



MAVERICK LEARNING CENTER

Impact Report

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER: MAEGAN CAHOON

In the past year, Maverick Learning Center has made significant strides in advancing our mission and remains firmly on track with our vision timeline. Now in our fourth school year, enrollment has grown to 23 students, reflecting the trust families place in our inclusive approach. Our Board of Directors has provided essential guidance, particularly in stewarding our financial growth and sustainability. Their leadership, combined with the dedication of our staff, has allowed us to deepen our commitment to inclusive education, strengthen instructional supports, and expand programs that empower neurodiverse learners.

As of November, we are also on pace to achieve our 2025 donation goal — a milestone that underscores the generosity of our donors and the strength of our community partnerships.

The bottom line is clear: this has been a very successful year. We are growing, our students are learning, and their parents and extended families are actively supportive of our mission. Together, we are building a future where every Maverick thrives, and we look forward to continuing this joyful journey in the years ahead.



IMPACT SNAPSHOT

93%

Our programs and services consist of 93% of expenses

23

Enrollment has increased serving the most students and families since inception

2

Vehicles in our MLC fleet.
A generous donor purchased our second MLC bus!





2025 IN REVIEW



This year, MLC advanced its strategic priorities with clarity and purpose. We deepened our commitment to inclusive education, strengthened instructional support, and expanded programs that empower neurodiverse learners.

This year's progress reflects intentional alignment with our 2025 goals:

Inclusive Growth

We added a new classroom to accommodate increased enrollment for our fourth school year, ensuring that every student continued to receive individualized support in a sensory-friendly environment

Instructional Excellence

We welcomed a dedicated Educational Support Specialist who led the implementation of Maverick Learning Plans—personalized frameworks that support individualized learning goals and meaningful progress across academic and developmental domains.

Technology Advancement

We enhanced classroom access to assistive and instructional technology by adding new Chromebooks and a third smart interactive board, supporting engagement and differentiated instruction.

Programmatic Innovation

We introduced our language and literacy programming through a strategic partnership with Resolute Therapy Collaborative, grounded in evidence-based instructional practices tailored to neurodiverse learners. Supported in-part by a three-year seed grant from the Hampton Roads Community Foundation, this initiative strengthens our capacity to deliver targeted interventions, build staff expertise, and ensure it reflects our commitment to evidence-based instruction.

Donor Stewardship

We strengthened community engagement through targeted outreach and mission-aligned messaging, and launched our first-ever 5K fundraising event—a success that exceeded participation and giving goals. Our Giving Tuesday campaign, anchored by the theme “Joy in Every Step”, inspired new and returning donors to invest in MLC’s mission, resulting in increased visibility, donor retention, and year-end giving momentum.

These outcomes were made possible by the dedication of our staff, the trust of our families, the generosity of our supporters, and the strategic guidance of our board members. Their leadership and advocacy helped shape key decisions, steward resources, and ensure that Maverick Learning Center’s mission remains strong and sustainable.

As we reflect on 2025, we remain focused on building systems that honor every learner’s journey and sustain our mission for years to come.

Strategic Vision:

Launching Maverick Learning Center's Upper School

In 2026, Maverick Learning Center will launch its Upper School program, designed to empower students through a dynamic blend of self-determination, functional academics, and service learning.

This next chapter will:

- Center student voice and choice, with personalized learning plans and self-advocacy embedded across the curriculum
- Deepen academic engagement through evidence-based instruction, executive functioning supports, and real-world application
- Foster community connection via service learning projects that build empathy, leadership, and civic responsibility

Our Upper School will be a place where students not only learn, but lead—charting their own paths with confidence, purpose, and pride.





FUNDS RAISED 2025

\$158,995

FUNDRAISING GOAL FOR 2025 IS \$150K

At Maverick Learning Center every milestone is made possible by the generosity of those who believe in our mission. In 2025, our donors and community partners helped us expand classrooms, launch new programs, and create inclusive spaces where neurodiverse learners thrive. We are honored to spotlight a few of the many partners who walked alongside us this year:

FIRST-EVER 5K: POWERED BY THIN BREW LINE

Our inaugural “Speed for SPED” 5K was a resounding success—drawing over 180 participants and raising critical funds for classroom expansion and student supports. We are especially grateful to the event sponsors, Youth Volunteer Corps of Hampton Roads, and Thin Brew Line Brewery for hosting.

AFTERGLOW BREWERY: BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

For the second year in a row, Afterglow hosted our Back to School Bash, welcoming MLC families, staff, and supporters into a space filled with light, laughter, and community. The sponsors’ generosity helped us kick off the school year with celebration and connection—reminding every student that they belong.

HAMPTON ROADS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

We are deeply grateful to the Hampton Roads Community Foundation for their initial investment in our language and literacy initiative. Their three-year seed grant has helped us launch a transformative collaboration with Resolute Therapy Collaborative, expanding access to evidence-based instruction for our students.

NO FRILL BAR & GRILL: LOCAL BUSINESS, LASTING IMPACT

Our friends at No Frill Grill went above and beyond in 2025, donating 25% of sales during a day long, special fundraising event and rallying their community in support of MLC. With heartfelt thanks to Deborah and Jerry Meltsner, whose leadership and kindness turned dinner into meaningful impact.

We couldn't have
done it without your
generous *support.*



Our theme this Giving Tuesday, "Joy in Every Step", reflects the spirit the MLC family helped nurture: the quiet triumph of a student finding their voice, the pride of a parent watching their child thrive, and the daily moments of connection that make Maverick Learning Center a place of belonging.

Thank you

to all our donors,
sponsors, and
volunteers.



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