



Arc of Whatcom County 2025 Annual Report

**Celebrating achievements and
progress together**

An estimated 3,800 people in Whatcom County have developmental disabilities and are central to the core of The Arc of Whatcom County as we lead by sharing our positive vision for the future, advancing community equity for all people with developmental disabilities. In 1936, concerned, local families joined together seeking new opportunities for their children to lead supported, fulfilling, engaged, inclusive lives as active members of our communities. What began as a handful of families coming together to support their children and others in Whatcom County has quickly evolved into something much bigger – a powerful movement for respect and inclusion. We will continue this work beyond our 90th anniversary knowing we are the ‘Go To’ resource to help anyone to understand, access and navigate a complex system of support services.

As always, members have a voice in determining and evaluating the ultimate success of our organization. You, as members, are essential to our advocacy. We believe that people with developmental disabilities are entitled to the respect, dignity, equity, safety, and security accorded to other members of society. We believe people with developmental disabilities belong in the community and have fundamental rights to be fully included and actively participate in all aspects of society. Our philosophy for providing services is based on the principles of self-determination: People with developmental disabilities and their families want services and supports delivered by a system that allows them choice and control over their lives. People with developmental disabilities are equal citizens, people first, and the disability is secondary. People with developmental disabilities have needs, wants and dreams like everyone else. With respectful support, information and advocacy, these needs can be met and dreams achieved.

We will continue to provide virtual and in-person, day and night options for families to connect. As we celebrate 90 years of advocacy, please remember The Arc of Whatcom County is here to listen and respond to you. Our staff, board and volunteers continue to collaborate, share expertise and resources. You can be certain The Arc of Whatcom County will continue to be a resource for you, a support to you, and a voice with you.

Beverly Porter
Executive Director

Outreach in the Community

10	Monthly Newsletters
5	Spanish Newsletters
9	Family/Caregiver Trainings
28	Presentations to School Districts
29	Parent Support Group Meetings



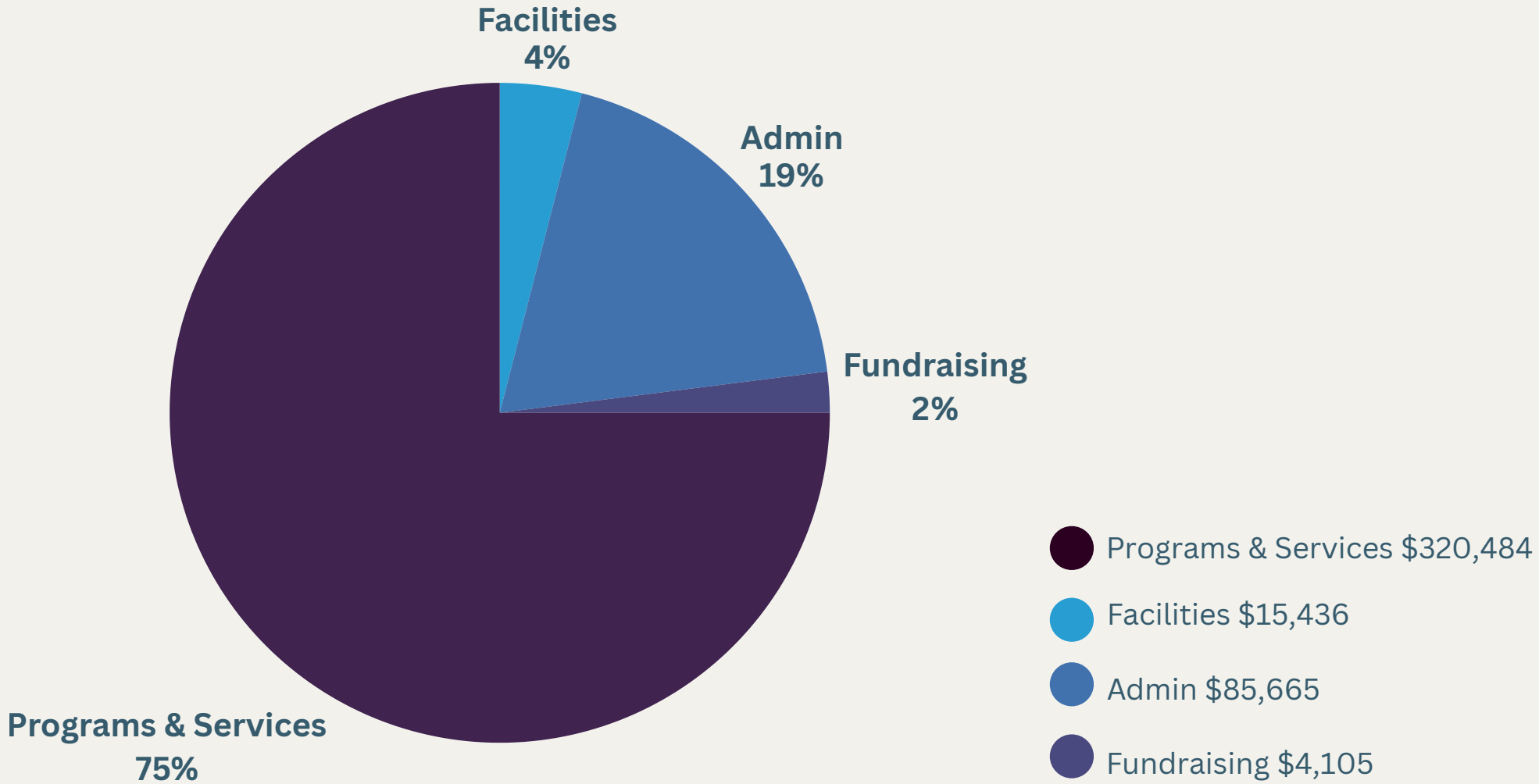
1:1 Connections

515	1:1 Assistance with Service Navigations
624	1:1 Parent to Parent Contacts
511	1:1 Contact with Latino Families
30	Peer Parent Matches

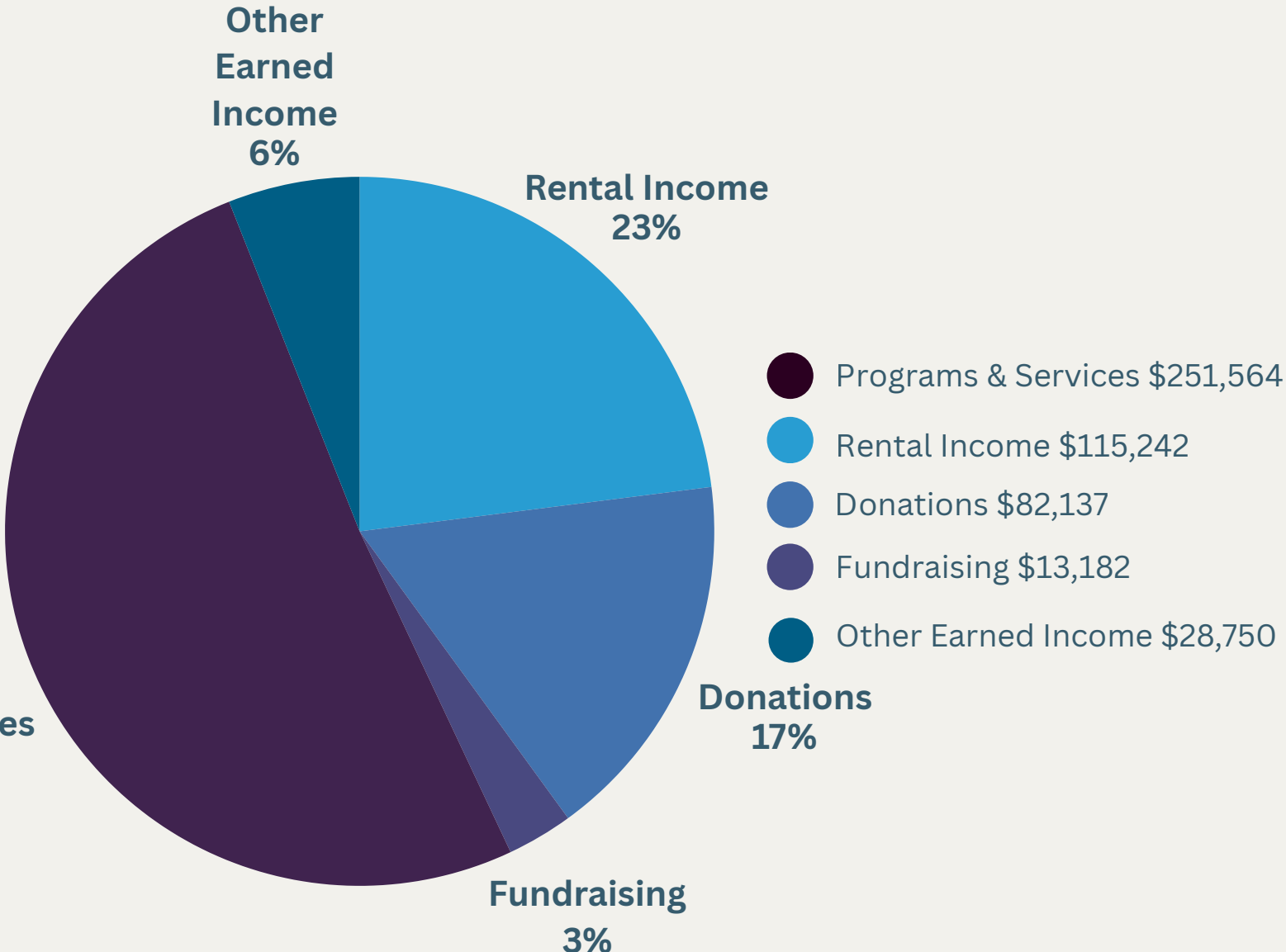
Community Connections

409	Networking/Social Event Attendees
373	Individuals at Networking/Social Events for Latino Families
257	Parent Support Group Attendees
96	Family/Caregiver attendees at Trainings
308	Buddy Fest
61	Self Advocacy Meeting Attendees
277	Individuals at School District Presentations
467	Disability Awareness Presentation & Event Attendees

2025 EXPENSES \$425,690



2025 INCOME \$490,875



The Arc of Whatcom County

Balance Sheet

05/22/26

As of December 31, 2025

Accrual Basis

	<u>Dec 31, 25</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10008 · WECU Checking	7,430
10100 · 1.0 Savings	216,432
10120 · 1.2 Down Syndrome Outreach	16,015
10160 · Petty cash	21
10170 · Sweeps Insured Cash Account	454,005
10200 · Michele Hill Endowment Fund	59,851
10250 · Heritage Savings MHE 1093	64,232
Total Checking/Savings	817,985
Accounts Receivable	39,484
Other Current Assets	8,622
Total Current Assets	866,091
Fixed Assets	
16100 · DGCC LH Improvements	705,769
16200 · Redwood/Alderwood Buildings	2,446,828
16400 · Furniture, fixtures, equip	
16700 · Computers	1,916
Total Fixed Assets	3,154,513
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>4,020,603</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	13,778
Credit Cards	618
Other Current Liabilities	1,731
Total Current Liabilities	16,128
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Equity	
31000 · Unrestrict (retained earnings)	3,840,953
32000 · Permanently restrict net assets	76,300
33000 · Restricted current assets	22,037
Net Income	65,185
Total Equity	4,004,476
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>4,020,603</u>

STAFF

Beverly Porter
*Executive Director & Parent
Coalition Co-Coordinator*

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Assistant Director

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*Executive Assistant &
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*Latino Community Program
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Administrative Assistant

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Administrative Assistant

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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CONTACT US

We are affiliated with The Arc of United States with more than 140,000 members and nearly 700 state and local chapters nationwide, we are on the front lines to ensure that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families have the support they need to be members of the community.

Our grassroots membership is one of our greatest strengths and you can join for free. When you become a Member of The Arc, it means that you're saying 'Count me in. I'm an advocate for disability rights.' By signing up, you are joining the ranks of a powerful grassroots movement that is family-focused and person-centered.

Membership is free. Sign up at:
<https://arcwhatcom.org/about-the-arc/membership/>

Our office is open to the public Monday through Thursday, 10am - 1pm if you would like to browse our Lending Library or are in need of resources. Staff are also available by appointment outside of those times. Please call 360-715-0170 if you are needing any assistance and would like to connect with a staff member.

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