

**The Therapy Place Request for Support**  
**Total Request: \$400,000**

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| <b>TOTAL PROJECT COST:</b>   | <b>\$725,000</b> |
| 1,358 square foot addition   | \$475,000        |
| Furniture, equipment and supplies to outfit new classroom & therapy spaces | \$100,000        |
| Increased Program Budget   | \$150,000        |
| <b>South Carolina State Request</b>  | <b>\$400,000</b> |

**Background**

The Therapy Place is a non-profit, pediatric therapy and educational clinic providing life-changing therapies so that each child, regardless of his or her geography or financial status, will have every opportunity to reach his full potential. The Therapy Place provides physical, occupational and speech therapies for children with developmental delays, the only therapeutic preschool in the central part of SC, as well as wrap-around family support. We have provided these services for 12 years in a 7,500 square foot building that has been renovated and reconfigured in every way possible to maximize the number of children we can safely accommodate. We serve children with mild to severe developmental delays, with diagnoses ranging from the very common to the extremely rare.

Since our inception, we have served 895 children with more than 83,000 therapy visits, many of whom have been with us the entire time, continuing to receive services to reach their goals. As you will see in our annual report for FY22:

- 186 children with 47 named diagnoses received services
- 9,422 therapy visits were provided by 12 therapists
- 91% of the children we serve qualify for Medicaid due to their disability and/or poverty status.

Our **Bridges Therapeutic Preschool** serves children ages three to six with developmental delays. In August of 2023, through this construction project, we are adding a second Bridges preschool classroom to move children off of our waiting list.

The Therapy Place **family support programs** include support groups (parent and sibling), field trips, respite events, educational workshops and social opportunities for the parents with built-in childcare and meals. Parents support one another and learn about “special needs” topics and

resources in an environment where they know their children are taken care of by trained adults.

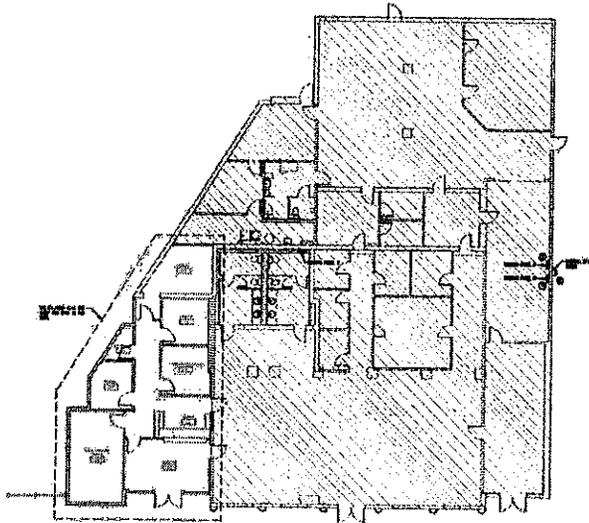
We provide therapy services to children traveling from over 30 zip codes and 10 counties throughout South Carolina. In addition, being the only facility to provide the innovative therapy – TheraSuit Method – in North or South Carolina, we also provide this service to families from out of state.

The time has come, due to overcrowding and a sizable waiting list, to add on to the existing structure, increasing our space by another 1,300 square feet.

The state investment will provide:

- New family & community gathering room to be used for support groups, workshops, meetings with families, therapists, and teachers, and more
- Dedicated space for the TheraSuit Method intensive program
- 2<sup>nd</sup> therapeutic preschool classroom to move children from the waiting list
- Additional therapy rooms to move children from the therapy waiting list
- New and improved family waiting room
- New evaluation room for initial intake of child/family for services

Addition of 1,358 square feet represented by area in dotted line below:



We seek this funding to expand our impact and assistance to South Carolina families of children with disabilities. The remainder of the funds will be sought from federal, county, and local sources to include corporate and community support.