



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

BUILDING EVIDENCE TO IMPROVE PRACTICE
AND HEALTH FOR OVER 60 YEARS

FROM OUR CHAIR

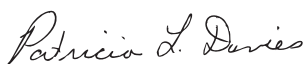
Dear Friends, Partners, and Colleagues,

Greetings! As this momentous 60th Anniversary year comes to a close, I share gratitude, hope, and excitement for the great accomplishments achieved in advancing the exemplary research that supports the occupational therapy profession over the past six decades. The steadfast commitment and generosity of our donors, partners, and volunteers remain the cornerstone of AOTF's success in advancing research and evidence for occupational therapy.



This year, AOTF sponsored its 7th Planning Grant Collective, "Coaching in Occupational Therapy," bringing together 26 interdisciplinary experts in coaching approaches utilized across the lifespan. Two outcomes from this meeting will be forthcoming in 2026. The AOTF State of the Science Symposium at the AOTA 2026 Inspire conference will focus on Coaching in Occupational Therapy. The experts involved in the Planning Grant Collective will be organizing and presenting at the Symposium. In addition, we anticipate a white paper with key concepts and recommendations to be published in *OTJR: Occupational Therapy Journal of Research* in 2026. AOTF also awarded a grant this year to a team that were involved in the 6th Planning Grant Collective, "Functional Cognition: Moving the Science Forward," to examine psychometric properties and create normed age levels for functional cognition measurement tools which will improve credibility and use of these tools for occupational therapists and other professionals.

In conclusion, I also want to recognize all our volunteers serving on the standing committees, planning and special committees, and the Board Trustees for their tireless commitment. I especially want to thank the AOTF staff for their guidance and work towards meeting the AOTF goals. I am grateful for all our donors and partners - due to their generosity, we were able to expand our grant programs by over \$350,000 this year. Thank you for celebrating our 60th anniversary with us and making 2025 a very successful year!



Patricia L. Davies, PhD, OTR, FAOTA
Board Chair, AOTF

FROM OUR CEO

STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS

The phrase "standing on the shoulders of giants" comes from a letter written by Isaac Newton to Robert Hooke in 1675. It is a metaphor meaning the progress and achievements of today are built upon the knowledge and work of those from the past. As we conclude our celebration of the 60th anniversary of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation, it is fitting to recognize a few of those "giants" from the Foundation's past.



The Foundation began in 1965. The first volunteer President of the Foundation was Alice Jantzen. Subsequent Presidents included well known OT's like Elizabeth Yerxa, Wilma West, and Ruth Ann Watkins. Under Diana Ramsay, the title "President" morphed to "Chair" of the Board. More recently, Wendy Coster, Mary Lawlor, and MJ Mulcahey have served as Chairs of the AOTF Board. Our current Chair, Patti Davies, is the 15th Chair of the Board. We have had many Trustees who have contributed to advancing the mission of the Foundation. With the recent passing of Fred Sammons, who was the last surviving "Honorary Life Member of the Board," I'd like to recognize the other Life Members as well. They were Elizabeth Devereaux, Ann Grady, Donald Lang, Nancy Snyder Lieftinck, Maralynne Mitcham, Jane Davis Rourk, Lyla Spelbring and Carlotta Welles. A huge thank you goes to all our Board members over the years!

I have the honor and privilege of serving as the third Executive Director/CEO of the Foundation. I would be remiss if I did not recognize the preceding staff leadership of the AOTF. The first and longest serving Executive Director (over 20 years) was Martha Kirkland. She is the one who molded the Foundation into what it is today and over the years has continued to give back to the Foundation. Charles (Chuck) Christiansen succeeded Martha and continued to evolve the Foundation into its modern-day version. I am forever grateful to Chuck for his guidance when I came to the Foundation and he also continues to support the Foundation. A huge thank you as well to all the AOTF staff who have contributed to advancing the mission and vision of the Foundation over the years.

We are currently at a critical time in our quest to "advance the science of occupational therapy." The tumult nationally and funding of research has certainly had a less than favorable impact on advancing the science and career paths of the OT research community. Now more than ever, the financial support of the OT research enterprise, especially the careers of younger investigators, must be sustained. The Foundation will continue to lead the efforts to do so. In so doing, we commit to serving the OT research community for another 60 years.



Scott E. Campbell, PhD
Chief Executive Officer, AOTF

OUR IMPACT AND PATH FORWARD

OUR MISSION

At the American Occupational Therapy Foundation (AOTF) we seek to advance the science of occupational therapy to support people's full participation in meaningful life activities.

OUR VISION

We envision a vibrant science that builds knowledge to support effective, evidence-based occupational therapy.

60 YEARS OF IMPACT

\$4.5M+

awarded as research grants and scholarships

1,850+

OT students funded through our scholarship program

600+

research projects funded nationwide

15,000+

Practitioners empowered by AOTF funded evidence-based interventions

STRATEGIC PLAN PILLARS

1

Build research capacity in occupational therapy

2

Build infrastructure to support research dissemination

3

Establish partnerships between researchers and practitioners

4

Strengthen AOTF leadership in the occupational therapy enterprise

AOTF 1965-2025: BUILDING EVIDENCE AND DRIVING INNOVATION FOR SIX DECADES

1965

Founded as a 501(c)(3) charitable, scientific, and educational organization with the goal of advancing the science of occupational therapy.

1978

AOTF's focus shifts to occupational therapy research-specific activities, launching the organization's research grant program.

1983

Established the Academy of Research (AOR) to recognize individuals who have made exemplary, distinguished, and sustained contributions to the science of occupational therapy.

1994

AOTA and AOTF partner to fund CORE research grants led by Dr. Gary Kielhofner as Principal Investigator.

2011

Supported by a generous anonymous gift, AOTF began endowing multiple scholarships in collaboration with state OT associations through a matching gift program.

2017

Held the first ever biennial Planning Grant Collective (PGC) to convene interdisciplinary experts to plan future studies on the most pressing topics in the field.

2019

Established the Implementation Research Grant (IR) program to improve adoption of evidence-based practice across real world settings.

Present

AOTF continues to grow, funding the future of occupational therapy and empowering the next generation of OT leaders through its expanding programs.

1965-1967

Launched first scholarship program to support aspiring occupational therapists.

1981

The first issue of *OTJR: Occupational Therapy Journal of Research*, AOTF's signature scientific journal, is published.

1988

AOTF's Board of Directors officially supports Pi Theta Epsilon, a specialized honor society for occupational therapy students.

1995

Established Breakfast with a Scholar as the premier AOTF event during AOTA's annual conference to highlight interdisciplinary scholars.

2013

The first student-led St. Catherine Challenge is hosted, convening students nationwide to fundraise for AOTF's newly launched Intervention Research Grant (IRG) program.

2018

Launched the Health Services Research Grant (HSR) to fund studies that examine healthcare access and outcomes to support people's full participation in meaningful life activities.

2024

With support from the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), AOTF hosted the first ENGAGE Summit to showcase high-quality community engaged research.

EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES, STRENGTHENING IMPACT

ADVANCING EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE: GRANT PROGRAM

IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH (IR) GRANT ♦ 6 YEARS OF IMPACT ♦ NEARLY \$2 MILLION AWARDED

With support from the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), the Implementation Research Grant program seeks to improve the adoption of evidence-based practice across real-world settings.

Building on its foundational programs, AOTF launched two new collaborative research grants in 2025.

New for 2025 - Community Engaged Research Grant
Created in partnership with NBCOT, the Community Engaged Research Grant ensures projects partner alongside communities to address real-world needs and produce immediately meaningful results from improving participation to enhancing quality of life.

New for 2025 - Hand in Hand Research Grant
Created in partnership with the American Society of Hand Therapists (ASHT) and the American Hand Therapy Foundation (AHTF), the Hand in Hand Research Grant supports early-stage research in hand and upper-extremity therapy, addressing priorities that matter most to clients and clinicians.

60 YEARS OF IMPACT



Nearly \$5M Granted since 2013

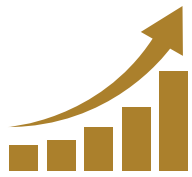
through **Implementation Research (IR)** and **Intervention Research Grant (IRG)** programs to fund early-stage innovative OT research



INTERVENTION RESEARCH GRANT (IRG) ♦ 12 YEARS OF IMPACT ♦ NEARLY \$3 MILLION AWARDED

Supported by the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) and hundreds of students nationwide through the St. Catherine Challenge, the Intervention Research Grant invests in high-quality early-stage intervention studies.

This year, Jewel Crasta, PhD, OTR/L, and her co-investigator Erika Kemp, OTD, OTR/L, BCP, received \$2.9 million in funding from the Department of Defense's Autism Research Program to scale their AquOTic research lab, an evidence-based water safety program tailored for children on the autism spectrum. The successful pilot study for this project was made possible by a 2022 Intervention Research Grant from AOTF.



\$350K in funding added to our grant program in 2025

INTERVENTION RESEARCH GRANT RECIPIENTS

Vanessa Jewell, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Feasibility of the REAL-Fam to Support Diabetes Self-Management, Family Participation, and Child Health
(Mentor: Beth Pyatak, PhD, OTR/L, CDCES, LRC, FAOTA)

Catherine Hoyt, PhD, OTD, OTR/L, FAOTA
Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis
Community Driven Methods for Screening for Developmental Delay Among Infants and Toddlers with Sickle Cell Disease
(Mentor: Allison King, MD, PhD, MPH)

Jaewon Kang, PhD, MSOT
Colorado State University
Using Virtual Reality Technology to Increase Acceptance of Home Modifications for People with Multiple Sclerosis: A Pilot Study
(Mentor: Brett Fling, PhD)

IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH GRANT RECIPIENTS

Brocha Stern, PhD, OTR
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Characterizing and Refining Implementation of a Personalized Patient-Reported Outcome Measure in Outpatient Care
(Mentor: Natalie E. Leland, PhD, OTR/L, BCG, FAOTA, FGSA)

Jessica Edelstein, PhD, OTR/L
Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago DBA Shirley Ryan AbilityLab
Complementary Implementation and De-Implementation Strategies to Close the Evidence-Practice Gap in Stroke Upper Extremity Rehabilitation
(Mentor: Miriam Rafferty, PT, DPT, PhD)

Janell Pisegna, PhD, OTR/L, CSRS
Colorado State University
Multifaceted Implementation Program for Occupational Therapy Practitioners Addressing Anxiety and Depressive Symptoms in Home and Community Care
(Mentor: Lisa Juckett, PhD, OTR/L, CHT)

INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION: SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

AOTF continues to invest in exceptional doctoral students, candidates, and post-doctoral researchers who are shaping the future of occupational therapy practice.

DR. GARY KIELHOFNER DOCTORAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Marshae Franklin, OTD, MSOT, OTR/L, PhD Candidate
University of Southern California
Exploring Authentic Belonging as Narrated by Black Autistic Women in STEM and Its Implications for DEI in Higher Education and Beyond
(Mentor: Amber M. Angell, PhD, OTR/L)

BONITA KRAFT DOCTORAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Vanessa Yanez, MSOT, OTR/L, PhD Candidate
Texas Woman's University
Exploration of the Psychosocial Experiences and Occupational Participation in Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Survivors: A Phenomenological Study
(Mentor: Patricia Bowyer, EdD, MS, OTR, FAOTA, SFHEA)

NEW FOR 2025 - DR. A. JEAN AYRES OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DOCTORAL CANDIDATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

Amy Watson-Grace, OTD, OTR/L, BCP, PhD Candidate
The Ohio State University
Sensory Processing, Sex Differences, and Autism Special Education Eligibility: Investigating Policy, Perceptions, and Practice
(Mentor: Jewel Crasta, PhD, OTR/L)

NEDRA GILLETTE ENDOWED RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Bridget Kraus, PhD, MOT, OTR/L

The Curators of the University of Missouri

Occupational Therapy Practitioners' Understanding and Promotion of Spinal Cord Injury Self-Management Throughout the Continuum of Care

(Mentor: Timothy J. Wolf, OTD, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA)

NANCY TALBOT POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Lindsay Spell, OTD, OTR/L

Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis

Asthma Home Occupation-Based Modified Environmental Assessment (HOME)

(Mentor: Kelly M. Harris, PhD CCC-SL)

BUILDING FUTURE LEADERS: MENTORSHIP AND TRAINING FUNDS

STANDING FOR RESEARCH INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, AND EQUITY (STRIDE) MENTORED RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

The STRIDE mentored research scholarship invests in OT graduate students and clinicians from underrepresented and/or underresourced backgrounds through a unique mentored research experience that builds skills, confidence, and research careers. Our 2025 STRIDE mentored research scholarship recipients are:

Jocelynn Aguilar, OTR/L

Mount Sinai in Manhattan, NY

(Mentor: Ganesh Babulal, PhD, OTD, MSCI, MOT)

Carolin Capurro Perez, OTD

The George Washington University

(Mentor: Bobbi Pineda, PhD, OTR/L, CNT)

Mario Millsap, OTD, MSOT

Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis

(Mentor: Virginia Chu, PhD, OTR/L)

Mirline Milien, MS, OTR/L, CSRS, BCPR

Brooks Rehabilitation

(Mentor: Elizabeth Rhodus, PhD, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA)

Jackeline Yagual, MSOT, OTR/L, BCP

Forefront Community Therapy

(Mentor: Catherine Hoyt, PhD, OTD, OTR/L, FAOTA)

Note: Credentials provided at time of application

60 YEARS OF IMPACT



**18 Diverse OT
Scholars Mentored**



**Nearly \$175k
Granted**

Since 2022

“The flexibility of this award allows you to be creative and explore new ideas or opportunities you may not have considered before.”

NEW FOR 2025 -DR. CAROLYN BAUM COGNITIVE FUNCTION IN DAILY LIFE AWARD

This award supports an established OT scientist and their mentee to strengthen research and mentorship skills, build capacity, and expand the pipeline of OT researchers dedicated to advancing knowledge in functional cognition. Our 2025 Dr. Carolyn Baum Cognitive Function in Daily Life Awardee is:

Timothy J. Wolf, OTD, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA
University of Missouri

The Effect of Dyadic Metacognitive Strategy Training in Autistic Youth and a Primary Caregiver

Mentee: Melanie Morriss Tkach



STRENGTHENING CONNECTIONS THROUGH ENGAGEMENT & SCIENTIFIC PARTNERSHIPS

In 2025, the Foundation strengthened connections across the OT community through key partnerships:

TRAINING IN DIVERSITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

AOTF has committed to supporting the next generation of diverse clinician scientists by partnering with the R25 grant funded 'Training in Diversity Education' (TiDe) program. This program trains current clinician scientists in mentoring best practices and community-engaged research while exposing graduate professional students to the skills needed to pursue careers in rehabilitation research.

OT SUMMIT

For the tenth year in a row, AOTF was proud to sponsor the 2025 OT Summit hosted by the University of Washington (UW) Division of Occupational Therapy this summer. At this pivotal gathering of occupational therapy researchers and clinicians, AOTF was represented with speakers including our Board Chair, Patti Davies, PhD, OTR, FAOTA, along with Board of Trustees Members and past grant recipients.

OT STATE ASSOCIATIONS

In 2025, the Foundation had an in-person or virtual presence at the following state conferences: Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas and Wisconsin. AOTF is incredibly grateful to our volunteers who presented and staffed booths during these conferences and to each state's leadership for helping AOTF stay connected to your members.



WORKSHOP IN IMPLEMENTATION AND HEALTH SCIENCES (WISH)

In May, AOTF co-sponsored the third annual WISH workshop which brought together 24 investigators for a successful three-day writing workshop to strengthen their implementation science, learning health systems research, and health services research grant proposals. 100% of participants agreed that this program provided useful knowledge, constructive feedback, and helped improve their grant writing skills.

DISSEMINATING RESEARCH WITH OTJR

As AOTF celebrates 60 years of advancing occupational therapy science, *OTJR: Occupational Therapy Journal of Research* continues to lead the profession in rigorous, innovative, and globally relevant scholarship. In 2025, *OTJR* advanced its strong trajectory with a 2024 Impact Factor of 1.5 and a 5-year Impact Factor of 1.7, alongside sustained increases in submissions, article downloads, and international readership.



Looking ahead, *OTJR* is preparing to publish its Special Issue on Community-Engaged Research in 2026. With a record-breaking response to the call for papers and leadership from a distinguished team of guest editors, this upcoming issue will showcase cutting-edge research that positions community members as essential partners in the research process.

As we commemorate this milestone anniversary, we recognize and celebrate the collective contributions and commitments of *OTJR*'s Editor-in-Chief, Assistant Editors, Associate Editors, Editorial Fellows, Review Board Members, and SAGE Publishing.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: 2025 ACADEMY OF RESEARCH

The AOTF Academy of Research (AOR) in Occupational Therapy, established in 1983, recognizes individuals who have made exemplary, distinguished, and sustained contributions to the science of occupational therapy. In 2025, we were proud to welcome four new inductees to the Academy:



Batya Engel-Yeger, PhD, OT
Professor, Dean of Students, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Haifa, Haifa, Israel

Batya Engel-Yeger is an esteemed Israeli occupational therapist, investigator, and educator, currently serving as the Dean of Students at the University of Haifa. With a distinguished career in academia, she previously held the position of chairperson of the Department of Occupational Therapy.

Her substantial research contributions focus on sensory processing in various populations, including both children and adults. Dr. Engel-Yeger has an impressive track record of securing funding, having obtained numerous competitive internal and external grants to support her work. With 118 peer-reviewed publications, she has established herself as a leading figure in her field, collaborating with researchers locally and internationally.



Susan Magasi, PhD, FACRM, MS, BScOT, BSc
Head and Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL

Susan Magasi is the Head and Professor of the Department of Occupational Therapy at the University of Illinois Chicago. Her work addresses two primary areas: improving health and participation equity for disabled individuals, particularly those in under-resourced communities, and understanding the intersection of cancer and disability.

Dr. Magasi utilizes innovative Community Engaged Research (CErR) to develop mHealth interventions supporting cancer survivors and individuals with new-onset disabilities. Her research, funded by NIH and NIDILRR, has resulted in numerous publications and presentations impacting occupational therapy, rehabilitation science, medical and cancer care, and disability policy.



Trudy Mallinson, PhD, OTR/L, FACRM, FAOTA, NZROT
Associate Dean for Health Sciences Research, Professor of Clinical Research and Leadership, The George Washington University, Washington, DC

Trudy Mallinson is an esteemed researcher in the field of occupational therapy, known for her innovative contributions to measuring and improving outcomes for individuals with multiple chronic disabilities. She has developed a highly productive research program focused on designing and implementing person-centered measures that address the needs of diverse rehabilitation populations. Her work emphasizes the psychometric assessment and standardization of functional status measures, applying advanced measurement theory to enhance the reliability and validity of these tools across various rehabilitation settings, including inpatient and community environments.



Elizabeth (Beth) A. Pfeiffer, PhD, OTR/L, BCP, FAOTA
Professor, Department of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

Elizabeth (Beth) Pfeiffer is a professor in the Department of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at Temple University College of Public Health and the director of the Research, Engagement, and Advocacy for Community Participation and Health (REACH) Lab. Her research focuses on the development of interventions and outcome measures to support engagement in meaningful activities in the community for transitional-age youth and young adults with ASD and/or IDD.

In all aspects of her work in the REACH lab, she is committed to engaging stakeholders/community partners in research planning and decision-making. Dr. Pfeiffer teaches research in the post-professional and entry-level Occupational Therapy Doctorate program and mentors PhD students. She continues her clinical practice in the area of pediatrics.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF IMPACT AT AOTA INSPIRE 2025



At AOTF, our mission to support and advance occupational therapy research is a year-round commitment. But once a year, that work comes into focus in the most powerful way: at the **AOTA INSPIRE Conference & Expo**. Thank you to all of our attendees, speakers, donors, sponsors, volunteers, and staff for making this year's INSPIRE conference in Philadelphia such an impactful success.

Here's a look at some of the incredible events our community hosted at the world's largest gathering of OT professionals:

BREAKFAST WITH A SCHOLAR

A Journey Through Anxiety

David Anthony Rooney offered a powerful perspective on managing anxiety through community and resilience. His honest storytelling and practical strategies framed mental health awareness as a place for growth, compassion, and connection.

STATE OF THE SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM

The Impact of Long COVID on Occupational Performance: Opportunities for Occupational Therapy Intervention and Research

This event explored OT's vital role in Long COVID care and research and how occupational therapists can uniquely address the needs of clients living with this condition.

ACADEMY OF RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The AOR Symposium showcased presentations from our four new Academy of Research inductees who have made exemplary contributions toward the science of occupational therapy.

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE SYMPOSIUM

This symposium recognized research excellence at every career stage, featuring presentations from awardees on their career journeys and latest research.

2025 AWARD CEREMONY AND RECEPTION

At this ceremony we recognized our Academy of Research Inductees and the following Research Excellence Award recipients:

Lifetime Achievement Award

Wendy Coster, PhD, OT, OTR, FAOTA

Early Career Research Excellence Award

Jennifer Weaver, PhD, OTR/L, CBIS

Mid-Career Research Excellence Award

Janet Njelesani, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA

Virginia Scardina Award of Excellence

Leah Stein Duker, PhD, OTR/L

A. Jean Ayres Award

Aimee Piller, PhD, OTR/L, BCP

INSTITUTE FOR FUTURE SCIENTISTS IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

A cohort of entry-level OT students participated in the AOTF/AOTA Institute, connecting with leading occupational therapy scientists to discuss the latest opportunities within OT science, considerations when evaluating potential doctoral programs, and career pathways in OT science.

PROMOTING ENGAGEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT IN RESEARCHERS (PEER) HANGOUT

AOTF launched its first-ever Promoting Engagement and Empowerment in Researchers (PEER) Hangout which created a networking and support platform for nearly 30 participants including several early to mid-career OT scientists.

STANDING FOR RESEARCH INCLUSION DIVERSITY AND EQUITY (STRIDE) COMMITTEE INFORMAL MEETUPS

Our STRIDE Committee's informal meetups offered a welcoming space for researchers to connect, exchange ideas, and explore mentorship opportunities at this year's conference.

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INFUSING COACHING IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE: 2025 PLANNING GRANT COLLECTIVE

In October, AOTF brought together over 25 experts from diverse interdisciplinary backgrounds – including coaching, community mental health, speech-language pathology, nutrition science, pediatric intervention, early childhood education, adult rehabilitation, and occupational therapy – for a collaborative planning session exploring how coaching techniques can be incorporated into occupational therapy practice.

These participants came together using their unique expertise to define and discuss the role coaching plays in occupational therapy through three lenses: core components, curriculum, and research priorities. All three groups emphasized the importance of establishing a common language to discuss coaching, the need to define the role coaching plays in occupational therapy, and the framework for incorporating this technique into practice.

The 2025 Planning Grant Collective marks a first step in developing collaborative teams that will continue to meet to create further action steps and projects, white papers, and pilot programs to advance occupational therapy practice and improve outcomes through a client-centered and coaching-infused approach.

THE POWER OF PHILANTHROPY IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Sixty years ago, visionary leaders created our Foundation to advance the science of occupational therapy, thereby strengthening our profession and improving the delivery of care.

AOTF has been at the forefront of the biggest ideas in OT research and science — developing cutting-edge and in-demand evidence that has transformed practice and client outcomes. Research funded by our donors has laid the groundwork for novel interventions and standardized assessments, validated clinical practices, identified barriers to care, and provided innovative methods to implement new knowledge. Today, thanks to our donors, AOTF is the leading non-profit organization investing in early-stage OT research.

AOTF is also the leading organization investing in the people of OT science as well as their projects. Dozens of Eleanor Slagle lecturers, thought leaders, and influential mentors have been funded by AOTF, creating the evidence-based profession we have today. Now, AOTF is supporting our future leadership with research resources, workshops, mentorship, and awards which are all made possible by the support of our donor community.

As we look to the decades to come, we know that the growing demand for OT services, combined with an increasingly diverse population in need of those services, will require our evidence to keep pace. In addition to delivering high-quality care, evidence-based practice is essential to demonstrate our value to OT clients, caregivers, and policymakers.

If you share our belief in advancing the science of occupational therapy, then you understand the power of philanthropy to make it happen.

Your gift is essential support for the grants, awards, programs and scholarships AOTF offers each year. At a time when support for science is shrinking, AOTF needs to grow. The power of philanthropy is the driving force of our future, and we want you to be a part of it.



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The 2025 AOTF St. Catherine Challenge was a great success, with 58 schools raising more than \$55,000 to support the Intervention Research Grant (IRG) program. This national, student-led fundraiser provides essential funds for the IRG program.



60 YEARS OF IMPACT

\$600,000+
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IRGs fill a critical gap in OT research funding by providing financial support for early-stage studies to collect pilot data and build proof of concept. Since 2014, AOTF has funded 50 studies in 28 states covering more than two dozen topics! Every year, the IRG program is made possible solely thanks to the philanthropic generosity of our community of donors, many of whom support both OT research and their schools through the St. Catherine Challenge.

Complete results of the Challenge were posted at our 2025 AOTA Inspire Conference booth in Philadelphia, PA; top school teams were invited to both AOTF's Breakfast with a Scholar and State of the Science events, where they received the awards and took a group picture with the Breakfast with a Scholar speaker.

TOP FUNDRAISING SCHOOLS

1st Place - Texas Woman's University

2nd Place - University of Pittsburgh

3rd Place - Marquette University

MVP - Misericordia University & Boston University



PI THETA EPSILON CONTINUES TO GROW

Chapter Overview

2025 marked a milestone year for Pi Theta Epsilon, the specialized honor society for occupational therapy students and alumni, as they inducted seven new schools to their growing membership of 153 chapters across the country.

New schools for 2025: East Tennessee State University (*Gamma Beta*), Arkansas Colleges of Health Education (*Gamma Omega*), Rocky Mountain College (*Zeta Delta*), Chatham University (*Zeta Epsilon*), University of Vermont (*Zeta Zeta*), Baylor University (*Zeta Pi*) and Hawai'i Pacific University (*Zeta Omega*).

Awards

Each year, Pi Theta Epsilon recognizes chapters that have gone above and beyond in implementing scholarly activities that advance the profession of occupational therapy through the President's Award.

In 2025, the **President's Award** was presented to **Texas Woman's University, Delta-Denton** for their outstanding achievements in hosting a keynote discussion, for hosting keynote and panel discussions that brought together a group of guest experts to discuss the latest updates in the occupational therapy field.



OVER 55 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

OccupationalTherapy.com Scholarship

Katherine Haynes, Colorado State University
Julamy Serrano Arocho, Brenau University

Willard & Spackman Scholarship

Sarah Emery, University of Kansas
Medical Center
Erin Rose Cruz, Hawaii Pacific University

The National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy Endowed Scholarship

Zack D'Orazio, Thomas Jefferson University
Kristina Miles, Panola College
Andrea Garcia, Brenau University

Lands Banks Memorial Scholarship

Katerina Garbis, University of
Illinois-Chicago

Mary Minglen Memorial Scholarship

Cam La, Texas Woman's University

Renee Achter Scholarship

Kasey Bartyzal, University of Minnesota

Mary Will McKenzie Scholarship

Stacy Sanchez, University of
Southern California

The Lela Llorens Endowed Scholarship

Breanna Evans, University of
Missouri-Columbia

Carolyn Kohn Memorial Scholarship

Rachel Gmelin, Stony Brook University

Martha Kirkland Pi Theta Epsilon Endowed Scholarship

Sarah Bohrer, San Jose State University
Sarah Hand, Florida Gulf Coast University

The Florence M. Stattel Endowed Scholarship

Abigail Aquino, Nova Southeastern University

Charles Christiansen and Beth Jones Endowed Scholarship

Kim YoungJoon, University of Southern
California

AOTA Assembly of the Student Delegates (ASD) Scholarship

Martina Cebollero, DePaul University

Kappa Delta Phi Scholarship

Emily Canigula, San Jose State University
Riley Marsh, University of Southern California

The Network for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns in Occupational Therapy Endowed Scholarship

Grace Miller, Georgia State University

The Robert and Sharon Ryan Endowed Scholarship

Braiden Solomon, Northern
Arizona University

The Linda Botten Endowed Scholarship

Alyssa Lewandowski, Western New
England University

Diane Blicksilver Aja Memorial Scholarship

Kendall Phillips, University of Florida

Carlotta Welles Scholarship

Rhianna Costiloe, North Shore
Community College

AOTF-STATE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Arizona – The Adelaide Ryerson Smith Memorial Award

Braiden Solomon, Arizona State University

Arkansas – The Florence Wood Scholarship

Lauren Murabito, Arkansas College of
Health Education

Florida – Myra McDaniel Scholarship

Olivia Steinman, University of Florida

Illinois

Katerina Barbis, University of Illinois-Chicago
Martina Cebollero, DePaul University

Kansas - Gloria Scammahorn Scholarship

Sarah Emory, University of Kansas
Medical Center
Lauren Holms, University of Kansas
Medical Center

Louisiana – Todd Poche Endowed Scholarship

Cecilia Trouille, University of
Louisiana-Monroe

Massachusetts – The Karen Jacobs Scholarship

Natasha Harianto, Tufts University
Tama Coelin, MGH Institute of Health
Professionals

Michigan – The Fred Sammons and Barbara Rider Endowed Scholarship

Autumn Ludwig, Davenport University
Latesea Lightfoot, Western Michigan
University
Ambryn Diener, Concordia University

New Hampshire – The Mary Eileen Dixey Endowed Scholarship

Lauren Lepage, University of New Hampshire

New Mexico – The Julia D. Sweeney Scholarship

Brooklynn Hall, University of New Mexico
Erin Sanders, University of New Mexico

New York

Jewel Sanchez, Dominican University

North Carolina – Jane Rourk Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Leah Strickland, Methodist University
Tamia Kale, Winston-Salem State University

Ohio

Danielle Francis, Kettering College of
Medical Arts

Cora Pack, Xavier University

Laura Knight, Lorain County
Community College

Oklahoma

Allison Klaasen, University of Oklahoma
Health Sciences

Kylie Colombo, University of Oklahoma
Health Sciences

South Carolina – The Chris Ebbers Endowed Scholarship

Emma Lane, Medical University of
South Carolina

South Dakota – Harlan and Rita Temple

South Dakota Occupational Therapy Association Endowed Scholarship

Megan Cotton, University of South Dakota

Texas

Cam La, Texas Woman's University

Maya Landgrebe, Texas Woman's University

Utah

Mikayla Gudmundsen, The University of Utah

Virginia – The Fred Sammons Endowed Scholarship

Lauryn Schiffrin, Virginia
Commonwealth University

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Welcome:

In 2025 three new staff members Candy Cooley, Ana Levcovitz, and Madison Toomey joined the AOTF team!

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Revenues and expenses incurred in supporting our profession through research support and publications, scholarships, development and recognition of leadership, and education. The AOTF is a 501(c)(3) organization, Federal Tax I.D. # 136189382.

The Foundation incurred expense in the following programmatic categories from October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025.

PROGRAM EXPENSES	2025	2024
Research	\$1,391,281	\$926,304
Education	\$708,874	\$572,006
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	\$2,100,155	\$1,498,310
SUPPORT SERVICES		
General and Administration	\$812,388	\$951,673
Marketing and Development	\$248,025	\$205,013
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	\$1,060,413	\$1,156,686
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,160,568	\$2,654,996

Statement of Financial Position September 30

ASSETS	FY 2025	FY 2024
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$852,900	\$923,440
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	\$34,913	\$31,094
Accounts Receivable	\$26,403	\$17,199
Contributions Receivable	\$894,765	\$352,730
Investments	\$38,974,378	\$36,649,470
Right-of-Use-Assets - Operating	\$118,434	\$192,989
Property and Equipment, Net	\$65,091	\$912
TOTAL ASSETS	\$40,966,884	\$38,167,834
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$121,625	\$144,197
Lease Liability - Operating	\$140,812	\$227,070
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$262,437	\$371,267
NET ASSETS		
UNRESTRICTED		
Undesignated	\$22,597,669	\$21,377,567
Board-designated Quasi-endowment Funds	\$4,136,907	\$3,346,671
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	\$26,734,576	\$24,724,238
Temporarily Restricted	\$4,469,488	\$3,698,759
Permanently Restricted	\$9,500,383	\$9,373,570
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$40,704,447	\$37,796,567
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$40,966,884	\$38,167,834

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