





# ANNUAL REPORT

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Dear Friends.

It is difficult to reflect back on 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It seems everyone has been affected in some way. Here at The Avenue, the delivery of services was greatly impacted and adaptations were made to meet the needs of clients while adhering to the requirements of social distancing, sanitization of facilities, the wearing of masks, and so much more. Keeping our clients and team members safe was the top priority and still is a driving force as the future



Thinking about The Avenue's organizational history since 1891, the realization that several previous pandemics also occurred came to light. For example, the 1918 influenza pandemic affected 50+ million worldwide and the ongoing HIV/AIDS pandemic has so far affected 32+ million worldwide. Those are staggering statistics and it seems there are lessons to be learned from the history those numbers represent.

First, every pandemic eventually ends; some take years and some take a few months. Second, a collective response that addressed the common good helped speed relief. Think of the efforts to find a cure for polio; that collective response has resulted in nearly eradicating the disease from the planet. Third, some positive changes occurred in society behaviors from the experiences learned during the pandemic. For instance, the initial reactions to and treatment of people with HIV/AIDS have changed substantially in an affirmative manner over time. Right now, no one knows the lessons COVID-19 will provide, but history suggests that at least the above three things will occur.

Given the above, The Avenue recommits to fulfilling its mission of assisting individuals at risk – to Empower - to Advocate – to Support. No pandemic will stop those efforts. It hasn't happened in 129+ years and with continued community support will remain in place for many years to come. While it is true that how the mission is fulfilled will change because of the pandemic. The Avenue team members are prepared to meet the challenges for the greater good. So, here's a simple request – take actions and do what creates the greater good. That can only help end the current pandemic.

JOSEPH K. GOEPFRICH, CFRE **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** 

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## **DIVISIONS OF THE AVENUE**

## HARBOR HOUSE ADULT DAY SERVICES

Your loved ones will be helped with their special needs including memory loss or impairments such as Alzheimer's disease dementia, stroke, Parkinson's disease, or other physical impairments.

Harbor House is located in Benton Harbor, MI, and welcomes those that are socially isolated or lonely, developmentally disabled adults, and those limited in their ability to function independently. We also provide a rest from caregiving responsibilities to those who need it.

## SHOREMARK HOMECARE ADULT IN-HOME SERVICES

Shoremark Homecare offers assistance to seniors, disabled persons and those with chronic conditions in their own homes so they can retain their independence.

Clients receive caregiving with compassion, empathy, respect, and dignity.

Registered nursing support is available to provide medical advocate services for our clients as well as medication reminding and help with doctor visits and fall & safety monitoring. Additional services include light housekeeping, meal prep and laundry. Clients also receive help with bathing, grooming and dressing.

## WEST MICHIGAN GUARDIANSHIP

The goal of the program is to meet individual needs in the least restrictive environment possible. Clients may be suffering from dementia or have been victims of fraud, neglect or abuse. They may also be developmentally disabled or mentally ill adults or any adult who is in a vulnerable or dangerous situation.

Guardianship case managers are certified by the National Guardianship Association, which requires passing an extensive examination that covers every aspect of Guardianship rules and regulations.

#### **CORA LAMPING CENTER**

FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC & SEXUAL

Survivors are offered services needed to develop safe, healthy, and meaningful lives for themselves and their children through positive encouragement and empowerment. This includes shelter services for clients and their dependent children, 24-hour helpline, legal advocacy, counseling, support groups, case management and help with basic needs.

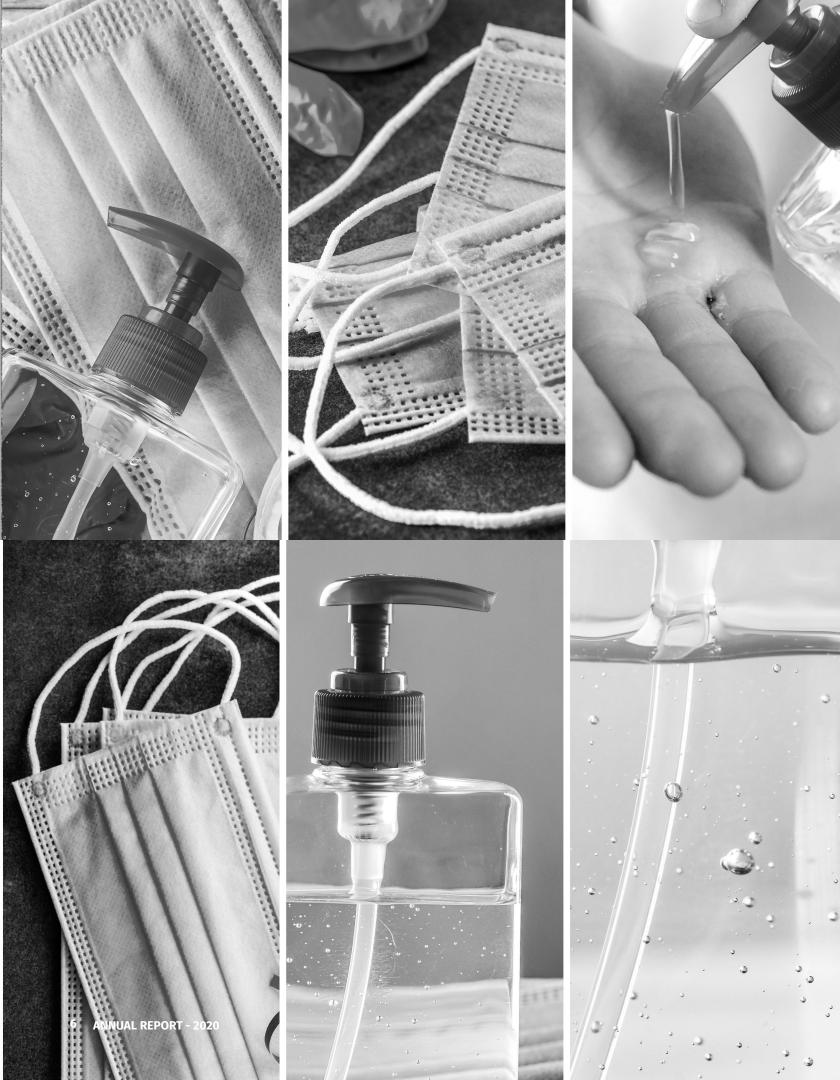
In honor of a woman who stood up when others sat down, we strive to empower strength in every survivor. They are #CORASTRONG.

## **AUTUMN HOUSE**ADULT DAY SERVICES

Located in Paw Paw, MI, Autumn House welcomes those that are socially isolated or lonely, developmentally disabled adults, and those limited in their ability to function independently. We also provide a rest from caregiving responsibilities to those who need it.

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THE AVENUE FAMILY NETWORK, INC. EXPRESSES ITS SINCERE GRATITUDE TO THOSE WHO PROVIDED US WITH VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL SUPPORT DURING THE FISCAL YEAR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2019 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2020.

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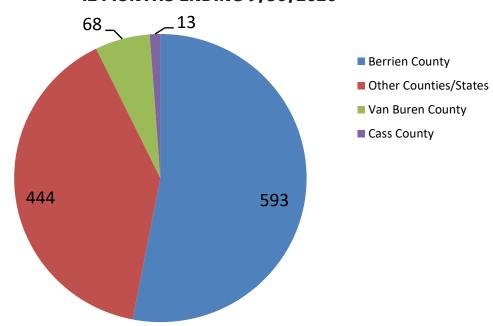
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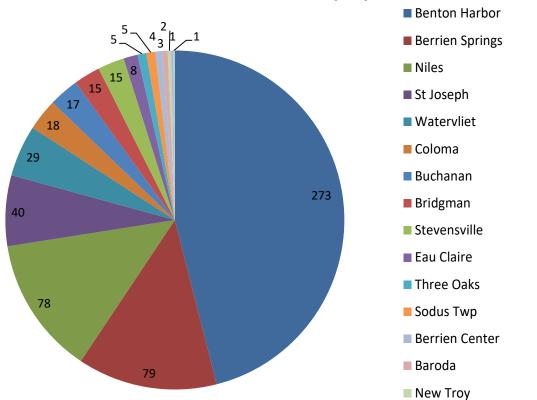
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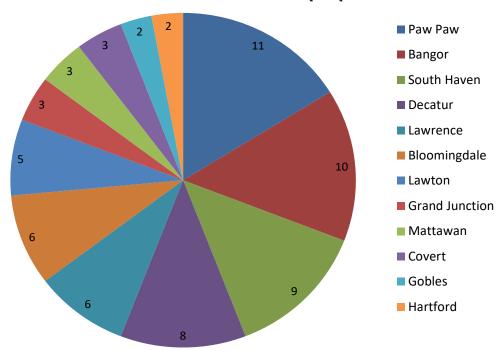
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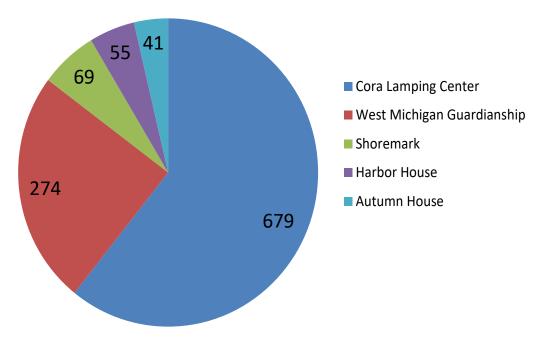
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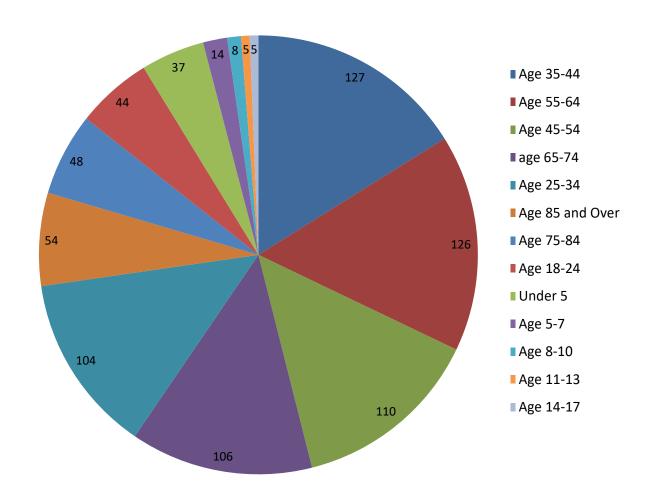


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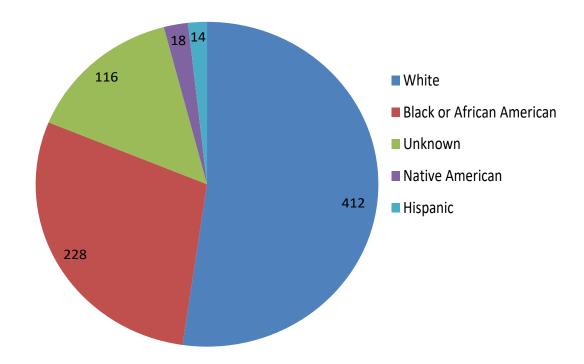


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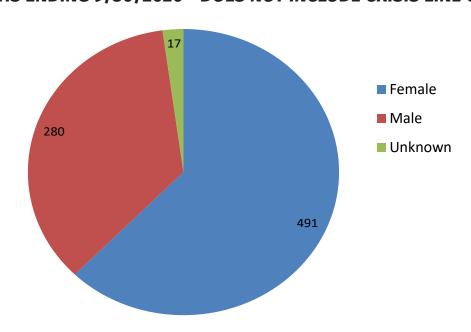




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## **FINANCIALS**

Fiscal Year 2020 was unlike any other at The Avenue Family Network, Inc. due to the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Adult Day Services divisions were completely shut down for three months and reopened in July with diminished capacity to serve clients due to social distancing mandates. Regular operating income was substantially reduced because of the closures. Other divisions faced additional new expenses that were necessary to assure the safety of clients and essential team members.

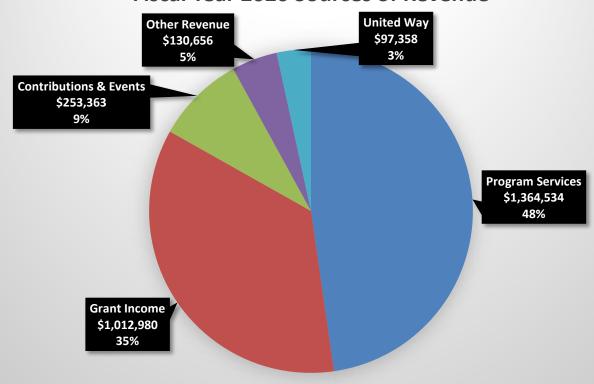
The organization was able to secure a Payroll Protection Plan loan from the US Small Business Administration, which provided the necessary cash to remain operational. The loan was subsequently forgiven in accordance with the loan provisions and was recorded as a pledge receivable at the end of the fiscal year. Without this support, and other generous grants and donations, a substantial loss would have been reported in our financial statements. We are grateful for the support we received to help us remain stable and sustainable financially throughout the extraordinary challenges caused by COVID-19

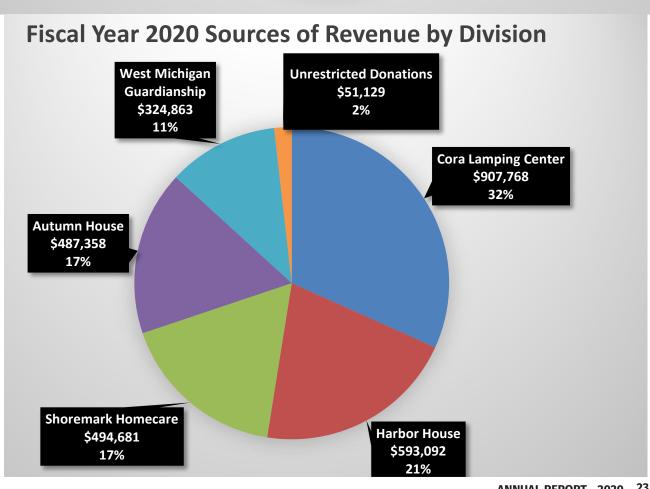
Every effort has been made to report accurate financial information in this annual report. Readers of this report are encouraged to check our website for the fiscal year 2020 audited financial statements, which provide further detailed information. The financial information presented in this annual report may differ slightly from the audited financial statements due to audit adjustments made after the publication of this report.



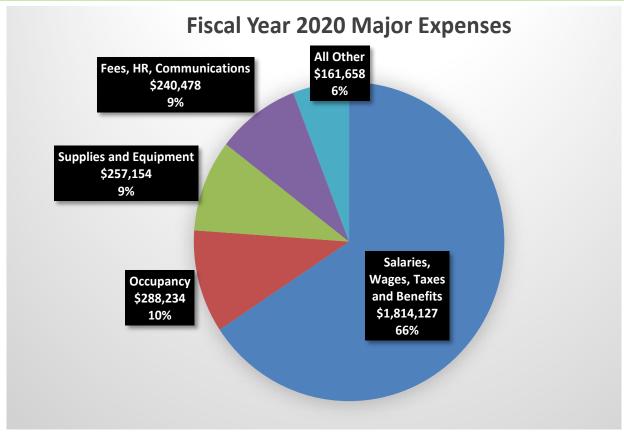
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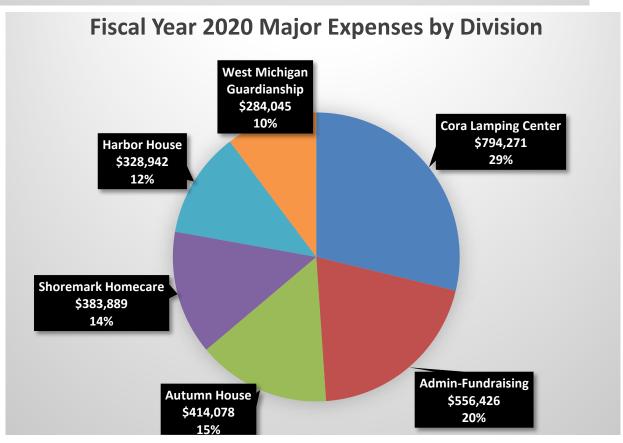






# FINANCIALS: Expenses







As we look to the future of our organization, we hope that FY'21 serves as a jumping-off point to reach the goals we've set for each of our Divisions. proving that the 129 year foundation of our service can not only survive during a pandemic, but come out on the other side as a stronger, more unified organization.

Each year, The Avenue compiles a set of goals to help further the mission of the organization. The results of achieving those goals directly impacts the quality of life for the clients.

Looking ahead, we've set the following goals for The Avenue Divisions: Individuals who participate regularly in Adult Day Services achieve and maintain an optimal level of well-being, functioning and health, and remain in their preferred community residence; Individuals who receive guardianship services maintain a level of independence and selfdetermination appropriate to their functional capacity, and are at minimized risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation; There will be relief and satisfaction of an eased life for Adults, Disabled Persons, and those with Chronic Conditions who need personal assistance in their homes; Individuals who receive Domestic Violence and/or Sexual Assault Services will gain a sense of empowerment, improve their well-being, and increase their ability to live safely and independently.

