

# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

for fiscal year 7/1/17-6/30/18



# See Me For Me

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**Participant Message** 



Everyone wants to feel like they belong and that they are valued in their community. I am thankful to my family and the staff of SNSC for opening closed doors for me and helping me find my own place in our community.

I was born paralyzed with a prognosis of never being able to stand. This year, with practice, courage, and support I built enough strength in my legs to stand. At the SNSC Spring Dance, in the presence of my family and friends, I had my first slow dance.

My SNSC family has changed my whole life and helped me show others that I am more than my disability. With SNSC I have learned resilience, I have developed independence, and I have made rich, lifelong relationships that I know will see me through all stages of my life. I am a hard worker. I am a best friend. I am a dancer. At SNSC, people see me for me.

Happenings Participant

"At SNSC, people see me for me."

### **Mission Statement**

To help children and adults with special needs, and their families, meet their unique challenges through advocacy and program support.



The Special Needs Support Center (SNSC) celebrated 39 years of serving the community this year by becoming stronger financially, operationally and administratively; we have expanded services, achieved fiscal stability, strengthened community connections, and developed staff leadership.

Going into our  $40^{\text{th}}$  year, we plan to continue service improvements as we re-imagine our program delivery models with input and advice from our larger community. These improvements will dovetail with our fall strategic planning session where we will crystalize our mission, vision and goals for the future.

SNSC is about community. SNSC is about you. Whether or not you or a loved one uses our services, we all benefit from SNSC's role in building a more vibrant, healthy, inclusive and caring place to live, work, and play.

Thank you for your ongoing support of and care for our community.

Most sincerely,

Laura & Jo-Anne

Executive Director & Board President

# "SNSC is about community. SNSC is about YOU."



### **Our Solutions**

To help us achieve our mission, SNSC operates six complementary programs that foster independence and empower productive and fulfilling lives.



# "See me as a loving father..."

Every parent wants their child to lead a happy life. We dream about the future, we have hopes that our child will be part of a community, have friends, and enjoy health. As a father of a child with autism, I've questioned my own ability to raise my daughter to fulfill these dreams. The SNSC team encourages and supports my confidence as a parent. With SNSC, I have grown into a better co-parent with my wife and a better father to my daughter. And they have helped our daughter to develop social skills, make friends, and even learn to swim. Thanks to SNSC I have developed grace in fatherhood that otherwise I would never have known.

AGI
Aspire Participant's Father



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my confidence as a parent."

Autism is the fastest growing developmental disorder, yet most underfunded.

Please consider a gift to support FREE family programs like Aspire.



ASPIRE

**Aspire** is a recreation program for children on the Autism Spectrum which is offered regularly throughout the year. Children enjoy activities that encourage development of communication and social skills through modeling and practice. Individualized skills and goals are identified and worked on through group play and exploration in the community.



CONNECTIONS

**Connections** is a 1:1 mentoring program for any child age 6 to 13 who has special needs. In the company of their "big sibs", children involved in the program have opportunities to get out into the community, engage in new activities, and practice their social skills.



SUPPORT & ADVOCACY

Parent Educational Support and Advocacy supports parents and their children in all aspects of the special education and Section 504 process to assist in ensuring that all students have access to a free and appropriate education.



# "See me as part of your community..."

At SNSC I feel happy and independent in our community. Here, I am accepted without judgement. Whether I am creating art work, dancing with friends, or helping Laura with a special project at the office, I always feel like I belong. SNSC has taught me to believe in myself and what it means to be part of the community.

> Rose Happenings and Art Lab Participant



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Safety net programs for adults with disabilities cost an average of \$30,000 per family, per year.

Your gift supports valuable programming for real people like Rose.



**Art Lab** is a weekly art program for adults with special needs implemented in collaboration with the AVA Gallery and Art Center. Artists explore different media with an emphasis on creative self-expression while developing artistic skills and appreciation as



Happenings is a monthly social activities program for adults with special needs. Activities include dances, pizza and bingo, apple picking and other events related to the seasons. This program encourages and sustains strong social networks and friendships.

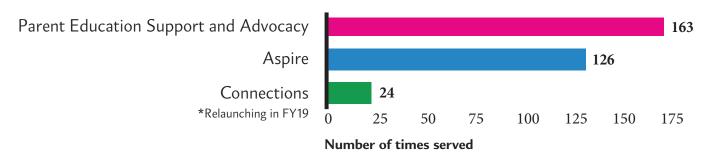


**STAR (Steps Toward Adult Responsibility)** is a group mentoring program for teens who have chronic illnesses. Dartmouth College student provide friendship, support and modeling for the teens. The Dartmouth College students learn about community needs, and develop skills to address these in meaningful community-based ways.

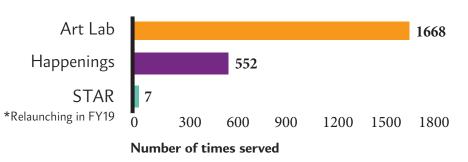


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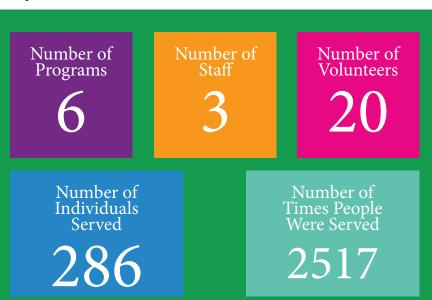
### **Empowering Productive and Fulfilling Lives**



### Fostering Independence



#### By The Numbers





## How participants see us

100% of program participants are highly satisfied with the quality and reliability of our programs.

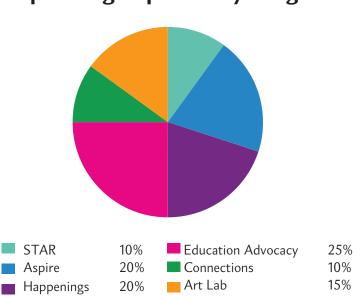
100% of program participants would recommend us to their friends.

100% of program participants feel safe during programs.

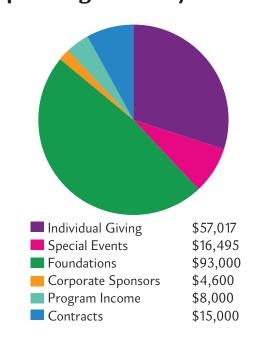
\*Results from 2018 program participant satisfaction survey

| Financial Statement |          |          |  |
|---------------------|----------|----------|--|
|                     | FY17     | FY18     |  |
| Total Assets        | \$28,519 | \$68,991 |  |
| Total Liabilities   | \$17,768 | \$13,523 |  |
| Net Assets          | \$10,751 | \$55,468 |  |

#### **Operating Expenses by Program**



#### **Operating Funds by Source**



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