



FY 2022/2023



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\$3,197,291

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As I look back on this past year, I am filled with immense joy and gratitude. Our mission to empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities has never wavered. I continue to be moved by the incredible impact we collectively make on the students, participants, and families we serve.

Together we celebrated many firsts this year—Laradon's first Digital Literacy Program, first transitional living facility off-campus (The Lincoln House), first electric vehicle, first successful volunteer program, and first Globeville Community Gathering. Each of these achievements are a testament to our commitment to our mission.

Laradon's impact extends far beyond our ten acre campus. We have witnessed many success stories of students and participants who have achieved personal milestones, gained independence, and discovered new talents.

None of our accomplishments would have been possible without our dedicated staff, donors, supporters, and volunteers. Thank you for being an integral part of the Laradon family. Together we are not just changing lives, but we are building a brighter, more inclusive world.

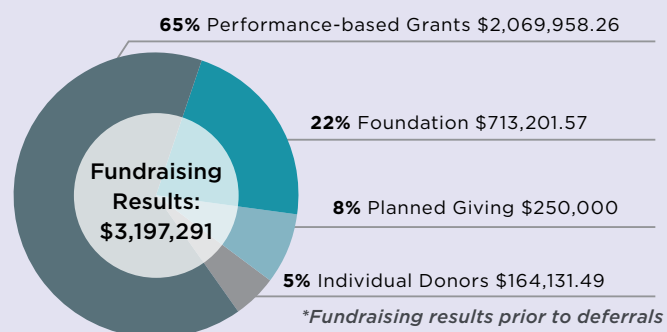
Be kind to one another,

Doug McNeill
CEO, Laradon

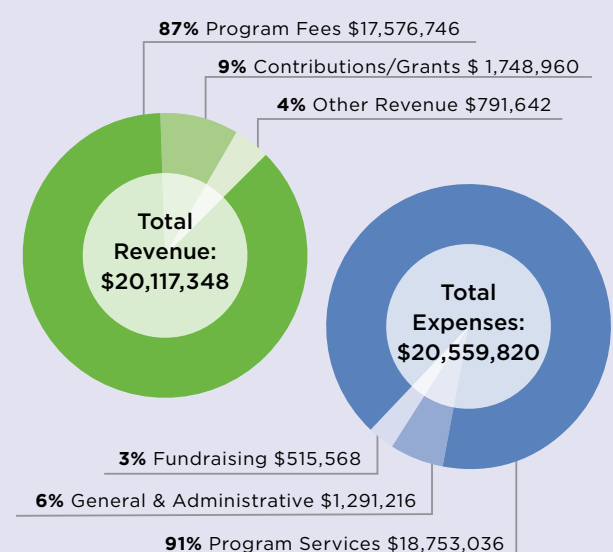
Fundraising & Financials

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Fundraising Results



Laradon Financials



In fiscal year 2022-2023, we served 410 individuals.

(some individuals were served in multiple programs)

YOUTH PROGRAMS:

- 67** The Laradon School (Ages 5-21)
- 15** The Calabrese Youth Center (Ages 11-21)
- 3** The Lincoln House (24 hr. Youth Residential Program) (Ages 11-21)

ADULT PROGRAMS:

- 325** Laradon's Adult Programs (Ages 18+)
- 160** Adult Day/Volunteer Teams
- 73** Employment
- 92** Residential

SUPERHEROES OF EMPOWERMENT: UNMASKING ABILITIES



One by one, you see the faces of the seniors begin to light up as Tinisha passes them and asks for their drink order— some even wave at her from across the room. In March of 2023, Tinisha was hired.

"I really like this place because the people are so nice here," Tinisha shares. Not only has the word of Tinisha's optimism spread quickly throughout the residents but she has also become known as *"one of the best employees"* by her coworkers and boss.

"Here I get along with other people and have a lot of friends," Tinisha says. Helping others originates back to the support she has received from Laradon. Tinisha's adventures with Laradon began in 2015 and she has thrived ever since.

Each stepping stone during her time at Laradon in the Employment Program laid the foundation for her eventual transition into the vibrant world of full-time employment, where she now thrives with confidence at Mountain Vista. **"It makes other people happy when I help them,"** Tinisha shares through a smile.

Tinisha and Laradon continue to change the world. Not with superpowers, but with hearts that know no bounds. And so, the story of Tinisha, the joyful crusader, continues to inspire. Some might even say that in a world filled with heroes, the greatest power of all is kindness and love.

IN A WORLD WHERE HEROES COME IN ALL FORMS, ONE SUPERHERO EXISTS WHO EMBODIES THE TRUE SPIRIT OF RESILIENCE, HARD WORK, AND DETERMINATION.

While this superhero does not possess superhuman strength or the power to fly, she has something even more powerful that she is sharing with the world—compassion.

This is the story of **Tinisha Dinkel**—a participant in Laradon's Individual Employment Program.

Envision this— it's lunch hour at Mountain Vista Senior Center. The residents are freckled throughout the sunlit dining hall, some already munching on the day's special and others catching up in casual conversation over a game of charades. To most, it may seem like just another Tuesday afternoon. But little do they know that in just moments their day will fundamentally shift for the better.

In walks Tinisha confidentially and energetically, with a smile that says, **"I'm ready to make a difference."**

Look what we accomplished in 2022-2023

NOVEMBER 2022

- Doug McNeill wins the coveted title of *Denver Business Journal's Most Admired CEO*
- Laradon hosts the first Globeville Community Gathering supporting the Stella and the Elisabetta communities

DECEMBER 2022

- Laradon is awarded \$862,070 from the Colorado Department of Education Grant. The life-changing grant will support two literacy specialists at the Laradon School

JANUARY 2023

- Laradon kicks off its 75th Anniversary with a \$75,000 donation from the Colorado Elks
- Laradon launches the *Digital Literacy Program*, beginning a new era of providing much-needed technology support to our individuals
- The Laradon Volunteer Program comes alive with the addition of Karla Zelvis as the Volunteer and Special Events Manager

MARCH 2023

- Elizabeth Laird, Clermont Digital Founder and Marketing Consultant, joins the Laradon Foundation Board

APRIL 2023

- Over 100 Daniels Fund Scholars and Alumni roll up their sleeves for a day of volunteering and making a difference at the Laradon School

MAY 2023

- Laradon opens the Lincoln House, an extension of our CYC program, which runs 24 hours for three Laradon teens
- Teach For America volunteers help beautify Laradon's campus with an all-day planting project
- Laradon hits \$127,312 for in-kind gift donations and reaches 370 volunteer hours

JUNE 2023

- Laradon's Adult Day Program hosts the 6th Annual *Legacy Awards*, which honors extraordinary program participants
- Laradon receives its first electric vehicle. Laradon's transportation program is instrumental for our participants to get to and from school, educational outings, and employment opportunities
- The Laradon Foundation raises a record total of \$3.197M
- The Laradon Foundation welcomes Blake Wilson, HUB International Commercial Risk Advisor, to the Foundation Board

ADULT EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Last fiscal year, Adult Employment Services supported 73 individuals.

Adult Employment Services works with

40

different employers across Metro Denver.



OUR MISSION

Laradon empowers children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities

OUR CORE VALUES

INCLUSION

COMPASSION

ADVOCACY

RESPECT

EMPOWERMENT

GET INVOLVED

- Donate
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