GENEVA CENTRE FOR AUTISM

Impact Report

2025·2026

THIS YEAR, SUPPORT WENT FURTHER THAN EVER.

WE REACHED MORE CLIENTS, FAMILIES, AND LEARNERS THAN EVER BEFORE.





From Support *To* Connection

OUR WORK IS ONLY POSSIBLE WITH CONNECTIONS.



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Message from our Centre's Board President

This past year, the Geneva Centre for Autism kept doing what it does best: meeting families where they are and building the capacity to serve more of them.

We served 3,216 clients this year, with families rating their experience 4.9 out of 5, a reflection of the high-level everyday work of our clinicians and program staff. At our 3036 Danforth location, Social Skills programming made its debut with Music with Friends, and we opened a new clinical offering, ABA Classroom 4: Navigating the Social Classroom, giving older kids more ways to build confidence with their peers.

We also launched our Practical Functional Assessment Clinic this year, a different approach to understanding behaviour that gets to the reason behind it rather than just managing what's on the surface. In its first year, the Clinic served 15 clients and trained 7 staff, and demand tells us that we're only just getting started. Our Urgent Response Services program, meanwhile, was there for 287 Toronto families during some of their most challenging moments.

Sonderly, our social enterprise focused on teacher training, had a standout year too, reaching more than 10,500 learners across 10 provinces and 2 U.S. states, with purchased training revenue up by 50%. We also collaborated with the Ontario government on a province-wide needs assessment that's now shaping new training for classrooms across the province.

The Centre Board also engaged in strategic planning and we plan to unveil the new plan at our Fall 2026 AGM. In addition, we developed a capital deployment strategy which will guide our next steps.

It's been a year of real growth and progress, and I'm proud of what our team made possible.

Judy Welikovitch, President,
Geneva Centre for Autism
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Message from our Foundation's Board Chair

This year, our Foundation stayed focused on raising funds to have real impact in the lives of our clients and their families.

Our Financial Relief Program is proof of what that focus can deliver for our community. Geneva Centre made the choice to redirect more than $200,000 of its own operating surplus into subsidies for families who couldn't afford to wait through Ontario's long funding waitlists, helping 10 families in its first year.

This coming year, we are expanding the program to support families in our ABA Classroom and Summer Camp programs. It's a choice our organization will continue to make, together with partners who believe in this mission as deeply as we do.

Beyond Financial Relief, our grant partners and donors helped hundreds of children, youth, adults, and their caregivers access programming this year. ABA Social Skills, Respite, and Summer Camp programming were made more accessible thanks to the generosity of our funders. Our Autism Workforce Development Hub expanded into new training streams and helped our clients gain meaningful employment. Our funders also helped us bring new equipment into our spaces, translate programs and services, provide transportation to and from the Centre, and give our clients new experiences such as movie nights, concerts, sporting events, and community-based activities.

To our longstanding champions: the Les and Kae Martin Foundation, BMO Financial Group, ICON, RBC Foundation, State Street Foundation, CIBC, and TD Bank Group, thank you for staying with us year after year. Your belief in this mission is what makes all of this possible.

Jennifer Tremblay, President,
Geneva Centre for Autism
Foundation Board of Directors

Impact
At a Glance

Our mission is to enable people on the autism spectrum to live, learn, and engage in their communities.

We do this by providing leading-edge & inclusive programming, education, and training.

521
ADULTS SERVED



10,542
LEARNERS ON SONDERLY

3,216
CLIENTS SERVED



4.9/5
CLIENT SATISFACTION RATE



939
CHILDREN SERVED



Geneva Centre for Autism **Foundation**

Helping to Lessen Financial Barriers

Financial Relief Program

In Ontario, families of autistic children can wait years for government funding. In the meantime, the developmental window that specialists say matters most doesn't pause for the paperwork.

In 2025, Geneva Centre made the decision to use its own operating surplus to launch a fee subsidy program, providing more than $200,000 per year in partial and full subsidies so families can access the early intervention their children need. It's not a grant. It's not a government program. It's a not-for-profit choosing to redirect its own financial reserves toward the families it serves, because the alternative, watching kids miss critical early years while waitlists move slowly, wasn't acceptable. In its inaugural year, the Financial Relief Program helped 10 families gain access to our ABA Classroom program.

In year 2 of the program we expanded to include fully-subsidized spots in our 1:1 Summer Camp, helping to open the door to care and community for 32 families to date. We are grateful for the support of the Elpida Autism Foundation, the KPM Power Outreach Fund, and the Toronto Star Fresh Air Fund.

Programs Funding

Many of our programs are funded by generous corporate partners, family foundations, and individual donors. This funding helps us build capacity, revitalize our spaces, decrease financial barriers, and provide the programs and services our families rely on year after year.

- Clients accessed ABA social skills thanks to **TD Ready Commitment**, **Enbridge**, and the **Harry E. Foster Foundation**
- Children & Youth Weekend Respite was supported by the **Catherine and Maxwell Meighen Foundation**
- Adult respite services, including daytime, evening, weekend, and summer programming, were made possible through the support of the **Les & Kae Martin Foundation**
- Campers were welcomed to summer camp thanks to **Els for Autism** and the **Toronto Star Fresh Air Fund**
- Clients accessed full employment support from grants from **CIBC Foundation** and **RBC Foundation**
- **Unifor Social Justice Fund** and other funders supported translation services for families in 20 languages
- New equipment was purchased with the help of **Nike Community Impact Fund,** and **Canada Post Community Foundation**
- Clients and families accessed community enrichment experiences thanks in large part to **Steiman Smiles Orthodontics**

25 **ORGANIZATIONS PARTNERED WITH US THROUGH GRANTS**





"When our son was first diagnosed, we experienced firsthand the stress of getting quality care. Families shouldn't have to choose between paying their bills and paying for therapy."

THEMY KOUTRAKOS, PRESIDENT OF ELPIDA AUTISM FOUNDATION

This year, the Geneva Centre for Autism Foundation provided a record-breaking

$800k

in funding directly to Centre programs.



Child & Teen *Programs*

Unique Programs to Meet You Where You Are

> *"My grandson attended the Entry to School program at Geneva Centre. The program is outstanding and I can't say enough positive things about the staff. They are patient, kind, compassionate, helpful, understanding, and simply the best. I can't speak to other programs offered, but this program exceeded our expectations."*
>
> **CAREGIVER, GOOGLE REVIEW**

Core Clinical Services

270 children and teens, built confidence, communication, and independence through Geneva Centre's core programing like IBI, ABA Social Skills, and Essential Skills.

We also opened ABA Classroom 4: *Navigating the Social Classroom,* a new clinical program designed to help older kids and teens build social skills alongside peers.

Social Skills programming made its 3036 Danforth debut with the launch of *Music with Friends,* a group that uses music to build connection and confidence.

SLP Services

Our very popular Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) service served 23 children and teens through comprehensive assessments and 1:1 treatment. Beyond direct treatment, our SLP, partnered with therapists to strengthen their skills so that communication can be given throughout the day across the Centre.

We also brought SLP out into the community, with sold out screenings at our May and December Open Houses.





270

CLIENTS ACESSED CORE CLINICAL SERVICES



28,000+

FREE FAMILY RESOURCE USES



245

CHILDREN & YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN CAMPS

Adult *Programs*

We Welcome All

> *As a mother, I can honestly say that Geneva Centre has had a profound and positive impact on my daughter's development. She has been receiving intervention at this centre for over two years, during which we have tried several different programs. Every single program has been thoughtfully designed, effective, and has led to clear and meaningful progress—sometimes it simply takes time, but the results truly come.*
>
> **CAREGIVER, GOOGLE REVIEWS**

Employment Programs

Through our Autism Workforce Development Hub, youth and adults built real workplace skills, from resume writing and interview prep to hands-on experience, resulting in job placements and successful employment.

Our Community Options Program has transformed and now offers one-on-one coaching for education, vocational skills, and community involvement.

Social Club

Connection looked like a lot of things this year: trivia nights, bowling, karaoke, and yes, a paint night. Our Adult Social Club kept the calendar full all year, in person and virtual, from a tour with the ROM to a summer BBQ, giving adults a space to build friendships on their own terms.

Respite and Camps

Respite gives caregivers a break and gives our adult clients a space of their own. This year, grant partners helped make that possible for more than 100 families, funding respite and camp experiences that might otherwise have been out of reach.

103
ADULT CAMPERS







521
ADULTS SERVED

37
SOCIAL CLUB ATTENDEES

Specialized *Services*

Care Through Innovation



287

FAMILIES ACCESSED URGENT RESPONSE SERVICES

“When safety is at risk and families feel overwhelmed, we provide compassionate, evidence-based support that stabilizes behaviour, builds caregiver confidence, and creates lasting change.”

AMANDA DA SILVA, CLINICAL SUPERVISOR URGENT RESPONSE SERVICES

Urgent Response Services

When a family reaches a crisis point, every hour matters. Urgent Response Services (URS) provides short-term, preventative support for children and youth with autism who are experiencing recently escalated, high-risk behaviours that may put themselves, others, or property at risk.

Through a family-centred, mediator-model approach, our clinicians work closely with caregivers to build and carry out a behaviour intervention plan, combining clinical support, occupational therapy, and in-person respite to de-escalate risk. This year, 287 Toronto families accessed URS through Geneva Centre for Autism.

NEW!

Practical Functional Assessment (PFA)

Our new clinic provides compassionate, evidence-based support for children and youth experiencing complex behavioural challenges. Grounded in trust, dignity, and strong caregiver partnerships, the clinic helps participants build communication, coping, and everyday life skills that support success at home, at school, and in the community.

Since launching in January 2025, the clinic has served 15 clients and credentialed 7 staff, building the internal expertise needed to expand capacity and reach more families.



15

PRACTICAL FUNCTIONAL ACCESSMENT CLIENTS SERVED

7

STAFF PFA CREDENTIALED



SONDERLY™

Designed for Educators, Developed by Experts, Delivered from Experience



Highlights

Educators want to do right by every student. Sonderly helps make that possible, equipping educators and professionals with practical, evidence-based training to better support autistic students.

This year, more than 10,500 educators and professionals turned to Sonderly to build their skills, joining from 148 cities across 10 provinces and territories and 2 U.S. states, proof that demand for practical autism training is growing. And it's working: 98% of users say they'd recommend Sonderly to a colleague.

Individually purchased training revenue grew 50% year over year, reflecting rising demand for Sonderly's courses as a trusted, go-to resource for educators who are clamouring for practical help that they can immediately apply.

We also deepened our commitment to Ontario's classrooms. In collaboration with the Ontario government, Sonderly completed a province-wide needs assessment across school boards to identify where educators needed the most support, then used those insights to develop three new workshop topics: ***Supporting Communication in Autistic Students, Promoting Independence in the Classroom, and Supporting Complex Behaviour in the Classroom.***

EXPLORE SONDERLY COURSES

10,542
LEARNERS



> *"I really enjoyed the online Functional Behaviour course and found it very informative and relevant to my practice. Thank you to the Sonderly team— I'm looking forward to taking another one."*
>
> **EDUCATOR, TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**



GEOGRAPHIC REACH

10
PROVINCES/ TERRITORIES

2
U.S. STATES

1,486
EDUCATORS RECEIVED LIVE TRAINING WITH SONDERLY

98%
RECOMMEND RATE

Our Communities

From Support *To* Connection



55
NEW HIRES THIS YEAR

32
STUDENT PLACEMENTS

> *"What makes Geneva Centre for Autism so meaningful is the opportunity to see real growth in the people we support. Every milestone, big or small, represents greater confidence, independence, and connection, and it's a privilege to be part of that journey."*
>
> **EVELYN ROMERO, DIRECTOR CLINICAL SERVICES**

Caregiver Community

This year, we brought parents and caregivers together in person, online, and everywhere in between, through open houses, training sessions, peer support, and celebration. Each touchpoint was another way to make sure families never have to navigate autism alone.

OPEN HOUSES

69 families visited our two Open House events, exploring our spaces, meeting our team, and connecting with community partners to find the right supports for their family.

GCA CONNECTS

221 participants found peer support and genuine community through webinars like our GCA Connects series.

WEBINARS & TRAINING

Caregivers across Ontario and beyond joined us for training sessions reaching over ***1,072 attendees***, bringing expert guidance directly to families, wherever they live.

HOLIDAY PARTY

150 families joined us for our annual Holiday Party, closing out the year with a celebration of everything our community built together.

Staff Community

Behind every program is the team that shows up, rolls up their sleeves, and brings the fun too. This year, our staff team grew by 55 new hires. We celebrated together at All Staff Day & BBQ Lunch in August, where staff traded desks for burgers, games, and a well-earned round of applause for the camp season's wins. And we kept investing in our people through internal training, continuing education, and professional development opportunities that help our team keep learning and growing.



2,400
CAREGIVERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS JOINED US FOR WEBINARS AND TRAINING.

167
TOTAL STAFF MEMBERS

221
CAREGIVERS AND AUTISTIC ADULTS ENGAGED IN GCA CONNECTS PEER SUPPORT GROUPS

The **Centre** *In Action*

Snapshots From a Year of Connection

From the golf course to summer camp, this year's impact showed up everywhere we gathered. Living proof that when partners, sponsors, clients, and staff come together, acceptance and community follows.













Thank you

Because of You, We Grow

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To our donors, families, staff, and community partners: Thank you. Every child supported, every family connected, and every new program spot subsidized was made possible because you showed up for us. Together, we turned support into something lasting: real connection, for real people. As we look ahead, we're carrying that same spirit forward, continuing to build a Geneva Centre that meets every family exactly where they are.

Moments of Joy Start with You

Your donation to Geneva Centre for Autism helps provide critical programs to children, youth, adults, and families affected by autism. Whether funding clinical care, respite, or employment programs, your gift will directly improve lives.

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