



A program started by educators
and run by educators for
individuals with special needs to
have access to limitless
opportunities.

Annual Report
2023

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TASKTM

A BRIEF HISTORY

1996- 1997

TASK is born from the belief that all people need a place to play and be accepted. Twenty-six kids make up the first tee-ball teams. TASK participants continue to grow; First TASK Fundraising Golf Tournament is held to support the programs.

1998-2000

TASK receives Outstanding Recreational Program award from Rec Council; TASK achieved nonprofit status and secured first office and staff; Trivia Night fundraiser added to calendar.

2001-2005

TASK programs grow to 20 and are offered in eleven different school districts; Participants grow to 2,000, TASK receives Special Ambassador Award from Special School District.

2006-2011

TASK is the benefitting charity for the inaugural Rock & Roll Marathon and launches Capital Campaign; TASK wins the Stellar Performance Award from St. Louis Variety Club.

2012-2015

TASK creates a home on 11.5 acres with fields, sensory room, kitchen, track, and gym; Sandlot donates turf field; Fenton Chamber welcomes TASK with Small Business Award.

2016-2020

TASK recognizes new programming needs & Next Steps is introduced; Two Golf Tournaments and Trivia Nights are major fundraisers; TASK is awarded Fenton Chamber's Business of the year.

2021

TASK celebrates 25 years and is looking toward the future to meet the needs of both our kids and adult populations.

2021-2023

TASK continues to provide programming to individuals with special needs, expanding programming and reaching close to 1,900 evening participants and grows Next Steps to 25 adult participants.



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Everyone wants to have friends, be a part of a team and feel accepted. We want to have a place to play and feel safe. Some individuals with special needs do not have those chances. They are bullied, left out or ignored. More than that, their self-esteem and self-image may suffer from lack of success or perceived success. To fill that hole, TASK was born. In 1996, a small group of 26 tee ballers gathered for our inaugural sport.

Some 28 years later, TASK, which was started by educators and continues to be run by educators, has not only continued to provide athletic and recreational opportunities to individuals with special needs, but we have expanded our programming to include the arts, life skills, social clubs, and a day program for those adults who continue to need support after leaving the school system.

TASK is run by a small staff that counts on countless amazing volunteers who are dedicated to creating an environment of support, acceptance, growth, and fun for our participants. We rely heavily on fundraisers to allow us to provide limitless opportunities and are so grateful for the hundreds of people who attend our events and donate to our cause.

On the following pages, you will get to see the great things that have happened this year at TASK. Thank you to the many volunteers, donors, and fundraiser attendees who have made 2023 a great year for TASK.

Best wishes,

Jen Pranger
TASK Executive Director

OUR MISSION

The mission of Team Activities for Special Kids, or TASK, is to enrich the lives of kids with special needs by providing athletic and social opportunities.

OUR PURPOSE

At TASK we believe every individual should have a positive self-esteem. We strive in all of our programs to build this self-esteem by building our participants' self-confidence through achieving success.



OUR 2023 PROGRAMS

TEAM PROGRAMS

- Basketball
- Coach Pitch Softball
- Floor Hockey
- Indoor Soccer
- Kickball
- Modified Softball
- Pickleball
- Soccer
- Tee Ball
- Volleyball

INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS

- Art
- Bowling
- Cooking
- Drama
- Fishing
- Zumba
- Martial Arts

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Monthly Social Club 15+
- Monthly Kids' Club 5-14
- Themes include:
 - Trivia
 - Create with Friends
 - Minecraft
 - Under the Sea
 - Summer Celebration
 - Game Night
 - Mad Science Halloween Party
 - Murder Mystery Dinner Party
 - Bounce House Party
 - Movie Night

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Fall Festival
- Operation Under Wraps

TASK NEXT STEPS



WHY TASK? WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?

- Individual needs of each client are addressed and supported in a caring and safe environment
- Center based program with a predictable schedule and routines
- Partnerships with local businesses for career education and job opportunities
- Off campus trips to practice life skills such as ordering food and money
- Daily recreation and fitness opportunities on and off campus
- Life skill lessons offered in reading, math, and written communication skills
- Daily living skills addressed such as grooming, cooking, cleaning, washing and drying clothes etc.
- Pre-Vocational skill training is offered daily on and off campus
- Facility ownership is promoted by working on landscaping and house keeping
- Encourage enterprise through classroom businesses such as a merchandise store
- Social skills are taught and used in various experiences throughout the day

WHAT IS IT?

Over the last 25 years TASK has evolved and grown based on the needs of our participants. So, what comes NEXT is no different. The transition to the adult world after high school graduation can be especially challenging for adults with special needs.

Transition planning during high school prepares young adults for competitive employment, employment with supports such as a sheltered workshop, or a center- based day program with volunteer opportunities.

Graduates who require adult support for communication, daily living skills, and social skills need a daily program that provides meaningful, productive activities with opportunities for personal growth. These young adults need more training to increase their independence and to establish a place in our community. These programs are hard to find. At TASK, we have a program that can meet this need.

TASK Next Steps is a center- based program with a schedule of activities which includes recreation, daily living skills, volunteer work experience, maintenance of some academic life skills, development and practice of social skills, and communication skills.



2023 REVIEW



TASK has had a busy year growing programming and offering opportunities for individuals with special needs. It is hard to believe that 2023 is coming to an end. As we prepare for 2024, I would like to share some milestones TASK has met this year.

Our evening programs hosted over 1,600 participants. Activities included bowling, basketball, pickleball, tee ball and softball programs, camps, art classes, our 10th anniversary showcase in our drama program and more.

Our Next Steps program, a day program for adults with special needs, provided daily programming and a sense of community for 18 participants.

We were able to return to in-person fundraisers, thanks to a post-COVID world. We welcomed over 1,200 people to these events. Our programs expanded and we increased our reach, welcoming 210 new participants to TASK.

Improvements were made to the campus and included replacing our parking lot and replacing the gym HVAC system- which was from the original build in the 1990's



LEADERSHIP

STAFF

Jen Pranger
Executive Director

Kortney Price
Program Coordinator

Taylor Andert
Next Steps Teacher

Michelle McClard
Next Steps Coordinator

Kam Schroeder
Office Manager

Linda Hedger
Bookkeeper



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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OUR VOLUNTEERS

TASK is primarily run by dedicated volunteers who support and guide athletes during TASK activities, make-up our Board of Directors and serve on planning committees. Through our volunteers and philanthropic organizations, TASK is a reality.

Many participants at TASK need one-on-one support to participate in an activity. Without volunteer support, our athletes would be unable to participate and find success. Only through having enough volunteers are we able to have enough support for every athlete to reach their goals and achieve their dreams.



2023 BY THE NUMBERS

8,160

VOLUNTEER HOURS
ACCUMULATED IN
2023

423

NUMBER OF
VOLUNTEERS FOR
2023

78

NUMBER OF
ORGANIZATIONS
WHO VOLUNTEERED
(SCHOOLS, COLLEGE
AND
ORGANIZATIONS)

Thank You



OUR FUNDRAISERS

TRIVIA NIGHT
 SPRING CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT
 MUSIC TRIVIA
 LEGACY GOLF TOURNAMENT
 PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

1,200

OVERALL ATTENDANCE AT TASK
 FUNDRAISERS IN 2023



\$251,743

OVERALL PROFITS FROM
 FUNDRAISERS



2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

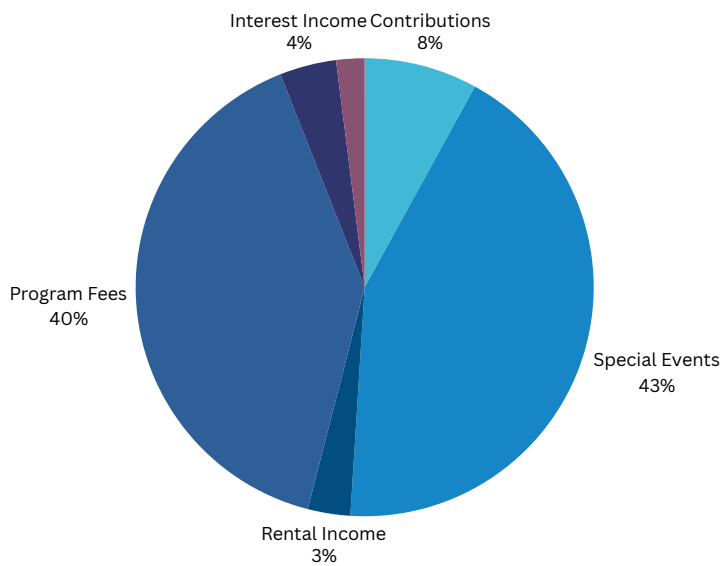
REVENUE

Contributions	\$ 55,309	8%
Special Events	\$ 300,960	43%
Rental Income	\$ 18,088	3%
Program Fees	\$ 281,995	40%
Interest Income	\$ 26,480	4%
Donations in Kind	\$ -	0%
Grants	\$ 15,000	2%
Total	\$ 697,832	100%

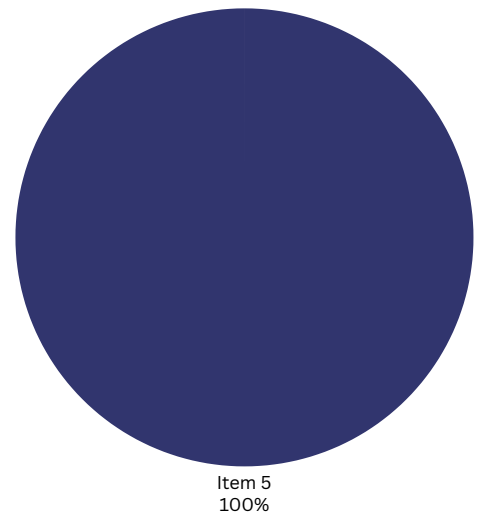
EXPENSES

Program Services	\$ 435,340	78.7%
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 74,326	13.4%
Management & General	\$ 43,362	7.8%
Total	\$ 553,028	100%

REVENUE



EXPENSES



Income in Excess of Expenses:	\$ 144,804
Beginning Net Assets:	\$ 4,691,607
Ending Net Assets:	\$ 4,696,567
Total Liabilities:	\$ 392,114
Total Assets:	\$ 5,088,681





WHAT'S NEXT

GOALS FOR THE FUTURE

AT TASK, we are always looking to the future and how to positively impact the lives of individuals with special needs. Some potential future plans include



Evening Programming

We are looking to add a mini golf and a yoga program, expand the number of attendees in summer camps, continue to upgrade our drama program and team programs.



Staffing

To meet the needs of a growing program, we will need to add additional staff to maintain the current quality of TASK.



Day Programming

With a growing number of eager participants on the waiting list for Next Steps, we are diligently engaging in fundraising efforts and expanding our team, allowing us to welcome even more participants.



Facility

Maintaining our one of a kind facility is a continuous goal. We aim to give our participants the best of everything we can. Including technology, facility upkeep and a clean, safe environment.

THANK YOU DONORS

The following individuals, companies, foundations, and organizations have generously donated to TASK during the 2023 fiscal year. Thank you for your generous support.

\$25,000 +

Branson's Nantucket	Kevin and Susan Knasel	Super Market Merchandising
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\$15,000 - \$24,999

Scott and Angela Ross

\$10,000 - \$14,999

Carney's Kids Foundation	Hussmann Corporation	JoAnn Taylor Kindle
Ross Family Foundation		

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Apex Franchise Holdings,LLC	Stephen and Angela Butz	CliftonLarsonAllen LLP
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Renewal by Andersen	St. Louis Auto Dealers	

\$1,000 - \$4,999

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Cigna	Columbian Charities of Missouri	Commerce Bank (Missouri)
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