



TRAILWAYS CAMPS, INC.

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Forward ...

Annual Report 2024/2025

VISION

We envision
a community of
uniquely created
individuals in
relationship with
one another.



MISSION

Enabling adults with
special needs, and
those who care for
them, to grow their
social, emotional and
spiritual relationships.

Still Filling In Void Spaces ...

According to the Florida Department of Education, 1,618 young adults exited special education programs in Lee, Hendry, Glades, Charlotte, and Collier Counties in 2023/2024. As they transition into full-time community life, they faced significant challenges.

Limited Services: Job carving, training, placement, and Day Activity provider services are scarce, resulting in inadequate support.

Limited socialization opportunities: Many adults with special needs are excluded from clubs, churches, and community programs due to insufficient transportation or one-to-one support services.

Caregiver Strain: Family caregivers often experience burnout, as overnight respite and other support systems can be expensive. They are frequently not counted in community-wide databases that feed resource planning.

Trailways Camp IS Filling The Void – creating BRIDGES!

- For Adults with special needs – because participation in healthy living activities is experienced.
- For Caregivers – because overnight respite refreshes and enables healthy living.
- For specialized service providers –because they are seeking solutions to service gaps.
- For Community partners – stretching tight budgets.

New “Joyful Spirit” Academy Members for 2025



2025 Highlights

- Relationship with Riverside Retreat remains secure into the future
- Chamber Led Ribbon Cutting – First Trailways Camp Office
- Raising Awareness Project Launched
- Volunteer Command Center Launched
- 2026-2028 Strategic Plan Adopted
- UNITED WAY Lee, Hendry & Glades 2025 Partner Agency
- Community Networks Grew
- Golisano Grant to increase Operations/Outreach Capacity
- Outreach to underserved locations and age groups initiated
- Four Successful Camp Sessions at Riverside Retreat
- Successful First Fundraising Event– Annual Charity Trailways Golf Tournament
- Initiated Artistic Creations Program
- Camper, Family, Staff and Volunteer Satisfaction Goals Met
- 100% of Campers, Caregivers, Staff, and Volunteers expressed a desire to return
- Unduplicated Number of Campers, Units of Service delivered, and volunteer hours grew
- Successful “ I Am Special” Decade Celebration on Sanibel
- Established and filled Executive Director position
- Memorandum of Agreement with STARability Foundation
- Sanctuary Foundation sponsored addition of Camp on Sanibel for Spring 2026
- 50K Match Campaign in partnership with Grampy’s Charities
- Platinum rating on Guidestar
- Expenses \$377,070.
Cumulative Fund Balance \$35,093

Service Impact



2026 Goals

- Maintain Outcome Satisfaction levels
- Maintain Health and Safety Outcomes
- Increase Number of campers from underrepresented locations and age groups
- Reduce Returnee Waiting Lists
- Increase Caregiver Respite opportunities
- Increase Staff capacity to support Program Operations

We invite you to join us.



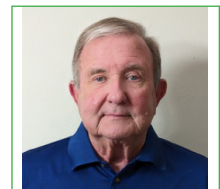
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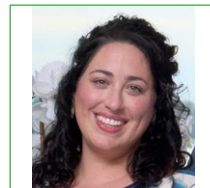
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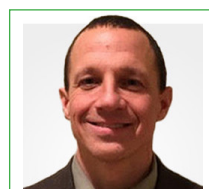
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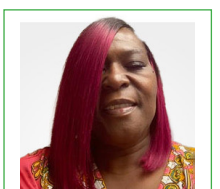
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Giving Considerations

There are many ways to support the unmet needs of adults with disabilities and their families.

Trailways Camps now has Platinum Transparency Status from Guidestar, a public charity that presents comprehensive information ratings about nonprofits in the United States.

Gifts of Appreciated Securities

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Over 72 years of age?

Please consider a donation as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) as a direct transfer of funds from your IRA. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distribution (RMD) as long as certain rules are met. Please consult your tax advisor. Call 512-784-3879.

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If you share in the same passion, please consider a legacy gift from your estate. Whether a one-time donation or an endowed gift to last in perpetuity or your chosen duration, the philanthropy professionals at Trailways Camp, Inc. in your will or estate plans.

Gifts in Kind

So many businesses in our community have donated their services, products and talent. We are so grateful to our Special Supporters. Have something to give? We'd love to include you.

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- Donations to support camper scholarships, program growth, and celebration events; by credit card visit <https://www.trailwayscamps.org/give/>. A copy of our Major Gifts Policy is available upon request.
- To donate by personal check or QCD distribution send to: Trailways Camps, Inc., c/o Sharon or Jerry Miller
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