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## Our Mission & Vision

At Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation we strive to inspire and secure philanthropic support for Children's Specialized Hospital's mission to be the preeminent provider of specialized healthcare for infants, children and young adults.

All donations to Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation go directly to helping Children's Specialized Hospital pioneer new specialized pediatric care and serve more children in need so that all children can reach their full potential.

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## A Young Lifeguard's Road to Recovery

### Meet Sam Jarmer

*At 16, Sam Jarmer was forced to re-learn life, and the team at Children's Specialized Hospital helped and cheered him on every step of the way.*

July 24, 2019 was a normal day at the beach for 16-year-old lifeguard, Sam Jarmer. No one expected Sam's summer would quickly take a turn after diving into the water to cool off. When taking the dive, Sam hit a hidden sandbar and suffered a severe spinal cord injury, leaving him paralyzed from the chest down.

After emergency surgery, Sam was transferred to Children's Specialized Hospital in New Brunswick for intense inpatient rehabilitation and therapy.

Upon arrival, Sam had limited mobility throughout his body. He was able to lift his arms slightly, but had lost function in his fingers, core, and lower limbs. He immediately met with Dr. Michele Fantasia, Director of the Spinal Cord Injury Program at Children's Specialized Hospital, who was hopeful after an initial evaluation. She confirmed that Sam's injury was incomplete, explaining that the spinal cord was still intact in several areas, rather than being completely severed. Sam had the feeling he needed in his extremities, but he just wasn't able to move them.

"I just remember feeling like this would be the place that would make it all better," said Sam's mom, Jessica. "This is where we were meant to be."

Sam began recreational, physical, and occupational therapies with a team of doctors, therapists and nurses. His team assisted and customized Sam's entire care plan; teaching him to regain independence by holding his drink better, brushing his teeth in a new way, and using his phone differently.

"Everyone at Children's really helped me when I was at one of the lowest points in my life with my injury," said Sam. "They just showed compassion in all of the love and support that they gave me."

Today, Sam is back home in Ocean Grove, continuing to work on regaining complete strength in his core and legs. His positive outlook and optimism guides him through outpatient therapy and rehabilitation, along with the tremendous support he has received from friends, family, and his community.

Sam's story is just one example of the innovative and life-changing care provided at Children's Specialized Hospital. In 2019, over 38,000 infants, children, and young adults with their own unique stories passed through our doors.

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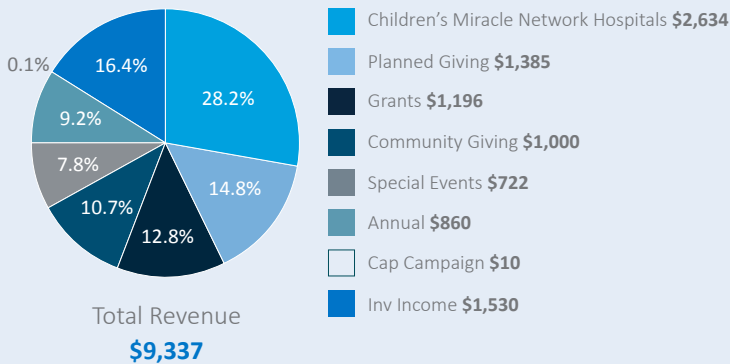
*Sam Jarmer with  
Oshane Ximines  
of the NY Giants.*

## Year Ending December 31, 2019

(in thousands of dollars)

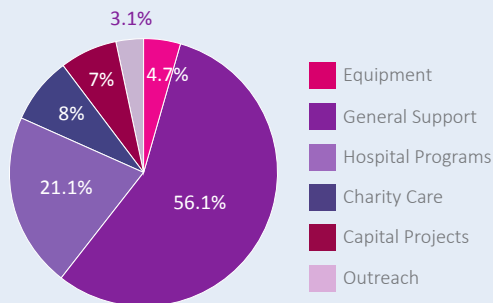
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### Foundation Revenue

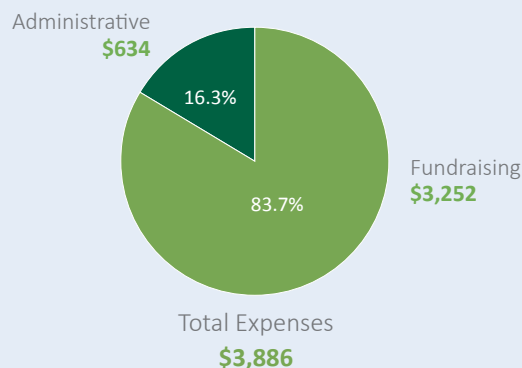


### How Gifts Were Designated

(rank highest to lowest)



### Foundation Expenses



## Amazing Things Our Donors & Volunteers Have Made Possible

In 2019, the Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation forged new partnerships, held extraordinary events, and made great strides in our mission to support the Hospital, its programs, and the patients and families served.

The contributions from our donors and volunteers directly impacts the success of Children's Specialized Hospital. Because of the work we've done together, Children's Specialized Hospital remains the leading provider of pediatric rehabilitation in the U.S. with 13 locations in New Jersey providing personalized, life-changing care.

Over **\$8.9 million** raised by the Foundation

**4% increase** in patients served to over **38,600** in 2019

**\$1 million** in charity care provided

Over **230** corporate volunteers participated in more than **34** Community Service Days

**1859** children participated in over **40** recreational programs through Activity Connection funded by Foundation grants

Over **600** volunteers for nearly **19,000** hours at a value of **\$483,170**