



Dear Friends,

In my favorite version of The Christmas Carol Kermit the Frog states "life is about meetings and partings; that is the way of it." To me, 2021 was a year of meetings and partings.



We began the holiday season social distancing with the promise of vaccines just around the corner. It was one last push until we could be together again. Sure enough, by summertime we left our desks/couches/dining room tables and after a year of being apart, we relished a summer of "meetings". Our intergenerational CitySites program returned to the common areas of senior housing communities, we shared food, cheer, and song at our summer picnics, we hugged, we cried, we were together.

But then we went through another round of "partings" with the rise of the Omicron variant. Our program spaces went dark as we all logged back into Zoom and returned to our virtual worlds. But it wasn't goodbye. Armed with new knowledge of technology, the older adults in our program were determined to keep our communities thriving. In his TEDx talk, Kermit states "There's one thing that I think every frog or person needs to be creative: and that is friends." Together, older and younger

participants flexed their creative muscles and built engaging and fun virtual programs. They shared stories, played games, researched family history, wrote poetry, toured museums, aquariums, and zoos. Through it all we found strength in each other and stayed positive knowing that "meetings" were on the horizon.

And sure enough, we're sharing spaces again, planting windowsill gardens, taking walks through the Arboretum, and planning for the summer picnic.

In a year of meetings and partings, I am grateful for the LBFE family that has been there for each other every step of the journey. You've been flexible, supportive, and willing to do what it takes to meet the moment. This is a community that I'm proud to be a part of, and I hope you are too.

Warmly,

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

Nikki Shults
Executive Director



CitySites

Weekly intergenerational and
cross-cultural social programs
connecting older adults and local
college students



140

Older
Participants

Number of older
participants at our
CitySites programs



50

Younger
Participants

Total number of
students participating
in CitySites



292

Activities

Total number of
activities hosted



9

Sites

Number of senior
housing buildings
programs were
hosted in

Bridge the Distance

Programs to relieve loneliness during the COVID-19 pandemic



29

Older Participants

Number of older adults receiving check-in calls



24

Letters

Number of "virtual visit" letters sent by volunteers



6

Poetry Classes

Number of weeks of our poetry class with Partners in Rhyme



13

Memory Connect

Number of Memory Connect events held



15

Tablets

Number of tablets distributed to older adults

Special Events

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



5

Candidates

Number of Boston
Mayoral Candidates
attending our Forum
on Older Adults
Issues



32

Game Nights

Number of virtual
bingo games



5

Trivia

Number of monthly
virtual trivia games



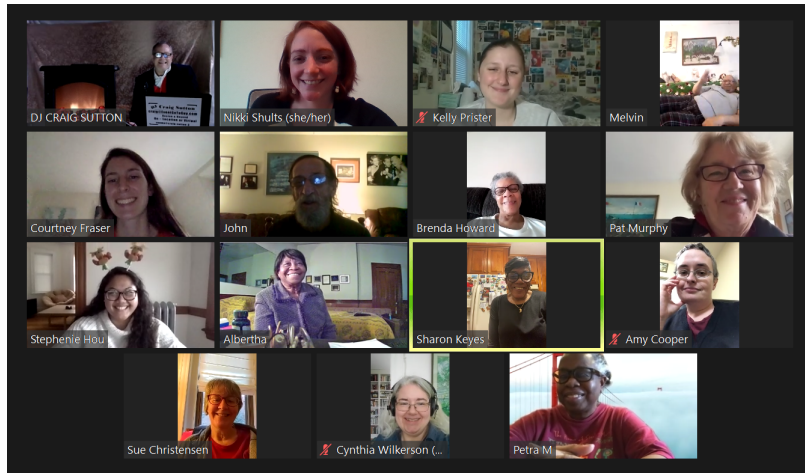
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Picnics

Number of
older adults
attending picnics
and ice cream
socials

Holiday Celebrations

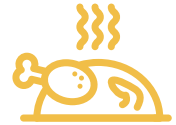
Special events to celebrate the winter holidays. *FY21 reflects the 2020 holiday season



23

Holiday Buddy Pairs

Number of older adults matched with volunteers and interns



33

Holiday Zoom Party Attendees

Number of guests at our virtual holiday party



52

Valentine's Day Cards

Number of Valentine's Cards delivered to Mount Pleasant Home

Friendly Visiting and Telefriendring

Following COVID precautions, in-person visiting resumed in May 2021



82

Older
Participants

Number of older
adults matched with
volunteers



40

Volunteers

Number of volunteer
and student friendly
visitors



681

Calls Made

Number of
calls made in
Telefriendring

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"I really appreciate the time you've given us.

I hope you've learned how incredibly important technology is to my generation as well as yours. So thank you very much for everything you've done. And your patience! Your patience has been a gift!"

- Valerie, Brighton Resident

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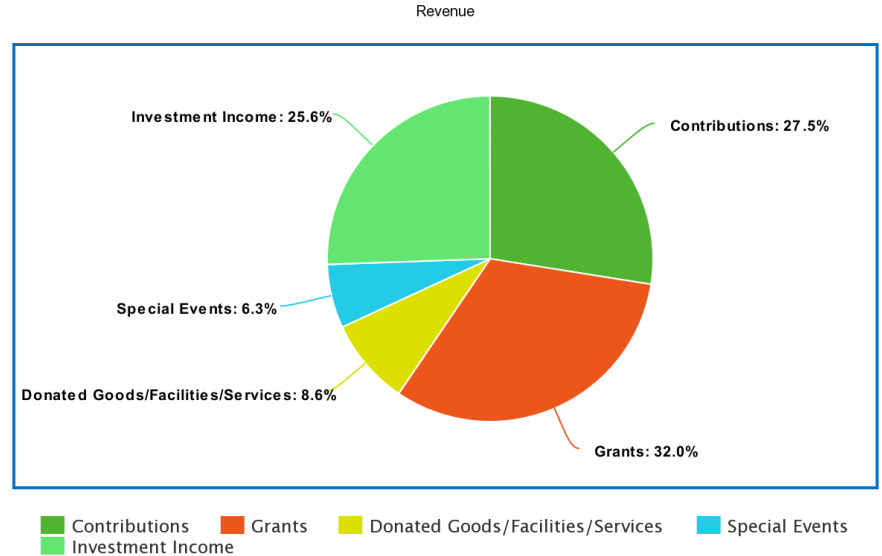
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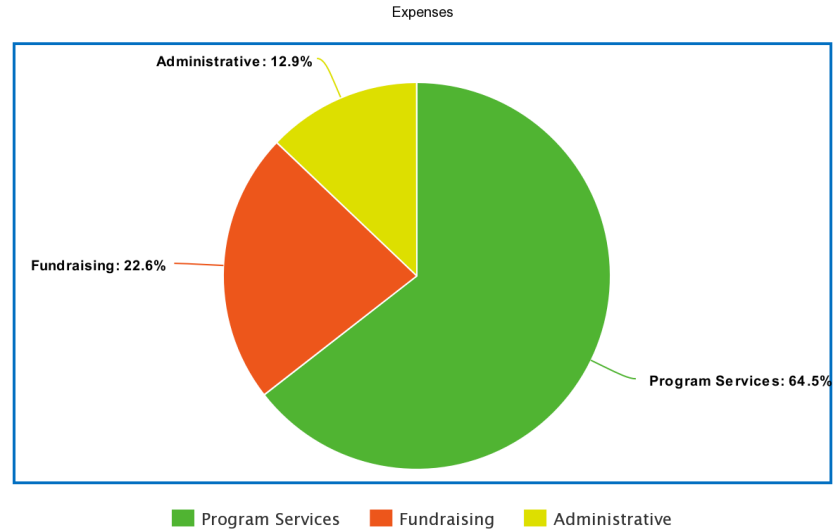
Revenue

Contributions	\$239,807
Grants	\$278,864
Donated Goods & Services	\$75,195
Special Events	\$55,168
Investment Income	\$222,769
Total Revenues	\$853,325



Expenses

Program Services	\$425,630
Fundraising	\$149,496
Administrative	\$85,006
Expenses	\$660,192



Net Increase in Assets	\$ 193,133
Net Assets at Beginning of	\$ 1,923,695
Year Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 2,116,828

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



From the Field

Throughout the year we have been able to bring together community leaders, volunteers, and older adults to share our stories and forge long-lasting relationships. Here are some of the highlights:

"You bring Joy, you know, when I can get together and I can clown a little bit also, 'cause I do like to clown' so yeah, I mean, you make me smile when you come and I'm happy glad to see you all." - Estelle Lawson, Farnsworth House Older Participant

"LBFE has created an environment and a community where we can all learn, laugh and grow together and I'm so grateful I've been able to be part of such a supportive organization. So thank you for all the wonderful work you do." - Julia Pignatella, Younger Participant

"I've definitely met a lot of people who I would not have met otherwise. And just being able to hear everyone's stories and feel like I have a bunch of new friends is really cool." - Kelly Prister, Younger Participant

"I appreciate your program because it gives me dignity...expecting me to learn and grown as an older adult. Especially in winter, when I've been a bit lonely, I have also loved you and others being there. LBFE inspires me to volunteer where I can also. Thanks very much!- Peterborough Senior Center, Older Participant



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