



# UNITED ANGELS FOUNDATION

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**2025 ANNUAL REPORT**



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### **Dear United Angels Community,**

As I reflect on 2025, I am filled with deep gratitude for the community that surrounds *United Angels Foundation*. This past year invited us to be thoughtful, intentional, and forward-looking. As our organization continues to grow, 2025 became a year where we paused to ask important questions: ***How do we sustain this work long-term? How do we grow responsibly? And how do we ensure families can continue to count on us—year after year?***

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, sponsors, foundations, members, and community partners, we made meaningful progress toward answering those questions. By diversifying our funding sources through private donors, foundation and municipal grants, and successful community fundraisers like *Walk With Angels*, we strengthened the sustainability of our organization while keeping our programs accessible to every family we serve. Your belief in our mission allows us to grow with intention and stability—without cost ever becoming a barrier to participation.

One area of growth I am especially proud of this year is our expanded summer programming, including the *Summer Learning Program* (formerly known as *Summer Park Days*). Summer can be an isolating and challenging time for families when school-based services and routines disappear. By offering more structured events, learning opportunities, and community connection throughout the summer months, we helped families maintain stability, routine, and meaningful relationships during a season when support is often limited.

Another significant milestone in 2025 was laying the groundwork to expand programming for adults with special needs. Many of the families we serve today have been part of *United Angels Foundation* since our earliest years—nearly 20 years ago. The children who once attended playgroups and family events are now teens and adults, and their needs continue to evolve. Adults with special needs need and deserve high-quality programming that prevents skill regression and isolation while supporting continued growth, independence, and confidence in being a part of their communities.

We also recognize the impact this gap has on parents and caregivers. Watching an adult child lose structure, struggle with isolation, or experience declining mental health can leave families feeling helpless and overwhelmed. Parents need reassurance, community, and programs that support their loved ones in meaningful ways. In 2025, we took intentional steps to prepare for this next phase of our work—testing new ideas, strengthening partnerships, and building a foundation for sustainable adult programming. We are eager to see this groundwork take shape in the years ahead.



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At the heart of everything we do is community. Our members, volunteers, community partners, sponsors, and donors are not simply supporters of *United Angels Foundation*—**you are co-creators of this work.** You show up for families during moments of uncertainty, celebration, transition, and growth, and your compassion fuels every program we offer.

Thank you for walking alongside us as we continue supporting parents and families of individuals with special needs from birth through adulthood. Together, we are building stronger families, more inclusive communities, and a future filled with opportunity and hope.

**With sincere gratitude,**

**Sylvia Lam**

*Executive Director*  
**United Angels Foundation**

## Membership Growth & Early Support

In 2025, we welcomed **162 new families**, bringing our total membership to **2,451 families statewide**.

Many families discover **United Angels Foundation** through our **Angels Among Us** program, designed specifically for parents who have recently received a special needs diagnosis at birth or in early childhood. This program connects new parents with experienced peer mentors who have children with the same or similar diagnoses, providing meaningful social and emotional support during a critical time.

Our core philosophy is simple and deeply held: **the best way to support a child is by supporting their parents and caregivers**. Through *Angels Among Us*, we work toward this goal by equipping parents with the education, resources, and peer support they need to help their families thrive.

As follow-up to our newborn and new diagnosis visits, *UAF* staff work one-on-one with families to connect them to our programs as well as trusted community partners and service providers. We offer guidance on applying for waiver programs, including the Medically Complex Children’s Waiver, and provide follow-up support to ensure families are not navigating these systems alone.

By building strong, informed, and supported parents from the very beginning, *Angels Among Us* lays the foundation for healthier families, stronger advocacy, and long-term success for individuals with special needs.

New Member Families	162
Total Member Families	2,451

*Special thanks to the Masonic Foundation of Utah and the Inter-mountain Community Health Fund for supporting this program.*



## Program Highlights

In 2025, *United Angels Foundation* continued to deliver inclusive, meaningful programs that support families across all ages and stages. We proudly **offered over 100 activities, events and opportunities** to gather, connect and encourage one another.

### All-Ages Art Education

In partnership with the *BYU Museum of Art*, our Van Gogh to Playdough all-ages art classes provided a year-round, inclusive creative experience for the whole family. We are grateful for this continued partnership and the many dedicated volunteers who make this enrichment opportunity possible.

Art Education Participants	288
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### Parent Education Seminars

Educational topics included potty training, self-advocacy, life planning, legislative and federal updates, employment, and financial planning tools such as special needs trusts and ABLE accounts.

Live Attendees	120
YouTube Video Resource Library Views	2,725

*Special thanks to PhRMA for their financial support of this program.*

### PIWI Playgroup (Parents Interacting With Infants)

Our PIWI parenting class is part of **The Pyramid Model**, a nationally recognized framework focused on social-emotional development, early intervention, and strengthening family bonds. This program provides caregivers with tools to support healthy development while building meaningful connections with their children.

Parent/Child Participants	86
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*Special thanks to the Masonic Foundation of Utah for supporting this program and Kids On The Move for providing in-kind use of their facility in both Lehi and Orem for this program.*



### Teen Night & Young Adult Meetup (YAMU)

Teen Night is a social and life-skills program for youth ages 12+. Young Adult Meetup (YAMU) is a continuation of this program for adults ages 18+.

Our in-person activities focus on skill development, independence and strengthening friendships while providing opportunities for leadership and community integration. Virtual meetups focus on social and communication skills.

## Community Events & Activities

Families connected through inclusive, joyful experiences across Utah:

EVENT	ATTD
<b>Classic Skate Community Event</b> (Orem)	<b>205</b>
<b>Spring Carnival</b> (Eagle Mountain) <small>Hosted by the Eagle Ridge Ward and the Lakeview Ward</small>	<b>302</b>
<b>Summer Mini-Camp</b> <small>Supported by a Lindon City PARC Grant</small>	<b>153</b>
<b>Summer Learning Program / Park Days</b>	<b>171</b>
<b>Summer Carnival</b> (American Fork) <small>Hosted by the Manilla Creek 7th Ward</small>	<b>58</b>
<b>Freedom at the Pool</b> (Provo)	<b>221</b>
<b>Summer Carnival</b> (Lehi) <small>Hosted by the Lehi 47th Ward</small>	<b>74</b>
<b>Music &amp; Movement</b> (Lehi & Orem)	<b>38</b>
<b>Halloween Carnival</b> (Eagle Mountain) <small>Hosted by the Silver Creek Ward</small>	<b>157</b>
<b>Adaptive Bike Camp w/ Wasatch Adaptive Sports</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Christmas Party</b> (Provo) <small>Hosted by BYU Y-Serve - Special thanks to Santa Claus</small>	<b>114</b>

<b>Teen Night Participants</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Young Adult Participants</b>	
<b>Virtual Meetups</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>In-person activities</b>	<b>208</b>

Thank you to BYU Y-Serve volunteers for their continued support.

### Transition Consultations

Our Transition Specialist provided individualized education and assistance with SSI, Medicaid, Vocational Rehabilitation, DSPD, guardianship, post-secondary education, and recreational opportunities.

<b>Families Served</b>	<b>112</b>
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## Transition to Adulthood Programs



Special thanks to Orem City (CARE Grant) and the Sorenson Legacy Foundation for supporting these vital programs and Kids On The Move for providing in-kind use of their facility in Orem for these programs.

### 321Go! Health & Wellness Program

Adults with special needs are one of the most underserved populations when it comes to accessible health and wellness opportunities. Many individuals lose structured physical activity, social engagement, and community-based programming once they exit the public education system—often at the very time when lifelong healthy habits become most critical.

In response to this gap, United Angels Foundation launched **321Go!**, a health and wellness initiative designed specifically for adults with special needs by the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS). This program focuses on physical activity, social connection, confidence building, and overall well-being in an inclusive and supportive environment.

We intentionally began 321Go! as a **small pilot cohort of 10 adults** so we could thoughtfully design the program, evaluate outcomes, and demonstrate our ability to deliver meaningful, measurable results. This strategic approach allows us to build a strong foundation, refine best practices, and position the program for future growth.

The pilot program is made possible through partnerships with Pleasant Grove Recreation, It's Cool to Care, and an in-kind donation from NDSS.

As we look ahead, our goal is to use the success and outcomes of this initial cohort to secure additional funding and expand 321Go! to serve more adults with special needs. We are excited about the potential of this program and its ability to promote healthier lifestyles, meaningful connection, and long-term independence within our community.

### Sub4Santa



The holiday season can bring added financial and emotional stress for families raising children with special needs. Through **Sub4Santa**, *United Angels Foundation* provides individualized holiday support to families who need it most—ensuring children are cared for and parents feel supported during a time of year that can be especially challenging.

In 2025, with the generous support of community sponsors, we provided holiday **assistance to 28 families, benefiting 94 children**. Families received essential items such as clothing, school supplies, and household necessities. *UAF* staff worked one-on-one with each family to not only meet immediate needs, but also connect them with additional year-round resources for utilities, internet access, food, clothing, and other critical support.

This program is made possible through the generosity of our sponsors and community partners. We extend our sincere thanks to Green Seed Technologies, A to Z Building Blocks, We All Belong, Kiln #2 Lehi, Qualtrics, Northland Design, Overcoming Every Obstacle, IKEA, and the many generous families (The Crawford Family, The Evans Family, The Galbraith Family, The Knapp Family, The MacPherson Family) and wards (Cedar Hills 8th Ward, Highland 16th Ward, Hobbie Creek 15th Ward) who stepped forward to support our members during the holidays.

Families Assisted	28
Children Benefited	94

*Thank you to UCCU for their financial contributions supporting the administration of this vital program.*

### Walk With Angels



**Walk With Angels** is one of the largest annual gatherings and celebrations for Utah's special needs community. More than just a fundraiser, this event is a vibrant celebration where we **honor individuals with special needs** and recognize the parents, caregivers, family members, and friends who support them every day.

In 2025, **over 900 attendees** came together at Margaret Wines Park in Lehi to share in this joyful, inclusive experience. With **52 teams** and many individual participants, the event **raised \$42,673** to support our year-round programs and services—funding that directly impacts families across the state.

*Walk With Angels* is a time to **promote inclusion, build connections, and advocate for strong communities** where every individual can thrive. Through fun activities, music, and shared experiences, participants of all abilities celebrate achievements, foster friendships, and create memories that strengthen the bonds of our community.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Lehi City for hosting the event and to our dedicated sponsors who make this celebration possible: Green Seed Technologies, REDX, ABS Kids, Albility Planning, Caring Tide, Compassion Mobility, Disruptive Advertising, Jason Fun Magic, Lift Non-Profit, McNeil Printing, MIDICIs Neapolitan Pizza, Little Caesars Utah, RODS Heroes, Ultimate Inflatables, and 801 Promotions.

***Walk With Angels* is a reminder that when we come together, we not only raise vital funds, we also lift one another up—celebrating abilities, honoring support, and building a stronger, more inclusive Utah.**

Attendees	900+
Teams	52
Overall Raise	\$42,673

# Sharetix



Through our continued partnership with **Sharetix**, families **received 863 tickets (valued at \$31,944.45) to 37 events**, providing respite and new experiences for the whole family.

These opportunities provide more than entertainment—they offer families the chance to create memories together, experience new environments, and enjoy moments of connection that can be difficult to access due to financial, sensory, or logistical barriers.

Sharetix reflects our belief that quality of life matters. By increasing access to inclusive cultural experiences and providing meaningful respite for caregivers, this program supports the well-being of the entire family—strengthening connections and enhancing overall resilience.

<b>Tickets Provided</b>	<b>863</b>
<b>In-Kind Value</b>	<b>\$31,944.45</b>
<b>Events</b>	<b>37</b>



## Gratitude to Our Supporters

**Major Donors: Investing in Long-Term Impact**  
At *United Angels Foundation*, we believe that every family deserves access to support, regardless of financial circumstances. To ensure that cost is never a barrier to participation, we rely on the generosity of donors who share our vision and invest in the long-term sustainability of our work.

Our major donors play a crucial role not only in funding programs, but in building a foundation that allows *UAF* to operate efficiently, grow responsibly, and serve more families across Utah. We are deeply grateful for the commitment and trust of these partners.

These partnerships reflect a shared belief in our mission: **that families raising individuals with special needs deserve consistent support, high-quality programs, and the confidence that comes from knowing someone is walking alongside them every step of the way.**

### Donor Spotlight: Green Seed Technologies

Green Seed Technologies is a cornerstone partner of *United Angels Foundation*, providing both financial support and invaluable in-kind services, including marketing, design, videography, and website management. Their commitment helps us operate efficiently, amplify our impact, and ensure families across Utah receive the support they need.

### Donor Spotlight: The Brown Family

The Brown Family’s generous and critical support strengthens *United Angels Foundation*’s long-term sustainability, helping ensure our programs remain accessible and responsive to the needs of families raising children with special needs. Their belief in our mission and trust in our work empower us to grow responsibly while continuing to serve our community effectively.

## Volunteers: The Heart of Our Community

*United Angels Foundation* is profoundly grateful to the hundreds of volunteers who generously share their time, talents, and compassion throughout the year. Whether volunteering at a single event or supporting multiple programs, every contribution makes a meaningful difference in the lives of the families we serve.

We are especially thankful to BYU Y-Serve, Just Serve, local businesses, community groups, and countless individuals and families whose dedication makes it possible for us to run events, provide programming, and maintain the supportive, inclusive community our members rely on.

Your efforts enable children and adults with special needs to experience joy, connection, and growth, and they allow caregivers to access respite, resources, and support. The heart and energy you bring to *UAF* are the foundation of our success.

**Thank you for graciously giving your time, talents, and compassion to United Angels Foundation.**

As we close the chapter on 2025, we celebrate a year of growth, connection, and community. Thanks to our incredible donors, sponsors, volunteers, partners, and members, *United Angels Foundation* has expanded programs, strengthened families, and promoted inclusion for individuals with special needs across Utah. In 2026, we will continue to ensure families are supported, equipped with knowledge, and empowered to advocate for themselves and their loved ones. Together, we will create more opportunities for learning, connection, and joy—building a future where every family feels confident, every individual is celebrated, and our community thrives as one.

**Join us in 2026 as we continue to support, educate, and uplift families across Utah—every step forward is a step we take together.**

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