



# 2024 Impact



If you stutter, you have Friends



## A Note from Caryn:

This year, Friends has grown stronger than ever thanks to the incredible support of our community. Though we feel the loss of our beloved co-founder Lee Caggiano, her legacy lives on through a team dedicated to expanding the impact and reach of Friends.

2024 was a big year! We had our 27th national convention (largest to date), revitalized our one-day conferences in 11 cities, offered a record number of virtual groups expanding to more than 16 countries—and provided more scholarships than ever before, ensuring more families could join our community.

In 2025, we're excited to welcome even more families to Friends through our annual convention in Charlotte, NC, and one-day events across the country. Thank you for making this all possible and helping us make a difference in the lives of young people who stutter.

With gratitude,



## About Us

Friends is a national 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing support and education to young people who stutter, their families, and professionals. We believe that every child, teen, and adult who stutters deserves to live in a world where they feel accepted and are empowered to communicate whenever, wherever, and however they choose.

## We NEED your support!

Help us impact the lives of more young people who stutter:

**DONATE** ❤️

## Meet us at an upcoming one-day!

Pittsburgh: October 25, 2025

Minneapolis: November 8, 2025

Seattle: November 8, 2025

All details are [here](#).

## Save the Date for Chicago 2026

29<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

July 23-25, 2026

[friendswhostutter.org](https://friendswhostutter.org)  
[@FriendsWhoStutter](https://www.instagram.com/FriendsWhoStutter)

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## 2024: Year in Review

Every Number Tells a Story,  
Every Story Makes a Difference...

27<sup>th</sup>

### 27th Annual Convention

Denver was our largest  
convention to date!



### One-Day Conferences

978 attendees across  
11 cities in the US!

978

50

### Virtual Groups

50+ free groups for  
kids, teens, young adults,  
& caregivers



### Amazing Volunteers

150+ committed  
volunteers  
making it possible!

154

\$20k

### Scholarships

\$20K+ offered across  
26 family scholarships



### Clinicians Trained

147 SLPs and graduate  
students trained

147

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I am the only kid in my  
school who stutters.  
I like coming to Friends  
because I get to meet  
other kids who stutter.  
These meetings make me  
happy, excited, and  
feel like I belong.



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My daughter started getting  
concerned about her stuttering  
in 4th grade when someone  
pointed it out at school. She  
became anxious about speaking  
and felt like she was the  
only person who stutters.

Attending the Friends groups  
has been very helpful for her,  
as she no longer feels alone.  
In the group, stuttering is  
embraced and kids  
support each other.

My daughter has grown a lot  
more confident and now  
advocates for people who  
stutter at her school,  
creating presentations for  
classmates and staff.  
This would never have been  
possible without Friends.

Friends empowered my  
son to find his voice  
and use his voice.

