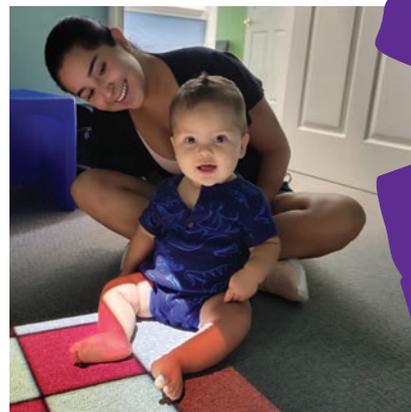




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1983

Lekotek of Georgia incorporates and receives its 501 (C)(3) status.

1984

Lekotek receives space in the basement of Easter Seals and seed money from The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta.

1986

Apple donates 3 computers and innovative technology is integrated into play sessions.

1987

Summer computer camp is conducted for the first time.

2000

Lekotek receives The Award for Excellence from Community Health Charities of Atlanta.

2008

Lekotek partners with Georgia Tech's Rehabilitation Engineering Lab and Tech students create accessible play materials.

2010

Lekotek uses educational iPad apps and loans iPads.

2011

Lekotek receives an Inclusion Champion Award from The Mitsubishi Foundation.

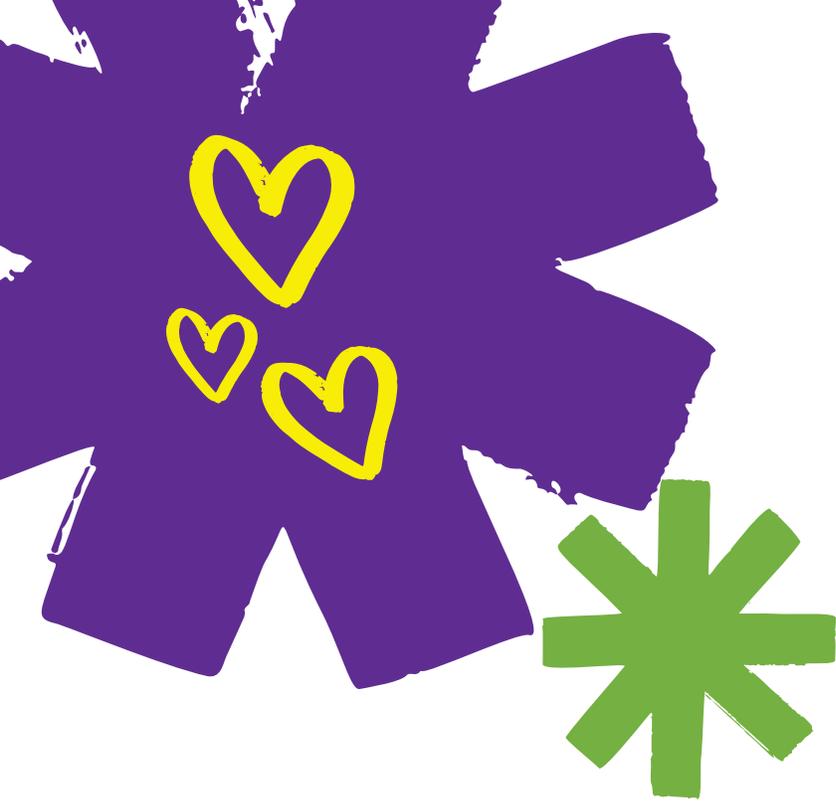
2024

Lekotek partners with The 2024 Georgia Symphony Orchestra for families to attend sensory friendly concerts.

2025

Lekotek wins Gas South's Impact Investment Award and receives \$100,000.





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1991

Lekotek's first satellite opens at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta's Rehab Center in Duluth, GA.

1992

Lekotek holds its first major special event, The Lekotek Run, now in its 33rd year.

1995

Lekotek initiates a computer loan program.

1996

Lekotek begins Computer Club for youngsters who "graduate" from play sessions.

2017

Lekotek receives a Martin Luther King Award from The Rollins School of Public Health and Goizueta Business School.

2021

Lekotek receives Charity Navigator's rating of Platinum Transparency.

2022

The Doug Flutie Foundation sponsors Get Air playdates.

2023

Lekotek celebrates its 40th anniversary, with innovative program services at its main center and 5 satellite centers.





A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WHAT'S MY WHY



A few months ago, a dad whose family benefited from Lekotek years ago happened to be at the office park where our main center moved five years ago. He noticed our sign and walked in. We spoke about his family, and I was delighted to hear how well his daughter, Caroline, was doing. She was born with hemiparesis, causing muscle weakness on one side of the body. As a result, she has never used her right hand, and her right foot has limited feeling. Following his visit, he sent this email:

Wow, congrats on more than 40 years of service to incredible people who have challenges in life way above our ordinary issues. A new toy borrowed for a while and a fun learning experience bring joy to the child and to parents whose hurt and pain never end. And when the child excels at a new skill, they're encouraged to tackle the next challenge. Today, at age 30, Caroline skis blues and greens in Colorado, rides a bike, hikes miles of long trails, swims, drives a car with her left foot and hand, and works full time. You have made a difference in our lives and countless others.

When we talked, David mentioned that his “why” is Caroline. And I began to think, “What is my ‘why’?” The answer I arrived at: To alleviate the “hurt and pain that never ends” for a parent, grandparent, brother, or sister while helping kids like Caroline succeed in life. For the more than 40 years that I have led Lekotek of Georgia, I have been grateful for making a difference in the lives of all the Carolines and dads, moms, siblings, and grandparents who became part of the Lekotek family.

Helene Prokesch
Founder and Executive Director



“
LEKOTEK HAS DONE
FAR MORE FOR ME,
THAN I HAVE
FOR IT.
”

— HELENE PROKESCH

THE POWER OF PLAY

Lekotek of Georgia is unique in helping all children learn through play. While children with disabilities spend countless hours at therapy and doctors' appointments, it's important they have time to play just like any other child. At Lekotek, toy, computer and iPad adaptations equalize the playing field making it possible for every child to experience the joy of play and learn along the way. As our Lekotek leaders (teachers) create opportunities for success, children develop confidence and self-esteem. When Lekotek "graduates" go on to college and workplaces, the success they've found at Lekotek creates the self-assurance they need in their young adult lives.

THE POWER OF LEKOTEK

Lekotek envisions a world where children with disabilities are included and empowered through play. Our mission is to facilitate the inclusion of children with disabilities into family, school and community life by providing accessible play, adapted toys, innovative technology, information and resources. Since 1983, Lekotek has made a difference for more than 7,650 children and families. Children receiving services have a wide range of disabilities. These include autism, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, Down syndrome, hearing and vision impairments, spina bifida, cognitive delays, speech delays and rare genetic disorders. Participants include families of all races and religions with varied economic and social backgrounds. While annual dues are minimal, no family is denied services due to their inability to pay. Without geographic restrictions, families from 50 Georgia counties currently benefit from Lekotek programs.

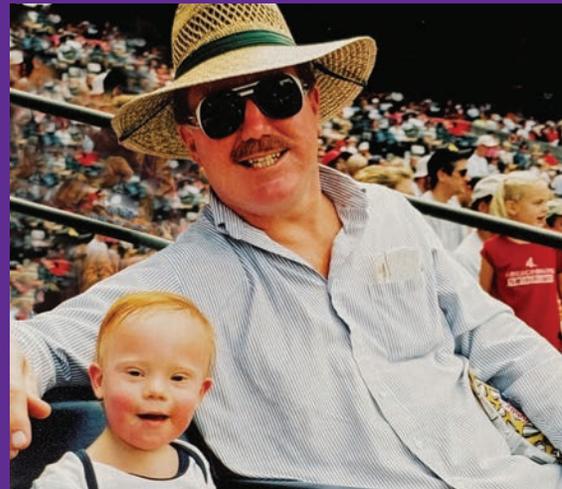
LEKO-WHO, LEKO-WHAT?



"Lekotek" is a made-up Swedish word meaning play library. Originating in 1963, in Stockholm, Sweden, Lekotek was the concept of two moms whose children were born with disabilities. They were advised to place their children in residential settings. Instead, they were determined to make inclusion a goal for their children. They created Lekotek, believing that toy adaptations and accessible play would facilitate inclusion among siblings and family members. At Lekotek, parents are welcomed with encouragement and a listening ear. When families visit, they are provided with leading edge technology, information and referrals to valuable resources.

Following hour-long play/learning sessions, families borrow adapted toys, iPads, computers, input devices and software, designed to meet the individual needs of their child. Lekotek leaders have backgrounds in special education, child life, recreation, physical, occupational and speech therapy. During a play session, they select toys, software and iPad applications designed to improve weaknesses while strengthening abilities. Unlike typical therapies, parents, siblings, grandparents, cousins, and even aunts and uncles participate in play sessions.





MAKING AN IMPACT

MEET RICKY RASCHKE – ONE OF LEKOTEK'S SUCCESS STORIES

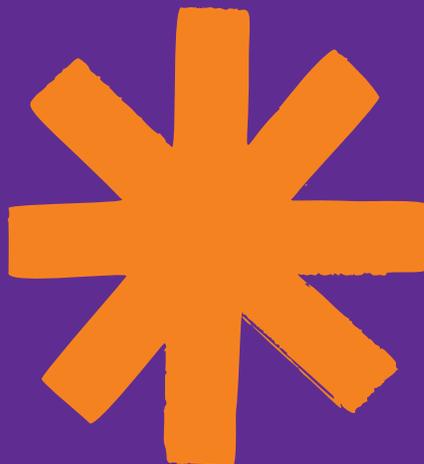
Ricky Raschke is a Lekotek of Georgia success story. Ricky, who has Down syndrome, began his relationship with us in 2001. At 18 months, Ricky began play sessions and his family borrowed developmentally appropriate toys to facilitate learning. For the next two decades, with the guidance of Lekotek leader Lisa Nevitt, he would continue to enjoy Happy Tails pet therapy, Leko-music, summer camp, the annual Zoo Day, the Pumpkin Patch outing, fishing and rafting trips, and the Halloween and Holiday parties. "These great events, with Lisa's constant encouragement and unwavering enthusiasm for Ricky's success, were essential in his maturing into the multi-faceted young man he has become," says his mother, Linda.

Ricky became an Eagle Scout and attended Wheeler High School in Cobb County, where he played percussion in the marching band. He continued his education in the county's transition program and The Academy at Tommy Nobis Center, which offers vocational training. That led to his dream job.

Like his mother, Ricky has long been a passionate fan of baseball — and especially the Atlanta Braves. Linda claims that ball was his first spoken word. He continues to play Buddy Baseball at Sandy Springs Youth Sports where he started at the age of eight. "We went to Turner Field many times and in recent years attended games at the new Truist Park. He just loves his baseball," Linda says. So, it was a dream come true when Ricky was hired to be a gate greeter at Truist Park for the Braves' home games last season. He will continue to welcome fans to the stadium again next year.

Lekotek has played an integral role in contributing to Ricky's accomplishments, and inclusion in the workplace and community. According to his parents, Rick and Linda, Lekotek's unique approach to help all children develop cognitive, physical and social skills through play works. "We appreciate the support that Lekotek has provided our son in his journey." (In the photo above Ricky is with the Cobb staff, Kelly, Lisa and Faydra at Truist Park.)

“
WE'LL NEVER
BE TOO OLD TO
PLAY AT
LEKOTEK.
”





100%

Percent of families who play together more often because of Lekotek

96%

Percent of children who have developed cause and effect, problem solving, social, language, cognitive, literacy or motor skills

LEKOTEK FAMILY SURVEY OUTCOMES



94%

Percent of families who feel less isolated and more connected to their community because of Lekotek

99%

Percent of families who feel more comfortable participating in community activities with their children

95%

Percent of children who have developed increased self-esteem because of Lekotek

100%

Percent of families who do not feel judged at Lekotek





TOY/COMPUTER/IPAD LENDING LIBRARY

Lekotek's toy/technology inventory is comprised of more than 5,000 select toys, software programs, websites, adapted keyboards, joysticks, trackballs, computers and iPads with educational applications. From rattles and drums to touch windows and adapted keyboards, seeing, hearing, and touching make it possible for children to master skills. During play sessions, Lekotek leaders model the creative use of select toys and computer equipment to meet each child's unique needs. All are loaned following the play session for families to create a playful and educational environment at home.



UNIQUE & DIVERSE PROGRAM SERVICES

Computers and software, iPads and applications are possibly the most powerful toys in Lekotek's inventory. As the community has become aware of Lekotek's need for equipment, individuals and corporations have donated iPads and computers. These are used at our six centers and loaned to families. Before the family borrows the computer or iPad, the Lekotek leader customizes it to meet the child's individual needs, and the parent receives training on how to use the adapted input devices, software and apps. More than two hundred computers have been loaned. Replicating this model, more than sixty families have had the opportunity to borrow iPads with applications to meet their child's needs. Both loan programs provide opportunities for children with disabilities to experience technology and its benefits.

COMPUPLAY

The Compuplay program is designed to meet the needs of children between the ages of 2 and 18. Youngsters and parents enjoy one-hour technology sessions using appropriate computer input devices, websites and iPad apps. Staff-written software with large icons makes it possible for children with visual impairments and fine motor delays to use the programs. Staff members model the use of visual and auditory scanning games for children who are visually or hearing impaired. With an array of color, graphics, music, and sound prompts, these programs make it possible for every child to experience success.



Hardware options include an eye gaze system, adapted joysticks, touch screens, adapted trackballs, and switches - large buttons interfaced with mice adapted by our staff. The button simulates the mouse click. An eye gaze system allows the child to use a computer just by looking. A camera affixed to the computer tracks the child's pupils. And just by looking, the child is able to direct the cursor. With innovative technology, children are reading, writing stories, playing music, learning math concepts, word processing and problem solving as they interact with siblings at home and peers in school.

MUSIC CLASSES, PLAY DAYS AND FAMILY EVENTS

Music classes are conducted quarterly. Using instruments and movement, children learn to follow directions and interact with family members. Family playdates are conducted throughout the year and include music, Happy Tails and CAREing Paws animal-assisted therapy, arts and crafts, Easter egg hunts, and activities in the community. Family events include annual visits to state parks, children's museums, the pumpkin patch, zoo, and attending professional baseball, basketball and soccer games. With support from Lekotek, families who might be hesitant to participate in community events now enjoy all that Atlanta has to offer, just like any family.

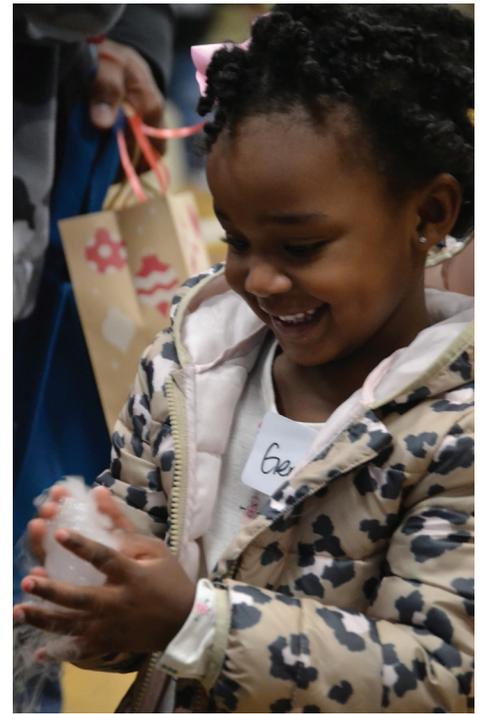


SUMMER COMPUTER CAMP

Lekotek offers an annual four-week summer computer camp for children between the ages of 4 and 13. Children with disabilities are asked to invite a sibling or friend to participate with them. State-of-the-art technology equalizes the playing field, making it possible for everyone to participate together.

RESOURCE LIBRARY

Through Lekotek's resource library, parents have an opportunity to borrow books, magazines, periodicals, and videos on a wide variety of disability-related topics. Siblings and grandparents can also check out materials. In addition, Lekotek's website provides parent resources, information and staff recommended apps and educational websites.



COMPUTER CLUB

Computer Club was initiated for Lekotek “graduates” who at age 9 graduate from play sessions with their parents to club with friends. Youngsters above the age of nine, who previously have not participated in Lekotek play sessions, are also welcome. Just as typical adolescents and teens participate in clubs, Computer Club provides opportunities for our youngsters to socialize and belong to a club. Following computer activities, everyone enjoys dinner and birthdays are frequently celebrated at Computer Club.

LEKOPALS

LekoPals is a unique social program for teens with disabilities ages 15 and above. Lekotek staff and peer volunteers facilitate fun activities that include computer games, bowling, and age-appropriate outings. Atlanta area high school and college students volunteer as peer mentors at both LekoPals and Club. Few programs like Lekotek Club and Pals exist for children with disabilities in this age range. Both were initiated in response to parents expressing a need for these services.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP AND LEKOTEK SIBSHOPS

Lekotek leaders conduct our monthly parent support group and quarterly sibshops. Guest speakers share information to help parents navigate the world of disabilities. Frequently, parents are at different stages of their journey and can share valuable information with each other.

Brothers and sisters, who have the longest relationship with the person with special needs, have much to offer each other. The Sibshop model intersperses information and discussion with ice-breakers, fun games, and computer activities. Sibshops are not therapy, although their effect may be therapeutic. Lekotek’s Sibshop program is certified through the Sibling Support Project at the University of Washington.

TRAINING PROGRAMS

Lekotek is well respected in Georgia and throughout the country for its expertise in disabilities, inclusion, toy and technology adaptations. Agencies, professionals, and parents benefit from staff conducted workshops on these topics. (The bottom right photo was taken at the Gainesville Lekotek where staff conducted a workshop on adapted toys and technology to Occupational Therapy Students from Brenau University.)





PARTNERSHIPS & RESOURCES

COLLABORATION WITH ORGANIZATIONS AND SCHOOLS

Happy Tails, a nonprofit animal-assisted therapy organization, visits Lekotek regularly. Their volunteers have pets that have completed obedience and specified training. Partnering with The National Park Service and Chattahoochee Nature Center, Lekotek conducts boating, fishing and rafting trips. Lekotek also works closely with statewide Babies Can't Wait, Georgia P.I.N.E.S. (a state-wide program for children with sensory disabilities), FOCUS (Families Of Children Under Stress), Parent to Parent, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, The Marcus Autism Center, The Center for the Visually Impaired, The Auditory Verbal Center, The Kyle Pease Foundation, The Down Syndrome Association, therapists, physicians, and teachers at public and private schools. These agencies refer families to Lekotek knowing we occupy a unique niche in the lives of children with disabilities.

To promote disability awareness, Lekotek staff conduct workshops on toy adaptation and assistive technology to therapists, teachers, and students of all ages. During Disability Week in Georgia, Lekotek leaders visit elementary schools providing opportunities for children without disabilities to use adapted toys and technology.

Lekotek partners with Georgia Tech's Rehabilitation Engineering Lab whose students create solutions for individual children. For example, Tech students created a customized arm support for a little girl who could not hold her arm up so she could operate the computer or iPad. In addition, Lekotek's staff conducts a 2-hour course, each year, for students at Georgia State's Speech and Language Graduate School, Occupational Therapy students at Brenau University and Occupational Therapy Assistant students at Chattahoochee Technical College. Many of these students then volunteer at Lekotek's annual summer computer camp, Computer Club, Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Party and Holiday Party. For the first time, this year, Lekotek accepted doctoral occupational therapy students from Georgia State. We look forward to welcoming new interns each year.

PUBLICATIONS, WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

To maintain contact with families, donors, volunteers and professionals throughout the country, Lekotek publishes a newsletter distributed to more than 2,500 readers with information on Lekotek news, adapted toys, innovative technology, a guest editorial, profiles of Lekotek families and sponsor acknowledgments. Parents and professionals can learn about our services by visiting our website (www.lekotekga.org), Facebook (www.facebook.com/lekotekga) Instagram and LinkedIn pages. These sites are linked to additional resources. Families, donors and friends can learn about upcoming programs and special events through our social media.

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WE NEVER WOULD
HAVE TRIED RAFTING.
OUR CHILD LOVED
EVERY MINUTE
OF IT.
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LEKOTEK LOCATIONS

This year, now our 42nd, Lekotek of Georgia has helped approximately 1,000 children and family members who participate in play sessions, Compuplay, camp, club, music, community outings, and computer/iPad evaluations. An expanding number of satellite locations has made it possible for families to receive services closer to their homes. Unfortunately, waiting lists still exist at several locations. Our board is committed to raising funds necessary to keep the wait to a minimum. Research shows the benefits of early intervention, and children with special needs do not have time to wait.

MAIN CENTER

Atlanta, Georgia—In 1983, with a grant of seed money from the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, Lekotek of Georgia initiated play sessions in the basement of Easter Seals. Today, the main site is located at the Northlake Business Park at Lavista Road and I-285. This site occupies 4,000 square feet and has the space to conduct five play sessions simultaneously. The main center has a designated state-of-the-art sensory room and sensory floor with innovative games to help children with special needs develop cognitive, language and motor skills. This site offers Lekotek leader training, computer/iPad evaluations, Compuplay, play groups, music classes, summer Computer Camp, Computer Club and LekoPals.



SATELLITE CENTERS

Alpharetta, Georgia—Families in Forsyth and North Fulton counties requested that Lekotek offer services closer to their homes. This site is located on Main Street in Alpharetta and families benefit from play sessions, play dates, music, Happy Tails, Compuplay and computer/iPad evaluations.

Duluth, Georgia—Lekotek of Georgia's first satellite was established in 1991 with donated space from Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. When Children's closed its rehab center, we relocated to an office park just a mile away, on the same street. The new space increased our capacity to serve more families and allowed for weekend programming.

Kennesaw, Georgia—With a grant from the John Harland Foundation, Lekotek of Georgia opened the Cobb satellite in 2002. Located near the intersection of I-75 and I-575, this site reaches families in Cobb, Cherokee, Bartow, and surrounding counties. With a lengthy waiting list and an opportunity to expand, this site doubled its size in July of 2017. To date, more than one thousand families have participated in play groups, Club, Compuplay, computer/iPad evaluations, music, Happy Tails, rafting and fishing, Easter Egg Hunts, community outings and play sessions.

Fayetteville, Georgia—In June 2006, Lekotek opened its southside satellite in Fayetteville, Georgia and to date, more than 500 families have benefited. Seed money from the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta and Clothes Less Traveled purchased the initial inventory of toys, educational materials and computer equipment. Programs at this satellite include play sessions, music, Compuplay and computer/iPad evaluations, Easter Egg Hunts, community outings and pet therapy visits.



Gainesville, Georgia—In March of 2011, Lekotek of Georgia initiated a fifth satellite in donated space provided by Walker Therapy. This site quickly outgrew the space provided by Walker and now occupies 1200 square feet at The Whitmire Homes office park. Families living in North Georgia who previously were unable to participate due to lengthy travel distances to other Lekoteks, now benefit from this location. The Gainesville Lekotek offers play sessions, music, Happy Tails, family activities and computer/iPad evaluations.





MEET EMILY

Emily's first two years of life were filled with unexpected diagnoses and unending doctors' appointments. Emily has cerebral palsy; she is nonverbal and non-ambulatory but loves to play and learn. We were thrown into the world of disabilities, and life felt heavy as we struggled to find activities for Emily without neglecting her older brother Jonathan. Luckily, we learned about Lekotek from our physical therapist, and we're glad we did. For the past three years, Emily has benefited from accessible play environments created by dedicated Lekotek leaders. Without Lekotek, it would be a challenge to find activities that Emily could do alone or with Jonathan. Her Lekotek leader, Helene, always has toys and computer games that she can play by herself or with him.

In this photo, Jonathan and Emily are taking turns playing a bowling game. Jonathan is controlling the ball using a touchscreen built into the monitor. Emily is using a computer eye-gaze system. The black bar on the bottom of the monitor is a camera that tracks Emily's pupils. By fixing her eyes on the ball, she can send it down the lane to knock down the pins. Jonathan had the opportunity to test the eye-gaze technology himself so he could understand how his sister played the game. During their last play session, when Helene asked Jonathan what he liked most about Lekotek, he said, "Everything!" Our family is grateful to have a place where children of all abilities are welcome and can experience the joy of play.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE CHILD AT A TIME

MEET XO

Born with Gould Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder, Xo faces many challenges. He has cerebral palsy, hypertrophic cardio myopathy, and epilepsy. He is nonverbal and visually impaired and uses a wheelchair. Xo is a beacon of light and will turn anyone's frown into a smile. We joined Lekotek in 2023 when Xo was two years old. Xo's Lekotek leader, Brittany, is kind and patient. She selects activities, toys, and computer games that motivate him to learn. With the help of the computer eye-gaze system, Xo can play music, set off animated fireworks, make silly noises, and enjoy computer games just like any other child. He enjoys the sensory room, equipped with a vibrating bean bag chair, a giant bubble tube with a control box that he can use to change colors, and a computer that projects on both walls while playing music. Xo has benefited from play sessions and the accessible toys Brittany adapts and loans to meet his needs.

The family weekend outings with fellow Lekotek families have given us a way to explore the community. The support of the Lekotek staff has given us the confidence to venture out and explore all that Atlanta has to offer. We've enjoyed Zoo Day, picnics in the park, the annual Halloween and holiday parties, and much more. Everyone at Lekotek is dedicated and welcoming. Lekotek is family, and we look forward to exploring and playing our way to a brighter future. (In the photo, Xo is using a bubble machine adapted by his Lekotek leader. By pressing the blue button on his tray, connected to the toy, he is able to create bubbles.)



FISCAL SNAPSHOT



Lekotek of Georgia has been successful in raising funds from foundations, corporations, civic groups and individuals. In addition, the board and staff conduct three special events - The annual Lekotek Run, Golf Tournament and Brewfest with Silent Auction. As a result, the organization's financial condition is secure. At year end, June 30, 2025, reserves were approximately 100% of the annual budget. These reserves are essential for initiating new services, increasing capacity, purchasing leading edge technology and safeguarding against contingencies. Lekotek is extremely proud that more than 90 percent of all donations are allocated for direct services for children and families.

Our board members donate their time and expertise in diverse fields to accomplish Lekotek's mission. In addition, one hundred percent contributes financially to Lekotek. Please consider a donation to Lekotek through a donor-advised fund, will or in your estate planning. Additional funding will help Lekotek meet the demand for increased services. Near-term priorities include purchasing new leading-edge technology, staff training, computer and iPad loans and family programs. There is a critical need for additional staff to eliminate waiting lists. With community support, these goals will be achieved.



BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026

Personnel Director/Lekotek Leaders

Contracted Services
Educational Consultants

Personnel Total \$467,500

Operational Expenses

Facilities
Staff Development
Professional Dues Subscriptions

Total Operational Expenses \$275,500

Program Services

Scholarship Fund
Home Based Play Sessions
Summer Computer Camp
LekoPals/Computer Club Inclusion Project
Parent Support Group
Sibshop Support Group for Siblings
Satellite Expansion
Computer and iPad Evaluations

Total Program Services Expenses \$182,000

Capital Expenditures

Specialized Adapted Toy and Educational Inventory \$25,000
Innovative Adapted Computer and iPad Technology \$20,000
Sensory Room Equipment \$5,000

Total Capital Expenditures \$50,000

Total Annual Budget \$975,000

EXPENSES

92%

PROGRAM SERVICES

5% ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

3% FUNDRAISING COSTS

REVENUES

CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION GIVING

60%

20% SPECIAL EVENTS

15% INDIVIDUAL DONORS

5% MEMBERSHIP FEES

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\$10,000 AND UP

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\$5,000-\$9,999

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\$100 TO \$249

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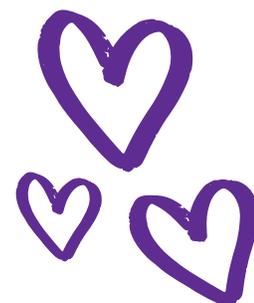
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Below are funds created by parents in memory of children who benefited from Lekotek services. These funds continue to make a difference for Lekotek families.

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The Tom Catanese Memorial Fund — Tom willingly gave of his time and resources to help Lekotek establish satellites.

The Kathy Couch Memorial Fund — Kathy Couch and daughter Laura, drove long distances to the Atlanta site. Despite a difficult illness, Kathy made great efforts for Laura to enjoy Lekotek. We hope their time at Lekotek meant as much to them as it did to us.

The Alex Cunningham Scholarship Fund — Alex Cunningham was a member of the Atlanta Optimist Club. Under his direction, the club designed and adapted toys for Lekotek kids. Affectionately nicknamed “Mr. C.”, his legacy lives on.

Maxine Honig — Maxine was a friend to Executive Director, Helene Prokesch. Maxine loved Lekotek and everyone loved Maxine.

John Huth Memorial Fund — John was a Lekotek dad and park ranger for the National Park Center and Chattahoochee Nature Center. He created fishing, boating and rafting experiences for Lekotek families, who would not have had these experiences, otherwise. John will also be remembered for his big heart.

The Dorothy Kay Memorial Fund — Shelly Kay, past board member and chair, along with his sisters established a memorial fund to honor their mom.

The Kevin Lewis Memorial Fund — Kevin was up early during his summer vacations to volunteer at summer computer camp. He had an abundance of patience and always an encouraging word for our campers.

The Ernie McWilliams Memorial Fund — Ernie was married to Peggy McWilliams who retired after twenty-five years as a dedicated Lekotek Leader. Ernie made toys designed to meet the needs of infants.

The Trevor Meek Memorial Fund — Trevor Meek was the nephew of Sharon Meek. Sharon was a staff member from 1984 to 1992 and established Lekotek’s innovative technology program.

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The Victor Romano Memorial Fund — Victor was a neighbor at the Cliff Valley Office Park, home to Lekotek for 30 years. He always sponsored the race and loved our families.

The Al Rothkopf Memorial Fund — Al Rothkopf was a cousin of Executive Director, Helene Prokesch. He and his wife, Sekie, have been long time advocates for children.

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The George and Lillian Rothkopf Memorial Fund — Perhaps no two people have had a greater impact on Lekotek in parenting, mentoring and supporting, Executive Director, Helene Prokesch. They understood there is no greater gift than a child and all children are precious.

The Elmer Edward Salmons Memorial Fund — Fred Salmons serves on Lekotek’s funding advisory. He and his siblings created a memorial fund in memory of his dad.

Julius Simon Memorial Fund — Julius Simon was Ellen Lindemann’s father. Ellen was our first board chair and on staff as Assistant Director for twelve years. He never missed an opportunity to visit Lekotek when in town.

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The Mindy Waitsman Memorial Fund — Mindy gave hours of her time as board chair and serving on our board of directors. She was passionate about Lekotek’s mission and making a difference for our kids and families.

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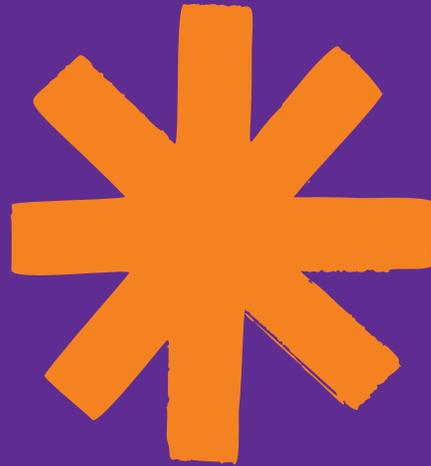
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