

NOW I CAN FOUNDATION

# 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

A YEAR OF MIRACULOUS ACHIEVEMENTS



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**Our Year**

## 2012 at a glance

In 2012, Now I Can:

- ★ served 56 intensive therapy patients
- ★ served 24 maintenance patients
- ★ granted \$86,650 in therapy grants to 43 applicants
- ★ received \$107,119 in assistance from 60 private and business donors
- ★ received help from 81 volunteers totaling 2,856 hours of service



## The Now I Can Book

During the holiday season 2011, Michael Ririe held a Kickstarter fundraiser for the printing of the Now I Can book. With the help of the Now I Can team and community, Ririe was able to raise \$13,735 from over 90 individuals, families, and businesses. The printing of 500 books commenced in January 2012, and completed in time for Ririe's BFA exhibition on February 10, 2012. The books continue to sell and all proceeds return to help the superstars of Now I Can.



## New Gym

In December 2011 Now I Can acquired the office space right next to the clinic, and immediately began the remodel to turn this new space into a third gym to accommodate additional patients. A new opening between the two spaces was cut through the concrete block wall creating a new library, two new staff offices, a new spider cage, and most importantly a new gym and family room for our patients. The walls were painted with exotic animals by Connie Perrett. Generous donations from Xlear, Inc. made this expansion possible. The official ribbon cutting was held on February 8, 2012 where members from the community came to see the fabulous addition. Now I Can now utilizes this expansion allowing us to offer our services to more children than ever before.



## New Web Site

During the summer, the Now I Can website was redesigned and updated. A new layout, an integrated blog, new content, and updated styling all contributed to the final product. Thank you Chris Hanks for the beautiful design.

Please visit [www.nowican.org](http://www.nowican.org). Then take a look at our blog and follow the progress as Now I Can provides physical therapy to our favorite superstars!





## Run to Walk 2012

Now I Can held its 4th annual Run to Walk on May 17, 2012. Each year runners, walkers, and patient supporters gather for a 5k and 1 mile fun run through the streets of Provo, Utah.

The morning was an inspiring event for all runners and spectators alike. This year we had over 700 runners and walkers, and each person ran so others could walk. The run ended inspirationally as determined patients crossed the finish line with a crowd cheering them on.

All proceeds from this event were put into the Now I Can Therapy Grant Fund giving more patients the chance to receive our effective model of therapy.



## Benefit Concert 2012

Now I Can held its 5th annual charity benefit concert on September 4, 2012 at the SCERA Shell Outdoor Theatre.

This year the concert's theme was "Dreamers," and was emceed by Brooke Walker. The night started with the One Voice Children's Choir. Ryan Innes later took the stage as the audience danced along to some soulful music while celebrating the Now I Can heroes.

Volunteers from QUESTAR Gas came to help, and the concert was sponsored by Check City, Zions Bank, Xlear Inc., QUESTAR, Independence Rehab, Key Bank, Sammy's Pie & Shake, and Blackjack Pizza.



## Timpview vs Timpanogos Soccer Night

The Thunderbirds and the Timberwolves girls soccer teams held the third annual benefit game celebrating the children of Now I Can on September 11, 2012. Children suited up with jerseys made just for them on both sides of the field and they were introduced with the teams. Each team spent the week raising funds for Now I Can, and Timpview donated concessions and merchandise sales from the night of the game!

The children had an amazing time having their names called out and being recognized as honorary members of each team for the night. Together, Timpview and Timpanogos were able to raise \$1,500 for Now I Can!



## Patient Christmas Party

Santa Claus made a special appearance this year and was able to visit with many of our Now I Can friends and their families. The party was held on December 8, 2012 on the top floor of the Zions Bank building in Provo. The party was coordinated through an Eagle Scout project by Michael Salisbury along with all the help of his scout troop, leaders, and other supporters. He gave a party to remember!

Children played games, ate treats, and decorated cookies. Santa gave each a special gift along with gifts for each family. Everyone sang Christmas songs and enjoyed being together.

## New Staff

Now I Can has been blessed with the talents of many people throughout 2012. During this year, we have welcomed with open arms the following people:

- ★ Kya Kraus - Office Manager
- ★ Michael Ririe - Executive Director
- ★ Kallene Chatterton - Office Manager
- ★ Andrea Carruth - Physical Therapist Assistant
- ★ Mark Barney - Physical Therapist



## New Board Members

Now I Can is directed and supported by some of the greatest individuals from our community. This year we have added the following individuals to our board of directors:

- ★ Dan Heist - Philanthropy Department of the LDS Church
- ★ Wendy Edwards - QUESTAR Gas



## Eagle Scout Projects

Now I Can is thankful to have the assistance from Eagle Scouts from our community. This year we had amazing projects put on by:

- ★ Eric Sheffield - Helped with the planning, food, run stations, and the other events of the Run to Walk 2012.
- ★ Tim Wilkinson - Set up and directed a soccer camp for our Now I Can superstars.
- ★ Michael Salisbury - Organized volunteers, gathered donated gifts, and put together an amazing patient Christmas Party.



## Press Highlights

Now I Can was highlighted in the media multiple times this year, including:

- ★ The Daily Herald - story about the Ribbon Cutting on February 8, 2012.
- ★ KSL's Brooke Walker did a story about Michael Ririe and his BFA photography exhibition highlighting the Now I Can patients and book.
- ★ KSL's Brooke Walker did a story about Grace Olson, a Now I Can patient.
- ★ The Daily Herald introduced the Benefit Concert on September 2, 2012.
- ★ KBYU's Community Connection had a story on the Run to Walk, plus other general information about Now I Can.





# Our Vision

# The Now I Can Way

We help children reach their full potential:

## Professional

- ★ We are punctual
- ★ We work as a team
- ★ We focus on the patient

## Exceptional

- ★ We improve lives
- ★ We use the best techniques
- ★ We interact well with patients and parents

## Believers in Change

- ★ We utilize time wisely
- ★ We emphasize the positive
- ★ We set goals and work passionately towards them

We are committed to help each child do more and reach higher!

## Now I Can Mission Statement

Our mission at Now I Can is to help children with disabilities reach their full potential and greatest independence.

## Now I Can Vision Statement

Now I Can will become our clients' first choice in physical therapy by providing the highest quality services and therapy that brings change!



*"No matter how great or small the progress of each child, each milestone is celebrated and recognized."*

## A message from the Executive Director **Michael Ririe**

What an incredible year 2012 has been. Now I Can has been blessed with some of the most amazing superstars this world has! Now I Can becomes a better place each time a child walks through these doors and hangs their cherished graduation stars on the walls. If you have walked the halls at Now I Can, you know what I'm talking about!

I have to admit, it's very inspiring to have the opportunity to spend time with these children, their families, but also each of the supporters of Now I Can. We have amazing friends who are watching out for the progress of their neighbors which makes this such a special place to live. We have individuals in our community who have been touched by the miracles of Now I Can, and are now championing this cause. We have business partners who have taken it upon themselves to make sure more children are receiving this unique and successful form of therapy, and have taken a group interest in seeing it through. We also have foundations who are making contributions because they see the value that Now I Can has to offer each unique child. I am thankful for all this support.

No matter how great or small the progress of each child, each milestone is celebrated and recognized. I am especially thankful this year for the incredible staff at Now I Can who help these children make each progressive step possible. Our therapy team is very skilled, and push the patients with total compassion. It is inspiring to see their professional talents and gifts be magnified by their love and desire to work for and witness others succeed.

Now I Can is a beautiful organization, worthy of your selfless support. I thank you for taking an interest in the progress and future of these children. Without you, the reach and miracles at Now I Can are hindered. I look forward to 2013 and to the progress of our relationship with each of you. I look forward to the surprises that patients will give us during the next year. I look forward to seeing children become more independent, reach their dreams, and do the things they never thought their bodies could do.

Here's to a brilliant 2012, and to the miracles of what's yet to come!

A message from the Founders  
**Tracey & Joel Christensen**

Aren't children amazing? Every child is such a God-given gift of love, wonder and joy. When a child with special needs comes into a family, those feelings abound, and are often accompanied by some unexpected ones, as well. We sometimes find we learn a bit more about life, find a bit more patience, and become a bit more grateful for the little things. What a blessing each of these children are in our lives!

Our lives have personally been blessed by our own daughter who has physical challenges, and we've also been touched by many more children through our work at Now I Can. Each child, parent and family makes our lives richer. Thank you.

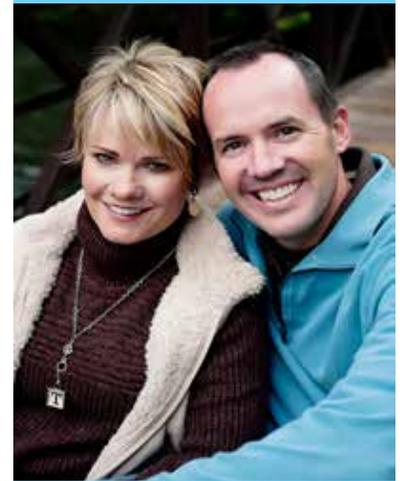
Our therapy team is an incredible group of professionals that we admire and appreciate, and they make it all happen at Now I Can every day! Thank you Nacole, Mark and Sergio.

It has long been a dream of ours to add a new therapy gym to Now I Can in order to serve more children. Through the generous donations of Zions Bank, Xlear Inc., and Little Heroes Foundation that goal was finally realized! Thank you!

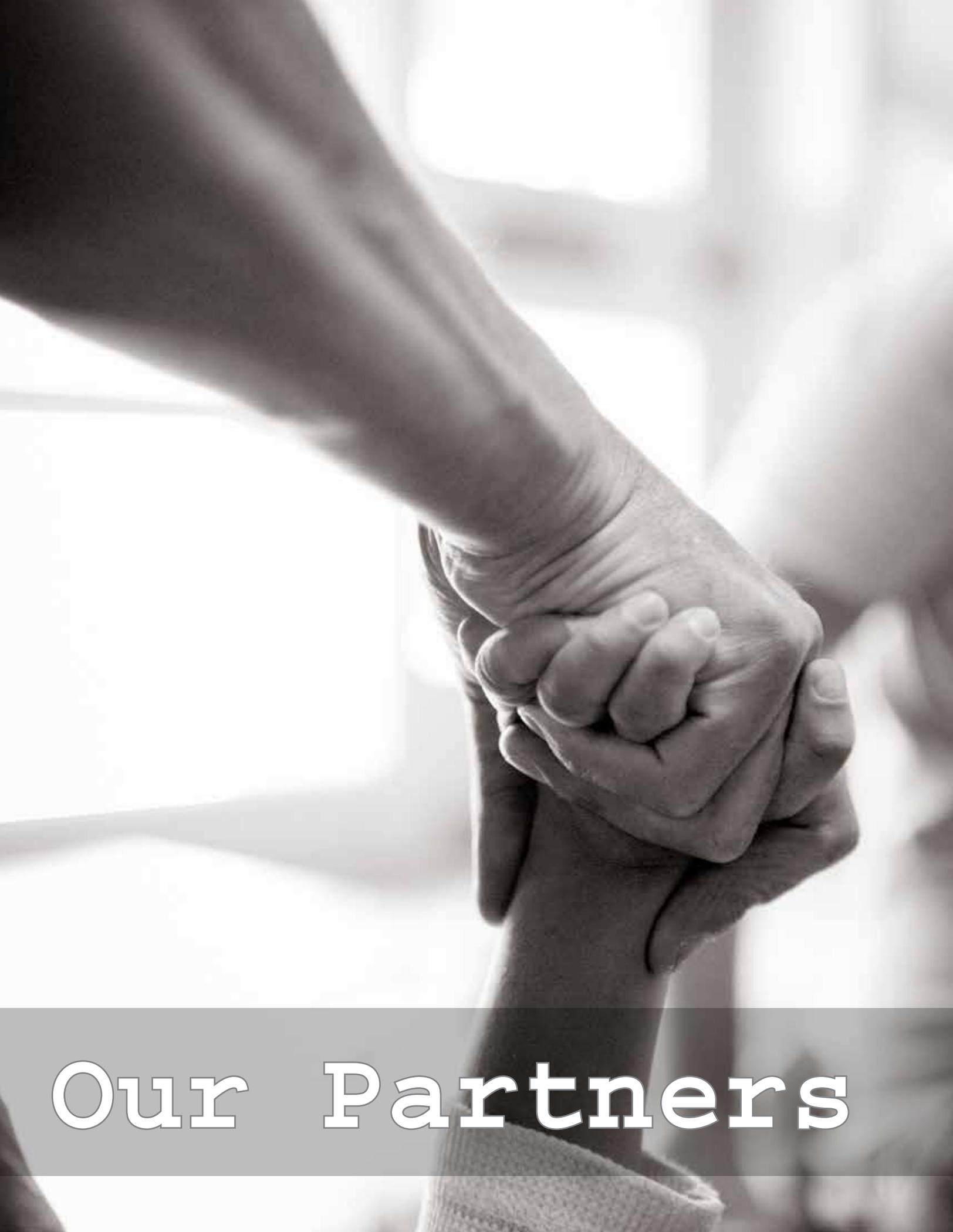
Another sign of our growth as a charity is the shifting of roles that has occurred this year. Bringing on Mike Ririe as our Executive Director has been a blessing, and we're grateful for his vision and care. We're also happy to have long-time volunteer, Kallene, as our office manager.

The growth of Now I Can is a symbol of the progress of each special child that has come through its doors. In every case, goals have been reached through hard work, and the help of many hands and hearts. Thank you.

We are grateful to be a small part of helping these great souls to reach their full potential. We thank each of those listed in this book—and many others—for your contribution to the mission of Now I Can. And mostly we thank the children--for sharing the gift of themselves with us. We are all better because of them.



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**Our Partners**



## 5 Star Donors (\$5000+)



**Steven & Margaret Wheelwright**



## 4 Star Donors (\$1000+)

Chris Hanks  
Cory & Janis Lindley  
Intermountain Health Care  
Michael Ririe  
QUESTAR Gas  
Ryan Innes  
Stephen & Melinda Brown  
Timpview High School  
United Way of Utah County



## 3 Star Donors (\$500+)

Alan Blom  
Angus Belliston  
Independence Rehab  
Key Bank  
Kyle & Jennifer Christensen  
QGC Volunteer Team - Provo  
Scott Gardner  
SealSource International, LLC  
United Way of Central and Southern Utah  
United Way of Salt Lake



## 2 Star Donors (\$100+)

AB Mauri Fleischmann's  
Battlecreek Boutique  
Dan Heist  
Denny's  
GoodSearch  
JDawgs  
Jeff Callor  
Kristen & Robert Taylor  
McKinstry Co Charitable Foundation  
Smart Salsa  
Subway #32887  
Utah County Fair



## Star Donors

Ann-Marie Ormond  
Annette Pressley  
Benefit Concert Donors  
Calvin & Cheryl Wendelboe  
Cherie Frandsen  
Clinton Roberts  
Dean Draper  
Dean Stelow  
Gary Rhoads  
Gregory & Cindy Black  
Howard & Joan Jackson

Jeremy Owens  
Julie Chamberlain  
Koby Glazier  
Logan Christensen  
Marianne Olson  
Matt Lebaron  
Meagan Cannon  
Melanie Donahoo  
Michael Vick  
Michelle Edleman  
Myrna Carnesecca

Nancy Wilson  
Sharon Elison  
Stratford & Doris Wendelboe  
Suzanne Plumb  
Taylor Heiner  
Travis Holman  
Utah Hand and Ortho Clinic  
Vanessa Angulo  
Wendy Sorensen



Our Stars

# Our Friends

Here are the friends we are honored to celebrate each day! We are thankful for their dedication and perseverance to reach for the stars!



# Our Therapy Aides

Now I Can is thankful to have the service and volunteer experiences of so many therapy aides. We are thrilled to be able to partner with such amazing individuals who donate their time to improve the lives of the children we serve. We are thankful for their sacrifices, and hope that they have been enriched while spending time with these most amazing children. Thank you for serving at Now I Can!

Aaron Warner  
Alex Jepsen  
Allie Bradford  
Allison Tamietti  
Amber Holmes  
Andi Spampinato  
Andi Turner  
Andrew Justvig  
Anson Call  
Ashley Brock  
Ashlyn Ririe  
Aubrey Rogers  
Brandt Buckner  
Brock Cutler  
Brown, Cat  
Cami Buckley  
Catie Brown  
Chelsea Ferderber  
Chelsey Parham  
Christiana Pinborough  
Dani Peterson  
Daniel Christofferson  
Daniel Rodriguez  
David Melchor  
Devin Jackson  
DJ Beenken

Elizabeth Davey  
Erika Bunker  
Heath West  
Heather Deans  
Heather Peacock  
Jed Hurst  
Jeff Farnsworth  
Jeffrey Young  
Joe Ludlow  
Joe Oullette  
Jonathan Burrup  
Jordan Bringham  
Kelsey Fairbanks  
Kirstin Hansen  
Kya Kraus  
Kyle Peterson  
Landon Wickel  
Mackenna Austin  
Mark Lewis  
Matthew Kolste  
Megan Cannon  
Melissa Michels  
Michael Jones  
Michelle Myers  
Mindy Ashton  
Morgan Johnson

Natalie Parker-Ellis  
Randy Klabacka  
Ricky Pullan  
Ryan Cirac  
Ryan Gray  
Sam Jacob  
Sammie Jensen  
Spenser Squire  
Steven Skovran  
Summer Shelley  
Thomas Sullivan  
Tim Liu  
Tony Pratt  
Tory Hawks  
Zoe Smith



# Volunteer of the Year



Our volunteer of the year for 2012 is Megan Cannon! She has been a volunteer at Now I Can since April 2011, and was unanimously voted by the Now I Can Team as the volunteer of the year. Megan discovered Now I Can through the good fortune of the yellow pages when she was looking for her next therapy aide experience, and we have kept her ever since. Megan loves the patients, reads to them, helps them smile when sad, and is willing to help with anything around the clinic. She is reliable, happy, self-motivated, and enjoys being at Now I Can. She is planning on attending physical therapy school, so she will be stepping out to reach her own star. We will miss her in 2013.

# The Now I Can Team



Current staff: Mark Barney, Kallene Chatterton, Sergio Orozco, Nacole Jackson, Michael Ririe

## 2012 Staff

Andrea Carruth, PTA  
Betsy Jensen, PT  
Emilee Barker  
Erica Brevard  
Jordan Brown  
Kallene Chatterton  
Kya Kraus  
Mark Barney, PT  
Michael Ririe  
Mikel Ellsworth  
Nacole Jackson, PTA  
Natalie Walker  
Rees Falkner  
Sergio Orozco  
Tracey Christensen

## Board of Directors

Brooke Walker  
Dan Heist  
Jim Frary  
Joel Christensen  
Kym Nelson  
Margaret Wheelwright  
Riley Alexander  
Ryan Falkner  
Thomas Sutton, M.D.  
Tracey Christensen  
Wendy Edwards

## Advisory Board

Adam and Kim Sanft  
Dina Roberson  
Doug and Mindy Brown  
Jeff and Amber Wright  
Melanie Donahoo  
Michele Matthews  
Nancy Wilson  
Pete and Cristin Drewes  
Ronald and Anna Doria  
Scott and Rachel Jacob  
Tim and Kristi Kapp



# Financials

# Statement of Financial Activities

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	104,775	43,766
<b>Income</b>		
Therapy Services	429,281	318,414
Therapy Grants	-86,789	-65,827
Donations	81,660	63,139
Special Events	42,405	22,162
Other Income	488	1,318
<b>Total Income</b>	467,045	339,206
<b>Expenses</b>		
Support Services	111,370	78,080
Therapy Services Operations	182,278	121,247
	113,938	78,870
<b>Total Expenses</b>	407,586	278,197
<b>Net Income</b>	59,459	61,009
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	164,234	104,775



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