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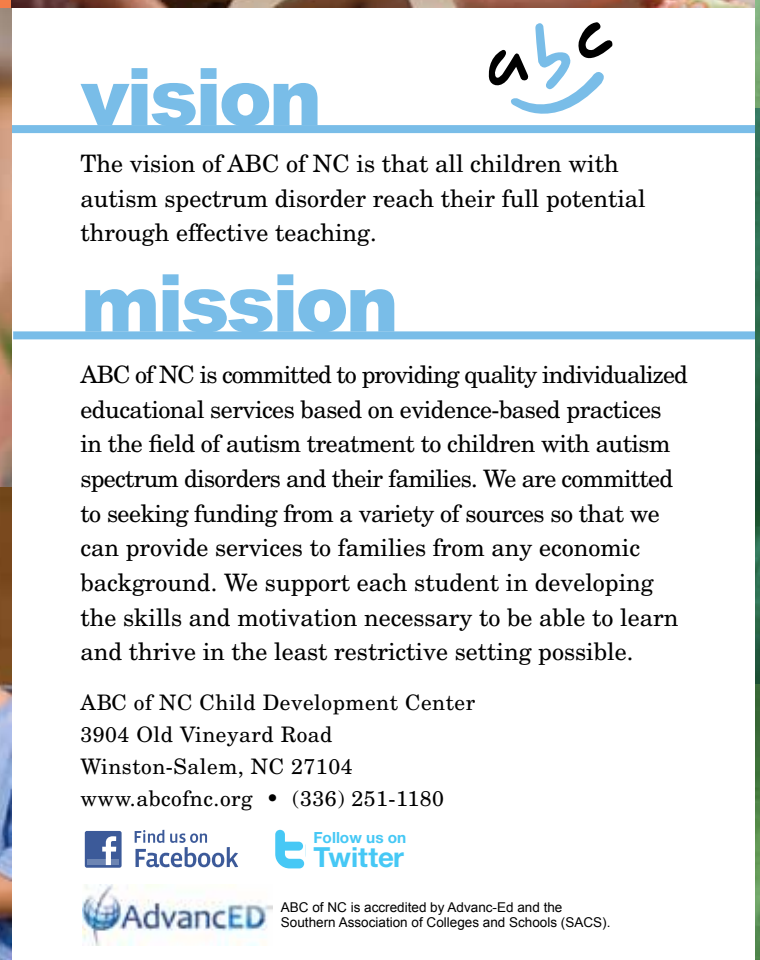
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vision



The vision of ABC of NC is that all children with autism spectrum disorder reach their full potential through effective teaching.

mission

ABC of NC is committed to providing quality individualized educational services based on evidence-based practices in the field of autism treatment to children with autism spectrum disorders and their families. We are committed to seeking funding from a variety of sources so that we can provide services to families from any economic background. We support each student in developing the skills and motivation necessary to be able to learn and thrive in the least restrictive setting possible.

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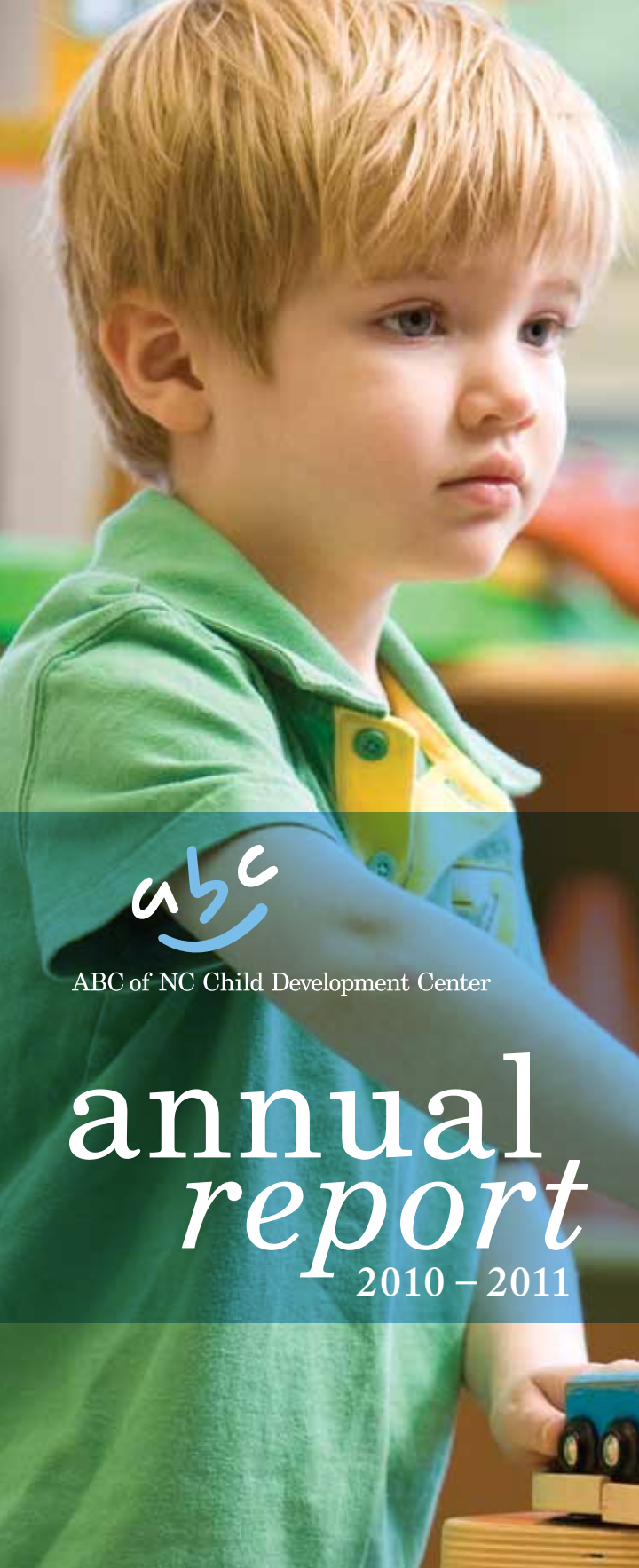
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ABC of NC Child Development Center

annual  
report  
2010 - 2011



# dear friends,

**Success.** Every parent dreams of success for their children. But when your child is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder, the measurements of success change.

At ABC of NC Child Development Center, we celebrate every victory; whether it's a smile over pretend play, a joyful verbal greeting or a triumphant transition to a typical classroom.

As we approach the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our organization, we reflect on 2010/2011 as another successful year with record numbers of families served by our accomplished and dedicated staff.

This annual report gives us a chance to show you our year "by the numbers" and to demonstrate our appreciation to our donors and supporters. With the leadership of executive director, Selene Johnson, we continue to measure our organization's achievements through our vision of all children with autism reaching their full potential through effective teaching. And we find ourselves closer to this vision every day with a mission to provide the highest quality individualized programs based on current, evidence-based practices in the field of autism treatment.

We are proud of the ambitious services and stable financials listed in this report and the conscientious care of your donations. And, through constant evaluation and improvement of our operations and teaching methods, we plan to grow to meet the needs of the Piedmont Triad autism community—and beyond.

Highlights of our accomplishments this year include:

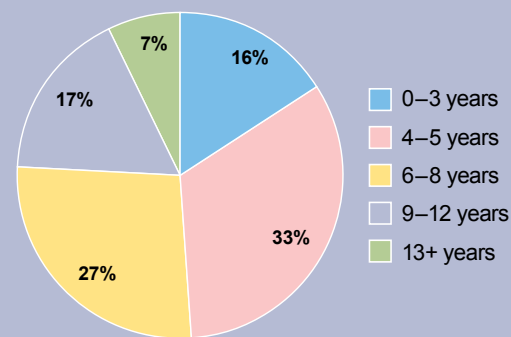
- Issuance of accreditation from Advanc-Ed and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
- Implementation of a new, sliding-fee scale, rolling admission financial aid program that will help a record number of families receive ABC of NC services
- Extension of the affordable start-up "ABC-Go!" program for new families applying for financial assistance
- Initiation of a community-wide autism awareness event at a Winston-Salem Dash game
- Extension of our volunteer program to include interns from seven colleges and universities and a record 2,258 volunteer hours
- Purchase and execution of eTapestry, web-based donor software that will support on-line giving and complex tracking of donor relationships, contacts and giving history
- Expansion of our scholarship program to include funds from The Mary Duke Biddle Foundation, the Davie Community Foundation for children from Davie County and the continuance of the grant from The Pratt Family Foundation for children from Guilford County
- Continued involvement at the state level in political advocacy for individuals with autism spectrum disorders

On behalf of the families who share our success stories, we hope you will take the time to review our accomplishments through this annual report. And please accept our most sincere appreciation for allowing us to enter the next decade of achievement.

**Felice Brenner**  
Chair, Board of Directors

# demographics

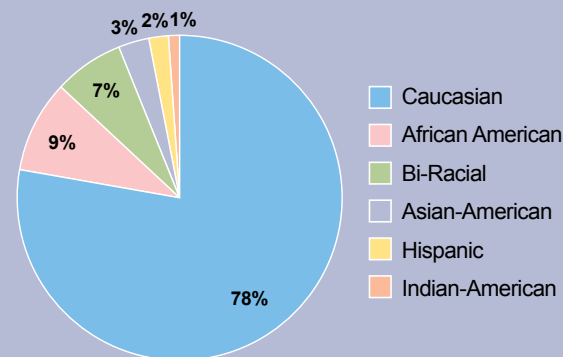
## Age of Students Served



Early intervention programs with a special emphasis on social development can improve some of the core symptoms of autism spectrum disorder in children as young as two.

– *Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry, December 2010*

## Student Ethnicity



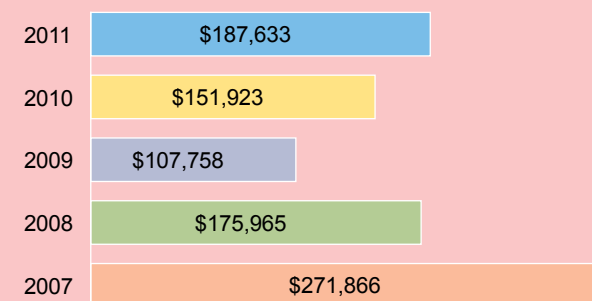
## Students Served by County

Alamance	2
Alleghany	1
Davidson	4
Davie	12
Forsyth	80
Guilford	26
Pittsylvania, VA	1
Randolph	3
Rockingham	1
Rowan	1
Stokes	3
Yadkin	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>136</b>

# financial aid

ABC of NC has provided **\$895,144** in financial aid to Piedmont Triad families over the last five years.

## ABC of NC Financial Aid Program 5 Year Comparison

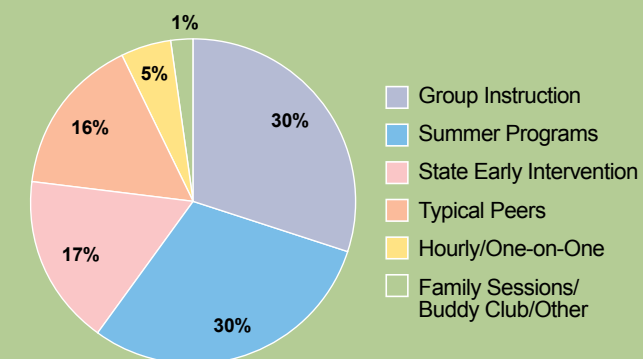


Autism affects all U.S. children regardless of race, region or financial status although minority children are diagnosed at a significantly later age than Caucasian children and have statistically less opportunity for treatment and educational services.

– *Autism Speaks, 2011*

# students

## Hours of Service Provided by Program Type



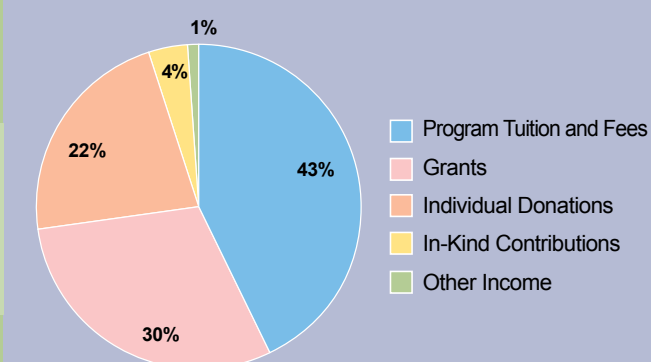
ABC of NC provided **48,700** hours of service to children in the 2010–2011 fiscal year.



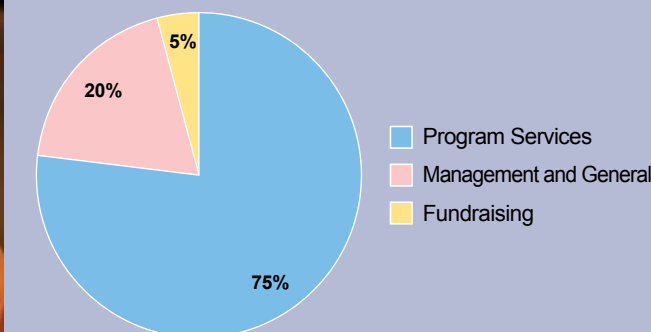
# financials

**27%** of ABC of NC students with autism received financial assistance in fiscal year 2010–2011 through the ABC of NC Financial Aid Program.

## Total Revenue by Type of Income



## Functional Expense Allocation



# monty's story



When Monty first started at ABC of NC, he only had about 20 words and a few signs that he used. He still ate baby food from a jar and didn't spoon feed himself. He constantly lined things up and watched wheels and ceiling fans turn. If peers or adults tried to approach him while he was playing, he'd automatically turn his back to them in an effort to shut them out.

Today, Monty seems to be a different child. Lizzy Donovan and his team of ABC of NC teachers meticulously designed teaching strategies to help him gain strength in many areas of deficiency including diet expansion, potty training and language acquisition. Monty learned to feed himself; learned to read at the age of four for safety and for pleasure; makes verbal choices for food and clothing, art supplies, etc.; walks up to new friends to say, "Hi" and attempts to initiate play; and eats a wide variety of foods from all of the major food groups (none of which come from a jar).

Monty recently transitioned to a typical elementary school in Guilford County. He is very excited to go to school (his favorite part of the school day includes circle time and when his teachers allow him to read a book to his friends), and he is very happy to be working and playing with his new friends. One of his old friends from ABC of NC is in his class and that's an added bonus! He is doing so well that he will probably be transitioned to a typical classroom late in the fall with a shadow.

"We are so humbled by all that the school has given us: language when we couldn't find ours, encouragement when we were feeling low, tools/strategies to make life more fun and less stressful, unbelievable friendships that will last a life time, I could go on and on. Bottom line – THANK YOU ABC of NC!"

**Myra Key**  
Greensboro / Winston-Salem Chapter, Mocha Moms, Inc.  
Monty's Mom

## Parent Quotes

"I love that the early intervention program at ABC of NC provides my son with a quality of care and education that my family could never afford. I know my son has a brighter and better future because of this program!"

"The programs they develop are fantastic. They have produced incredible results for our child."

"My husband and I cannot thank ABC enough for the knowledge that was shared with us. Just watching my child respond to seeing a staff member brought tears to my eyes. The way the teachers understand the students and work with them is beyond anything I have ever witnessed."

