



## Annual Report FY2020

*Flowers Before Bread*

Dear Friends of the Elderly,

In a challenging year it is easy to forget how much good has happened. For New Years 2021 my husband, friends and I had a Zoom celebration where I "assigned homework" for everyone. After some eye rolls, everyone shared a slide



presentation that highlighted the best part of every month in 2020. At the conclusion of our New Year's Eve party we all realized that among the hardship, there was a lot of light, and a lot of living. I later shared similar exercises with the LBFE staff and at our virtual CitySites programs. We were able to remember the silver linings: the new friendships, the strengthening of community.

Our joy came from different places, and we found strength we didn't know we possessed. We learned new skills, adopted new hobbies, and, boy, did we Zoom!

For Angelica in Roxbury "Zoom opened up a whole new world." In addition to attending LBFE's **Tech Cafe's** and Monday **Bingo**, she used her new tablet to reconnect with family in Canada and the islands who she hadn't spoken to in decades.

For Jack in the North End, who survived COVID in the Spring, he found comfort at our **Intergenerational CitySites** programs, which were a place to talk about his experience, and to celebrate simply being alive.

Our **Bridge the Distance** and **Holiday Buddy** programs designed as a check-in system has led to many long-term, meaningful friendships.

For me, the highlight of 2020 was watching the LBFE Family grow. You all reached out, stepped up, and made sure that no one was left behind. I will never, ever forget the kindness and generosity of this family, especially when things seemed darkest. Now that we see the light at the end of the tunnel, with many of our older friends receiving vaccines, I can't wait to celebrate with you and be together again.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nikki Shults".

Nikki Shults  
Executive Director



# CitySites

Weekly inter-generational and cross-cultural social programs for older adults living in senior housing across the city and college students.



333

Older  
Participants

Number of elder  
participants at our  
CitySites programs



86

Younger  
Participants

Total number of  
students participating in  
CitySites



231

Activities

Total number of  
activities hosted



17

Communities

Number of senior  
housing buildings  
programs were  
hosted in

# Bridge the Distance

Programs to relieve loneliness during the COVID-19 pandemic



91

## Older Participants

Number of older adults receiving check-in calls



52

## Volunteers

Number of volunteers making regular phone calls to older adults



28

## Video Greetings

Number of videos of support sent to older adults at home



100

## Tablets

Number of tablets donated to increase internet access for older adults

# Special Events

One-time or short-term social programs  
and special classes.



6

## Poetry Classes

Number of weeks of  
our poetry class with  
Partners in Rhyme



9

## App Developers

Number of people on  
the team that built an  
app for LBFE's virtual  
programs



30

## Dancers

Number of people  
attending our 6-Week  
dance class



25

## Scoops

Number of  
residents at a  
congregate housing  
site attending our ice  
cream social

# Holiday Celebrations

Special events to celebrate the winter holidays. \*FY20 reflects the 2019 holiday season



145

## Older Adults

Number of older adults attending our holiday parties and visiting events



56

## Volunteers

Number of volunteers during the holiday seasons

# Friendly Visiting

One-on-one visiting



44

## Elderly Participants

Number of elders matched with volunteers and interns



47

## Volunteers

Number of volunteers, students and interns doing friendly visiting



1084

## Visits

Number of friendly visits



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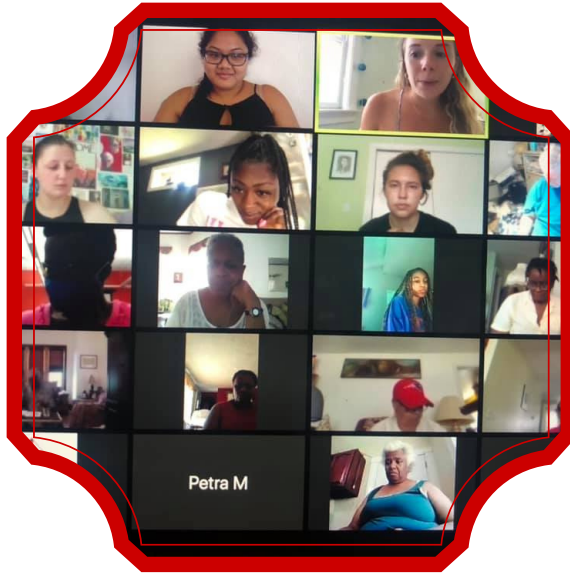
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## Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who tuned in to the **Friends on the Harbor** virtual gala. All episodes streaming now on YouTube!





"I just cannot say how much I have enjoyed being with you all on the computer now, but when you [were] here in person I really, really, really enjoyed myself!"

*-Estelle, older participant*

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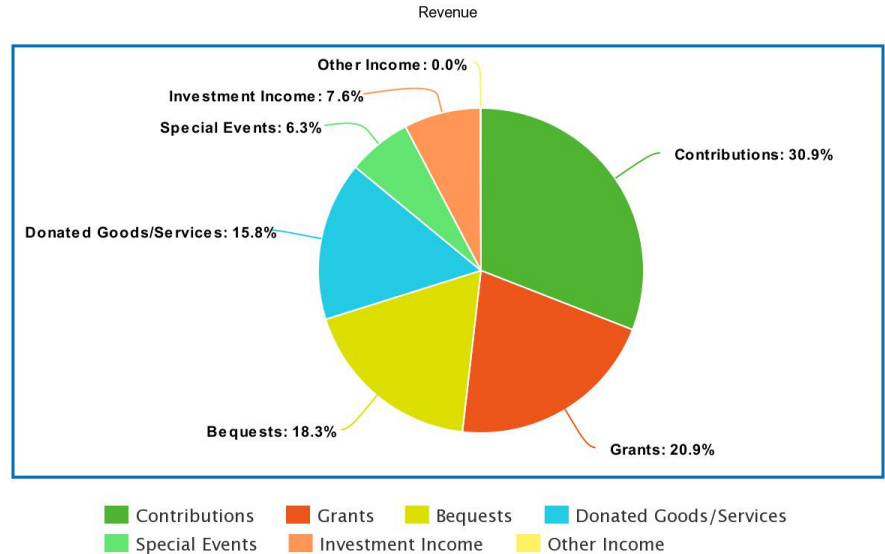
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# Revenue

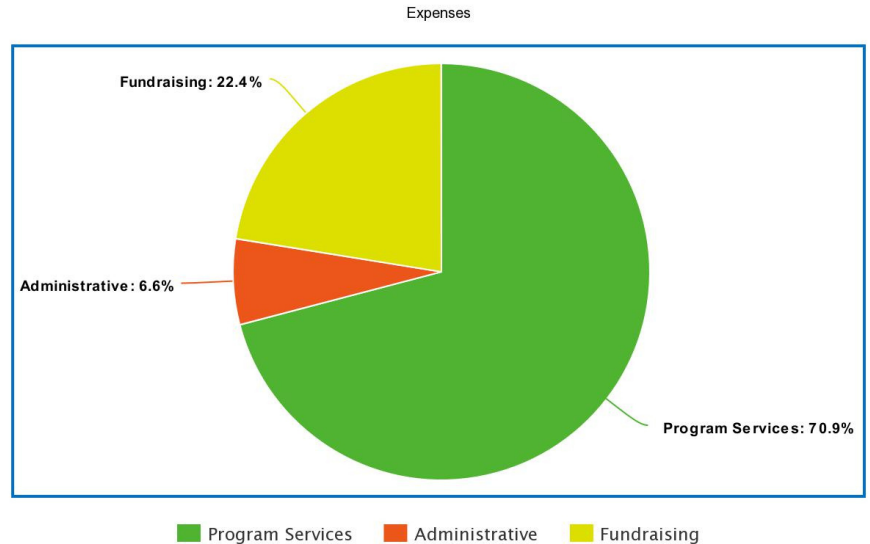
Contributions	\$ 196,235
Grants	\$132,613
Bequests	\$116,189
Donated Goods/Facilities/Services	\$100,470
Special Events	\$40,241
Investment Income	\$48,366
Other Income	\$314
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$634,428</b>



# Expenses

Program Services	\$406,766
Fundraising	\$128,732
Administrative	\$38,087
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$573,585</b>

Net Increase (Decrease) in Assets	\$ 60,843
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$ 1,862,852
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 1,923,695



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Note: LBFE Boston participated in a short-term engagement with a development consultant in FY20 to continue building long-term financial stability. This accounts for the increase in fundraising expenses this past year.

# Planned Giving

## Forever Friends

Charitable giving can be a meaningful part of your estate planning. It can help maximize tax advantages now and support philanthropic interests beyond your lifetime. You have the opportunity to develop a clear picture of funding priorities and benefits you want to achieve.

We encourage you to consider a planned gift to Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly, Boston Chapter as a resource for your charitable giving needs. We offer several planned giving options to provide benefits for you and your family.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss planned giving, please contact Nikki at [nshults.bos@littlebrothers.org](mailto:nshults.bos@littlebrothers.org) or 617-524-8882.

## 2020 Legacy Society



Marguerite Mellen  
Norma Smith



# From the Field

Our **Friends on the Harbor** gala episodes brought together community leaders, volunteers, and older adults to share our story. Here are some of the highlights:

"There's tremendous power in the work that's done by LBFE to not only create that intergenerational connection ... but it's also so impressive to see this organization work so hard to help seniors find a way into the technology of the 21st Century." –**MA Governor Charlie Baker**

"You wave highly the banner that all people are precious. That all people have something to offer. That all people have something to give back. Especially older adults." – **Sandra Harris, MA AARP**

"Little Brothers – Friends of the Elderly... trying to stave off loneliness, isolation that so many people in this world feel at most times, but especially now. This is why we would like all of you to try make a difference by helping support LBFE." – **Yo-Yo Ma, musician**

"I've gotten to know such amazing people. I've learned so much about people and their art and their interests." - **Kelly, younger participant**

"This is such a wonderful idea. Little Brothers – Friends of the Elderly, it's a way of bringing people together and helping to end elder loneliness. It's a problem. People need contact. They need communication. They need to be with one another." – **Livingston Taylor, musician**

"I believe in mentoring and giving back. This experience has been really fun for me...We've gotten to know each other very well in a deeper way than I thought was possible by the computer." **Cindy, older participant**

"My introduction has been only through Zoom, and yet it has been very profoundly affecting in terms of feeling very real and making connections with both my fellow residents and young volunteers." - **Lynn, older participant**



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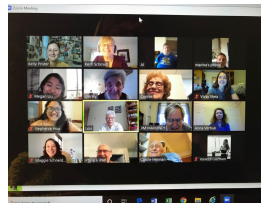
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