



Change & Impact



April 26, 2024

*Kentucky State Bill 111 signing
with Governor Andy Beshear.*



September 13, 2024

*Third Annual Change & Impact Bowling Blast for the
stuttering community in Lexington, Kentucky.*



October 16, 2024

*Pennsylvania House Bill 2268
signing with Governor Josh Shapiro
and Sponsor, Representative
Brandon Markosek.*

2024

Michael Kidd-Gilchrist Scores Two Historic Wins for the Stuttering Community



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*Change & Impact
Founder & CEO,
Michael
Kidd-Gilchrist
at the Kentucky
State Capitol
in Frankfort (left)
and the
Pennsylvania
State Capitol in
Harrisburg (right).*
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Michael Kidd-Gilchrist, Founder & CEO of Change & Impact, is no stranger to victory. As a University of Kentucky Men’s Basketball Champion and NBA star, he built his career on determination, perseverance, and resilience. Now, he’s applying those same qualities as a leading advocate and champion for the stuttering community. In 2024, Michael secured two groundbreaking bipartisan legislative wins in two states very close to his heart—his second home, the State of Kentucky, and where he was born, the State of Pennsylvania.

A GAME-CHANGING ASSIST IN KENTUCKY

On April 26, 2024, Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear signed Senate Bill 111 into law, marking a monumental step forward for the stuttering community. This bill provides an avenue for all individuals who stutter to receive covered speech therapy services. Michael played a pivotal role in this victory, testifying before the Kentucky House and Senate to share his personal journey and advocate for change. “I am pushing myself to use the very thing that can be a struggle—my voice—to speak up for the community I represent and whose voices often go unheard,” Michael said. “I’m not just a national champion here

anymore. I’m a person who made a real impact in this state. I want to thank Senator Westerfield, Senator Thomas, and Governor Beshear for this opportunity.”

BRINGING A VICTORY HOME TO PENNSYLVANIA

Just months later, on October 16, 2024, Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro signed House Bill 2268 into law, another significant milestone for the stuttering community. The bill mandates that all private healthcare and managed care plans cover habilitative and rehabilitative speech therapy for children ages two to six, ensuring early intervention and better long-term outcomes. “Special thanks to Governor Shapiro,

Representative Markosek and the Pennsylvania House and Senate for their support of House Bill 2268 that will help young children who stutter receive the speech therapy they need and deserve,” said Michael. “I am honored to have played a small part in this process that will have such a huge impact in their lives.”

Change & Impact celebrates our Founder, these landmark victories, and the leadership of Kentucky and Pennsylvania for recognizing the importance of speech therapy services for individuals who stutter. With Michael at the helm, the stuttering community has a powerful voice fighting for progress—and this is just the beginning. ■

Change & Impact advances its mission through three core pillars: **Advocacy, Awareness, and Education.** Each pillar is a unique representation of our work in the stuttering community. Thanks to our loyal donors, corporate sponsors and supporters, we raised \$388,960 in 2024 to accomplish meaningful progress under all three pillars.



The 2024 Stuttering Advocacy Tour brought national speaking engagements and vital speech therapy for underserved children who stutter.

324

Speech Therapy Sessions Provided

37

Universities & K-12 Schools Visited

14

States Toured



Michael Kidd-Gilchrist receives the Annie Glenn Award from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

3,000+

Social Media Followers

400+

News Stories Published

1

National Award



Committed to inspiring the stuttering community through education.

1,250+

Speech-Language-Pathologists Reached

3

Continuing Education Programs Hosted

1

Scholarship Program Launched



LOOKING TOWARDS 2025

PLEASE JOIN US IN REACHING OUR 2025 CAMPAIGN GOAL OF \$1 MILLION BY MAKING A PLEDGE TO SUPPORT OUR MISSION

WHAT YOUR PLEDGE SUPPORTS

- Speech therapy services for underserved children who stutter.
- College scholarships for selected high school students who stutter.
- Continuing education programs on stuttering for healthcare providers.
- Outreach and initiatives for the stuttering community.

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