

# ANNUAL GRATITUDE REPORT

**&** 2019  
2020





## OUR MISSION

Front Porch Alliance works together with Kansas City's eastside children and families to meet their changing needs at home and in school.

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IN OUR RESILIENCE, WE LEARN HOW TO EMBRACE  
THE BEAUTIFULLY BROAD SPECTRUM  
OF THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE.

- Jaeda DeWalt



## A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

### Dear Friends of Front Porch Alliance -

The last two years have been a time of exciting growth at Front Porch Alliance: expanding with new programs such as Head Start, developing new partnerships, and helping families meet new milestones in healthy parenting, childhood development, education, and economic stability.

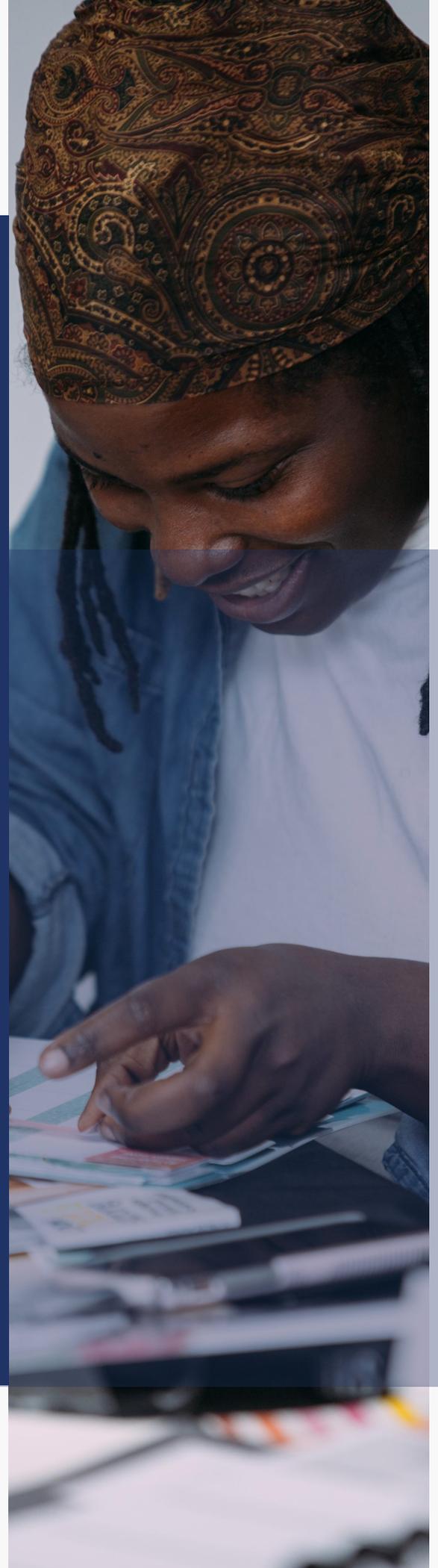
As we have grown in our capacity to serve more eastside residents, we have also come to know the challenges of meeting their essential needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. We're proud of the ways our staff worked to care for children and families, all the while transitioning services to virtual formats. Along the way, we acquired an even deeper appreciation for the courage, determination, and resilience these families demonstrate each and every day!

As we have learned from and encouraged each other during these unprecedented times, Front Porch Alliance has also experienced the overwhelming kindness of our community. We simply could not support our children and families without your incredibly generous support

As we look to brighter, healthier days ahead, please know of our hope for your family's continued well-being.

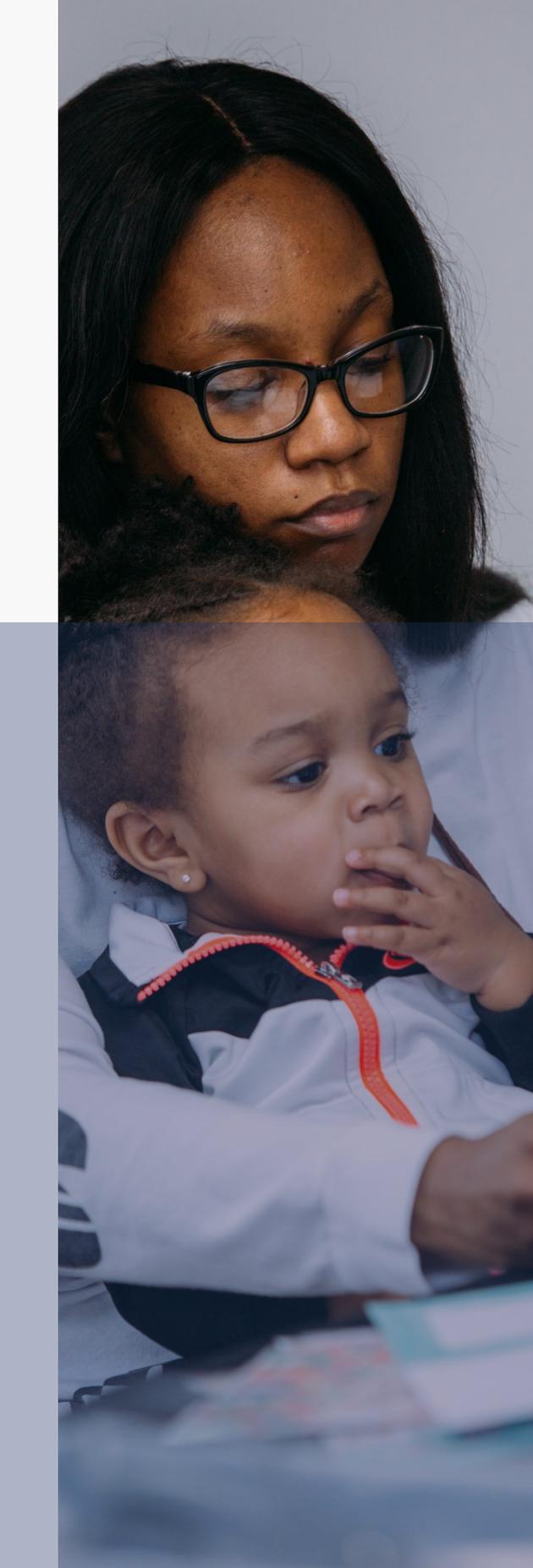
With sincerest gratitude,

Scott Sturgeon, President  
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I AM NOT WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO ME.  
I AM WHAT I CHOOSE TO BECOME.

- Carl Jung



## FRONT PORCH ALLIANCE

# BY THE NUMBERS



60%

Increase in the number of families in our Neighborhood Families program since the introduction of Head Start programming in the fall of 2018.



350

number of families living in Kansas City's Eastside Ivanhoe Neighborhood who are benefiting from direct services provided by Front Porch Alliance.



10

number of monthly social playgroup opportunities that offer open-ended parent-child interaction and social support for parents (currently delivered remotely due to COVID restrictions).



100%

of participants report that their family life is strengthened by connecting to at least one community resource to address an immediate health or safety need.



50+

number of moms attending quarterly baby showers that provide essential infant care items and parenting resources.

JUST LIKE MOONS AND LIKE SUNS,  
WITH THE CERTAINTY OF TIDES,  
JUST LIKE HOPES SPRINGING HIGH, **STILL I'LL RISE.**

-Maya Angelou

## CARING IN QUARANTINE

We provided food, diapers, computer and wi-fi access, and daily phone check-ins. We took parenting support and play groups online, making caring connections with families quarantined during the COVID-19 pandemic.



## CEO PARENTS: CHIEF EVERYTHING OFFICERS

We supported successful parenting with opportunities for

- emotional support and mentoring
- nutrition education and self care
- play groups
- training in conscious discipline, safe sleep, and literacy.



## HOUSE CALLS

Dedicated volunteers provided more than 50 repairs to porches, storm doors, windows, and weatherization through the Minor Home Repair program.



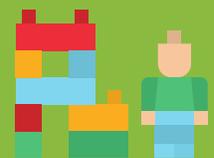
## LET'S TALK TECH

More than 20 students in the Teens in Tech program grew their knowledge of computer programming, graphic design, data base management, and digital skills.



## ROBOTICS!

More than 60 4th- 5th-, and 6th-grade students participated in STEM-focused robotics at Faxon Elementary.



## SPECIAL PALS

More than 80 Partners in Active Learning (PALs) volunteered at Faxon Elementary, helping 3rd-5th graders with reading and math skills, and serving as caring and consistent mentors.



# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019  
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Front Porch Alliance is sustained by the generosity of individual and organizational donors, private foundations, corporations, and Head Start funding.

Additionally, many caring and dedicated volunteers contribute their time, talents, and resources to keep our many neighborhood- and school-based programs vibrant and strong.

Highlights include tremendous growth over the last two years, including:

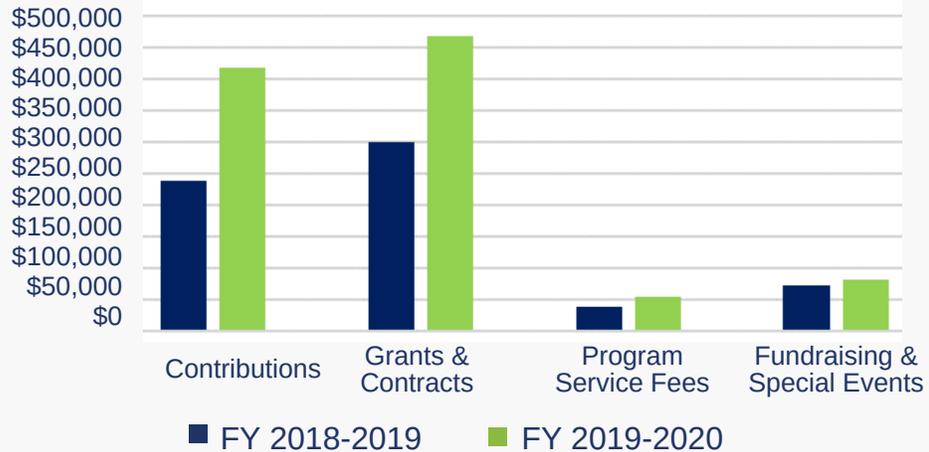
- 157% increase in restricted gifts
- 40% increase in grant revenue
- 20% increase in unrestricted gifts
- 20% increase in program services.



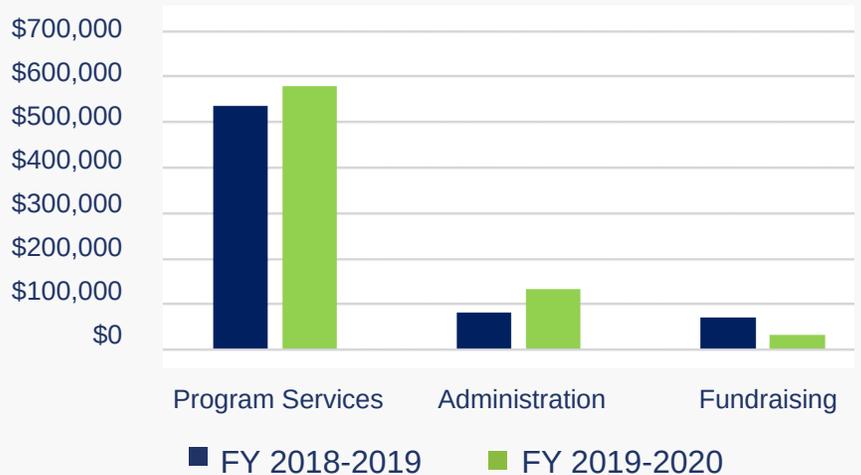
Thank you for your continued support and advocacy!



## CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS & REVENUE



## PROGRAM SERVICES & EXPENSES



### CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS & REVENUE

	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020
Contributions	\$238,223	\$419,249
Grants & Contracts	\$301,409	\$469,369
Program Service Fees	\$37,822	\$53,172
Fundraising & Special Events	\$73,305	\$82,735
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$650,759</b>	<b>\$1,024,526</b>

### PROGRAM SERVICES & EXPENSES

	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020
Program Services	\$535,983	\$578,995
Administration	\$81,728	\$134,209
Fundraising	\$70,965	\$33,596
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$688,676</b>	<b>\$746,800</b>

\*Financial depictions above are based on unaudited financial data.