

Annual Report 2021-2022



Letter From the President

Dear Friends,

Triform is a place of community building, never finished and always forming. Community, not as a noun, but as a verb. Triform is a place of transformation, for individuals and for a group of individuals within a wider society that seeks constantly for renewal. Triform offers healing and solace as a haven for vulnerability and fragility. Triform is a place where we care for our piece of beautiful land with the same deep gesture of care that we strive to bring towards each other. Triform celebrates the manifoldness of the stories of our international, neuro-diverse, and multigenerational group of individuals striving for equality.

We recently gathered together on a golden November afternoon for our All-Souls celebration. In the greeting of the four elements, in the sounding of gongs and chimes, in the reading of names of those who have passed, we consciously wove together our present moment with our immense legacy from the past and our aspirations for what is yet to come. The gentle flowing of the stream, the silent falling of the leaves, the flying of birds overhead—all contain the generosity and sacrifice of those gone before us.

We reciprocate this vast inheritance with an invitation into our daily tasks, with gratitude for all that has been given, and with an offering of our sorrows and struggles into the substance of hope and light. We do not forget. We see each other. We tend to each other. We move forward with strength and stability.

In difficult times, the need to be supported brings clarity in new and enhanced ways. We are deeply grateful for the support we received from each and every one of you. Your giving, appreciation, time, reverence, and respect have carried us through a year of challenges and unfamiliar territory. We feel confident that together we will continue to create this thriving Triform community together.

With deep gratitude,

Rebecca Bissonnette
President



Sculpture in Davids Meadow







Letter from the Board Chair

Dear friends,

It is at this time of year as the leaves fall from the trees and we prepare for the colder days ahead I reflect on the beauty and wonder of the Triform Community. It is a community to be respected and admired for emerging from the challenges of this past year. In what was one of the most challenging years in Triform's history, the community rose to stay strong, committed to their mission, and determined to keep everyone in the community on track.

Covid restrictions once again caused serious delays with business as usual and caused some financial hardships. We also lost a beloved member of the Triform family, David Wagner.

These things weighed heavily on the community. Yet because of Triform's high-level of compassion, ability to work together through adversity, and deep respect for one another, we came through feeling like we could breathe again and see the beautiful light of the Triform community around us. This is what makes Triform such a special place.

The generosity of our families and donors with both time and resources helped Triform continue their important work throughout this past year. We currently have many family members helping with committee work and a devoted and hardworking board. The future ahead looks bright.

We could not be who we are without our supporters and friends. Your generous financial help this past year almost filled the financial gap produced by the pandemic. It shows how much you value this irreplaceable community which every day offers hope, dignity, and a life full of possibilities even when confronted with the challenges of a world-wide pandemic. We are forever grateful for your love and support.

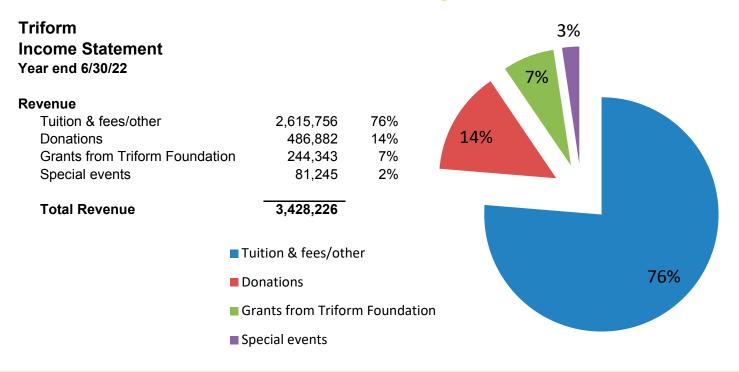
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Anne Bailey
Triform Board Chair

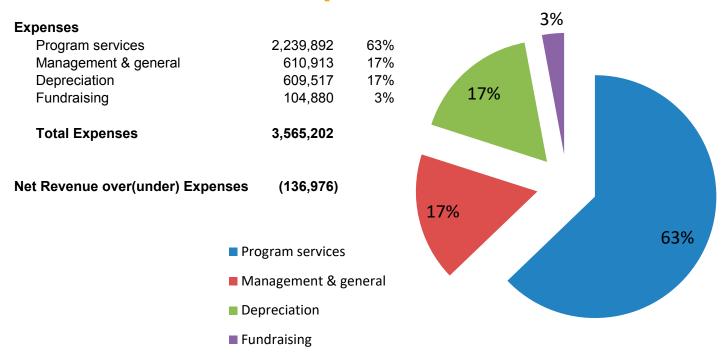


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Letter from a Triform Parent

Dear Ishaan,

I hope you are enjoying the nice fall weather! I wanted to pen this letter for you, as maybe someday, you will want to know about your journey to Triform.

In October 2020, we were at a pharmacy drivethru for your COVID-19 testing. The testing was required because you were moving into a group home about 10 minutes from our residence. While



One year old Ishaan

I was trying to follow the instructions of the nurse on how to administer the test, an email message popped up on Mom's phone. The email message was from Triform, about an opening for you in November. We completed the testing and came out of the drive-thru. Our home was just 5 minutes away and within those 5 minutes we made up our minds - you should go to Triform! We knew it would be difficult, but this coincidence may be a sign from the higher power.

You have been at Triform since November 2020. I know it was not easy for Mom to let you go and stay with strangers, especially because you cannot talk and express your needs, but somehow, we felt you would get the support you need there. You will lead a more productive life at Triform, instead of just going and sitting for nine hours at the local day-hab program.

In the last two years, we have seen you settle down at Christofferus house and Triform. Rebecca, Etienne, and the entire household is the loving, accepting, and caring family that you needed. While you are non-verbal and have difficulties communicating your wants and needs, the team at Triform takes the time to understand you. You are afraid of injections but the kind-hearted crew at Triform managed to

administer the COVID-19 Throughout vaccines. the pandemic, the team took care of you and assured us every day. We are grateful and amazed to see how Triform households take care of our precious kids. You may still have those rare moments of difficulties, but the Triform team and your peers patiently accept you and help overcome those vou anxieties.

It was 1999 when we landed in the US for the first time. You were two and half years old and we were observing that your childhood milestones were getting delayed. You had difficulty sleeping, eating, above all you were not talking! We had already started to express our concerns to the pediatricians in India and they would joke that "Einstein started to talk at five years" ... do not be so concerned, give it time. Dr. Hochman in Boston referred you to the Children's Hospital where Dr. Ronal Davies diagnosed you with PDD, which we later came to know was a euphemism for Autism. Autism was a new word for us, we started researching on the internet and came to know that it was spreading like an epidemic especially in east and west coasts of US. Scientists were researching for causes and some doctors were promising cures. For more than a year we were in denial looking around for a cure. We rushed to whoever was promising answers, especially with no family around, we were in a crisis. Then there was a period of isolation. Luckily, we came across some wonderful support groups, formed by parents in similar situations, which helped us move to the state of acceptance. We wanted to give you opportunities so that you could live a self-sufficient and productive life.



Looking back, I still recall those days when your mom had to crawl on her knees to teach you how to ride a tricycle. Last week we were thrilled when Rebecca shared a photo of you riding your new red tricycle at Triform!

Music is your first love, and it soothes you. When I saw you on stage recently with the Triform Bell Choir, I was crying with joy! With computers, it took six months to make you understand the relation between a mouse click

with an event on the screen. Today you can start the computer, open the browser. to YouTube, and listen to your favorite music.

know life has not been easy for you. You have travelled with me for my job. From Boston to Indianapolis to Albany and your mom has always advocated for you to ensure that you get the necessary services. When you



graduated from Langan School we were happy but at the same time very worried about what happens after school. The day program could only provide a safe place for you to stay while we went to work, nothing more than that.

By sheer serendipity, I visited The Center for Discovery in Harris, NY for work-related matters. I connected online with a parent whose daughter was graduating from the center and was also looking for a residential placement and suggested



to me Camphill Village at Copake. From Copake they directed us to Triform. As if someone had a plan for you and we were just following the clues to the destination.

At Triform we want to see you "improve your self-help skills," "communicate your wants and needs", lead an active & productive life," and "have a caring support system." We know you are in the right place now, and you will be better prepared for the future. Above all be happy and healthy!

I am still not sure how, from millions of songs on YouTube, you found and chose to play the Gloria Gaynor song I Will Survive, repeatedly just before going to Triform in 2020. Were you trying to assure us and say, "Don't worry mom and dad-I will survive in this crazy world."?

I hope you will not only survive but flourish at Triform! God bless you and everyone at Triform.

See you soon.

Your Dad, Amit



























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