

Twenty Years of Helping Autistic Voices Emerge

1996 - 1997



- The rate of autism was 1 in 2,500
- Have Dreams founded with one program for seven children with autism
- Located at the Oakton Ice Arena; then moves to 960 N. Northwest Hwy. in Park Ridge

1997



- Have Dreams offers Instructional Swimming
- Preteen Program begins

2001 - 2002

- Have Dreams hosts Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS) training for professionals
- Have Dreams staff presents trainings on Structured Teaching, Technology, and Autism Fundamentals
- Have Dreams moves to 930 Busse Hwy. in Park Ridge

2003



- Teen Program launched

2004



- Have Dreams moves to its current Park Ridge location: 515 Busse Hwy.
- Have Dreams Special Olympics program begins
- Have Dreams receives Northwestern University's Dance Marathon charity grant.



2006

- Have Dreams has 13 programs and 56 participants
- 10th Anniversary of Have Dreams

2007



- Wee Dream program added
- Have Dreams adult programs launched
- Have Dreams expands to Evanston at Park School

2010



- Have Dreams moves Evanston location to 2020 Dempster St.

2011

- Have Dreams has 17 programs and 126 participants
- Full-day Life SCILS program added



2013



- Have Dreams selected by New York Collaborates for Autism to launch Project SEARCH Collaborates for Autism at Northwestern University
- Ribbon cutting for Walgreens Retail Training Center at Have Dreams' Evanston location
- Tech SCILS after-school program launched

2014



- Have Dreams Academy workforce training program begins through funding from The Coleman Foundation

2016



- The incidence of autism is now 1 in 68
- Have Dreams celebrates 20 years of service to the autism community