

President's Words



Turtle Wing Foundation had another wonderful year full of growth and accomplishment. In 2017, we directly served 298 children and indirectly touched thousands of families across our tri-county area and beyond. I am extremely proud

of our efforts in giving our families knowledge, a sense of acceptance and most importantly, HOPE. With our seminars, parent support network and case manager, Turtle Wing is making great strides to surround our families with everything they need to not only maneuver the special education world but to thrive. To all of our sponsors, donors, grantors, community partners and volunteers, we thank you for believing in our mission of "helping children with learning challenges in rural areas achieve their full potential". Turtle Wing is so honored and blessed to have the overwhelming support of you. As importantly, we have to thank our providers, who tirelessly and lovingly take on the challenge to serve these children and families. I know Turtle Wing Foundation is a part of God's plan, with a little help and inspiration from a little boy named Jack. "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'"

Lamentations 3:22-24

THANK YOU SO MUCH,

DeeAnn Hooper, President
Turtle Wing Foundation

Mission

Helping Children with learning challenges in rural areas achieve their full potential



2016-2017 Highlights

- Provided direct support to 298 children in our rural service area under the program focuses of Early Intervention and Supplemental Services. The children live in 15 different school districts in our service area.
- Influenced thousands more through our Community Education & Advocacy. This included teacher in-services, daycare provider continuing education programs, parent trainings and support groups, Autism Awareness baseball games, and Turtle Wing Day which touched communities and schools in the three main counties we serve.
- Featured pianist Nathan Pustka at our 2017 Toast, a young man from Spring who is a special musical talent despite the daily challenges that his autism presents. Nathan taught himself to play music by ear demonstrating how God-given talent comes in the most surprising of packages. The highlight of the evening was a special "short" film created by Will Hooper that shared his unique perspective on his personal journey as a child diagnosed with autism and some Turtle Wing success stories.
- Fundraising events kept us literally running with the 2nd Annual Wurst Run Ever in conjunction with the Schulenburg Sausage Fest, and the Fun Run at the 6th annual Jack Hooper Day at the Ballpark & Homerun Derby.
- Celebrated the launch of "Different is More", a special book illustrated by our good friend Grant Manier and authored by his mother Julie Coy. Grant shared his inspirational story through the character of Grant the giraffe at summer story times in our local public libraries, including a special eco-art class for the La Grange participants.

Expenses

Early Intervention	\$ 38,760.00	23.41%
Supplemental Services	\$ 55,054.00	33.25%
Community Education & Advocacy	\$ 23,757.00	14.35%
Fundraising & Resource Development	\$ 25,850.00	15.61%
Management/General	\$ 10,911.00	6.59%
Office	\$ 6,034.00	3.64%
Merchandise	\$ 5,202.00	3.14%
	\$165,568.00	

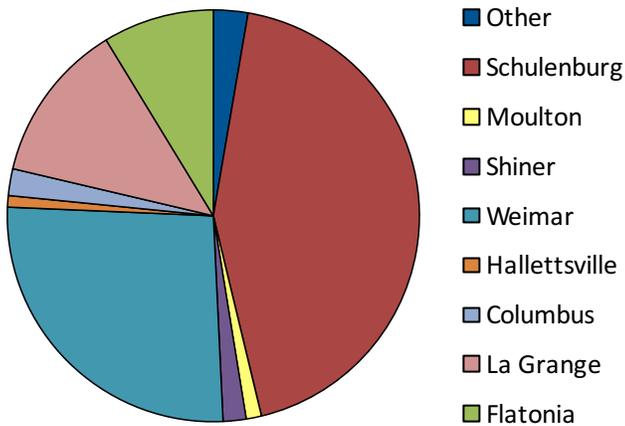


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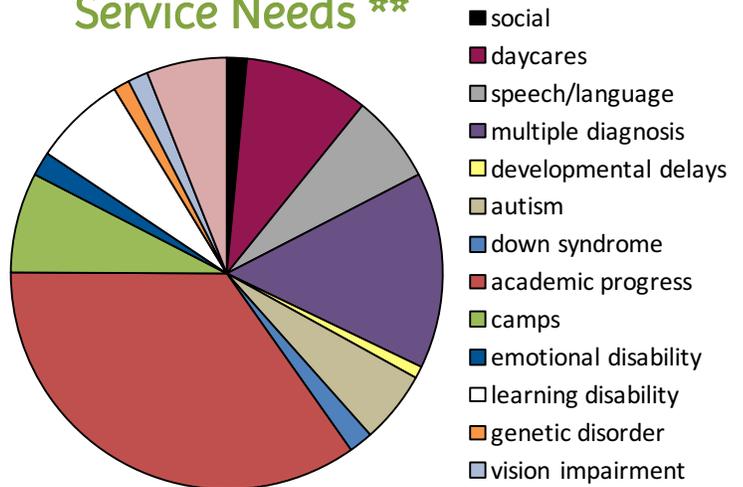
Grants	\$ 77,850.00	45.28%
Fundraiser	\$ 62,072.00	36.11%
Donations*	\$ 22,799.00	13.26%
Merchandise	\$ 7,445.00	4.33%
Memorials	\$ 1,747.00	1.02%
	\$171,913.00	

*(Individual/Memorials/Business/Organizations)

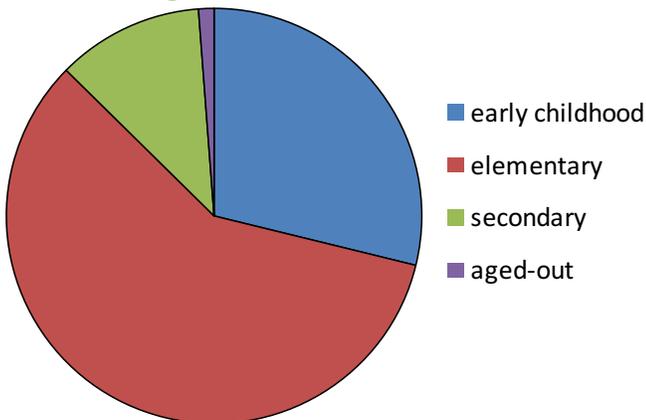
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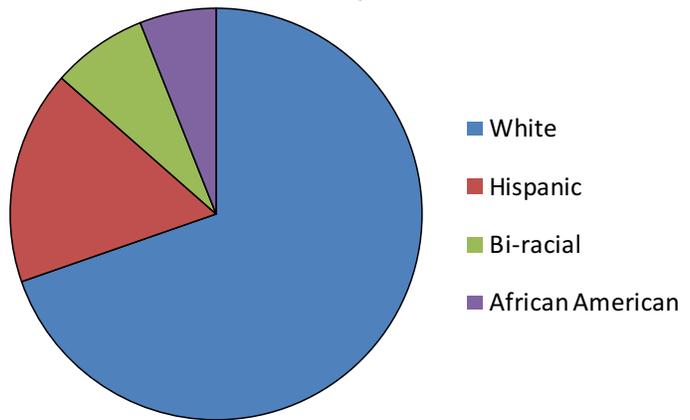
Service Needs **



Ages



Racial Diversity



* Data reflects ISD's where children receiving services reside.

** Service Needs are noted as reported by service providers as part of their treatment plans.

And Then...



Turtle Wing Foundation began with a focus on early intervention – this included a push for early diagnosis, therapeutic interventions and family advocacy support. Our programs have developed as our kids have grown and their needs have evolved. As our children age, their needs mature and change just as typical children's do. Our latest accomplishment is our expansion of programming into the realm of aged out individuals. Meet our newest provider, And Then.

And Then's mission is working to help young adults with learning challenges find meaningful purpose in life. Their focus is to help their client not be the "square peg in a round hole" within their community. And Then will help create meaningful opportunities based on the client's own personal interests and needs that will help them find fulfillment and meaning in all aspects of their life.

And Then works with families to provide custom tailored life, work, and social environments for special needs adults that are tailored to their personal strengths, interests, and hobbies. They work with local businesses and agencies to provide these services and foster their presence within the community allowing others to see that anyone can reach their full potential when we see the value in their abilities.

One of their first projects in this area is the Schulenburg Curbside Recycle Pick Up which began in October 2017. It has successfully enrolled 16 households and is now expanding to offer a rural pick up. This program was created specifically for a 25-year-old young man with Autism whose ability to lift heavy bags and his mastered skill set to take out trash turned into a unique solution to get him working longer while helping provide a useful service to Schulenburg residents. He is working longer and harder and most of all, working with a smile on his face!

And Then has plans of adding two additional unique programs which provide convenient services commonly available in larger cities to our rural communities within the next year.



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Academic Coaching

Academic coaching is uniquely designed by the Hatch staff and can best be described as small-group tutoring with a mentoring twist! Within this program, students engage with one another as well as the teaching staff to solve both academic and life challenges. Grades, confidence, social skills, and a wealth of developmental assets grow in this exciting setting!



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