



2020 - 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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I enjoy my students. Their visits are very encouraging. I think it **enriches their lives** as much as it **enriches our lives.** 

LORI'S HANDS CLIENT

### **From the Executive Director**

What a couple of years it has been. As we collectively faced a period of profound uncertainty and difficulty as well as corresponding lifestyle modifications, Lori's Hands stepped into a period of growth we've never before experienced. Our enthusiasm has been measured as we walked alongside our communities, together facing unprecedented challenges.

Through the pandemic, Lori's Hands has prioritized our clients' and students' health while remaining true to our mission to build mutually beneficial partnerships between community members with chronic illness and college students, fostering empathy, connection, and resilience.

Our services have evolved along with the pandemic. At first we channeled our efforts to pen pal letters and phone calls, then added contactless grocery and prescription drop offs, and have now resumed in-person home visits with appropriate precautions in place. Throughout it all, our clients and students have continued to learn from and support one another, often showing up in tremendous ways. A testament to that came from one client's daughter, who shared with us that her mother talked highly of her Lori's Hands student volunteers to emergency room nurses just hours before she passed away.

As an organization, we've grown from 1 chapter to 3, from 1 staff person to 5. Your support along the way has been one of our greatest assets. Here's a look at what you've made possible, and a glimpse into what's yet to come.

With gratitude, *Maggie Ratnayake* Executive Director



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[Our client] has clearly demonstrated to both of us the importance of **intergenerational friendships** and what **lessons** seniors can share from **lives welllived.** 

LORI'S HANDS VOLUNTEER



2020 **372** student & community volunteers 251 older adults & individuals with chronic illness 3,140 hours

Includes ongoing weekly support and short-term emergency aid offered in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### We launched the **Green Ribbon Pen Pal** program, connecting 180+ community members, who sent more than 650 letters

to provide one another

companionship





We held **Distance Dining** with Dom, showcasing one of our longtime clients who is known for his cooking prowess. He led attendees through making one of his favorite dishes, and everyone enjoyed the time together.

Students got creative! From window-waves to movies via FaceTime to texting photos of home gardens, Lori's Hands students and clients remained a consistent part of one another's lives.



2021 **377** student & community volunteers 299 older adults & individuals with chronic illness 4,081 hours

Includes ongoing weekly support and short-term emergency aid offered in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We held our inaugural Lori's Hands Does Chocolate event, celebrating students' and clients' mutual commitment to one another.



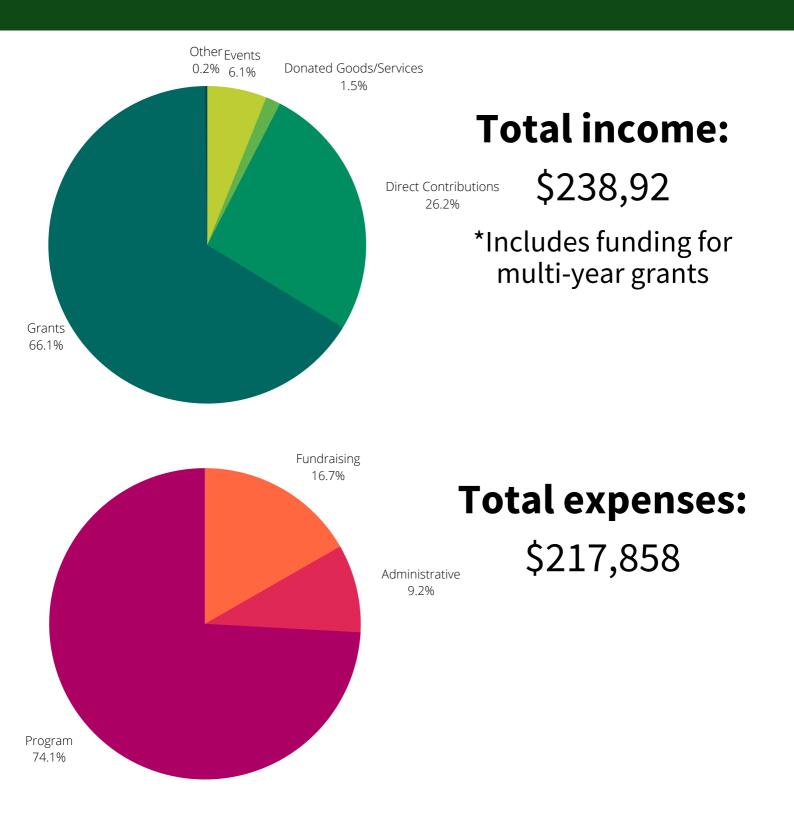


From garden clean ups to Thanksgiving meal deliveries to holiday phone drives, we consistently showed up where our clients and the community needed us most.

**Students resumed in-home visits!** Clients appreciated the tangible support around their homes, students better understood the context of clients' lives, and everyone was thankful for the social connections developed.

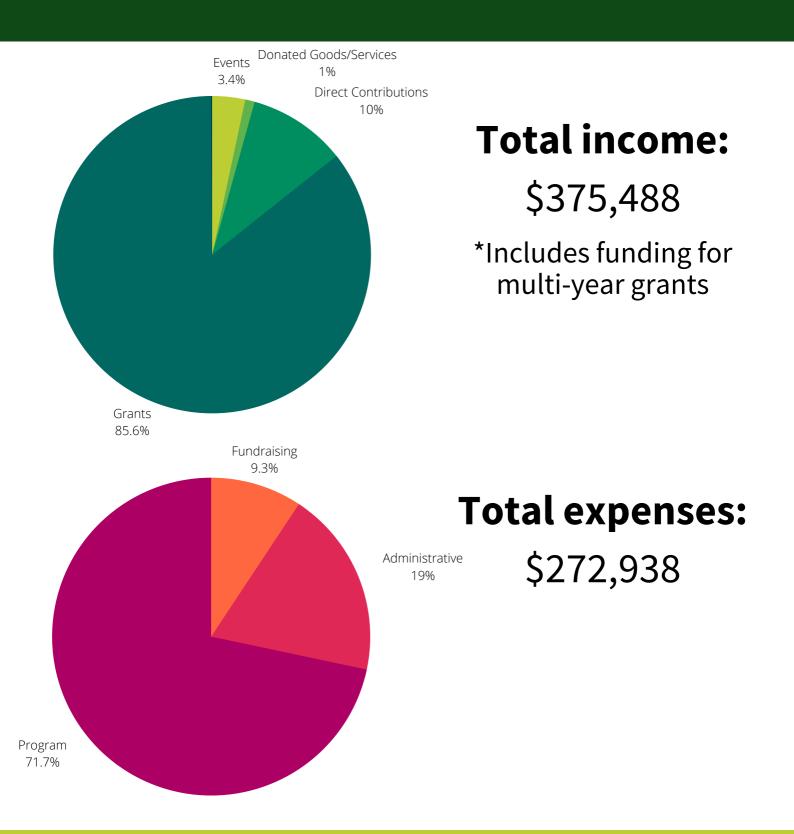


# Finance Report: 2020



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Thank you so very much for helping me get set up with two volunteers. I very much needed the reading assistance to go through things in my home. As both a blind person and a senior I can tell you **it is difficult to find somebody to help** do those things. So I look forward to continuing to work with you and I'm so grateful for your program.

LORI'S HANDS CLIENT



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