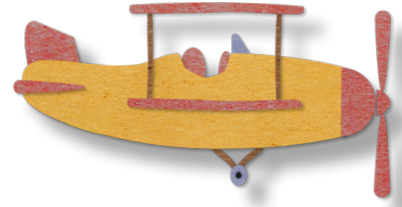




OUR STUDENTS
ARE TAKING *flight*

ANNUAL REPORT
2017-2018
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Dear Friends,



Summer 2018

As we look back on the 32nd year of the remarkable mission of Sisu in action, we find ourselves enlightened by the wonder of children. With a comprehensive education program which celebrates individuality, our students set their sights on the skies and give wings to their minds, flight to their imaginations, and joy to life.

Sisu serves children with disabilities and their typical peers through state-of-the-art educational, therapeutic, nursing, and family support services in an integrated environment. This year, Sisu implemented Creative Curriculum in each classroom. This curriculum is designed so that teachers can adapt or alter their projects and methods of teaching depending on the educational needs of the students in their classroom. One of the themes, “reduce, reuse, recycle,” was implemented this year; each classroom showed their understanding of this theme through songs, performances, and art projects, such as the ingenious cascading water bottle Chihuly that decorated Sisu’s hallway.

Like the students, the Board of Directors at Sisu, Integrated Early Learning also implemented goals to reduce debt and work towards a balanced budget, which may have required some recycling and reusing along the way. But, thanks to the hard work of the board members and members of the committees—strategic planning, board development, marketing, corporate partnerships, and finance—Sisu was not only able to reach the goals of reduced debt and strive for a balanced budget, but able to focus on Quality Rated readiness, the implementation of a Georgia Pre-K Inclusion classroom, and make changes to increase those served through therapy services.

The hard work of the staff at Sisu made way for purposeful efficiencies. This year, the school began enrollment through an online application in March 2018. For the first time in its history, the school had over 160 students enrolled for the upcoming 2018-19 academic year before the end of May.

Finally, after the rebranding initiative last year, Sisu is happy to report that the new name did not change the stride of Sisu’s fundraising activities. This year, Sisu hosted its inaugural Trivia Night fundraiser at the Innisfree Barn. Two Atlanta Falcons alumni joined us as we ate pizza and wings and challenged our minds. Additionally, since June 2017, Sisu has written grants for dance-movement therapy, health services, therapy equipment, financial assistance for families, and classroom toys. Sisu’s fundraising needs and activities can almost be as busy as a day at Hartsfield-Jackson International airport!

We are grateful for the support from our peers, foundations, and benefactors who drive our success as an organization and aid us as we set our sights upon new horizons in serving children.

Sincerely,

Ralph Brooks, Jr., Co-Chairman

Alan Schuetze, Co-Chairman

Mission: To serve children with disabilities and their typical peers through state of the art educational, therapeutic, nursing and family support services in an integrated environment.

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Accreditation & Licensing



Services

283
children served*

9,649 nursing
interventions**



4,973 planned interventions
(medication distributions, tube feedings)



4,676 unplanned interventions
(ranges from boo-boos to medical transport to hospital)

6,724 therapy
sessions***



(occupational, speech, dance-movement, physical, musical, pet)



172 clinical nursing students
from 33 counties across
Georgia



517 volunteers****
with 5,614 hours of service



1,282 visitors toured Sisu's halls



*compared to 259 students 2016-17.
**compared to 7,415 nursing interventions 2016-17.
***compared to 3,822 therapy session 2016-17.
****compared to 456 volunteers 2016-17.



Financial Support



\$670,000+

in financial assistance
to families

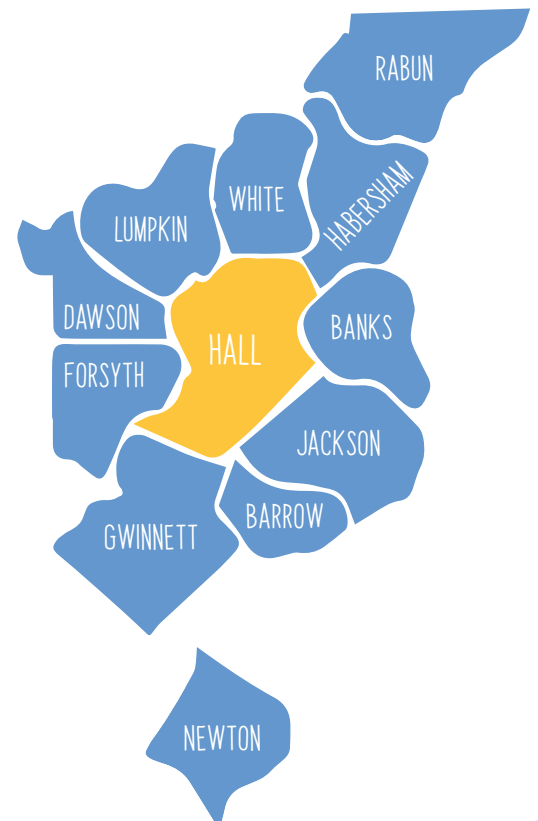


30 grant proposals written



20 grants received

Service Area



Community Partnerships

3D Life
All Inspired Boutique
Armstrong University
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BP Oil
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University of North Georgia
University of Vermont
Vision 2030
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Zion Hill Baptist Church



- 1 Honoring the memory of Despy Foley at Festival of Trees 2017.
- 2 Greater Hall County Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting to celebrate the rebranding of Sisu.
- 3 Alumnus, Benjamin Caron, honored Sisu with his Eagle Scout project — landscaping and a beautiful flagpole!
- 4 “Publix Serves Day” volunteers assembled bookshelves at Sisu.



- 5 Thank you Carroll Daniel Construction & New South Construction for inviting Sisu to the topping out party at Lanier Technical College.
- 6 Sisu’s Creative Curriculum “Butterfly Release Day” was filled with lots of wonder and excitement.
- 7 Thanks to Clipper Petroleum for their generosity at “Top off for Sisu”!
- 8 University of Vermont students travelled to Sisu for their alternative spring break — our kiddos fell in love!

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Trivia Night

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*NGCF=North Georgia Community Foundation

**NCF=National Christian Foundation

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