

# TRIFORM

Camphill Community

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# Letter From the President

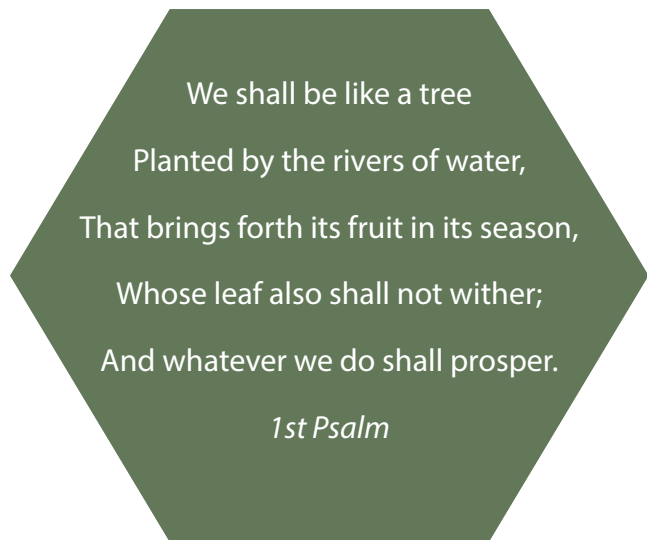
Dear Triform Community,

**D**uring a recent tour I was giving to close friends and long-time supporters of Triform, we found ourselves in the vicinity of one tree or another that had been planted in memory of parents, friends, founders, and residents of Triform. Each one evoked smiles, memories, and stories of that individual and all they had loved and made possible for their children, families, and for Triform. Our community is cloaked in memory, in stories that flow together to become the “Triform story”. Our story is woven by the results of actions informed by a vision that others pursued in times past: Hans Kunz breaking ground on Falcon Hall

out of necessity but with no idea of how to pay for it; Ilse and Gerald Nelson who decided together that Triform would be a good home for Gerald, where he guided many Triformers into community-life through his music appreciation evenings and love of baseball; the gardeners who decided where to place the garden, carefully laid out the beds, and built a tall fence to keep the deer at bay; and Kevin Keane, Dusty Rhodes, and their families and the many other supporters who saw the potential of acquiring the Stewardship property and the benefit of connecting the two sites with the tunnel.

One could say that much of what composes the physical “body” of Triform, including our landscape, barns, buildings, and homes, is like great trees, grown out of the wood of commitment and intention. Grown so that the most vulnerable may find shade- shade from the intensity of the midday sun and from the stern gaze of a society fixed on ascribing an individual’s value according to their output. If the last one and a half years have taught us anything, it is that “worth” is truly in the eye of the beholder and our own experience is the only actual reality. For over 40 years, many who have known and loved Triform have worked from this knowledge to create deep roots that will bear future fruit.

On the 16th of June 2021, with the passing of Dev Barker, Triform said farewell to one of our great friends and the father of Triform Journeyperson Holly Barker. Serving as our board chairman since 2015, Dev was an incredibly strong support, particularly during the last months of the pandemic. His calm confidence in the community’s ability to safeguard itself and support everyone who is a part of Triform was essential to our own sense of being able to withstand these difficult times. Dev was always there when Triform needed him, quietly waiting for the moment to ask just the right question. On the lawn below Christofferus House a Linden tree has been planted in Dev’s memory, which will cast shade from its strong branches for centuries to come. The simple act of planting a tree requires hope, hope and trust that future generations will protect and nurture that which has been planted. Dev Barker personified this hope in the timelessness of Triform’s mission, planting seeds for future years of strength and purpose. We miss him.





Under the branches of the Triform Community tree, during the past year and in spite of the uncertainty and fast-paced change we have all become accustomed to, life in Triform has continued in the usual way. We welcomed long-time Triform parent and board member Anne Bailey as the new board chair and are secure in her vision and leadership. We celebrated festivals and performed plays, planted the garden, and said goodbye to wonderful young volunteers and welcomed new. We also said goodbye to Lucy O'Leary, Max vom Stein, and their children Noah, Lily, and Matilda who moved onto a new phase of their lives. We welcomed Norbert Schultes and Ashley Aupperle as the house-holding team in Tourmaline, as well as three new students, and one new day student. We have also welcomed twelve new volunteers, who now join the seven staying on for another year. Of this group, eight are attending the Camphill Academy. We continued to care for all in Triform and for our land and buildings. We completed the beautiful Lasure painting of the Music Room in Falcon Hall, as well as painted the exterior of Christofferus House. We are well on our way to upgrading our vehicle fleet with hybrid and e-vehicles and have made a commitment to use the power of the sun and wind to dry our laundry on laundry lines, instead of the clothes drier. At the same time, we are slowly installing high efficiency heat pumps in all of the homes to keep them cool and comfortable, during the ever hotter summer nights.

Life continues with the increasing knowledge that there will be no return to "normal" in this post Covid era. We can look with both love and sadness on that which was and at the same time turn our chins firmly into the wind, roll up our sleeves, and prepare with love and dedication for that which is yet to come. The support of our families, donors, board members, and sister communities in the Camphill Association of North America is the ground in which the roots of our community continue to grow and prosper.

With gratitude from us all,  
*Benjamin Davis*  
For the Triform Community



# Letter from the Board Chair

In this season of hope and harvest, we are most grateful to everyone who helped keep Triform functioning during such a difficult year. This past year has been a challenging one for Triform Camphill Community. Not only did we continue our fight against Covid-19 with the rest of the world, but we lost our dear friend and Triform Board Chair, Devereux Barker, on June 16, 2021.

Dev's calm demeanor and steady hand helped guide Triform through one of the toughest years in our history. He was with us to the very end, helping sail the Triform ship through mighty storms to safety and calmer waters.

Dev told me, the week before he passed, that working as our chair was the best and most meaningful work of his lifetime. You can understand why. Triform is a place that shows compassion and acceptance for everyone. It inspires all of us to do our best, through the constant encouragement and inspiration from its teachers, volunteers, and staff. It is that devotion to Triform's mission that kept us all going, even on the darkest days of 2020 and 2021. Dev, with his thoughtful and calming demeanor, kept us working together by constantly adapting to meet the needs of the moment. We will miss him.

As your new chair, I will do my best to live up to Dev's commitment and love of the place many of our family members call home. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns in the coming year.

I feel fortunate and blessed to work on behalf of this extraordinary place and I look forward to working with you to continue to help Triform flourish and grow. Together we have the power to keep Triform strong.

I cannot imagine a world without Triform. Lives are transformed here. With your invaluable help we will make sure that continues for every student, well into the future.

All the best,  
*Anne Bailey*  
Triform Camphill Board Chair



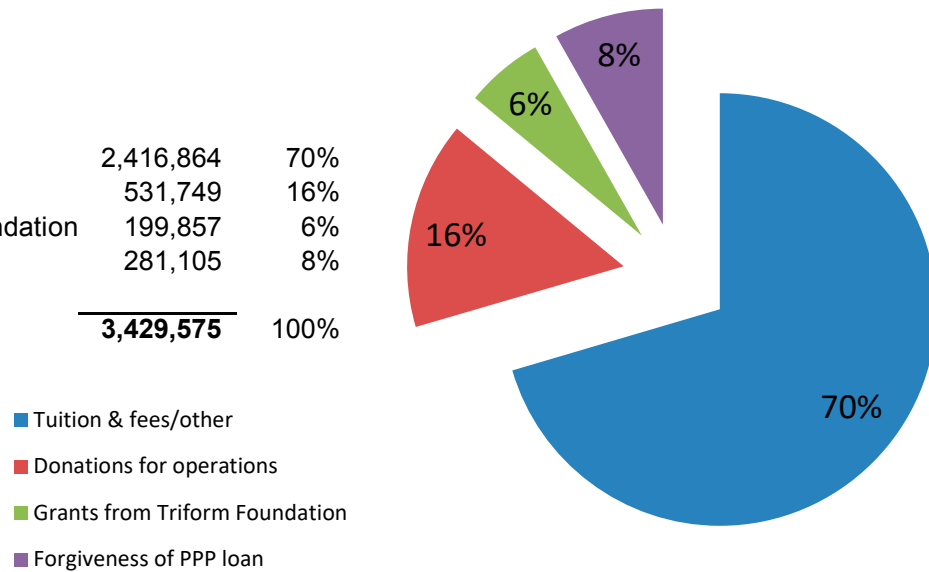
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## Revenue

### Triform Income Statement Year end 6/30/21

#### Revenue

Tuition & fees/other	2,416,864	70%
Donations for operations	531,749	16%
Grants from Triform Foundation	199,857	6%
Forgiveness of PPP loan	281,105	8%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>3,429,575</b>	<b>100%</b>



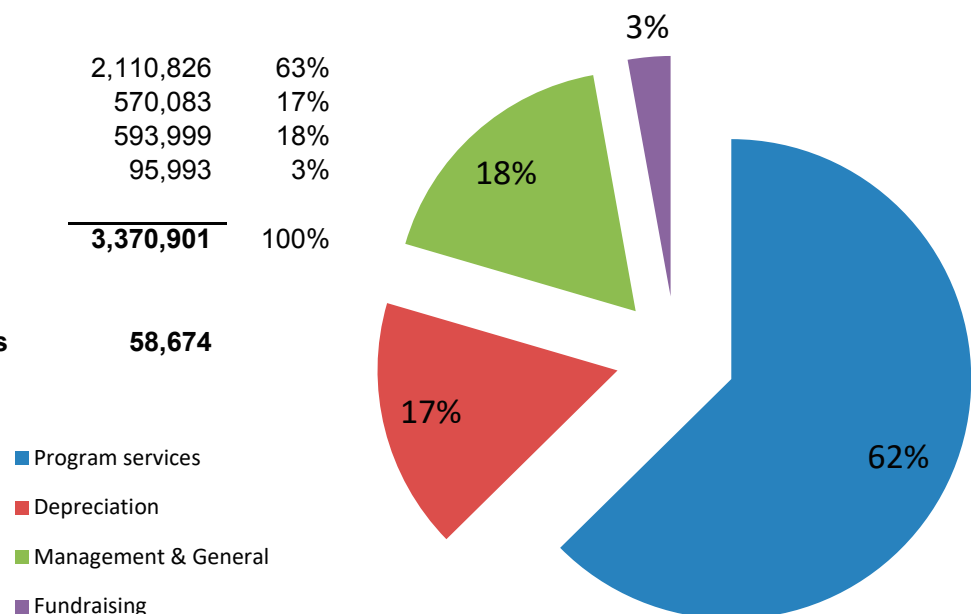
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## Expenses

#### Expenses

Program services	2,110,826	63%
Depreciation	570,083	17%
Management & General	593,999	18%
Fundraising	95,993	3%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,370,901</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Net Revenue over Expenses 58,674**



- Program services
- Depreciation
- Management & General
- Fundraising



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**G**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, 2020 and June 30, 2021. 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, 2021 will be acknowledged in our next Annual Report.

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Claudio Pannunzio, Eric Hollander, and Rebecca Bissonnette

# Letter from a Triform Parent

## Ryan Huntington's Journey to Triform

by Sarah, Lois, Robert, and Ryan Huntington

Ryan Huntington's life started with dark clouds and rain; it started with the diagnosis of autism. As Ryan approached two years old, he still had no language. His mom worked with him endlessly with no success. Then, one evening, as we ate dinner, we looked up and Ryan was pressing the fingertips of both hands together. He was making the sign for "more." He wanted more cereal. When we saw Ryan signing, it was like the most brilliant rainbow had emerged from those dark clouds. We cried.



*Ryan as a Youngster*

Subsequently, Ryan's mom persisted in her efforts, pairing spoken word with signs, and Ryan learned to speak. As he approached two years old with no speech, who would have imagined 16 years later Ryan would become the lead vocalist for a band, playing at a resort hotel in the Sinai Desert of Egypt singing songs in **Arabic!**

People with autism see the world differently. When little, his sister Sarah noted Ryan focused on edges, spinning objects, and details other people would miss. For example, he was mesmerized by

the edges of telephone poles whizzing by our car or spinning ceiling fans in restaurants. He would choose his favorite restaurants by the color of their ceiling fans.



*Ryan with his Sister Today*

Sarah would try to see the world as Ryan saw it, wondering what she was missing. She, and we, finally found a dependable bridge into Ryan's world through music. Ryan has always had a song in his heart. When he is feeling his song most, there's a hop in his step.

Ryan's affinity for music has played a big role in his life. At age three, he was exposed to a pianist. He listened intently and then walked to the piano and played the melody of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy". His fingers danced on the keys without any guidance or piano lessons. Triform has strengthened his heart songs. He is happy to share his recommended music list in the Triform newsletter and he is happy singing to the cows.



Ryan prefers a set routine without changes, as do many people with autism. It did not help that, while growing up, Ryan and his family moved more than a dozen times. Ryan's rainbow emerged in Kansas City, Missouri, but passed through New England; Cairo, Egypt (where Ryan's mom helped start a school for handicapped children); Jerusalem; Tennessee; and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Then, upon returning to the USA after three years in Vietnam, Ryan and his family took a boat ride to Fisher's Island, New York. It is then that Ryan's rainbow began arching down to Triform.

Ryan's uncle Rick worked on the Fisher's Island Ferry. Uncle Rick and his wife, Kathleen, took us to the annual Arts and Crafts Fair on the island. At the fair, we met Bill Furse. Bill had formerly attended Triform and was an strong advocate of its virtues. Bill, Rick, and Kathleen encouraged us to investigate Triform for Ryan.

We visited Triform and found a treasure at the end of a rainbow. It was the best environment we could imagine for Ryan. The farm setting was wonderful. And, the people of the Triform community not only cared, but celebrated the individuals living there- seeing their strengths and nurturing social and emotional growth. Triform was a safe, inclusive community, where every community member upheld friendship, harmony, and grace.

As Ryan entered Triform, we felt we could no longer provide the energy and home life best for his continued growth. Triform has brought healing to our whole family. And, Triform has allowed Ryan to continue to mature and grow in independence. Ryan loves the friends he has made at Triform, and Triform has expanded Ryan's interests. He has also gained the ability to self-advocate and to advocate for others at Triform. Ryan has become a social justice warrior. At his apprenticeship ceremony,



### ***Ryan Helping Blind Children in Vietnam Learn to Swim***

one of Ryan's mentors described Ryan as a "Knight in Shining Armor," a young man who fights against injustice and stands up to support those who are struggling and less able. Noticing and highlighting Ryan's kindness made us very proud.

While going through life with kindness and caring, Ryan continues to shine. He brings light and rainbows into the world, and we learn so much from him. There is no way Ryan would have made the strides he has made without the amazing co-workers (angels) from around the world, householders, and the entire Triform Community. Ryan continues to be one of the most empathetic and nicest human beings we know. May his rainbow keep shining through dark clouds, rain, sunshine, and happy days.











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