.
- **Community Engagement:** Our annual Summer Carnival faced unexpected torrential rain, but that didn't stop our dedicated volunteers from creating a memorable experience for families and kids that did show up. With face painting, movies, popcorn. Some kids braved the wet bounce houses after the rain slowed, it remained a much smaller joyful celebration of our mission and community.

## **Financial Stability & Growth**

We are grateful for the continued support of our generous donors and foundations. Their contributions

sustain our programs and allow us to offer these essential services free of charge. While expenses have increased, we remain financially stable and committed to careful resource management to maximize our impact.

## **Looking Ahead**

As we move into 2025, our focus remains on expanding access to therapy, strengthening community partnerships, and enhancing our programs to serve even more children and families. None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our board, therapists, marketing coordinator, donors, and volunteers.

To everyone who contributes to RiteCare of Utah's success—thank you. Your dedication is making a lasting difference in the lives of children and families, ensuring that every child can find their voice and thrive.

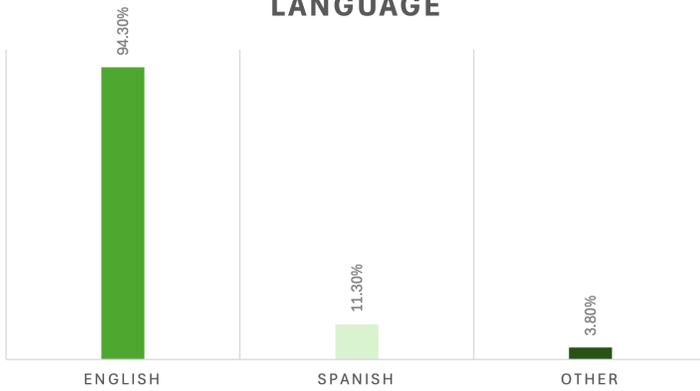
Warmly,

*Mary Woodard*  
*Board Chair & Executive Director*  
RiteCare of Utah

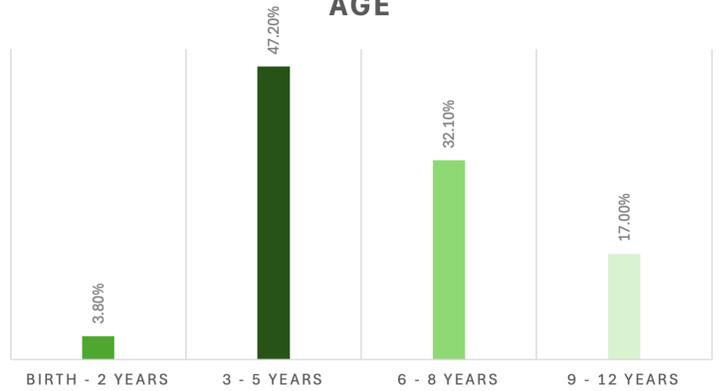


# Who We Serve

## LANGUAGE



## AGE



Total Students



# of Visits



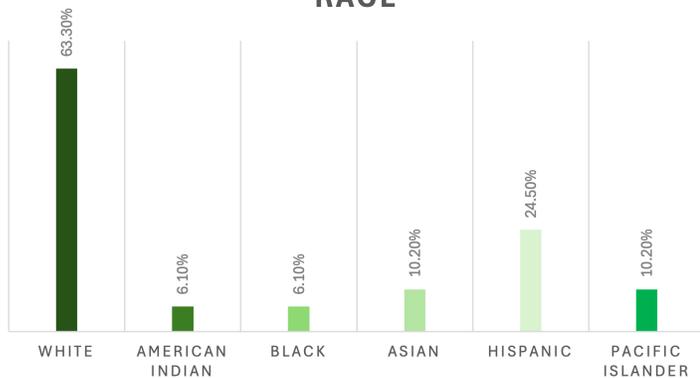
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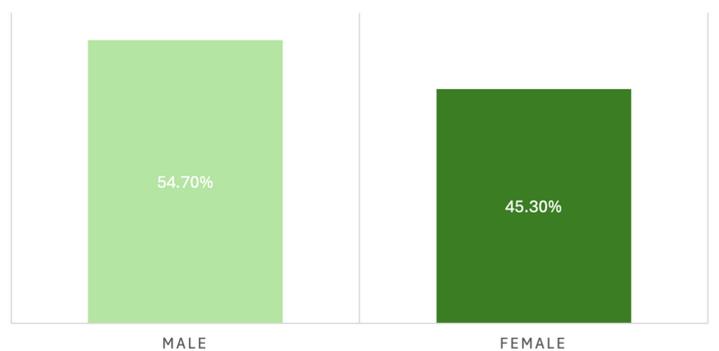
Total Discharges

90% of students that we discharge are within normal limits for speech/ language or reading.

## RACE



## GENDER

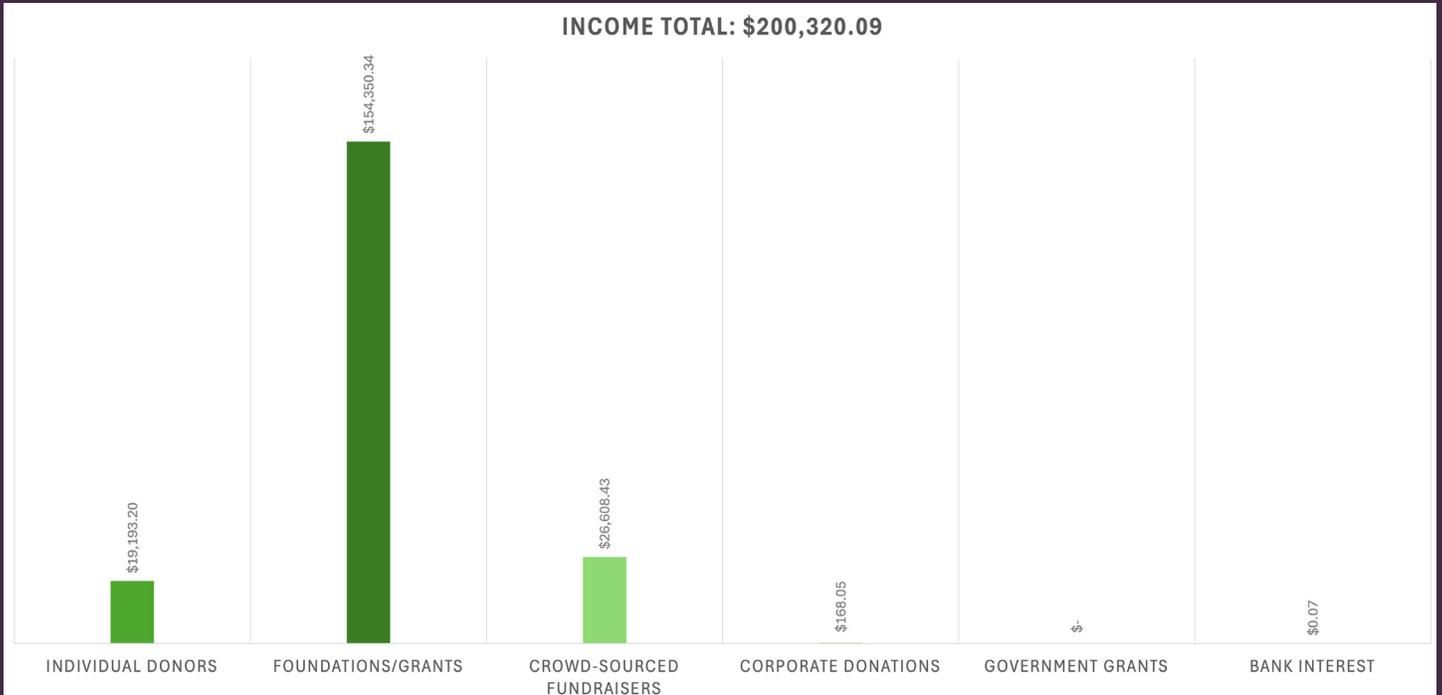


A photograph of a man with a short beard and a blue plaid shirt reading a book to a baby. The man is leaning over the baby, who is sitting on his lap. The baby is looking at the book. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

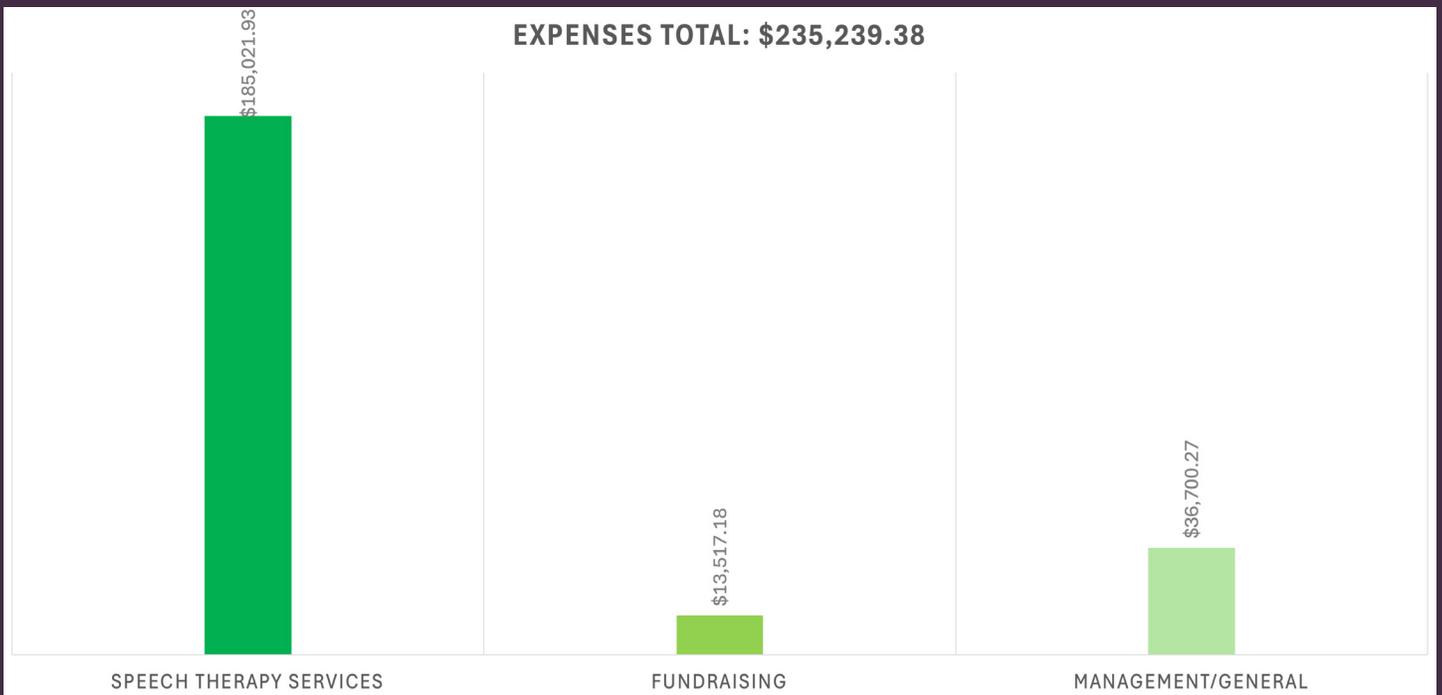
**17.4%** of our students come from homes at or below the federal poverty level for a family of four.

[www.utcourses.gov](http://www.utcourses.gov)

# By the Numbers



Approximately 205 Volunteer Hours, an economic equivalent of \$7,876.



“It’s hard to really describe the impact that RiteCare has had on our son and family. How can you measure the gift of speech and communication? This has been a life-changing experience for all of us.

Thank you, thank you, thank you RiteCare!!!  
-Michelle Binion, RiteCare Parent



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Our mission is possible because of our donors, sponsors and community. We want to say a special thank you to the major donors of 2024. We couldn't have done it without you!

*-RiteCare of Utah's board, executive director and team of dedicated therapists*

