



# ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Between grief and hope there is Ryan's Place

**756 clients served**



**616**  
children

**140**  
adults



**80 volunteers**



**7,400 volunteer hours of service**

42 school based grief support programs in 13 different school corporations



17 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.

267 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.



1,792  
Facebook followers

### Elkhart County

School Groups  
23



Students Served  
86

### Kosciusko County

School Groups  
13



Students Served  
68

### St. Joe County

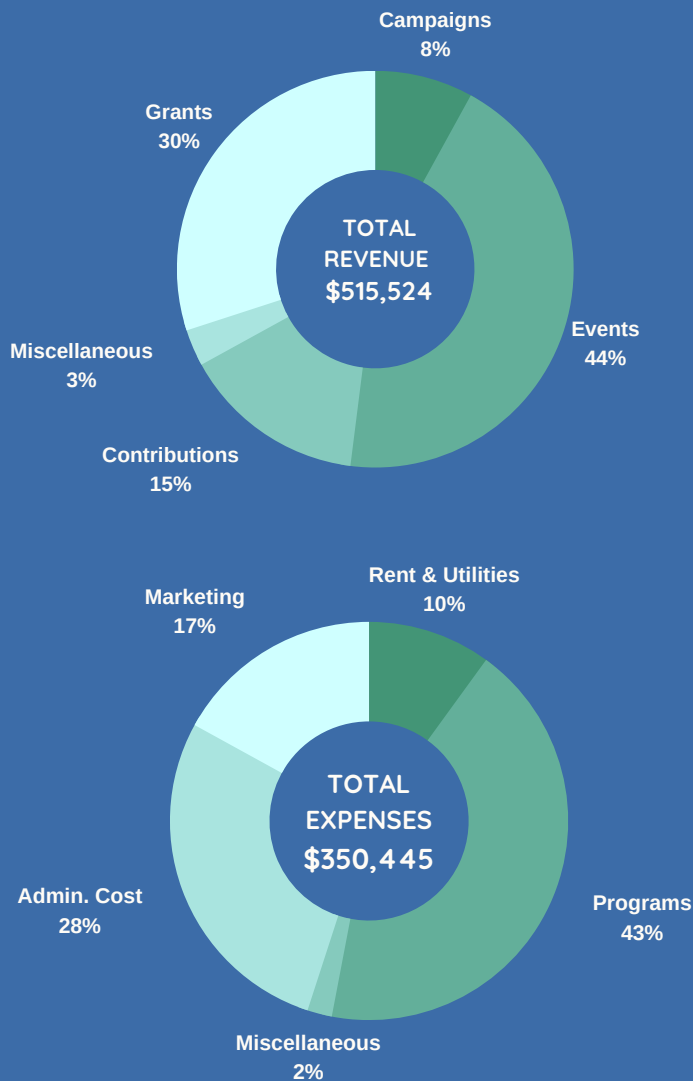
School Groups  
6



Students Served  
27



# FINANCIAL INFORMATION



## Board of Directors 2021

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Dear Friends,

We are so grateful to everyone who supported Ryan's Place in 2021. We started the year providing most of our services through a virtual platform, and slowly we began to implement in-person programs. As things began to open up more, we saw our opportunity to host our annual Gala in May at the beautiful Wellfield Gardens, which proved to be our most successful fundraiser ever. In 2021 we began to see the numbers of children and adults that we serve move upwards again, and by the end of the year we had served 756 individuals in our all of our programs.

As we know during the pandemic many families did not get to say a proper good-bye to their loved ones who died, and for some children this proved to be a barrier to grieving well. The program staff at Ryan's Place deserve much credit for ensuring we were able to bridge the gap so many grieving people need. All of us at Ryan's Place, Board of Directors, volunteers, student interns and staff are committed to the mission of Ryan's Place to provide services to grieving families in our community - something that we could not have done without your support.

Thank You  
 Aileac Deegan, MSW LSW  
 President/CEO