



# ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021



**Partnership**  
for Families, Children and Adults

# 2020 - 2021 Annual Report

## *“Returning Home”*



*L to R: Sharon Love and Betty and Bob Niswonger*

Betty and Bob Niswonger received this beautiful handmade quilt at a Partnership fundraising auction in 2001 and proudly displayed the wall hanging in their home for 20 years prior to gifting it back to Partnership in May 2021. “We are grateful to have this unique quilt which features 16 iconic Chattanooga landmarks returned home to Partnership which is now displayed in the conference room at our new administrative offices at Eastgate Town Center, says Sharon Love, Director of Philanthropy.”

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## Message

from Pam Ladd,  
Chief Executive Officer

Dear Friends,

Since 1877 Partnership has been committed to identifying trends and needs of our most vulnerable community members and designing programs that educate, advocate, and empower children and adults to succeed in a safe and healthy life. Through a variety of service programs, we live out our mission of "Empowering People. Building Communities". In recognition of grants, foundations, legacy gifts, and donors like you, we are 144 years old and still going strong!

Our year from July 2020 until June 2021 had an amazing impact on individuals and families in stabilizing lives and strengthening relationships across our community. Your sustaining support and investment greatly aided our efforts in empowering individuals toward economic stability. We are tremendously grateful for attorney, Marc Harwell's leadership and desire to provide a nutritious and delicious meal for the families residing in our Domestic Violence Shelter for 55 Friday's during the pandemic. Feeding over 60 people in a small kitchen space while observing COVID protocols was a logistical challenge.

One of our newest program's, Camp HOPE, offers year-round mentoring and healing-centered activities to children who have been impacted by domestic violence. Partnering with our local YMCA, we used the facilities of Camp Ocoee and staff to provide a week of overnight camp experience to 17 children. The National Director of Camp HOPE America attended and was impressed by the collaboration between Partnership and YMCA in providing this unique experience. Our trained case workers provide counseling and emotional support at the summer camp and continue at monthly activities throughout the year as these children build friendships, strengthen confidence, and are able to talk about the trauma of domestic violence in a safe environment. This program is highly successful, and we look forward to serving more youth through this curriculum and activities for years to come.

As you can see, Partnership has numerous collaborative efforts, dedicated board members, passionate staff, committed volunteers and loyal donors. You personally sustain the breadth of unduplicated programming and services we provide to our community neighbors in vulnerable situations. Because of your support, Partnership will continue moving forward as a critical community resource for families in need. For that, I am most deeply appreciative!

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pam Ladd".

**Empowering People • Building Communities**

# The Impact of Your Support this Year:



**7,114 Total Clients Served**

## Victim Support Services

Domestic Violence Shelter provided **8,379** nights of safe refuge

**636** rape victims (over age 13) received exams, counselling and court advocacy

**1,975** victims of domestic violence received shelter or non-residential support services

**1,510 Hotline calls answered**



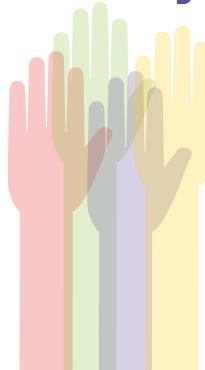
## Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

**1,159** deaf, deaf-blind and hard of hearing community members received services and life skills training



5,744 hours of ASL interpreting services

## Stability Support Services

 **119** clients of Building Stable Lives program received help with housing, training and education

BSL Food Pantry provided food assistance to **412** households

**40** youth received health education, expressive therapy, financial readiness, and life skills training at RCYC

**37** children and teens impacted by trauma due to violence participated in Camp Hope activities that encouraged team building, relationship building and skills that build HOPE and resilience.

## Center for Family Connections

**471** safe parent visits and exchanges

**32** parents were empowered with knowledge, and new parenting skills to make good health lifestyle choices from participating in the Nurturing Parenting Class

**505** divorcing parents with minor children attended Children in Divorce or Separation (CIDS) workshop to help parents and their children transition through co-parenting relationship



## Elder Support Services

**1,151** residents received advocacy in long-term care facilities

**216** out of **242** seniors served were able to remain in the comfort of their own homes because of assistance they received from home care specialists with activities of daily living

**47** Retired Senior Volunteers (RSVP) contributed **1,225** hours of service to local community agencies

**12,502 meals were provided to 108 seniors.**



# PROGRAMS

Partnership for Families, Children and Adults mission strengthens individuals and families of all ages through (5) five Centers of Integrated Services. Our services provide benefits through an effective array of critical services and collaborative partnerships that continually evolve to meet community needs.

## VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICES

### Family Violence Center

- Domestic Violence Shelter
- Rape Crisis Center
- 24/7 Crisis Hotline
- New Visions Transitional Housing
- Center for Family Connections
- Supervised Visitation
- Safe Child Exchange
- Children in Divorce or Separation (CIDS) Class
- Rule 31 Mediation Services
- Nurturing Parenting Class

## DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING SERVICES

- American Sign Language (ASL) Classes
- Accessibility to Hearing Assistive Technology
- ASL Interpreting Services
- Employment Counseling



## ELDER SUPPORT SERVICES

- Home Care Program
- Long-Term Care Ombudsman
- Case Management

## STABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

- Building Stable Lives (BSL)
- Camp HOPE
- Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP)
- River City Youth Collective (RCYC)

## SUSTAINABILITY SERVICES

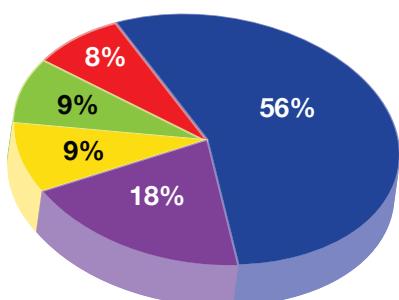
- Cause Cloth Thrift & Boutique
- ASL Interpreting Services

## FINANCIALS

FISCAL year ending June 30, 2021

**Total Revenue**  
**\$6,318,257**

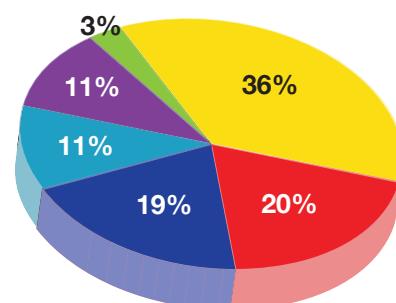
### Revenue



- Government Grants
- Return on Investments
- Contributions, Special Events & Private Grants
- Service Fees and other Earned Income
- United Way

- Victim Support Services
- Stability Support Services
- Management & General
- Elder Support Services
- Sustainability Services
- Fundraising

### Expenses





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## Program Spotlight

### Camp HOPE America Chattanooga

For youth impacted by trauma due to violence

Partnership's Camp HOPE is a mentoring and healing-centered program for children and teens impacted by trauma due to domestic violence, sexual assault or child abuse. The program blossomed in 2020 with structured monthly activities (rock climbing, biking, hiking, and canoeing) and included a week-long overnight camp experience. We had 37 children and teens to participate in the monthly pathways activities and with the collaboration of YMCA Camp Ocoee, 17 kids were able to enjoy a summer camp filled with exciting and safe activities. Camp HOPE follows the national Camp HOPE America "Challenge by Choice" model challenging children to try new activities with perceived danger or risk allowing them to opt out of those activities if the challenge creates unmanageable stress or fear. "Camp HOPE's goal is to break the generational cycle of family violence. The cycle of violence is very difficult to break even for parents and guardians who want to break that cycle. We provide healing and hope and mentorship not only to the children that come to participate but also to their families," said Michelle Howard, Program Director.



For more information on volunteering or sponsoring a child, contact [partnershipfca.com/camphope](http://partnershipfca.com/camphope) or 423.805.6126.

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## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

### ELDER SUPPORT SERVICES

#### Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

Partnership's Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) assists individuals age 55 and over to find meaningful service opportunities that utilize skills and talents acquired over the years, or to develop new ones, while helping to create change in their local community. One of the largest senior volunteer efforts in the nation, RSVP was established in 1971 and is one of multiple AmeriCorps Seniors programs. Here in Hamilton County, since 2019, we are proud to have contributed more than 26,000 hours of service to community agencies such as Partnership, Meals on Wheels, MyRide TN Southeast, East Ridge Community Food Pantry, and St. Alexius Outreach Ministries. “Our volunteers serve, and that is important. But even more so, they unite divisions, strengthen existing resources, impact lives, and lead communities to be better versions of themselves. RSVP volunteers take action and get things done,” said Mariko Tinaya, Program Manager. To volunteer or to learn more about volunteer opportunities, call 423.755.2726.



Volunteer Appreciation Drive-Thru Event

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**Employees from the following companies chose to designate donations to Partnership through United Way.**

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### Campaign Impact!

1,870 People! 55 Fridays!

Every Friday since 5.8.2020, sheltered  
victims of domestic violence enjoyed  
professionally prepared dinners from  
two local Chattanooga restaurants:



## #FeedThePartnership Campaign

In Spring of 2020, as COVID-19 cases climbed in Chattanooga, unfortunately, so did domestic violence cases. Partnership's Domestic Violence Shelter not only was tasked to keep clients safe from their abusers but also the challenge of keeping clients safe from contacting the virus. It was also a time when many families and individuals faced unprecedeted food insecurity and were in need of nutritious food. Simultaneously, Chattanooga restaurants were experiencing a severe downturn in patronage due to stay-in-place orders and other efforts to stem the tide of the pandemic.



*Marc Harwell*

Marc Harwell, noted local attorney, longtime friend and supporter of Partnership, saw all these needs and expressed an interest in providing a specially prepared nutritional meal each Friday for the shelter residents. He called his friend Nathan Lindley and initiated the partnership with Il Primo and Public House restaurants to prepare and deliver the meals. On May 8, 2020, Marc purchased dinner for 31 adults and 20 children all residing or working at the shelter. "His large purchase appeared to be a singular act to help the Partnership while also helping my restaurant, but he followed the first week's order with another two weeks," said Nathan.

To assist his passionate mission, Marc launched the #FeedThePartnership Campaign and rallied his network of friends and business and community contacts to foster the initiative. Each week, he tirelessly engaged others in the community to join the campaign, all for the benefit of the shelter's residents. The result was an outpouring of support that led to feeding 1,870 people a delicious meal for 55 Friday's over one year. Marc's generosity and leadership quite literally changed lives during the throws of the pandemic, and I was pleased to be asked to contribute to this incredibly impactful cause," says friend and colleague, Mike Alston.

# Rise 2021

On May 5th, Partnership hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual RISE fundraiser at The Chattanooga Hotel. Thanks to the generous sponsors and attendees RISE 2021 raised over \$71,000.

This year's event showcased Partnership's youth services division, River City Youth Collective (RCYC), a program that offers financial literacy, life skills education, education and career coaching and independent living housing for at-risk youth and young adults aging out of foster care. The event featured Jimmy Wayne, a former foster kid who turned award-winning country recording artist and whose songs and story highlight his mission to increase awareness about kids who age out of the foster care system and become homeless. Guests were invited to attend a hybrid event offering both in-person and virtual tickets to the luncheon on May 5<sup>th</sup> and a special concert performance on the evening of May 4<sup>th</sup> at The Granfalloon. Four distinguished community advocates who have impacted RCYC were honored at the luncheon.

## 2021 Distinguished Youth Advocate Award

Jasmine Snell

## 2021 Distinguished Community Advocate Awards

William Ward, Pathways for Young Adults

Sandra Farrington, TN Department of Children's Services

Independent Living Program Specialist



From L to R: William Ward, Jasmine Snell, and Sandra Farrington.



*Sandy and  
Chuck Chitty*



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