



ANNUAL REPORT

2024-2025

EMPOWERING COMMUNITY.
INSPIRING CHANGE.
BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE.

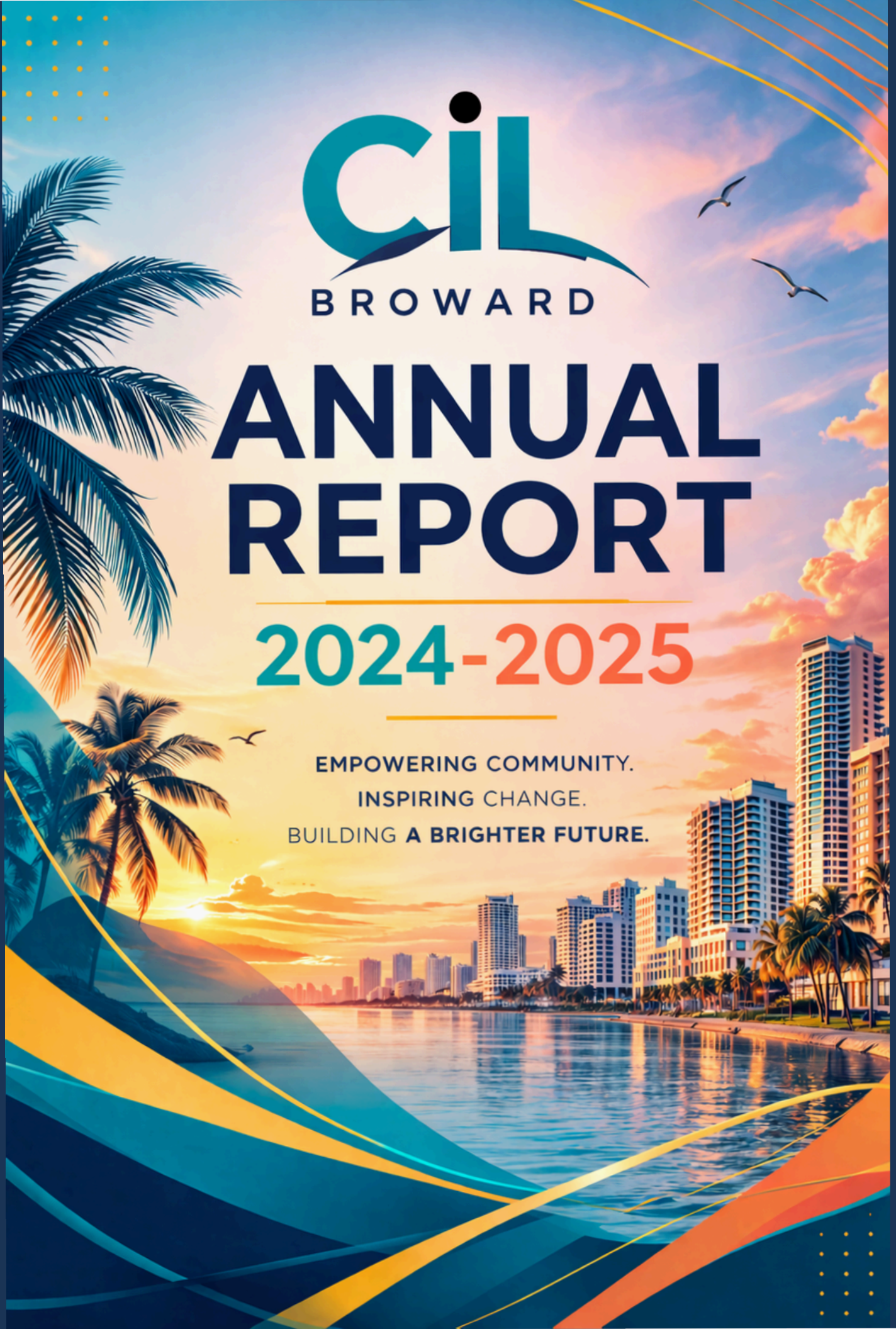




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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends and Partners,

During the 2024 – 2025 fiscal year, the Center for Independent Living of Broward, (CIL Broward) served 4,436 individuals with disabilities by advancing our mission, providing essential services that strengthened independence, increased accessibility, and equal opportunity in our community. During the year, we expanded our programs, strengthened partnerships, and responded to the growing needs of individuals with disabilities. Our mission to empower persons with disabilities towards independence remains at the center of everything we do, and it has never been more important.

Our team worked hard to ensure access to safe housing, employment opportunities, assistive technology, and critical support services. The CIL Broward helped secure jobs, connected families with essential resources, remained focused on removing barriers and created opportunities for success. We also continued to support disaster recovery efforts and provide services to those still impacted by past emergencies.

This annual report highlights our commitment to advocacy, collaboration, and innovation. While we are proud of what we accomplished this year, we are even more motivated to continue growing and improving our impact. Looking ahead, we will stay focused on equity and expanding access so that every individual has the chance to live independently and with dignity.

On behalf of our board of directors, thank you to our staff, partners, volunteers, and funders, for your continued support. Your dedication makes our work possible and helps us build a more inclusive community.

Thank you,

Corey Hinds, CEO



YOUTH & CAREER SERVICES

CAREER EXPLORATION THROUGH BUSINESS TOURS

In the 2024–2025 year, our Youth & Career Services team continued to empower students with the skills, exposure, and confidence to succeed beyond high school. We supported over **125** students through **6** career camps, **8** business tours, and college visits that helped them explore real-world industries and future pathways. With a **99%** graduation rate. Our impact remains strong as we prepare the next generation to lead, innovate, and thrive.



BEHIND THE SCENES AT LOCAL 10 NEWS

In October 2025, High School High Tech scholars visited WPLG Local 10 News for a behind-the-scenes look at broadcast journalism. Students explored the studio, control room, and production spaces while connecting with industry professionals about careers in media. The experience was both engaging and inspiring, helping scholars see real-world career pathways in communications and broadcasting.



YOUTH & CAREER SERVICES

EXPLORING AVIATION PATHWAYS AT BROWARD COLLEGE (SOUTH CAMPUS)

In November 2025, High School High Tech scholars toured Broward College's South Campus, focusing on careers in the aviation industry. Students explored classrooms, simulators, and maintenance training areas, gaining hands-on insight into aviation programs. They learned about pathways such as aviation maintenance, piloting, and airport operations, along with key information on certifications, internships, and industry demand.



The visit also included guidance on the college application process, financial aid, and academic planning, helping students feel more confident about their next steps. Overall, the experience was both informative and inspiring, showing scholars that careers in aviation are within reach with the right preparation and support.



VOCATIONAL SERVICES 2024-2025

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SUCCESS

Over the past year, a participant in the VR Supported Employment program built skills and confidence through consistent coaching and Job Club participation. After completing a mock interview, they secured a position at Chipotle in Weston on October 10, 2025. Today, they report feeling valued and continue to grow on the job—marking an important step toward independence and community inclusion.



SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT MILESTONE: 90 DAYS OF SUCCESS

Gerald reached an important milestone by completing 90 days of successful employment at Burlington after starting as a stocker on September 19, 2025. With continued job coaching and ASL interpreter support, he has been able to fully engage in training and daily workplace communication.

This achievement reflects growing confidence, stability, and independence, marking meaningful progress toward self-sufficiency and community inclusion.



ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY 2024-2025

At CIL Broward, the Assistive Technology program supports individuals with disabilities by providing tools that promote independence, communication, and mobility. During the 2024–2025 year, **448** consumers were served through access to devices, training, and resources that help remove barriers and improve quality of life.



ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY 2024-2025



Ada Martinez, an 84-year-old living with dementia, resides with her daughter in Tamarac. As her condition progressed, safety concerns—especially at night and around wandering—became more urgent.

In response, the center provided targeted support to improve safety. Grab bars were installed in the bathroom, a motion-activated camera was placed to monitor nighttime activity, and a Ring doorbell was added to alert her daughter if she approaches the exit.

These supports reduce risk and give her daughter greater peace of mind while ensuring a safer home environment.

INFORMATION & REFERRAL SERVICES



During the 2024–2025 year, CIL Broward responded to **3200** Information & Referral (I&R) requests, connecting individuals and families to critical resources. Whether related to healthcare, employment, or accessibility services, the I&R program ensures timely support that removes barriers and empowers individuals to take the next steps toward independence.

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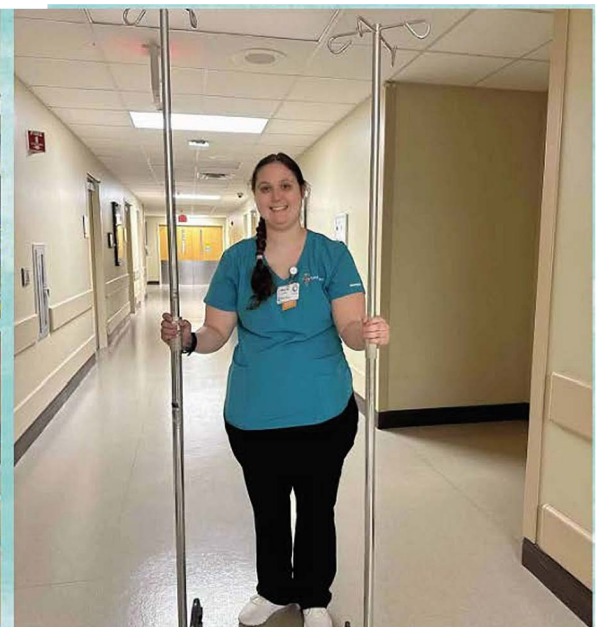
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