



StudentsCare®

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



From our Founder & CEO

Dear Friends,

As I reflect on the past year, I feel a profound sense of gratitude for the support, passion, and commitment that surrounds our organization. 2024 has been a year of both challenges and triumphs, and I am excited to share with you the progress we've made together.

In a world that continues to change at a rapid pace, our work has never been more vital. In January, U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murphy shared his *Parting Prescription for America*, urging Americans to “choose community” and prioritize “relationships, service, and purpose.” According to Dr. Murphy, these three elements form the triad of fulfillment. I couldn't think of a message that resonates more closely with our mission at StudentsCare. We have seen first-hand the fulfillment that results from simple human connection.

While we had to make some cuts to our budget this year, our impact hasn't wavered. In fact, our volunteer base grew by 33% and the number of buddy interactions increased by 89%.

With your continued partnership, we are confident that we can build on the momentum we've created and continue to drive positive change. Every donation, every volunteer hour, and every act of support strengthens our shared vision of a world without social isolation and loneliness.

As you read through this report, and see Dr. Murphy's message in action, I invite you to take this to heart and live your life with purpose and connection.

Thank you for being with us on this journey.

With Care,

Erica Sokol Carroll





SHARING THE CARE SINCE 2013

MISSION

Connecting undergraduate healthcare students nationwide with hospitalized children, isolated older adults, and their families, to provide fun, friendship and support.

VISION

A world in which healthcare providers demonstrate empathy and kindness and hospitalized children and isolated older adults receive compassionate care.



PROGRAMS

HOSPITAL BUDDY PROGRAM

Provides critical direct support that can improve healthcare outcomes for pediatric patients. Partnering with hospital staff, we pair college students with young patients to help alleviate the emotional effects of long-term hospitalization.

SENIOR BUDDY PROGRAM

Fosters meaningful intergenerational connections by pairing college students with older adults in assisted living facilities and community centers. This program helps reduce social isolation and loneliness, improving the overall well-being of the residents.

GROWTH IN 2024

171 college students participated in programs

33%

89%

Buddy Interactions

9494



76%

Volunteer Hours

4541

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StudentsCare has made me realize how valuable it is for a person at their lowest point to have someone by their side to shine a light on their darkness. There is so much power in a smile and a helping hand.

Liana Santos, University of Central Florida

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100%

of students who completed exit surveys in 2024 would recommend volunteering with StudentsCare to a friend!



Larry, a senior home resident, holds my hand while I sit with her for supper, touched to see the handsome boy (her words, not mine!) who helps her during Bingo again. At Parsons House Austin, **I host weekly activities and converse with isolated residents, bringing company and routine to those seeking companionship** and equipped with many stories to tell. After a year of volunteering, I have become familiar with most of the residents to where I recognize them by name and they recognize me. **I also visit isolated pediatric patients** at Dell Children's Medical Center every week. With each child, **I provide an activity fit to their preference at the moment.** For “Kenzie,” I spend an hour setting up her Xbox, rewarded when we get engrossed in [the game] Overcooked! to distract from her mysteriously recurring emesis. “Kyle,” a frequently returning patient, asks to chat, introducing me into his world of high school theater and true-to-life rendition of a zombie. Interacting with both pediatric patients and senior home residents has influenced my understanding of meaningful communication, showing me that **true support can be found in the human connections we make.** These experiences guide me in my approach to patient interaction, teaching me **compassionate care** during short yet meaningful moments of others' captivating lives.

Mark Li, University of Texas at Austin

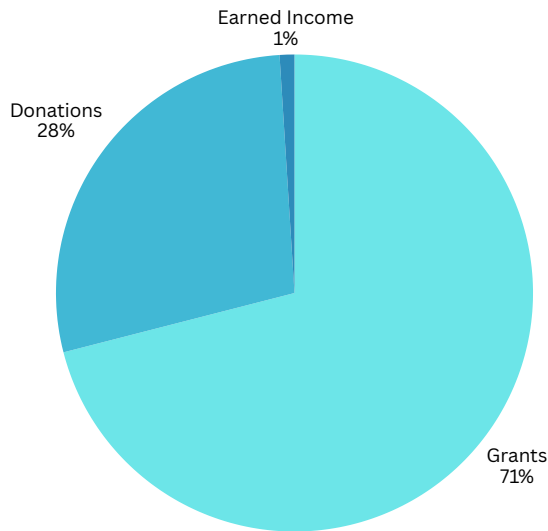


THANK YOU 2024 DONORS

Our mission is fueled by the incredible generosity of our donors. Without your support, our impactful programs simply wouldn't be possible. Every donation plays a vital role in empowering us to make a meaningful difference in the lives of student volunteers and our buddies. **A special thanks to our first-time donors in 2024, denoted in bold below.**

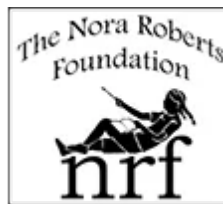
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SOURCES OF REVENUE



This year, we diversified our revenue, adding earned income from a fee-for-service model with our facility partners. We anticipate this revenue stream will continue to grow over time. Our revenue from grants increased by 41% compared to 2023.

We are incredibly grateful to the following organizations for their support and belief in our mission



This year, we received first-time grants from :



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Thank you

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our staff, our Board, our volunteers, our partners and the hundreds of supporters who empower us to deliver the exceptional results detailed in this report. You are part of our family and we could not do this important work without you!