kids on the move
empowering families, one kid at a time

2018 Annual Report
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KOTM was started by two visionary mothers of children with Down Syndrome. When KOTM received its first grant for delivering services to families and children, Utah County was still mostly orchards and open land.

Much has changed in our beautiful valley in the past 30 years. If you go to www.utahvalleyvisioning.org, you’ll learn how our 625,000 residents will soon turn into 1,625,000 residents! That’s right – we will soon be adding one million people to our lovely valley, which makes Utah County the fastest growing county in the state of Utah!

Early Intervention services at KOTM struggle mightily to keep up with an annual client load increase of 16.8% per year. Pregnant mothers and young toddlers living in poverty far outstrip the funding resources that KOTM’s Early Head Start receives to serve that population. The need for KOTM’s Respite Care grows every day under the weight of parents who care for children with special needs 24/7. With Autism Spectrum Disorder impacting almost 2% of our population, waitlists are too long for parents desperate for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy.

Kids On The Move is making plans for future growth to help address both today’s and tomorrow’s challenges. We know that our past success in reaching more families with greater resources has been a direct result of the extraordinary generosity of friends in this valley! We depend on collaborative partnerships among like-minded non-profits and socially conscious for-profits who donate time, resources, talents, and amazing skills to ensure that families are a little better today than they were yesterday.

If you are not yet part of the solution shaping the future of Utah Valley, we invite you to contact Kids On The Move at 801.221.9930 or kotm.org.

Kindest regards,

Scott M. Bean
CEO
In 2018 Kids On The Move provided innovative high quality, direct services to over 2,600 children challenged by developmental delays, autism, many other disabilities, and poverty.

Kids On The Move exists to support the development of young children and families in our community. Our major service programs include: Early Intervention, Respite Care, Autism Center, Mental Health, and Early Head Start. In addition, Kids On The Move contributes time and resources to create and sustain community-wide networks of support.

Our Mission

Empowering Families, One Child at a Time.

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The need for quality autism therapy is vital in Utah where 1 in every 58 children is affected by autism according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) are master’s level clinicians and oversee all of the therapy conducted in the Autism Center. Each child in the Autism Center is assigned a BCBA who performs assessments, selects treatment goals, writes treatment plans, and trains Registered Behavior Technicians (RBTs) on how to work with children with autism. The BCBA visits regularly to observe treatment, analyze data, update therapy programs, and provide parent training.

By the end of 2018, the Autism Center employed 10 BCBAs, 15 Behavior Analysts in Training, and 48 RBTs. The Autism Center served over 90 clients in 2018 throughout the following counties: Utah, Salt Lake, Davis, Weber, Cache, Box Elder, Juab, Carbon, Grand, Duchesne, Wasatch, Sevier, and Iron counties.

In 2019, we will increase the number of children we serve by increasing the number of BCBAs and RBTs that we currently employ. We will continue expanding throughout the state with both in-person and tele-health services. We are also working on developing parent-training resources and advancing our collaborative relationships with BYU, UVU, and other strategic partners.

Henry’s Story

When Henry first started in the Autism Center program during the summer of 2013, he was not really talking. He could say some words but no sentences and would get really frustrated and throw tantrums. There was definitely no back and forth conversation and a lot of the time, I don’t think he understood what I was saying to him. He also wasn’t potty trained. He also has had a tendency to want to play alone and be in his own world. We have been so blessed to be able to receive Kids On The Move’s support so that Henry could get the ABA therapy he desperately needed.

He is now potty trained and his language has improved so much. We can now have simple back and forth conversations and it truly seems like a miracle. I can’t say thank you enough for all of the help. Henry’s life will be changed forever because of it and for that we will be forever grateful.

~Gary and Allison Chipman
Laying Solid Foundations for the Future

Kids On The Move Child Care has been in operation for 25+ years. We currently serve 55 children; infants 2 months to 18 months, toddlers 18 months to 36 months and preschool ages 3 to 6 years divided into 3 classes.

Our philosophy is to love, respect and guide these little ones to be good problem solvers, kind to others, and feel joy in the learning process. Through exploration and self discovery, our children learn to celebrate mistakes knowing they are just another way to learn.

The Pattens

“Our son has been attending day care at Kids on the Move since he was in the infant room and has advanced through the toddler room to the preschool room. Devin and I have been so happy with the level of attention, love, and help he has been provided at KOTM in all of these settings. Each of his teachers/caregivers have been a meaningful addition to his life and he has loved making friends with the other children. We also have loved working with the staff as our schedules shift from semester to semester. KOTM offers a safe, positive environment and we plan to stick with them as long as we need child care!”

Emily Patten

The staff are carefully chosen to meet the professional standards expected in addition to ongoing education and training.

KOTM Child Care staff take this responsibility very seriously, realizing that what we do and say to these children influences their lives for years to come. We strive to carry out our responsibilities in a manner that builds every child’s well-being each and every day.

Thank you for your support and the gift of this extraordinary opportunity to serve families and children in such a meaningful way.

The Pattens love playing at Kids On The Move.
Early Head Start

The Earlier We Start, The Farther They’ll Go

Our Early Head Start (EHS) program is designed to enhance children ages birth to three with their physical, social-emotional, and intellectual development through home visits and center-based support. We actively engage parents to recognize their critical roles as their child’s first and most important teacher. In 2018, EHS provided services for 287 families.

EHS currently maintains a strong waiting list, with demand for services increasing monthly. The ability to apply for Early Head Start on-line has simplified the process and increased access to families throughout Utah County. Word of mouth is the greatest asset and many of the currently-enrolled families referred their family and friends to KOTM-EHS. This has led to over 277 applications/referrals received in 2018.

Language and cultural diversity in the population that EHS serves has been changing over the last year. To better support and respect families home language and cultures, we now provide services in three or more languages. EHS staff diversity has been able to support many bilingual or multilingual families.

The Beltran Family

“My kids have learned and developed a routine. They bring the learning home and it makes it easier for me to manage things at home with them. It has been a big help in the financial aspect as well as time. As a single mother, it’s hard to manage kids on my own. Taking them to one place and not having to worry about them since I know they are well-cared for makes a big difference. It’s also rewarding to see the progress the children make while in the program. The program has been such a blessing to me. Thanks to EHS, I have been able to become a better person. I have gained skills in being a mother. Being a single mother of six is hard, but with EHS, it’s much more manageable!”

Elizabeth Beltran

Elizabeth Beltran says being a single mom is much more manageable with EHS! (Photo is a representation stock photo).
Since 85% of brain development occurs before the age of three, it is critical to intervene early when problems are detected. Early Intervention (EI) at Kids On The Move, funded by the state of Utah’s Baby Watch Early Intervention Program, provides support and services to families with infants and toddlers residing within the Alpine School District. These children have developmental delays or disabilities such as Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, Down syndrome and Autism Spectrum Disorder.

During the last fiscal year, Kids On The Move Early Intervention had 125 new referrals on average each month. We served over 1,400 children with the Kids On The Move Early Intervention program in 2018.

Ian’s Story

Ian was diagnosed with a bilateral cleft lip and palate before he was born. The cleft palate made it difficult for Ian to communicate, eat normal foods, and know where to place his tongue to sound out words. For a while the cleft was causing issues with Ian’s hearing, which made it so he couldn’t imitate sounds properly.

Through surgeries, his palate was reconstructed. Ian’s pediatrician suggested Kids On The Move. Ian’s mom attended a therapy session, and Ian began working with Kids On The Move at 18 months and worked with speech and occupational therapists. Therapy involved the family as a whole, not just Ian.

Ian’s parents, Sheldon and Emily said, “In the beginning, we felt like we were drowning. We could not see beyond the current struggles. Ian’s progress has changed our entire outlook and has re-instilled hope. We would recommend Kids On The Move to anyone! They have helped Ian progress so much and have been a support to our family. Lastly, hang in there! It takes a lot of time and effort, but it’s worth it!”
At Kids On The Move Respite Care, we understand that receiving a break can change lives. Our families of children with special needs receive a 3.5-hour break once a month to relieve stress, renew energy, and restore balance. We want to commend our parents for understanding that respite helps prevent burnout, helps manage health situations, and creates positive relationships in their families.

We currently serve 90 children at four locations in Utah – Orem, Spanish Fork, Lehi and St. George. Our staff genuinely welcomes the children to our respite centers. It is a privilege to serve these families and their children who are definitely amazing.

In 2018, a total of 1,071 volunteers provided 4,213 hours of fun and safety to disabled children.

We love our volunteers! They are extraordinary people who want to help.

I’ve volunteered just over nine times with Kids On The Move Respite Care, and I keep coming back to Respite Care because of how much joy I get out of taking care of the children. Honestly, it doesn’t matter how hectic my week has been, volunteering with Kids On The Move Respite Care seems to be re-energizing. It’s definitely the best part of my week when I have the opportunity to volunteer.”

- Brittany, Volunteer

The parents are so appreciative of our program, our professional staff, and our amazing volunteers.

I am so grateful for you and your staff. You have helped me in so many ways and when I desperately needed it also.”

- A Mother in the Respite Care Program
Kole and Jaedon’s Story

We are Jasmine and Brandon Ashdown and we have two young, very active boys with autism, Kole and Jaedon. We are so grateful for Respite Care! We heard about Respite Care through Kids On The Move Early Intervention. One of the therapists said to me – you could use a break. She then told me about the Respite Care program, and I applied!

When we started Respite Care, I was never really worried. I was excited! I knew it was going to be a new start for all of us. I knew my boys would enjoy it. I was worried, though, that Kole was going to be a protective big brother to Jaedon. At first, Kole was protective and always trying to keep them together, but then he leveled out. As a result, Jaedon has blossomed socially. He is able to go up to other kids and interact.

Jaedon has never noticed people around him, and now he does! I believe Respite Care has helped them mature in positive ways as brothers.

For us, Respite Care has helped me and my husband rekindle our relationship. We can go on a date! When you have two children with autism, you don’t get time to spend together. Plus we feel our children are in a safe place. They are accepted by all the children and don’t look at them as different. The staff and volunteers are great. I personally commend all people who volunteer for taking the time to be with my children and give me a moment to refresh. They are amazing people to do something like this.

To everyone, I say, “Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you! I love it. I think it is an amazing program!”

- Jasmine Ashdown
Continual Community Support

Volunteer Stats

Volunteer projects included:

• Providing respite services.
• Providing free child care for parent seminars.
• Cleaning and maintenance of KOTM grounds and building/equipment.
• Helping with office work.
• Preliminary landscaping in the Outdoor Classroom and demolishing the old toy shed.
• Assisting teachers with children in classrooms.
• One-on-one social skills mentoring with children in child care.
• Making toys, blankets, and infant hats.

KOTM’s inaugural Heber Half Run for Autism was a huge success, bringing in over 1,100 runners from across the world and raising funds for the KOTM Autism Center. Local businesses “played it forward” and raised money for kids through the 13th annual KOTM Corporate Sports Challenge. They also brought groups to help at various events such as the Heber Half Run for Autism and the Haunted Half races benefiting KOTM. Other local businesses were involved with Sub for Santa – donating Christmas gifts to a total of 24 families served by KOTM.
Awards

Making a Difference in the Community

In 2018, Kids On The Move (KOTM) has received support across the state of Utah, including governments, businesses, foundations, and individuals of all ages. As a result of maintaining a clear focus on our primary mission, Kids On The Move received outstanding recognition and broke new ground:

• Kids On The Move was awarded Best of State in Special Education for the fourth consecutive year.

• KOTM Respite Care completed its second year in operation since the integration of Friday’s Kids Respite in 2016.

• KOTM added its fifth pillar program: Child and Family Mental Health.

• KOTM offered many free classes for parents, such as Parent University, Great Beginnings, Floortime, Post-Traumatic Growth, and PEERS (Social skills for adolescents with autism).

• KOTM received the Envision Utah’s “Common Good” award.

• KOTM licensed therapists provide clinical practicum experiences for multiple students from local universities.

• KOTM once again hosted the “Special Needs in Religion” seminar on Spectrum Academy’s Pleasant Grove campus. This event taught clergy, church teachers, and community members to adapt religious services to individuals with special needs.

• KOTM provided free “Stepfamilies” training through a grant from Utah State University.

• KOTM hosted three companies for United Way’s Day of Caring: US Synthetic, Rocky Mountain University of Health Professionals and Fluke.

• KOTM participated in the Mental Health Awareness Night held at Utah Valley Hospital in October 2018.

• KOTM participated in the Orem Summerfest parade and Orem Harvest Festival.
Finances

**FY Revenue**

*Total $9,068,666*

- Federal $4,213,897
- State $1,826,908
- Program Services $1,432,567
- Contributions $485,958
- Other $203,591

**FY Expenses**

*Total $8,816,237*

- Early Intervention $3,510,293
- Autism $2,483,891
- Early Head Start $1,888,756
- Other $480,026
- Admin $453,271

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Finances are audited annually and the reports are available online at KOTM.ORG. Our audit found no findings for 2018.
# KOTM Donors

### Legacy Donors $100,000+
- Ray and Tye Noorda Foundation

### Platinum Level Donors $50,000+
- Anonymous Donor
- The Kahlert Foundation
- Ray and Tye Noorda Foundation
- Sorenson Legacy Foundation
- Wells Fargo Foundation

### Diamond Level Donors $20,000+
- Nu Skin
- Sorenson Legacy Foundation
- Wheeler Foundation

### Gold Level Donors $10,000+
- Cross Charitable Foundation
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- Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation
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- Nu Skin Enterprises
- Runtastic Events
- Tucano’s
- Utah Community Credit Union
- Zions Bank

### Bronze Level Donors $500+
- Adobe
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- Intermountain Healthcare
- Jamie Wride
- JEPS Foundation
- Jive Communication
- Ken Olsen
- Key Bank
- Kirton McConkie
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- Marshall's

### Network for Good
- NorthStar
- Orem Golden Kiwanis Club
- Orem Rotary Foundation
- Provo Beach Resort
- Rentie, LLC
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- Rocky Mountain Care
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- Timberidge Custom Homes
- Tracie & Scott Peterson
- United Way of Utah
- US Synthetics Corporation
- Vivint
- VLCM
- Wallabys Smokehouse
- Walmart
- Zions Bank

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Scott Bean, chief executive officer, and Heather Kahlert.
The Heber Half Run For Autism is a new KOTM event we kicked off in 2018. This half marathon, 5k, and All Abilities ½ mile run was created to raise awareness and acceptance for those with autism. Proceeds from the race will augment Autism Center funding and provide much-needed scholarships and other critical family services.

With an aggressive first-year goal of 1200 runners, everyone involved in the months of planning and execution felt terrifically satisfied with an actual count of 1160 runners in 2018. As KOTM isn’t normally in the “race” business, we teamed up with Utah’s finest running events organization – Runtastic Events - to ensure that everyone who crossed the finish line had an exceptional experience. Runtastic has been a generous supporter of Kids On The Move in the past, so when the time was right to create Utah’s signature event for autism, we knew who our partner needed to be.

The course itself is beautiful, with the half marathon starting line nestled back in a stunning forested canyon glen that gently slopes downhill, going past forest land, lakes, and amazing city views. Temperatures are perfect. As you enter the outskirts of Heber City itself, the friendly townsfolk are out along the roadside cheering you on! Old Mill Elementary School made for a beautiful finish line.

We express heartfelt gratitude for the many agencies and support organizations from the local Heber valley community who graciously worked with Kids On The Move and Runtastic to bring this event to life.

Food trucks, vendors, massages, a foam machine and lots of other fun attractions at the finish line make it a fun-filled atmosphere for families to enjoy! This was truly an inspiring and wonderful cause that everyone involved felt very passionate about!
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