



Our Organization Through The Years...



Founder/President, Pat Farmer, launches the very first movement education program on the East Coast, a relocation of the original Pacific Foundation which she founded in 1991. 8 students with disabilities enrolled in this first class at Sardis Presbyterian Church.

2000

Allegro expands to add a FREE weekly movement education program at Metro, a public school in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System. **Total Organization-Wide Enrollment:** 28 students.



2001

Allegro launches the first ever literacy-based movement education programs for preschool students at-risk with unidentified disabilities **Total Organization-Wide Enrollment:** 88 students.

2002

Allegro's first movement education program at Carolinas Medical Center empowers medically fragile children with disabilities to enroll and participate safely for the first time. **Total Organization-Wide Enrollment:** 132 students.



2003

The U.S. State Department and the Library of Congress partner with Allegro as a training resource for national and international education and medical delegations (ongoing). Allegro is slated as a national expert in teaching children with disabilities, and international representatives frequently travel to Charlotte to learn our movement education techniques.

2004



Allegro Foundation makes history as the first organization in our nation's history to present at **The White House**, showing our nation's leaders what children with disabilities CAN do, while generating national recognition and credibility for Allegro's techniques. **Total Organization-Wide Enrollment:** 164 students.

2005

Allegro launches pilot research in collaboration with Dr. Pierce Howard of the Center for Applied Cognitive Studies and author of *The Owner's Manual for the Brain*.

Partnerships established with UNC-Charlotte, Central Piedmont Community College, and other Universities (ongoing).

2006

Allegro is invited to present our movement education techniques at an International Conference in Washington, DC.

First Lady Laura Bush requests second presentation by Allegro's students with disabilities at the **White House**. **Total Organization Enrollment:** 207 students.

2007

Allegro's students with disabilities demonstrate what individuals with disabilities CAN do with a presentation at **Walter Reed Army Medical Center** for soldiers wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. **Total Organization-Wide Enrollment:** 349 students.

40 Charlotte-Mecklenburg public school teachers enroll in Allegro's Continuing Education Program to earn CEU Credit Hours as the first outside school district sanctioned provider.



2008

Allegro adds nurse training and rotation programs at Queens University and Presbyterian Hospital. **Total Organization-Wide Enrollment:** 363 students

2009

President Bush requests Allegro Foundation's students with disabilities present movement education techniques at a private party for U.N. Ambassadors from across the globe in the State Dining Room of the **White House**. **Total Organization-Wide Enrollment:** 400 students.

2010

Allegro launches an extensive research project, "20 years in the making", to scientifically validate Allegro's movement education techniques. **Total Organization Enrollment:** 500 students.



2011

From the outgrowth of Allegro's First Annual 2010 Ambassador's Ball, more than 500 children with disabilities, alongside 600+ volunteers, will enroll in Allegro's FREE classes this year!

2012

Allegro was in need of a new home and Southside Baptist Church was able to provide one at the rate of \$1 a year for 10 years! They also provided a temporary location while our new office was being renovated. **Total Organization-Wide Enrollment:** 600 students.

2013

Allegro Foundation is officially located in 2 states! In the summer of 2013, Allegro partnered with Rock Hill Parks and Recreation's Camp Arc in Rock Hill, SC and held 3 programs a week throughout the summer. **Total Organization-Wide Enrollment:** 700 students.

Allegro's new home was in dire need of repair. Lowe's Home Improvement heard about our situation and selected Allegro as their 2012 Lowe's Heroes of the Year. Chip Farmer, owner of SCCH Construction, and Corey Carpenter of Lowe's headed the project. They renovated most of the new office completely free of charge!

2014



Allegro enters South Carolina schools with a class at Gold Hill Elementary in Fort Mill School District.

2015

Allegro's new home is completed and the Grand Opening of the new office takes place.



2016

Allegro signs Carolina Panther player Kony Ealy as their official spokesperson for the 2016-2017 NFL season!



2017

Allegro expands into 3 schools in Huntersville, North Carolina! **Total Organization-Wide Enrollment:** 800 students.

2018

Allegro launches innovative nurse training and rotation programs in partnership with Atrium Health and the College of Health Sciences.

2019

Allegro celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Ambassador's Ball by honoring the country of Ireland! This event was started by Gilles Noghes, former Ambassador of Monaco to the United States.

Chick-fil-A recognizes Allegro for its work with children living with disabilities in both North and South Carolina through the True Inspiration Award. Allegro is named the Atlantic Regional Winner!



2020

The worldwide COVID-19 pandemic halts Allegro programs for the first time in our history; staff works remotely to update the Allegro promotional video, create a brand new website, strengthen our Movement Education curriculum and our assessment/evaluation techniques, keep up-to-date on new research developments, and to plan our 2020 September Golf Tournament. In addition, over the summer, Allegro Staff added Red Cross & CDC/COVID-19 safety training to their list of credentials!

2021

As the COVID-19 pandemic begins to subside, Allegro resumes Summer Camp programs for children living with disabilities in North and South Carolina.

