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Supporting Wellness, Inclusion & Opportunities

Calendar 2026

Step By Step 2025 Annual Report
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Expanding
Our Reach,
Enhancing
Our Impact



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Dear Friends of Step By Step,

Another year has passed, and 2025 was certainly a busy and productive one at Step By Step as we continue to focus on keeping the folks we support happy, healthy, and safe. Our staff continues to focus on quality, life-enhancing services that promote wellness, inclusion, and opportunities. They are the foundation that has built an amazing support system for so many, going on 50 years! My heartfelt **THANK YOU** to them.

The 2026 calendar showcases our growing services, the resilience of those we support, and the dedication of our staff and supporters who make Step By Step's life-changing work possible.

As you go through the calendar, I hope it gives you the same satisfaction as it does me, knowing that Step By Step is doing great work for amazing people day in and day out, a true resource for our communities.

None of this critical support is possible without the dedication of so many. Our board of directors, employees, professional and clinical partners, and most certainly our community supporters who are always ready to assist us as we fulfill our mission.

Thank you again for always being there for us, and I hope that 2026 brings you and your families great joy, peace, and prosperity.

Warm Regards,

Eric V. Lindey

Eric V. Lindey, President/CEO

2026 JANUARY



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Behavioral Support Services

Step By Step offers Behavioral Support Services for adults 21 and older. This program helps people with Intellectual Disabilities/Autism and Behavior Health learn new skills, feel more confident, and handle everyday challenges in healthier ways.

Services can take place in Individual's home, a Day Program, or Community. Our staff works closely with families, caregivers, and support teams to create a plan that fits each person's needs. We get to know the Individual, learn what's difficult for them, and figure out what will help them succeed.

Our team teaches helpful skills, shows caregivers how to support the person, and builds long-term support in the community. We focus on each person's strengths and the things that make them unique.

The goal is to help people stay calm, communicate better, and handle tough moments. This can include learning social skills, coping strategies, ways to manage frustration or anger, and how to move comfortably from one activity to the next.

Overall, Behavioral Support Services is about helping adults feel supported, safe, and ready for the next steps in life.

For more information and/or to make a referral, contact:
bssreferral@stepbystepusa.com



2026 **FEBRUARY**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>
15	16 <i>*President's Day**</i>	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Black History Month
American Heart Month

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ID/A Services

Step By Step has always been dedicated to helping people with Intellectual Disabilities/Autism live safer, happier, and more independent lives. Everyone we support has different needs, but our goals are the same: more independence, a better quality of life, and a safe, supportive environment.

Our ID/A services include In-Home and Community Support, Lifesharing, Respite, Intermediate Care Facilities, and Community Homes.

In-Home and Community Support helps Individuals who live on their own or with family and may need extra help during the day. Our staff can come into the home or community to give support as needed.

Lifesharing gives Individuals the chance to live with a host family that provides a caring, stable home and helps them grow and become more independent.

Respite offers short-term, temporary care when families or caregivers need a break or something unexpected comes up. It gives families peace of mind knowing their loved one is safe.

Intermediate Care Facilities are homes for up to eight adults who need more support. These homes help Individuals build independence while having medical and daily support available.

This year, Step By Step also opened four new Community Homes. Each home supports one to four adults and provides individualized services with 24-hour supervision. These homes help people learn, grow, and enjoy meaningful everyday experiences.

At Step By Step, we remain focused on helping every person live a full and meaningful life.



2026 **MARCH**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	<i>Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Month</i>			

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Children's Services

Children's Services, in collaboration with area school districts, began a program in Autism Support Classrooms in 2009 that allowed us to work with more than one child at a time in a group format. The program began as a pilot project and has grown substantially since then. What started as 2 elementary classrooms and one Early Intervention Program has grown to include 7 school districts and 76 classrooms in both the Northeast and Pocono areas. New locations that started in the 24/25 school year include elementary classrooms in the Hanover Area School District and Wilkes Barre Area School District, and several Early Intervention rooms in Pittston and Dallas. For the 25/26 school year we are approved and will be starting classrooms at the Hazleton YMCA Early Learning Center in the Hazleton Area School District. The success of the program is due to the well trained, amazing staff that work in these programs, the collaboration and support of the school districts and the consistency of the interventions provided in these classrooms.



2026 **APRIL**



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>April Fools' Day</i>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 <i>Lehigh Valley Designer Bag BINGO</i>	20	21	22 <i>Earth Day</i> <i>National Administrative Professional's Day</i>	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 <i>National Therapy Animal Day</i>	Earth Month <i>National Counseling Awareness Month</i>	

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Certified Personal Medicine Coaching

Personal Medicine Coaching created by Dr. Patricia Deegan, emphasizes, hope, resilience, and recovery rather than chronicity or hopelessness. Individuals who use Personal Medicine over time become more engaged in their own self-care, leading to improved overall health outcomes. Since 2020, our agency has incorporated Certified Personal Medicine Coaching for our staff and with over 65 Certified Personal Medicine Coaches who have gone through the 12 week certification course to become experts in supporting Individuals in their recovery journey.

Mental Health First Aid

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) equips Individuals with the skills to recognize, understand, and respond to signs of mental health or substance use challenges. MHFA teaches participants to respond to non-crisis and crisis situations and support people in need, whether they're adults, youth or teens. Over the last decade, extensive research has shown how MHFA improves mental health outcomes across the U.S., transforming workplaces, classrooms, community programs and more. Step By Step is proud to have over 16 certified Mental Health First Aid Instructors implementing this training within our communities.



2026 **MAY**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Mental Health Awareness Month</i> <i>National Pet Month</i>					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 <i>Mother's Day</i>	11	12	13	14	15	16 <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 <i>*Memorial Day**</i>	26	27	28	29	30

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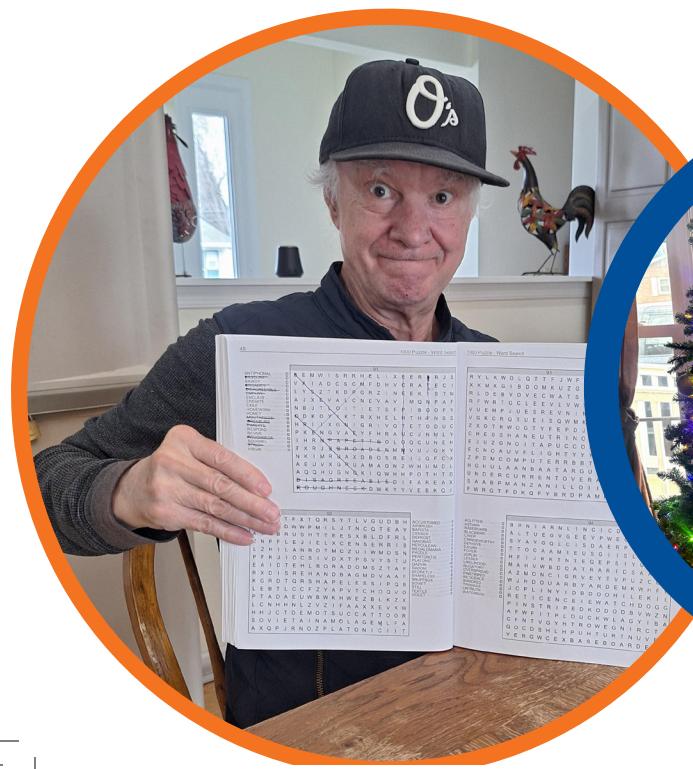
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Personal Care Homes

The McKinley St. Residence offers a supportive and engaging environment for eight individuals with mental health challenges. As a Specialized Community Residence (SCR) and licensed Personal Care Home, it emphasizes creating a true home where residents feel safe, valued, and empowered to enjoy life alongside their peers.

Step By Step was thrilled to integrate this service into Step By Step's array of mental health services beginning July 1, 2025. The program is a success because of its dedicated team and strong partnership with Franklin County, which creates a supportive and engaging environment.



2026 JUNE



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15	16	17	18	19 <i>Juneteenth</i>	20
21 <i>Father's Day</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	<i>National Safety Month</i> <i>Pride Month</i>			

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Vocational Services

Step By Step's Day Options Program gives Individuals the chance to take part in meaningful activities in the community. The program is all about personal growth, helping people build confidence, explore interests, volunteer, and learn through real-life experiences in a supportive environment.

Our Supported Employment Services helps Individuals find and keep jobs in the community. Staff provide guidance with job searching, job training, and ongoing support so each person can succeed at work.

Our Adult Training Facilities helps Individuals build everyday skills and get involved in community activities that match their interests and abilities.

In the Northeast Service Area, our Day Options Programs, Compass and Pathways, offers a wide range of skill-building opportunities, encouragement, and resources to help individuals grow and reach their goals.

In the Western Service Area, Step By Step offers an Older Adult Senior Center for people ages 60 and older with developmental or cognitive disabilities. This program provides a creative, welcoming space where participants can enjoy activities such as creative movement, memory games, group discussions, gardening, and arts and crafts.

The Western Service Area is also expanding its vocational services with a new Adult Training Facility opening next year, giving Individuals even more opportunities to learn, build skills, and take part in their communities.

Step By Step remains committed to helping every person learn, engage, and experience meaningful moments each day.



2026 **JULY**



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Disability Pride Month</i> <i>National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month</i>			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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Step By Step Foundation Annual Golf Tournament

The annual Step By Step Foundation Golf Tournament continues to be a signature event in support of the Foundation's mission. Participants enjoy a beautiful day on the course while helping to fund meaningful initiatives that make a lasting impact. A team of dedicated volunteers go above and beyond, preparing and distributing refreshments, connecting with the golfers, and creating a warm, welcoming environment. Their enthusiasm and commitment truly reflected the spirit of community and the Foundation's mission in action. Thank you to our wonderful sponsor's who make this event a true success!



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2026 **AUGUST**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>National Wellness Month Don't Be a Bully Month National Golf Month</i></p>						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 <i>Step By Step Foundation Golf Tournament</i>	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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Direct Support Professionals Week

During DSP Week, Step By Step takes the opportunity to give back to our dedicated Direct Support Professionals by celebrating their hard work and commitment. Special events and recognitions are held to show appreciations for their invaluable contributions in supporting Individuals with disabilities. These efforts highlighted the essential role DSP's play in fostering independence and well-being, while also expressing our gratitude for their dedication and care.



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SEPTEMBER



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Direct Support Professionals Week</i>		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 <i>*Labor Day**</i>	8	9	10	11	12
13 <i>Direct Support Professionals Week</i>	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	<i>National Recovery Month National Suicide Prevention Month</i>		

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Disability Employment Awareness Month

October is recognized as National Disability Employment Awareness Month, a time to celebrate the contributions of workers with disabilities and to promote inclusive employment practices. At Step By Step, we're proud to highlight the many individuals we support who are thriving in their workplaces and making a positive impact on their communities. Through our Vocational Services, we help individuals discover their strengths, develop job skills, and find meaningful employment opportunities that foster independence and success.



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OCTOBER



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 <small>*Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day**</small>	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 <small>Step By Step was incorporated in 1977</small>	29	30	31 <small>Halloween</small>

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Lifesharing



Lifesharing is a long-term arrangement in which an individual becomes a valued member of a family's household. As a Lifesharing provider, you open your home and heart offering support, companionship, and the stability of family life. In return, providers receive a tax-free stipend.

This unique arrangement gives individuals the opportunity to build independence, develop important life skills, and form lasting connections. This year Step By Step celebrated a significant milestone to three of our Step By Step Lifesharing families as they celebrate 20, 25, and 30 year anniversaries as Lifesharing families. Step By Step is especially proud to share that we are welcoming several new Lifesharing families, expanding our network of homes dedicated to creating inclusive and supportive environments for the individuals we serve.

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NOVEMBER



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Daylight Savings Time ends</i>	2	3 <i>Election Day</i>	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i>	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 <i>*Thanksgiving Day**</i>	27 <i>*Thanksgiving Friday**</i>	28
29	30	<i>National Gratitude Month</i>				

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Leaving A Legacy

When you leave a legacy, you help ensure that Individuals supported by Step By Step have the tools and opportunities to thrive for generations. Through legacy planning opportunities such as estate planning, trusts, insurance planning can help Step By Step thrive for another 40 years. Together, we can keep making a difference. Visit StepByStepUSA.com or call (570) 829-3477 to learn more on how you can donate.



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DECEMBER



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Universal Human Rights Month</i>		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 <i>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</i>	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 <i>*Christmas Eve**</i>	25 <i>*Christmas Day**</i>	26
27	28	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	<i>Safe Toys and Gifts Month</i>	

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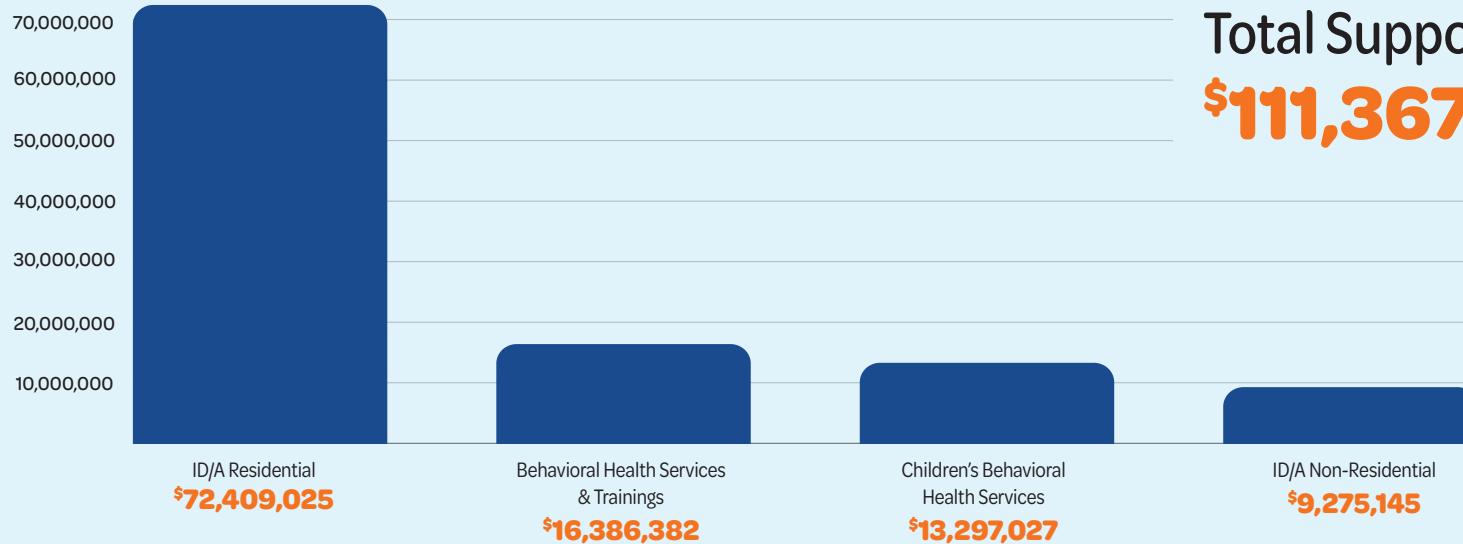
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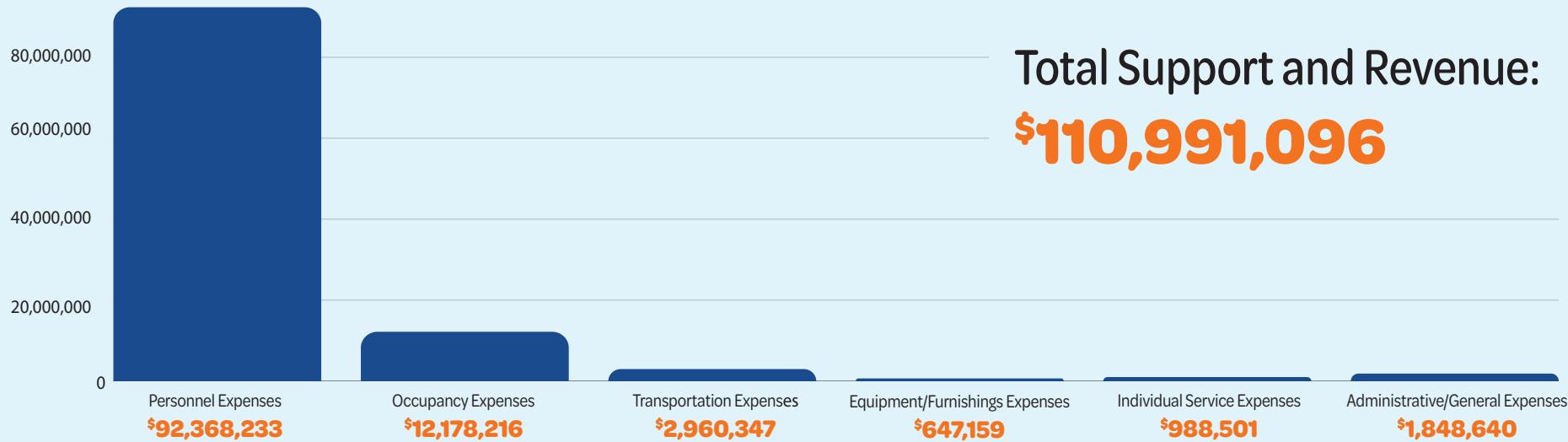
Fiscal Year 24-25 Unaudited Services

Revenue by Program Service Segment



Total Support and Revenue:
\$111,367,579

Expense Categories



Total Support and Revenue:
\$110,991,096



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