



2020 – 2021 Annual Report

# EVER

No child is

turned away,

#### and there is

## NEVER

a charge for our services.

Dear AIM Friends and Supporters,

This past year, December 2020 – November 2021, has been the most challenging in the history of AIM for the Handicapped. Our mission is to provide the AIM Method to anyone needing us and do so at no charge. For the past 60 years, we have done just that. 2020 brought Covid–19 into all our lives, uprooting our services completely. All schools were closed, we could not train new teachers, and our building was closed.

What do we do? Our children regress quickly when AIM is stopped. After two weeks being closed our dedicated and caring staff met and forged ahead with a plan to see that every child, every person that needed us, would be helped. Schools were contacted, and we were met with excitement. ZOOM classes would be available to all our schools if the teachers wanted us. The answer was YES! From that moment on, AIM was being taught, via ZOOM, to all our schools as well as the children who came to the AIM Building. All our AIM children would have AIM! Not ideal, but we were there!

Our people continued their support, and we thank you! To my wonderful, dedicated staff, you are magnificent! To the parents and children, we were there for you this

past year and pledge to always be there. All we want is to see that these kids' lives are made easier and better.

Proudly Summited,

Dr. Jo A. Geiger Founder & National Executive Director



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#### FINANCIALS

Statement of Financial Position		
	Cash and Investments -	\$1,579,319
	Net Fixed Assets -	\$95,699
	Total -	\$1,675,018
Liabilities and Net Assets		
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	<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b> Current Liabilities -	\$317,426
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"Aidan has significantly improved in being engaged with other people. He also has improved flexibility, upper body strength, coordination, and balance. Aiden has always looked forward to going to AIM and has had a wonderful relationship with all of his AIM instructors, who have kept me updated on his progress with encouraging words about the progress he made each AIM session. Thank you, Dr. Jo and all the staff and supporters of the AIM program! I am eternally grateful for the opportunity that Aidan has to participate in AIM for 15 years, starting as a child with lost language verbally and nonverbally affecting and contributing to some severe behavioral challenges." - Denise T. "Penelope often shuts down and lacks engagement when asked to do more challenging or coordinated movements at home or in therapy or recreational setup. She rarely hesitates at AIM, and she follows through more with directions here. She truly looks forward to the program. I see she is more engaged and follows directions more so than in her typical OT or PT sessions. She does love the music! I like seeing her attempt more coordinated movements as well."







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To Whom It May Concern,

Over the years, AIM for the Handicapped has paired with our teachers at Primary Village North to provide our youngest learners with new opportunities to grow. The Aim for the Handicapped staff teaches a 30 minute session each week, to each class. During these sessions, the children are learning how to improve their fine and gross motor skills, focus, following directions, as well as balance and coordination. The four-level movement program accommodates each individual child and is done to music that the children love.

Our students are not only eager to see the new activities they get to learn each session, but are also motivated to challenge themselves to move up to the next level. The children can often be found singing the movement songs, learned through AIM, throughout the day. During AIM sessions, we see our students' attention, participation and body awareness increase. The lasting impact the AIM staff and the skills learned have on our students is endless. It is truly amazing to see students' abilities and confidence progress as the AIM sessions continue throughout the year.

AIM has been a wonderful partnership with our school and community. The staff does an amazing job building rapport with each individual student and teacher. The staff is very accommodating to make sure every child is included. During the 2020-2021 school year, the AIM for the Handicapped staff went above and beyond by continuing our sessions via zoom during Covid. We would highly recommend AIM for the Handicapped to any Elementary School or Early Childhood Learning Center.

Please feel free to contact either of us with any questions.

Mary Smith Preschool Teacher Primary Village North

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Of Greater Dayton at the Charles D. Berry Center

September 30, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to recommend Adventures in Movement (AIM). As a partner of United Rehabilitation Services (URS), AIM has provided years of engagement through exercise in a fun format for our individuals with disabilities and special needs of all ages.

When the pandemic prevented our partners from physically meeting with our classes, AIM diligently worked to create an alternative method to continue their services. They began ZOOM meetings, first with our adults in June of 2020 and later on adding three more meetings for our infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. The AIM leader of each meeting finds ways to engage every age group, using materials already on hand at URS, like pool noodles and balloons that the clients can use during the meeting. AIM has also been patient and open to feedback, making changes to the meetings to better serve our clients.

The ability to incorporate AIM in the weekly schedule at URS has added diversity and movement at a time when physical and mental activity is imperative to the health and wellbeing of our clients. Without this service, our clients would have far less engagement with the outside would since traditional activities, like field trips, are highly unlikely to occur until the pandemic is over. I recommend AIM's services. If you'd like to talk with me further about this, feel free to call me at (937)853-5430.

Sincerely,

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Lora Davenport Volunteer Services Specialist United Rehabilitation Services









The number of kids in schools from December 2020 to May 2021

521

The number of kids in schools from August 2021 to November 2021

859

While COVID restrictions left us grasping for ways to get AIM to the individuals that need us, we became more determined. With a bit of flexibility and ingenuity from AIM staff, school teachers, and facility administrators, we reached a significant number of individuals, many through ZOOM.

> The total number of individuals that received AIM

1,620

The number of individuals in facilities

180

The number of kids receiving AIM at the AIM Training Center

The total number of times individuals received AIM

34.435

## Want to help?

### **Be an advocate**

Tell your friends and family about AIM for the Handicapped, Inc. and ask them to support our mission to help every individual reach their highest protentional. Follow us online and share our social media posts, on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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## **Become a Volunteer**

We are re-opening our doors to caring volunteers to come work with our kids at AIM for the Handicapped, Inc. in our Nancy Lopez Training Center. Each AIM session is only 30 minutes long.

Reach out to Melanie Walden, Education Director, for more information at (937) 294-4611 or email her at mwalden@aimforthehandicapped.org

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