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Camphill Community

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# Letter From the President

to the end of day, we are bathed in a rainbow of gold, red, orange, purple and more, as the sun shines sideways, low on the horizon, through the woods and leaves and into our squinted eyes. This is a strange tension as we look ahead as seen against the last months and year. We are tempted to be afraid, nervous, tired, and overwhelmed. Things are difficult, never as before in most of our lives, and there is no real relief on the horizon. And yet the days are filled with light, forcing us almost violently to take a breath, be present, and just bask in the glow of the day. The Estate crew is hard at work gathering the golden leaves as they slowly fall to ground, piling them up for composting, where they become the black gold of the garden; leaf mold.

The past year in the Triform community has seen us repeatedly living with this theme. How can we take our experiences; sense impressions, emotions, good conversations, bad days; as well as the most challenging circumstances, and allow them to transform into something that nourishes and can bring forth beauty? Within a community such as Triform this is a vital process we are well-advised to pay close attention to.

One year ago we celebrated together the opening of our new tunnel and track between Triform and the Stewardship during our Family and Friends weekend. Little did we know how important this connection between the two neighborhoods would become as the Covid-19 pandemic shrank the scope of our world. As precautions increased we were forced to cancel Spring Break, stop all outings and visits to our families and friends, temporarily close our Day Program, and for a time, even isolate within our house communities from the other houses in Triform, dividing up our daily responsibilities in such a way that each house did the work of one work area, with little to no overlap. These measures had the intended effect of keeping all in Triform safe up-to-and-including the present day. In addition to the day students not being able to come in eight Triform residents also went home to be extra safe as the unknown scope of the pandemic developed. Many sacrifices were made by all, and we got to know new sides of each other as we all dealt with the sadness and disappointment of not being able to see our loved ones during the breaks or to do our usual activities.

At the same time, while our world seemingly grew smaller, something else began to happen. Throughout the community nooks and crannies, corners that had previously been wild or overgrown, were cleaned out. A labyrinth was constructed at the Stewardship and trees planted around it to provide future shade. The crocuses and daffodils planted last fall at the Family and Friends weekend came up. Bee hives appeared all around Orenda and the garden, and the garden itself was buzzing with insects and hummingbirds all summer. The new track and tunnel were heavily used by walking groups and cyclists, enjoying the freedom and safety it provided. On the way between they would stop by the Pegasus barn where month by month the horses made friends with more and more Triformers and established themselves as important members of the community. Each day a dedicated team provided Zoom programming to the day students and residents

who were at home, providing them with a vital lifeline and window into the community. Our world grew smaller but seemed to become more alive at the same time. We took more joy at simple encounters with those we didn't see very often, whether they were on a computer screen or in real life. And we really looked forward to the mail arriving each day!

Which brings us to that other place where we found new riches; our sense of community, flexibility, support, and trust with all of the families, friends, staff, and donors of Triform. As the reality sank in for everyone that Spring Break would be cancelled our mail room started to look like the week before Christmas each day. Packages with every kind of treat and gift for all of the houses poured in, along with the goodwill that came with them. Then came the greatest confirmation of all; our annual fundraising concert planned for the first week of June in NYC was sadly postponed and then transformed into a virtual event to be celebrated in the beginning of November. Despite this disappointment Triform received overwhelming contributions from all of our supporters for the concert and raised over \$100,000 in gifts towards the future sustainability of the community. Thanks to the commitment of our donors, families, staff, board of directors, and all here in Triform we have an incredibly strong financial, social, and cultural basis from which to keep working during the rest of this difficult year and onward. Triform is in good shape, and has shown resilience that we did not know that we had.

The golden rainbow of the autumn leaves falls to the ground and becomes the black leaf mold so treasured by the gardener. The leaf mold penetrates the ground from which the trees, shrubs, flowers, and vegetables grow forth into a further rainbow of color. With careful attention we can insert ourselves in this process, as the gardener does, and apply the nourishment of the condensed gold exactly where it's needed most. Triform has experienced this during this last year, thanks once again to all of our supporters, and we trust that this will continue, and blossom, even as current events become just a memory.

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In gratitude,

Benjamin Davis

For the Triform Community

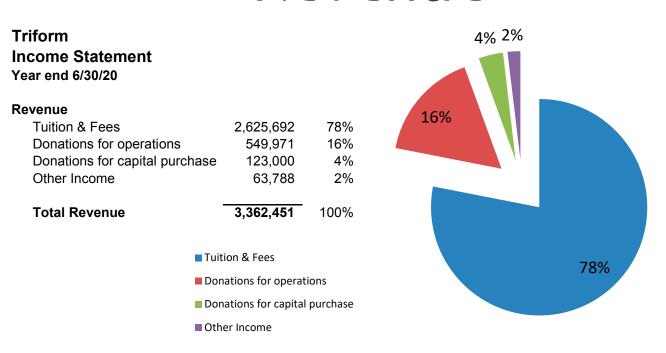






# Donors

# Revenue



# Expenses

Expenses		
Program services	1,945,700	61%
Depreciation	574,372	18%
Management & General	553,806	17%
Fundraising	94,212	3%
Total Expenses	3,168,090	100%
Net Revenue over Expenses	194,361	
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ifts to Triform change lives, and we are deeply grateful for your support. Below is a list of our generous friends whose gifts were received between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. Great care has been taken to insure the accuracy of our donor list. We apologize if we have inadvertently omitted or misspelled your name. Please call our Development Office at 518-851-9320 if you find an error, and we will gladly correct it in our next newsletter. Gifts received after June 30, 2020 will be acknowledged in our next Annual Report.

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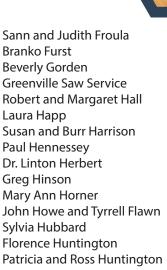
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Absent from photo:

Claudio Pannunzio, Eric Hollander, and Rebecca Bissonnette





# Thriving in Community • by John Wagner

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planet. He thrives in places built around community, watching him). connection and belonging.

We are also built for adventure. It is in our spirit, our DNA, if you will. It is how God made us. We love excitement and risk. It's why we go to theme parks, ride roller coasters, fly down zip lines, hike up large Sabine told methe other day, that she came downstairs mountains and watch scary movies.

My dad has a boat, a speed boat. He has pulled David on a tube behind that boat since before he could walk. Doesn't matter the time or the day (or the

le are made for relationships. All of us. temperature unfortunately), if you get David behind Certainly, that is true of my son David. He that boat and my Dad hits the gas, David's face just is one of the most relational people on the lights up. He can't help it (Neither can I when I'm

> I also believe we were made for meaningful work, for purpose, to give ourselves to things that matter. All of us. Regardless of position, title, gifting or ability.

> one Saturday morning, and David was in the kitchen emptying the dishwasher. That's his job. He loves to do that. He loves to know that he has something to do that helps everyone. He wants to contribute.

> I think from the time David was born, we dreamt of a place like Triform. For the first 21 years of his life, that place was home - that was our family, that was our community, that was school. But, we knew, that eventually, those days would end, that it would be another place, with different people - a new home, a new family, a different community. We just didn't know its name or where it was or how to find it.

It's hard to imagine a place more built for these things than Triform. There's hardly a picture I've seen in the last year where David doesn't have his arm around someone, laughing with someone, sitting close to someone, or playing a game with someone. The table in the dining room in White Pine screams community! We join in these meals together. We play games here. We share our stories here. We build friendships, look out for each other and consider the other here.

The kitchen says, "team work", we all share in the work, the load. We cut and cook together, we clean together, we have different roles and jobs, everyone joins in. The whole house shouts relationships! David loves talking about the boys – Eric, Jesse, Liam,

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Peter and of course Ashley, Eric, Stephen and Sabine. Over the past year, David has worked in the garden, helped on the farm and estate, enjoyed music and drama, had a part the community play, worked on the newsletter – all things he loves to talk about. He loves being outdoors, loves to be on stage, loves to play, and loves the chance to work. He also has swam in the pond, built a labyrinth, played baseball, had movie nights, gone horseback riding and star gazing.

This past summer, we had a wonderful time during David's break – we went to my mom and dad's - he

rode the tube, we kayaked together, we had a few picnics and a couple of short hikes, we swam, we hung out, his brother and sister were there, we really had a great time.

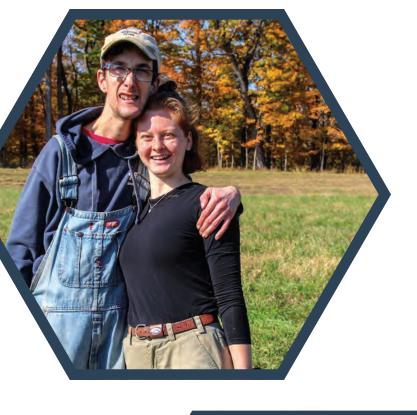
At the end of the month – we headed back to Triform. I thought, "this could be hard for David. We've had such a great time together." As we pulled up to Triform, Stephen and Sabine, Eric and Ashley were there to greet us. David jumped out of the car, ran around to the other side, shook my hand, said, "Thank you, John" and ran in the house. Wow! So much for a hard transition!

As hard as it is to not have David with me each day, it is such a gift to know he's in a community of friends where he thrives – day in and day out, grows into the amazing young man he was created to be.

















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