

John McGivney

CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Annual Report

2025-2026

Leadership Message

To our JMCC Community

At John McGivney Children's Centre, every year brings new opportunities to learn, grow, and strengthen the supports available to children and families across Windsor-Essex. Over the past year, we have continued to focus on what matters most: helping abilities grow through compassionate, family-centred care and meaningful community partnerships.

This year was marked by several important milestones for JMCC. One of the most visible was the launch of our new website, designed with accessibility, simplicity, and family experience in mind. The refreshed site makes it easier for families, caregivers, professionals, and community members to access information, resources, and services, while better reflecting who we are as an organization today. We invite you to explore the new site at www.jmccentre.ca.

We were also proud to welcome many visitors to JMCC throughout the year, including representatives from government, healthcare, education, donors, and community organizations. These visits and tours provided valuable opportunities to showcase the incredible work happening every day within our Centre, while also highlighting the growing needs of the children, youth, and families we serve.

As demand for services continues to rise, advocacy remains a critical priority. Throughout the year, JMCC actively advocated for increased investment in children's rehabilitation and developmental services, ensuring that families in our region can continue to access the care and supports they need when they need them. We remain committed to working collaboratively with government and community partners to strengthen services and improve outcomes for children and youth.

We are deeply grateful to our Board of Directors, physicians, volunteers, donors, partners, and families for their ongoing trust, compassion, and support. The dedication shown across our organization each day continues to inspire hope and make a meaningful difference in the lives of so many children and families.

Together, we are building a more inclusive, supportive, and empowering future for children and youth in our community.



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Building Skills

FOR SCHOOL AND BEYOND

JMCC's Entry to School Program helps children build confidence, independence and connections as they prepare for their transition into the classroom.

The Entry to School Program (ETS) is part of the Ontario Autism Program and supports young children with autism as they prepare to enter school for the first time. At JMCC, ETS helps children build important school-readiness skills and strengthen their overall skill level, while families receive support, encouragement and guidance during this meaningful time of change.

JMCC offered two ETS cohorts, with 24 children enrolled in spring 2025 and 15 children enrolled in fall 2025. Children made meaningful progress in communication, emotional regulation, independence, feeding, and school readiness. Staff followed each child's lead, creating learning opportunities through play and everyday moments, from exploring insects outdoors and sharing discoveries with friends, to initiating group games in the gym. Families also found support in one another, while grandparents and other caregivers played an active role in helping children celebrate milestones.



ETS also brought JMCC staff together to support each child's individual goals, including collaboration between Speech-Language Pathology and Occupational Therapy to support feeding skills within the familiar program environment. Families shared that the program helped their children grow both at JMCC and at home, including playing with siblings, separating from caregivers, trying new foods and gaining confidence in the classroom. With 30 families currently waiting for a future cohort, the continued demand reflects the value of a program that meets children where they are and celebrates each step forward.

JMCC's Family Support Fund

EASING FINANCIAL STRAIN

Since launching in June 2023, the JMCC Family Support Fund has helped ease financial pressures for families caring for children and youth with disabilities and special needs.

Thanks to generous donors, including a significant grant from the Solcz Family Foundation, JMCC has distributed \$80,151 to 140 families since its launch. These funds have helped families access specialized equipment, mobility and communication aids, and

inclusive recreation programs that promote their child's independence, inclusion and well-being.

The Family Support Fund reflects JMCC's commitment to caring for families in a more holistic way. By providing practical assistance during times of financial strain, the fund helps families focus on their child's care, development and well-being.

Bringing Books

TO OUR DOORSTEP

In partnership with Windsor Public Library, JMCC welcomed their Bookmobile, a fully accessible library on wheels, directly to our Centre. Families, clients, and staff had the opportunity to browse and borrow books, sign up for library cards, and enjoy the experience of choosing stories together. The visits were a simple but meaningful way to promote literacy, reduce barriers to access, and bring the joy of reading right to our doorstep.



Therapeutic Recreation

BUILDING SKILLS, CONFIDENCE AND CONNECTION THROUGH RECREATION

At JMCC, Therapeutic Recreation uses play, leisure and meaningful activities to help children and youth with disabilities build skills, confidence and social connections. Through games, sports, arts, food-based programs, fitness activities and group recreation, children and youth have opportunities to try new things, make friends and take part in activities that support their overall well-being.

Each program is planned with therapeutic goals in mind and may take place at JMCC or in the community. Group programs such as Bowling League, Teen Group, Crafty Kids Collective, Fun with Fitness, Game Night, Family Parties,

Exploring Food with Play, Lil' Foodies and Big Foodies give participants a chance to learn, connect and have fun in welcoming, supportive environments.

JMCC's Recreation Therapy team also continues to use innovative tools such as Brain Computer Interface (BCI) technology to increase access to play and leisure. BCI translates brain activity into commands that can control technology, allowing children to use their thoughts to turn toys, devices and other leisure resources on and off. For some children, this opens new ways to participate, make choices and enjoy recreation in a way that is meaningful to them.



A Summer of Fun, Friendship, and Discovery

A MUCH LOVED ANNUAL TRADITION

JMCC's Summer Camp program is a much-loved annual tradition, giving children and youth a chance to connect, build confidence, and enjoy summer in a supportive, inclusive space. Known as Camp McGivney, the program has been a cornerstone of accessible summer programming in Windsor-Essex for more than 24 years, supporting children and youth with physical disabilities through activities adapted to meet a wide range of needs.

This past year, three camp sessions welcomed 24 unique campers, supported by a team of six dedicated counsellors. Each day was filled with games, themed activities, outdoor walks, crafts, and special visits from guests like Windsor Fire & Rescue Services, Windsor Police Service, EMS, the Windsor Spitfires and Boomer, music therapy sessions, and Evermore Princess Parties.

For many families, Camp McGivney is more than just a summer program, it's a meaningful and important experience that helps children feel included, try new things, and create lasting memories. It also gives students studying fields like social work and human kinetics valuable hands-on experience supporting children with disabilities.



Celebrating the

Impact of Our Generous Donors

Every donation, partnership, fundraiser, and act of kindness helps JMCC continue supporting children, youth, and families across Windsor-Essex. Throughout the year, community groups, businesses, schools, service clubs, and individuals came together in

remarkable ways – from fundraising events and toy drives to hands-on volunteer projects and donations supporting programs and family care. We are deeply grateful for the many people who continue to stand beside JMCC and help abilities grow.



A RECORD-BREAKING YEAR FOR THE HARROW FAIR PIE AUCTION

The Brad and Joanne Stannard Memorial Pie Auction at the Harrow Fair once again made history in 2025, **raising an incredible \$118,150** in support of JMCC – the highest total in the event’s history.

Now in its 30th year, this beloved community tradition was created by the Stannard family in memory of their son Todd. What began as a heartfelt tribute has become a longstanding example of community generosity and support for children and youth with disabilities.

The success of this year’s auction reflects the extraordinary generosity of the Harrow community, local businesses, volunteers, donors, and bidders who continue to rally around JMCC families. The event’s lasting legacy is a powerful reminder of what can happen when a community comes together to make a difference.



BUILDING CONNECTIONS, STRENGTHENING VOICES, SUPPORTING FAMILIES A Community Shaped by **Shared Ex**

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

One of the ways we bring youth voice into our work is through the Youth Advisory Council, now in its fifth year. Made up of six young people aged 14–30, including current and former clients and siblings, the Council offers insight grounded in lived experience.

This year, members focused on supporting life transitions by creating youth-friendly videos with practical tips and resources. They also shared ideas to strengthen programs like the Job Skills Program and the Toy Lending Library and worked alongside the Family Advisory Council (FAC) to support a more connected, family-centred approach. Their input continues to shape recreation opportunities, improve accessibility, and support smoother transitions. Members also identified barriers within JMCC and the broader community, and emphasized a holistic approach to well-being, including spiritual, physical, emotional, cognitive, and social needs.

FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Families also play a direct role in shaping JMCC through the Family Advisory Council, now in its seventh year. FAC members work closely with staff and leadership to enhance the experience of care.

This past year, they contributed to a School Transition Support video, available in English and Arabic, and supported a virtual caregiver group in collaboration with JMCC Social Workers and the Ontario Caregiver Organization. They also shared ideas to strengthen communication within School-Based Rehabilitation Services and contributed to plans to refresh the Family Waiting Room. FAC members also advocated for expanded community recreation opportunities and provided feedback to strengthen existing recreational programming. Just as importantly, they continue to bring families together through initiatives like the “Why My Kids Are Awesome!” campaign and events such as an Ice Cream Social, creating space for connection and shared experience.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CONSULTANT

Much of JMCC’s family connections are strengthened through the work of Family Engagement Consultant, Irfana Baig. Over the past year, Irfana has created welcoming opportunities for families to connect, learn, and support one another. From virtual “Zoom Nights” and workshops on funding supports like Special Services at Home (SSAH) and Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD), to in-person outings like apple picking, coffee chats, and community meetups, she meets families where they are.

More than 123 families participated in over 15 engagement events this year, with many staying connected through WhatsApp and email. Irfana also offers one-on-one support, helping families create “All About Me” profiles so they can share their child’s unique needs, strengths, and preferences in a simple, meaningful way.



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At JMCC, engagement is rooted in listening to the people we serve and learning from their lived experience. Through the voices of youth, families and siblings, we continue to strengthen programs, improve services and create a more welcoming, connected experience across the Centre.

SIBLINGS DAY

For siblings, connection looks a little different, but just as meaningful. Siblings Day offers a welcoming space for brothers and sisters of JMCC clients to come together, share their experiences, and feel understood. Planned and facilitated by JMCC Social Workers, the day includes activities, conversation, and hands-on opportunities to explore therapy equipment used across the Centre. After welcoming eight participants in 2025, we look forward to continuing this special event in the year ahead.



Together, these efforts help create a community at JMCC where families feel welcomed, supported, and connected, and where their voices continue to guide the care we provide.

Our Impact

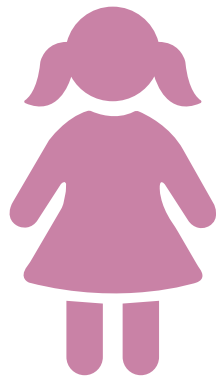
4,275

INDIVIDUALS SERVED

AVERAGE AGE: 8.2 YEARS



MALE
66%



FEMALE
34%



2,353

95

STAFF



42,375

VISITS

VISITS BY LOCATION



12,578

TELEPHONE/EMAIL VISITS



8,286

IN CENTRE



20,646

IN SCHOOL



234

VIRTUAL

SCHOOL-BASED REHABILITATION SERVICES

103

SCHOOLS
SERVED

4

SCHOOL
BOARDS

6

PRIVATE
SCHOOLS

Services

JMCC's clients may receive multiple services tailored to their individual needs. This section highlights the number of clients served across JMCC's core programs. In addition, JMCC delivers specialty initiatives –including

Autism Services in partnership with TVCC, Orthopaedic and Rheumatology Clinics, Transition Clinics, and the Cleft Lip and Palate/Craniofacial Dental Program—that further support children and families.



2,435

OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY



1,392

SPEECH-LANGUAGE
THERAPY



650

SERVICE NAVIGATION /
SMARTSTART HUB



855

PHYSIOTHERAPY



248

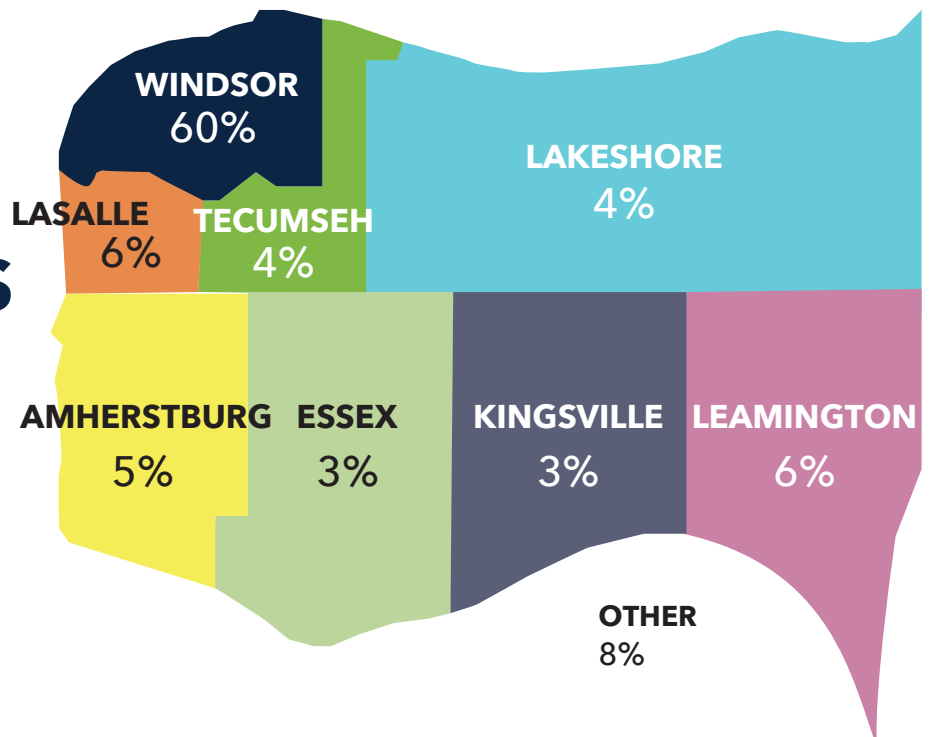
FAMILY SERVICES/
SOCIAL WORK



118

THERAPEUTIC
RECREATION

INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY AREA



Our Gracious Donors

April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026

Celebrating Generosity: The Donors Who Make Our Mission Possible

We are deeply grateful to the individuals, families, businesses, and foundations whose generous contributions helped fuel our mission and uplift the children, youth, and families we serve.

While some donors have chosen to remain anonymous, we extend our heartfelt thanks to every supporter whose kindness makes a difference every day.

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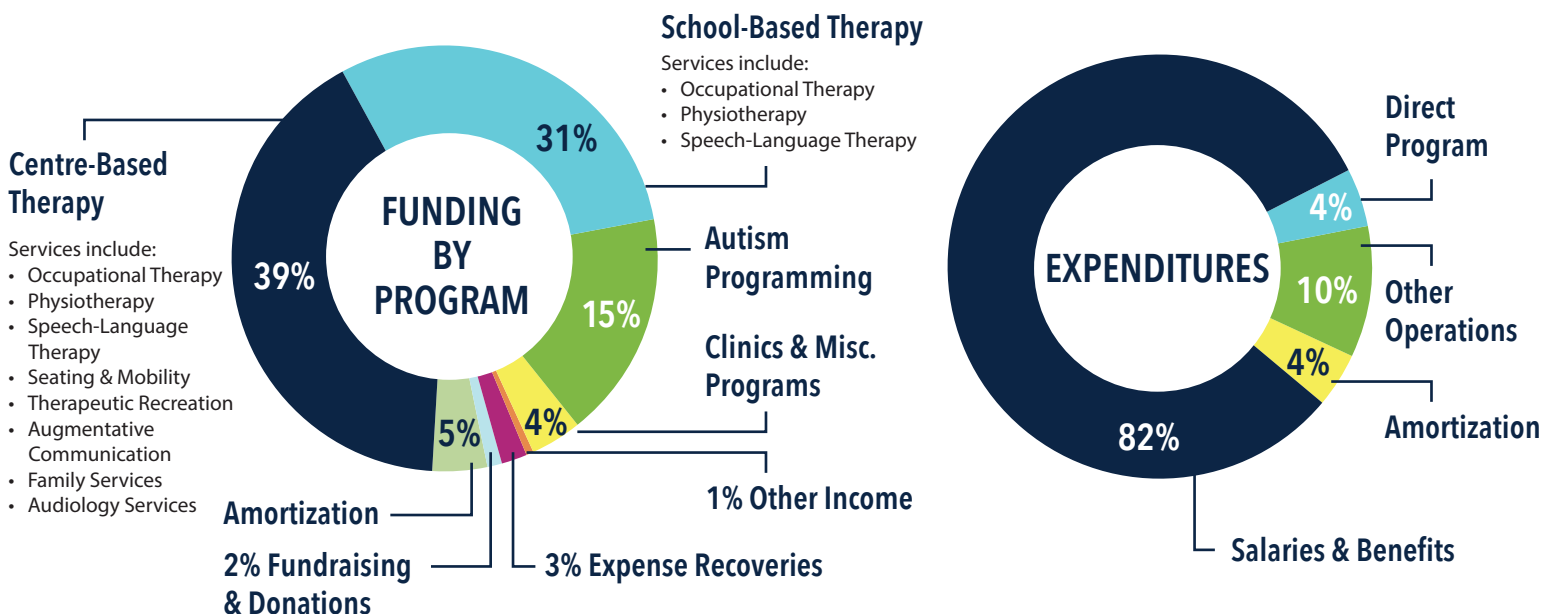
JOHN MCGIVNEY CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Statement of Operations

Year ended March 31, 2026

	2026	2025
Revenue:		
Centre-Based Therapy	\$ 4,383,368	\$ 4,686,807
School-Based Therapy	3,502,211	3,502,384
Autism Programming	1,701,517	1,651,511
Clinics & Misc Programs	473,141	453,537
Fundraising, Donations & Grants	261,815	403,718
Expense Recoveries	305,730	328,506
Other Income	69,255	135,740
Amortization of Deferred Capital Contributions	506,037	474,786
	<u>11,203,074</u>	<u>11,636,989</u>
Expenses:		
Salaries & Benefits	9,116,656	9,040,783
Direct Program	414,561	531,096
Other - Operations	1,065,451	1,407,676
Amortization of Property & Equipment	497,668	468,145
	<u>11,094,336</u>	<u>11,447,700</u>
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	<u>\$ 108,738</u>	<u>\$ 189,289</u>

A complete set of audited financial statements is available upon request.



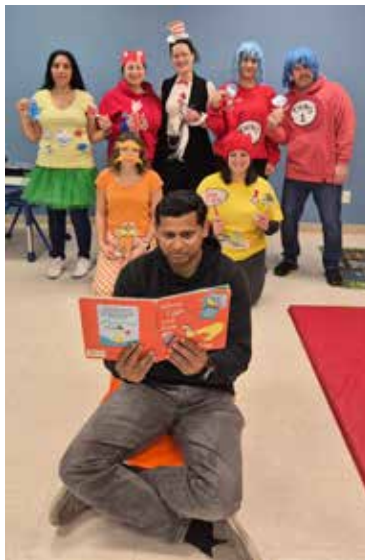
Celebrating Our JMCC Team

At JMCC, our people are at the heart of everything we do. Every day, our staff bring compassion, skill, creativity, and care to their work with children, youth, and families across Windsor-Essex.

This year, we proudly launched the Promoting Engagement, Appreciation, Culture, & Equity (PEACE) Committee. This staff-led committee brings together wellness, social connection, appreciation, inclusion, and equity initiatives to help foster a healthy, supportive, and engaging workplace culture.

Throughout the year, the PEACE Committee created opportunities for staff to connect, learn, celebrate, and have fun. Initiatives included a staff BBQ, Disability Pride flag recognition, monthly cultural and religious awareness days, self-care activities, dog therapy visits, training webinars, Pride Parade participation, Halloween spirit activities, winter door decorating, a cookie exchange, St. Patrick's lunchtime games and more.

These moments of connection and appreciation help strengthen our workplace and support the staff who make such a meaningful difference in the lives of JMCC children and families every day.





helping abilities grow

The John McGivney Children's Centre is a paediatric outpatient health facility serving children and youth across Windsor-Essex.

For over 47 years, we have supported the communication, developmental, physical, and family support needs of infants, children, youth, and adolescents from birth to age 19, and up to 21 for those still in high school. Our family-centred services are delivered at our Centre, in schools, virtually, and throughout the community.

- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Speech Language Pathology
- Family Services
- Augmentative and Alternative Communication
- Audiology Services
- Therapeutic Recreation
- Seating and Mobility
- School Based Rehabilitation Services (SBRs)
- Autism Services
- Specialty Clinics
- SmartStart Hub Services



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