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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

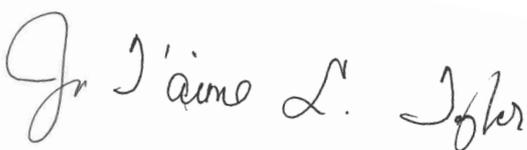
Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It's hard to believe that it's been a year since I started as the Executive Director of Front Porch Alliance. Throughout 2020-2021, the generosity of our friends and neighbors fueled the mission of Front Porch Alliance. As the COVID-19 pandemic continued to make an impact, especially in our homes, schools, and places of worship, so many of you rallied to show an outpouring of appreciation and support. Every act of kindness, every donation, and every word of encouragement helped to lift up those in need. Because you cared, Front Porch continued to maintain and even grow programming throughout another year.

Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." I believe that and would add that this community is the conduit to not only educate but support the lives of Eastside families.

Below you'll find our 2021 Annual Report, a year-end summary that highlights some of our most transformational investments and partnerships of the past year. With your help, we have no intention to slow down. Our progress is only possible with the collaborative leadership of our residents, board, investors, and partners across all sectors. Thank you all for your continued commitment to Front Porch Alliance and our ongoing journey to promote education, elevate existing strengths, and amplify community voices.

In community,



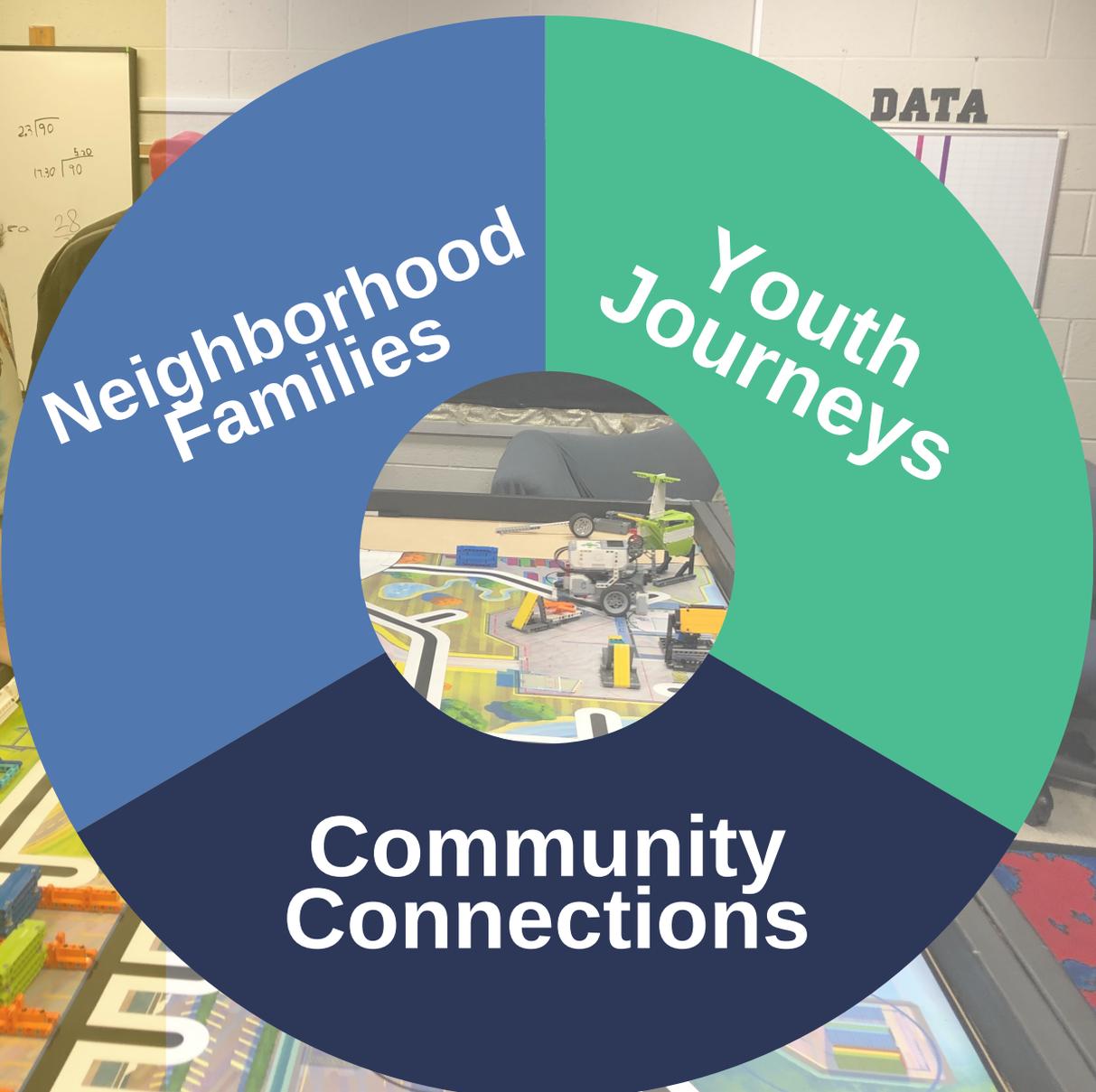
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Executive Director, she/they



FRONT PORCH ALLIANCE WORKS TOGETHER WITH KANSAS CITY'S EASTSIDE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO MEET THEIR CHANGING NEEDS AT HOME AND IN SCHOOL.

Founded in 1999 in the Ivanhoe neighborhood of Kansas City, Missouri, Front Porch Alliance now works across Kansas City's Eastside. While we serve anyone living east of Troost, we primarily focus on zip codes 64109, 64110, 64128, and 64130 and provide three pillars of programming:



Neighborhood Families

Youth Journeys

Community Connections

Neighborhood Families

Families with children ages 0-5 receive weekly home visits with Parent Coaches. Coaches provide holistic support, train parents, and connect families with health-care providers, counseling and community resources. Participants in both programs receive assistance with diapers, wipes, cribs, strollers, and car seats.

- **Early Head Start:** a federally funded initiative, EHS prepares infants and toddlers (ages 0-3) for preschool. This program also offers bi-weekly playgroups open to all FPA community members.
- **Nurturing Parenting:** a collaboration between local organizations, NP supports all aspects of health, wellness, and safety for families with children ages 0-5. Participants receive child-proofing and safety equipment and training, and Parent Coaches can accompany them to medical visits.



Youth Journeys

We reach nearly 200 East Side students through school year and summer programs geared towards increased academic performance, economic success, and social-emotional growth:

- **Partners in Active Learning (PALs)** build relationships with and mentor students at Faxon Elementary and after school at our offices.
- **Robotics** Coaches train students in STEAM skills as they complete interactive challenges.
- **Financial Literacy** encourages practical money management.
- **Reading Inspirational Stories to Empower (RISE)** engages elementary students across KCMO and KCK in advocating for social change via letter writing.
- **Reel Collectors** learn filmmaking skills and use them to tell community stories and histories.
- **PORCH Storytellers** write, craft, and create works of art expressing their personal growth and self-understanding.
- **Our Stories** participants chart community growth in response to historical developments and current events, such as redlining and food access.



Community Connections

On a regular basis, Front Porch Alliance staff knock on doors, directly engaging in conversation with residents. In meeting community members where they are at—often on their porches—our staff, board, and volunteers:

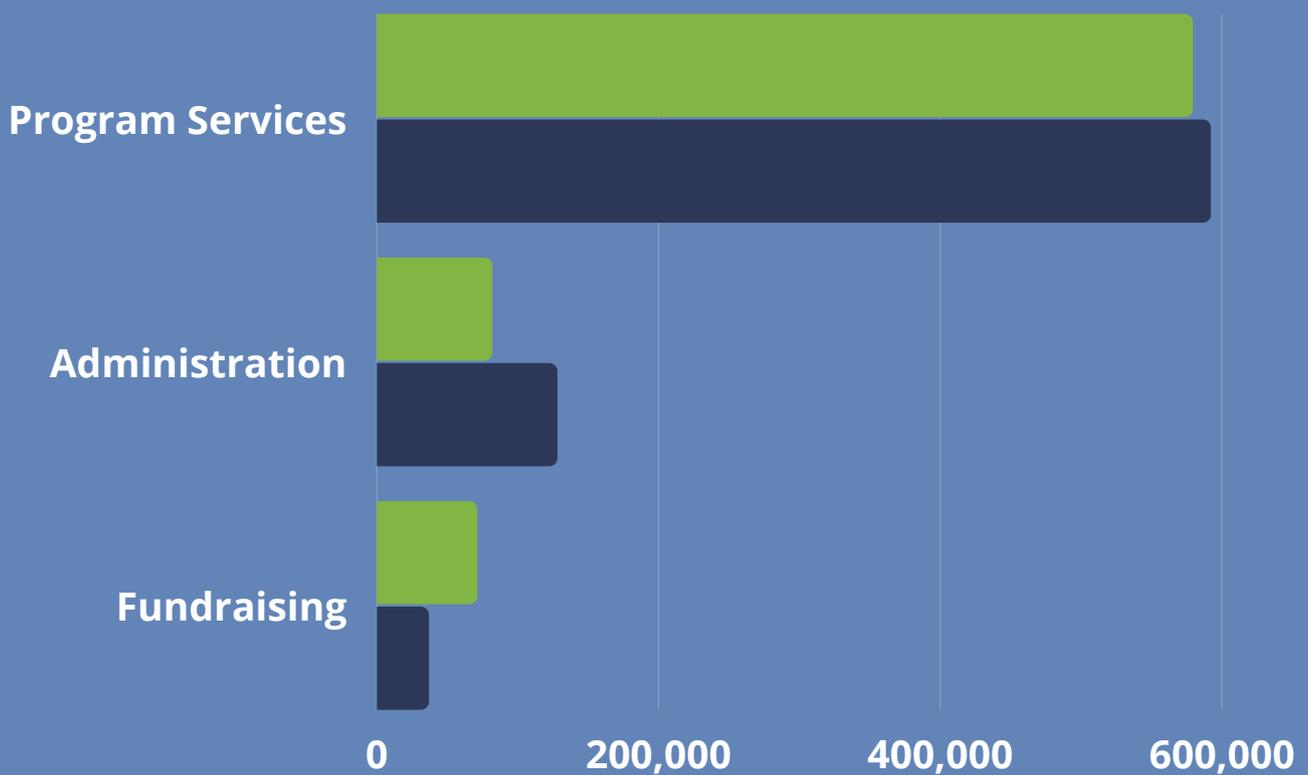
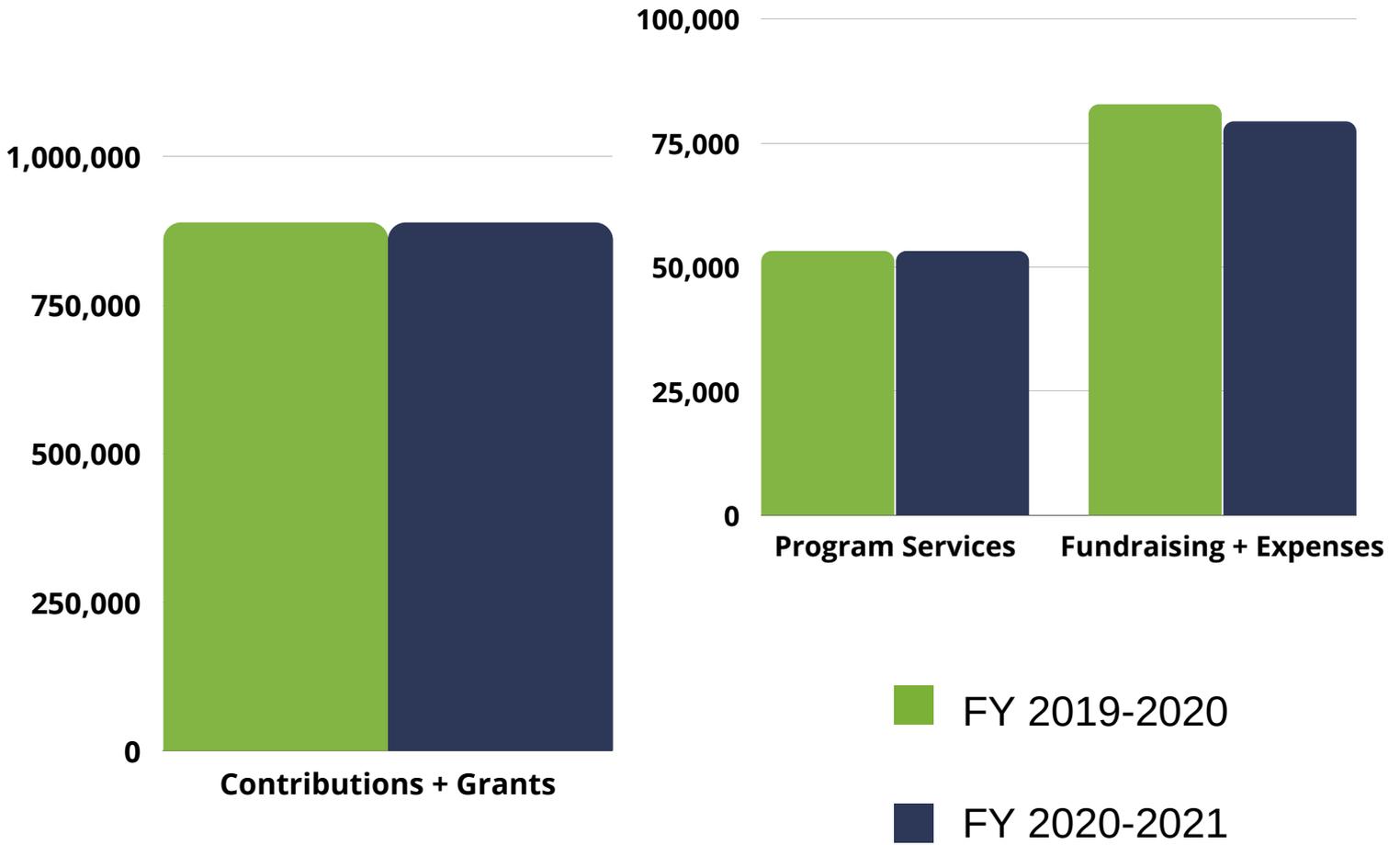
- Gauge needs and gaps in service,
- Amplify existing programs and opportunities,
- Collaborate on new initiatives with residents and Community Partners

Our community offerings include:

- **Quarterly Events** which provide a communal space for conversation, support, and action. At present, we offer Baby Showers, Health Fairs, Weatherization Days, and a Winter Coat Drive.
- **Community Classes** provide job and wellness training including Reproductive Health and Home Ownership.
- **Minor Home Repair** volunteers assist Elders at home with tasks such as front porch replacement, fixing steps, and putting up shelves.
- **Communications:** an array of regular mailings, newsletters, social media posts, and additional communications make event reminders, announcements, and information accessible.



FINANCES



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Front Porch Alliance is sustained through generous gifts from individual and organizational donors, private foundations, corporations, and local, state, and federal funds, such as the Head Start Program.

In addition to funds, food, and needed supplies, our volunteers regularly donate hours of service. Their time, talent, and kindness serve hundreds of children, families, and residents in Kansas City.

Thank you to everyone who supported FPA and our community this past year.

Public Support

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| Contributions + Grants..... | \$888,519 |
| With Donor Restrictions..... | \$303,800 |
| Without Donor Restrictions.... | \$584,719 |
| Program Services..... | \$53,172 |
| Fundraising Events..... | \$79,292 |

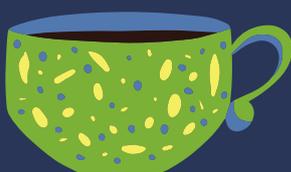
Expenses

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| Program Services..... | \$591,773 |
| Management/General..... | \$127,810 |
| Fundraising..... | \$36,779 |

2020 Rise and Shine! Breakfast

Due to the pandemic, we hosted the first ever virtual Rise + Shine! Breakfast to much success.

Thank you to our generous donors! If you missed the video, grab a cup of coffee or juice and [watch it here](#).



Thanks to our generous sponsors!

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Thank you!

*Thank you to our generous Community Partners.
We could not do our work without you.*



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The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.

-Coretta Scott King