



Variety
CHILD LEARNING CENTER

ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDING JUNE 2025

**TOUCHING HEARTS,
CHANGING LIVES TOGETHER**

2025 REFLECTIONS

Dear Families and Friends,

The 2024–2025 school year was one of remarkable growth, community connection, and innovation at Variety Child Learning Center. We proudly supported nearly 1,000 students and families, partnering with more than half of Long Island’s school districts to provide quality education and services to children with diverse learning and developmental needs. Our Universal Pre-K partnerships with the Island Trees and Syosset School Districts continued to flourish, and we were thrilled to expand into Suffolk County through a new collaboration with the Northport–East Northport School District and the opening of our East Northport campus at the former Bellerose Avenue Elementary School. In addition to welcoming new staff, this expansion created opportunities for professional growth and internal transfers, helping to carry Variety’s mission into a new community with fresh energy and vision.

Across all campuses, Variety introduced new programs to enrich learning and strengthen every child’s ability to communicate and grow. Highlights included the STAR (Strategies for Teaching based on Autism Research) Curriculum, universal communication boards in common areas and playgrounds, “Words of the Week,” and AAC training for all staff, ensuring every child has a voice and the tools to succeed.

Our Syosset and Levittown campuses saw exciting new additions this year, including the “FUN” (Functional Life Skills) Room, the “CARE” (Constructive Alternative Regulating Environment) Room, and the Relaxation Station, three specialized spaces designed to help students build independence, strengthen social-emotional and self-regulation skills, and engage in calming, sensory experiences tailored to their individual needs.

This year, we also refreshed our Mission, Vision, and logo to reflect who we are today, honoring our legacy while embracing a future defined by innovation, inclusivity, and purpose. You will see this spirit reflected throughout the pages of this Annual Report, which celebrates the meaningful growth and collective impact of our mission in action. As we look ahead, I am filled with gratitude and optimism. We remain steadfast in our dedication to the education, development, and inclusion of children with varying abilities, both within our schools and throughout the broader community. The hard work and dedication of our staff, together with the generosity of our donors, made this year’s progress possible and continues to inspire the work that will shape our future. Together, we will keep growing, connecting, and Touching Hearts, Changing Lives Together.

With appreciation,

Janet Koch



ABOUT US

Founded in 1966 by Judith S. Bloch, the Pre-Schooler's Workshop (PSW) in Garden City, NY, was the Northeast's first therapeutic nursery school and kindergarten. Built on the power of early intervention and parental involvement, this guiding philosophy continues to shape Variety's programs nearly 60 years later.



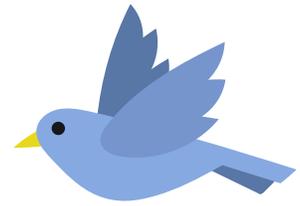
OUR MISSION

At Variety Child Learning Center, we are dedicated to supporting the development, education, and inclusion of children with diverse learning needs. Through collaborative partnerships with families, schools and the community, we provide a variety of services and programs designed to help young learners meet their educational milestones, build life skills, enhance social connections and foster independence. Our mission goes beyond helping children overcome challenges, empowering every child to grow, thrive, and reach their fullest potential with confidence and joy.



OUR VISION

At Variety Child Learning Center, we bring together a variety of families in a caring and secure environment – supporting each child’s growth and development through every stage of early childhood.



OUR PROGRAMS

Nearly 1,000 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 diverse learning and developmental needs.

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: 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



OUR LOCATIONS

SYOSSET CAMPUS

47 Humphrey Drive
Syosset, NY 11791



SYOSSET FAST FACTS

- Opened: 1966
- Capacity: 188 children/students
- Classes: 22 preschool classes including 2 integrated Universal Pre-K classes
- Employees: 195



OUR LOCATIONS

LEVITTOWN CAMPUS

Gallow School

72 Farmedge Road
Levittown, NY 11756



GALLOW FAST FACTS

- Opened: 2014
- Capacity: 142 children/students
- Classes: 8 preschool classes, including 2 integrated classes, child care, and 5 K-2nd Grade Special Education classes.
- Employees: 110



OUR LOCATIONS

LEVITTOWN CAMPUS

Karopczyc School

74 Farmedge Road
Levittown, NY 11756



KAROPCZYC FAST FACTS

- Opened: 2022
- Capacity: 60 children/students
- Classes: 4 integrated Universal Pre-K classes
- Employees: 23

Sparke School

100 Robin Place
Levittown, NY 11756



SPARKE FAST FACTS

- Opened: 2021
- Capacity: 90 children/students
- Classes: 5 Universal Pre-K classes
- Employees: 11



OUR LOCATIONS

EAST NORTHPORT CAMPUS

Bellerose School

253 Bellerose Avenue
East Northport, NY 11731



BELLEROSE FAST FACTS

- Opened: 2025
- Capacity: 86 children/students
- Classes: In September 2025, we welcomed 4 preschool classes, 2 integrated Universal Pre-K classes, and 2 General Education Universal Pre-K classes.
- Employees: 46



OUR EVENTS



TOUCHING HEARTS, CHANGING LIVES TOGETHER LUNCHEON

The Touching Hearts, Changing Lives Together Luncheon was held on May 8, 2025, at the Crest Hollow Country Club, honoring Maryalice Lynch Nazaretian, President of the Employee Benefits Group at SterlingRisk Insurance.

The event included touching remarks from Ashlan and Martin Davis, parents of a Variety Child Learning Center student.

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 \$138,000.



2ND ANNUAL BOO! WALK

The second annual VCLC Boo! Walk was held on October 5, 2025, 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 \$53,000 to increase awareness of young children with diverse learning needs.

The walk honored VCLC students Ronan Bonilla and Luca Pappas, as well as Variety Child Learning Center alum Cecelia Cernilli.

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



FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENSES

Revenue:

Preschool	\$19,417,351
School Age	2,965,451
Early Intervention	175,044
Other Program Fees	1,314,082
Grants	1,180,686
Contributions & Special Events	297,804
United Way	2,724
Other Non-Operating Revenue	151,988

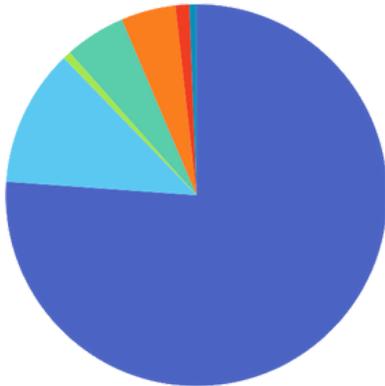
Total Revenue: \$25,505,130

Expenses:

Education	\$21,696,404
Other Programs	961,979
Management & General	3,050,881
Fundraising	201,614

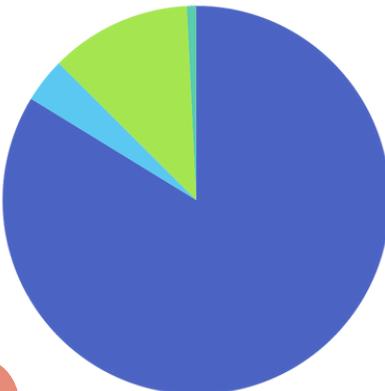
Total Expenses: \$25,910,878

2024-2025 REVENUE - \$25,505,130



- Preschool - 76.13%
- School Age - 11.63%
- Early Intervention - 0.69%
- Other Program Fees - 5.15%
- Grants - 4.63%
- Contributions & Special Events - 1.17%
- United Way - 0.01%
- Other Non-Operating Revenue - 0.60%

2024-2025 EXPENSES - \$25,910,878



- Education - 83.73%
- Other Programs - 3.72%
- Management & General - 11.77%
- Fundraising - 0.78%





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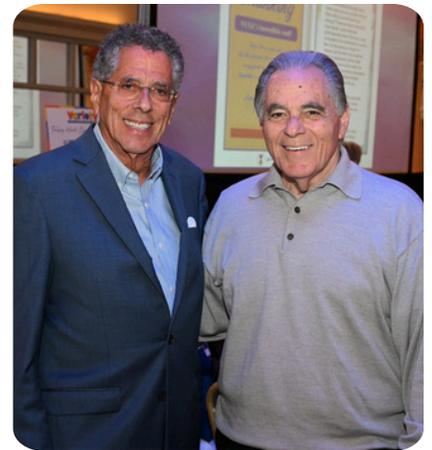


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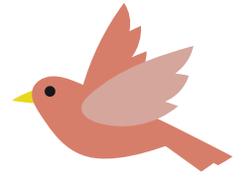
After 34 years as a member and 11 years as Chairperson of the Variety Child Learning Center Board of Trustees, Ralph Palleschi has retired from his role here at VCLC. We would like to thank him for his decades of commitment, generosity and innovation as part of the organization.

During his tenure, Ralph, who also serves as President and Chief Operating Officer at First Long Island Investors, oversaw a number of important initiatives, most significantly a \$2 million capital campaign in 2014, which enabled Variety Child Learning Center to expand and renovate its Syosset campus to better accommodate the needs of even more children.

We will forever be grateful for Ralph's dedication to the children and families, his unwavering support for our staff, and contributions to the community at large.



**Paul Fleishman, Board Chair, and
Ralph Palleschi, Chair Emeritus**



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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