

## Annual Report 2020

Between grief and hope there is Ryan's Place

## **462 CLIENTS SERVED**



302 children 160 adults





# 7,100 VOLUNTEER HOURS OF SERVICE

34 school based grief support programs in 13 different school systems



25 student interns

Our mission is to provide support in a safe environment where grieving children, teens and their families can share their experience as they move through the healing process.

338 individuals served in crisis response call-outs to area schools and businesses.





100% of families were gifted with holiday presents.

## **VISION:**

We believe that no child or family should grieve alone.



1,203 Facebook followers

## **Elkhart County**

School Groups 34



Students Served 162

## Kosciusko County

School Groups 10



Students Served 84

### St. Joe County

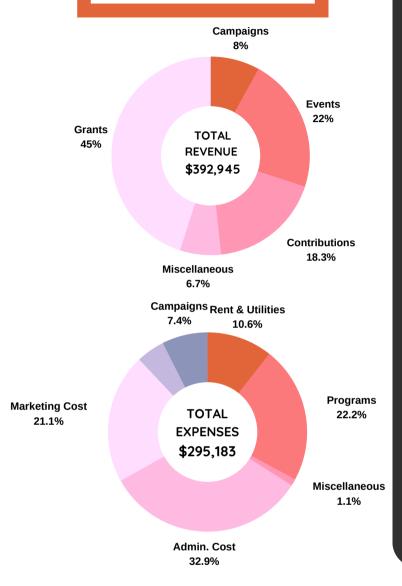
School Groups 3



Students Served 16



## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



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#### Dear Friends,

As we all know, 2020 was not a good start to the new decade...it was a year like we have never experienced in our lifetimes. Like other not-for-profits and businesses, Ryan's Place had to learn to adjust to a new way of doing things in a short space of time. The pandemic showed us that we could learn quickly, and although we could not serve our children & families with our traditional programs, we could change the way we do things and quickly become adept in virtual programming.

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Although our numbers decreased significantly from 2019, we have also seen a large increase in clients served in 2021. The first six months of the year were rough for us financially. However, we worked hard and came up with new ideas to raise much-needed funds; we had our first-ever virtual Gala. In the second half of the year, we gained much ground, and as you can see in our Total Revenue wheel, we brought in \$392,945, a modest increase from 2019, of almost \$15,000. Our success in 2020 was primarily due to the people who believe in the mission of Ryan's Place. Without your support, we would be struggling right now; instead, we could start the new year in a strong position, providing grief support to those who need it.

Thank you for all you have done for us. Aileac Deegan, MSW LSW President/CEO