



## Annual Report 2016

*Our Mission: Elevating children with special needs reach their full potential by providing access to the resources and support they need to improve their families' overall quality of life.*

**Do you know children who are unable to get the therapy they need due to financial constraints?**

**We Do.**

### Helping children with special needs

Families with one or more children with special needs who receive one or more therapy services per week quickly exhaust insurance benefits and spend \$20-\$200 per *week* on insurance co-pays. Parents take extraordinary measures to ensure their children get the care they need, however the financial burden is often too much to bear. Elevations is here to help.



*“With the help of this grant, we would have the opportunity to catch up on our medical bills, continue giving L the therapy services he needs and allow a chance to breathe as we constantly feel buried by our current bills, future bills, as well as the emotional aspect that goes into parenting special needs. This would help to alleviate the financial and help us get back on our feet. It not only benefits L and his care, but also helps the entire family.”- A and N D, parents*

*“Having two children go to weekly speech sessions has been financially straining, but so worth it in seeing how much growth they are both making and their self confidence growing.”- M and A R, parents*

## Reach their full potential



Elevations contracts with licensed professionals in Spokane who provide speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, dietician services, mental and behavioral health services so children receive funding for the therapy services they need most to thrive within their families and communities.

*“We want her to be a successful, productive member of our society. She has so much to offer this world but needs to be given the tools to succeed and these therapies will do just that!”- J and C J, parents*

## By providing access to the resources and support they need

In 2016 we helped 41 children (a 51% increase over 2015) and their families with grants totaling \$25,881 (up 93% over 2015). The average grant is \$600, with awards varying from \$25 to \$1,000.

*“N attends speech therapy weekly so the cost to our family is adding up quickly. N has two older sisters and there are already many costs to raising three kids. Any extra help we can receive will benefit our entire family.”- C and S W, parents*

*“Thank you for helping me and other kids like me.”- S, 6-year old grant recipient*

## To improve their overall quality of life

Families apply for funding for direct therapy services, therapy co-pays, and equipment, any of which help their child develop or improve their skills for the most important job kids have: to PLAY!

*“We know that with the support of speech and physical therapy that he will thrive and be unstoppable in life.”- D and J W, parents*



With your support, **We Will** help children with special needs reach their full potential.

### 2016 Highlights

Total Grant Applicants: 60  
Total Grants Awarded: 41

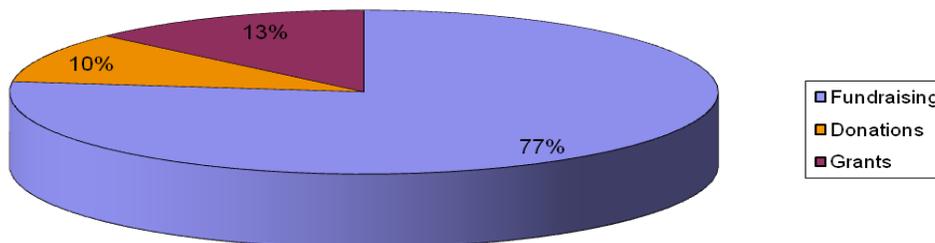
Direct Therapy Services: 17 children  
Equipment: 15 children  
Copays: 9 families

Grant Monies Requested: \$86,174  
Grant Monies Awarded: \$25,881

Average Award: \$600

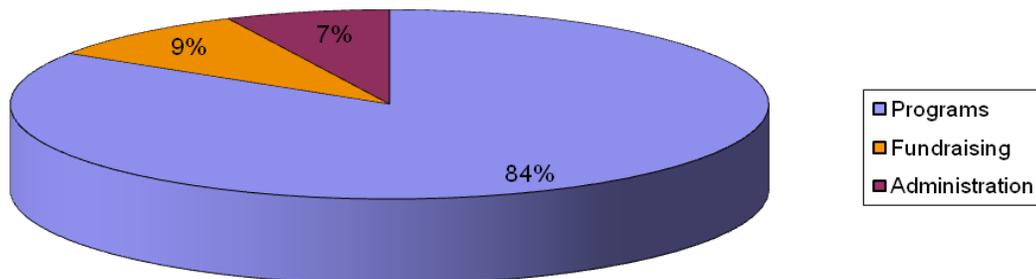
### 2016 Income and Expenses

Elevations Income 2016



**Income Total:** \$65,077

Elevations Expenses 2016



**Expenses Total:** \$56,648

## Letter from the President



What an amazing year 2016 was for Elevations! We were delighted to put together our Annual Report and see the growth in number form. The addition of Mary Anne Ruddis as our Executive Director and three new board members changed the trajectory of Elevations from good to great, and families with kids with special needs are reaping the benefits of our growth. Your donations of time and money *impact a child's life each and every day*, which is a phenomenal investment in and lift for a family with a child with special needs.

Our goal for 2017 is to focus on impact- how far can we make our money go to provide the greatest positive change for kids and families in Spokane? Within “impact” is the ultimate goal to fund every qualified application, every grant cycle. This is an ambitious goal, as requests totaled over \$86,000 in 2016. We think we can do it within the next 5 years, and we are on track to make a significant impact in 2017.

Please help Elevations meet the needs of Spokane families requesting financial assistance for therapy services! You can visit our website [ElevationsSpokane.org](http://ElevationsSpokane.org) or our Facebook page, and email a Board member for more information. We love to talk about Elevations! Thank you for your heartfelt support to make our mission possible.

Kelly Lynch  
President

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A large, elegant, cursive script graphic that says "Thank You". The letters are thick and have a classic, flowing style. The "T" and "Y" are particularly prominent, with long, sweeping tails.

Thank you to our donors, volunteers, and the Spokane community for generously supporting the children with special needs and their families we serve.

As the requests for financial assistance increase, Elevations needs your continued help to meet the need for the extraordinary kids and families in our community.

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**Elevations Board Members 2016 -2018**

**Kelly Lynch, President**

Pediatric Physical Therapist, Currently Stay-at-Home Mom

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Parent special needs children, Ignition Academy Coaching, Independent Business Owner

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