



ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDING JUNE 2024

**TOUCHING HEARTS,
CHANGING LIVES
TOGETHER**



2024 Reflections

Dear Families,

In the 2023-2024 school year Variety Child Learning Center proudly supported over 900 children and families across Long Island and collaborated with more than 60 school districts. Our partnerships with Island Trees and Syosset school districts for Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) continued to thrive, ensuring quality services for children.

Over the year, we focused on professional staff development, implementing training programs and fostering a culture of collaboration. These efforts aimed to enhance the learning environment for our young learners, providing skilled and nurturing leadership each day.

We launched an initiative to gather employee feedback to improve retention and staffing. The suggestions received, and prudent fiscal management enabled salary increases and other incentives, which have been well-received and contributed to a more positive workplace environment. VCLC recognizes the hard work and dedication of its staff members, and most importantly, the significant role they have in supporting our students.

Generous donations helped in improving classroom spaces and school facilities. One special contribution funded the installation of eight communication boards on playgrounds across the Syosset, Gallow, and Karopczyc campuses, making outdoor play more inclusive for young learners working on their language skills.

We are thrilled to announce the opening of a new campus in East Northport, expanding services further into Suffolk County. Set to open in fall 2025, this new campus at the Bellerose Avenue School will provide preschool and school-age classes to more children in need. We have already received a warm welcome from Northport-East Northport school district and community.

As in the many years before, we remain dedicated to our mission of promoting the development, education, and inclusion of children with or at risk of disabilities, both in the school setting and in the community. This year has been one of growth, innovation, and community support, setting VCLC up for even more success in the years to come!

Sincerely,

Janet Koch

Janet Koch, CEO

About Us

Variety Child Learning Center was founded in 1966 by Judith Simon Bloch. Variety is a not-for-profit school that is chartered by the New York State Board of Regents and regulated by the New York State Education Department (SED), Department of Health (DOH) and the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS).

Ms. Bloch began the school, based on three important principles:

- Early Identification
- Early Intervention
- Parent Involvement

More than 50 years later, these remain the cornerstones of Variety's programs.



Our Mission

We are a variety of families coming together in a loving, diverse, and safe community, learning and growing along the early childhood journey.

Variety Child Learning Center promotes the development, education and inclusion of children with or at risk of disabilities in both the school setting and the community. It is our goal to increase our students' capabilities while reducing stress on families as we provide care, education and other services to their children. Variety also provides training and technical assistance to early childhood professionals and promotes programs, research, and collaborations that improve child development and family life.

Our Motto

"Helping children become the best that they can be."



Our Programs

Over 900 children and their families directly benefit from VCLC's on and off-site programs annually.



Special education, related therapies, evaluations, early intervention, and inclusionary programs are provided for children with learning, language and behavior delays, including autism.

These include:

- Childcare (6 weeks – 5 years)
- Home Program (6 weeks – 8 years)
- Evaluation Center (6 weeks to 8 years)
- Early Intervention (EI) (6 weeks – 3 years)
- Preschool Special Education Classes (3-5 years)
- English Language Learner Preschool Classes
- Related Services (3-8 years)
- Special Education Itinerant Services (SEIS) (3-5 years)
- Special Class in an Integrated Setting (SCIS) (3-5 years)
- Spanish Bilingual Support (3-5 years)
- Universal Pre-K (4 years)
- Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Play Therapy, Speech Therapy
- Creative Arts Therapy: Music, Dance/Movement, & Art
- School-Age Special Education Classes (5-7 years)

VCLC also provides support and education to parents to strengthen the family, including:

- Parent Training
- Parent Education and Support Groups

Training is offered to early childhood professionals year-round through an array of methods, such as:

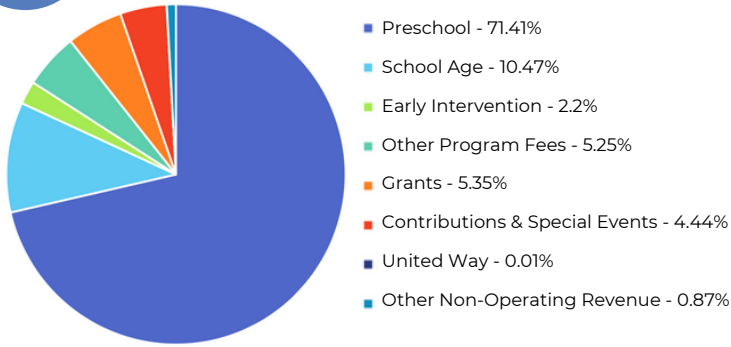
- Professional Development
- Internships
- Consultation



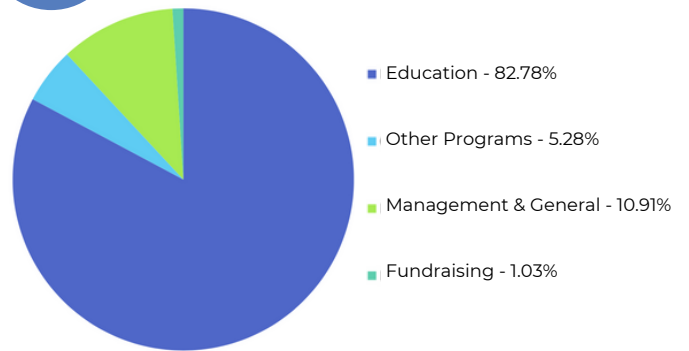
Financials



2023-2024 Revenue: \$25,270,213



2023-2024 Expenses: \$25,253,312



Statement of Revenue & Expenses

Revenue:

Preschool	\$18,045,837
School Age	2,645,104
Early Intervention	556,961
Other Program Fees	1,326,033
Grants	1,352,298
Contributions & Special Events	1,121,039
United Way	3,503
Other Non-Operating Revenue	219,438

Total Revenue \$25,270,213

Expenses:

Education	\$20,903,823
Other Programs	1,334,100
Management & General	2,755,882
Fundraising	259,507

Total Expenses: \$25,253,312



Our Events

Touching Hearts, Changing Lives Together Luncheon

The Touching Hearts, Changing Lives Together Luncheon was held on May 9, 2024, at the Crest Hollow Country Club, honoring Retired, VCLC CEO Janice Friedman and Retired, VCLC CFO Andrea Rieger.

The event included two wonderful speakers, Bradley Pape, VCLC Alumni, and Debra Meyer, a current VCLC parent.

We would like to thank our generous sponsors, and especially Event Sponsors Ralph & Lucy Palleschi Family Foundation and First Long Island Investors, LLC, as well as The Paul L. Martin Charitable Trust. Thanks to your support the event was a huge success and raised over \$120,000.

Boo! Walk

The first annual VCLC Boo! Walk was held on October 6, 2024, at the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park in Oyster Bay. Over 250 participants including VCLC students, alumni, staff, parents and friends came together to walk and raise over \$40,000 to increase awareness of young children with disabilities.

The walk honored proud VCLC Alumni Nicholas Vitulli and Neel Upadhyay.

Special thanks to all of our generous sponsors and in-kind sponsors especially our Event Sponsor, The Paul L. Martin Charitable Trust



Our Locations

Variety Child Learning Center currently operates four locations in Nassau County, with a fifth in Suffolk County opening in 2025.



Variety Child Learning Center

Syosset Campus
47 Humphrey Drive
Syosset, NY 11791

Gallow School
Levittown Campus
72 Farmedge Road
Levittown, NY 11756

Karopczyc School
Levittown Campus
74 Farmedge Road
Levittown, NY 11756

Sparke Elementary School
Levittown Campus
100 Robin Place
Levittown, NY 11756

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THANK YOU

We want to thank our wonderful Board, amazing staff, families, and all of our donors who have supported our efforts throughout the year. Without you, Variety would not be able to continue to provide the exceptional level of services to the hundreds of children and families who walk through our doors each year.



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