

• For more than 60 years, the Girlstown Residential Program has been the foundation on which the rest of our services are even possible.



Guiding Harbor

ANNUAL REPORT

EVOLVING

*Improving the quality of life for
children and families*

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TO OUR FAMILIES



Dear Friends of Guiding Harbor,

2021 was a new year and we continued to face the residual challenges of a global pandemic. Political tensions were at an all time high. The entire country is still short staffed. People are tired. There cannot, however, be darkness without light. Guiding Harbor continues to support children and families as they evolve. I continue to feel honored to lead this selfless team. I want to take this time to highlight the incredible children, families, staff and supporters that challenge us to victory.

There are many factors that make the life of the children and families in foster care difficult and sometimes sad. We want you to know the myriad of challenges these children and families have to overcome, because we need your help to give them a fighting chance. While there is heartbreak, there is also overwhelming joy in watching someone evolve into their best self. Their stories are played out in the pages of this report.

When someone says “foster care” it conjures up certain mental images for all of us. Foster Care is often thought of as this mysterious place or system where kids are

needy, scary, or troubled. Some think of the parents (both foster and biological) as villains or saviors, depending on the lens you are looking through.

Picture in your mind someone who has fallen on hard times. Someone who has made bad choices in partners, who trusted the wrong people or has lost a job. Do you know anyone who has struggled with a mental illness, used too many drugs or addicted to alcohol? Do you know anyone that has had a bad example of a parent, or the best example of a parent, and still fell short? Chances are I have described someone you know or love. Maybe I described you. The parents who have had their children removed are not that different from us, maybe they are us. They often struggle with the same things we struggle with, only they do not have the support, finances or resources to overcome. Guiding Harbor is that support for so many families.

Hopefully these stories in this report will help dispel some myths or to break the stereotypes you once believed. The pages of this report are here to show you the

stories that inspire and propel our work. If you are reading this report, you too are part of their story. You have made a difference in the lives of the children and families we serve. Your support is the light at the end of the tunnel. You have the ability to change someone’s story, to help break the cycle. Thank you to the foster parents and relatives, who open their homes to children in need. Thank you to the staff that put in long hours to care for these children. Thank you to the dedicated volunteers and donors that make our work possible.

2021 has been amazing thanks to you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Trotter".

Jennifer Trotter, CEO

NIGHTS OF SAFETY

18,732

14,931

nights safely tucked
into bed

Foster Care

We know that it is best for kids to have stability, safety and love. Guiding Harbor works hard to find that for kids as quickly as possible.

1,765

days healing from
trauma

Girlstown

We believe with the right kind of support, structure and therapeutic intervention, residents can learn to develop and maintain healthy relationships so they can safely return to their families and communities.

2,036

days of independance

SIL/YAVFC

For teens in foster care, it is especially difficult to navigate the path to adulthood. We work to support those youth and equip them with the skills necessary to thrive.





Our Staff

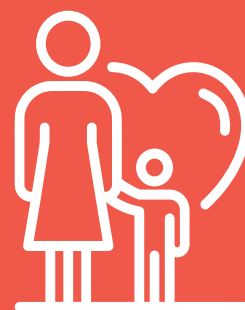
Guiding Harbor staff provide both indirect and direct services. Indirect services help our business to operate, like administrative tasks, maintenance work or accounting. These people could take their talents to the for-profit world and make a lot more money and receive corporate perks. Instead, they chose to commit themselves to making a difference to children. There are also staff that provide direct services to the children and families in our care. Our staff spend time with Michigan's most vulnerable and try and make changes for the betterment of those we serve.

I am in awe of the care and commitment you demonstrate to the children we are responsible for. Our staff take time away from their own families to address emergencies, cover shifts, or sit in hospital waiting rooms for countless hours. I am so privileged to be part of this amazing team.

PROGRAMS

"I don't think it matters how many parents you've got, as long as those who are around make their presence a good one."

~Elizabeth Wertzel



Foster Care

Children enter foster care after abuse and/or neglect occur, and it is determined that the parent cannot safely care for the child. This is a legal process involving the courts. Foster Care Case Managers are assigned to help support the biological family through the process with the goal of returning the child back to the parent. Foster Care Workers, as they are sometimes called, also oversee the placement of the child in a licensed foster home or with a relative.

The courts typically give the biological family 12- 18 months to resolve the matters that led to the removal and to prove that they can safely parent their children. Most children in foster care return home, but when that cannot safely occur in a reasonable amount of time, the court can terminate the parental rights, making the child eligible for adoption.



Supervised Independent Living (SIL)

Independent Living is an umbrella term we use to describe two of our programs that work with teens. Leaving foster care when you turn 18 is called “aging out”. Michigan allows you to stay in foster care past the age of 18 under certain circumstances. Generally speaking, teens in these programs are 16 years and older. They are not reuniting with their biological families, and they are not planning on being adopted.

Teens are on the precipice of adulthood and need to learn skills that will help them be responsible adults. They must work or go to school and in return enjoy a level of autonomy they might not get in a foster home. They receive specific lessons on things like budgeting, household management, career and job readiness, and health management. Youth in this program have services to support them, which help them take responsibility for their own actions so they may have a successful transition into adulthood.



Girlstown Residential

Girlstown is the flagship program our agency was founded upon. It is a place for teen girls in foster care to live when their traumatic past causes them to display behavioral problems. They typically live in residential for about a year while they work with our team to address their mental health and behaviors. The Girlstown program is structured to maintain the physical and emotional safety of the residents. The youth at Girlstown attend public school and participate in community activities and some even have jobs nearby. When they leave our program, most move back to a foster or adoptive home or on to independent living.



Adoption

Guiding Harbor’s Adoption program is the newest in the continuum of services, opened in 2019. This program supports families who are interested in adopting a child from Michigan’s foster care system. A child in foster care becomes available for adoption when their parent’s rights have been terminated by the Court. Most often, the foster parents or relatives who are caring for the child adopt them. The process of adoption is a legal one and takes 9-12 months.

Sadly, there are more than 200 kids in Michigan who are eligible for adoption today that do not have a family identified to adopt.



EVOLVING

Foster Care

Brittany has not had an easy life and she hasn't always made the best choices. In 2018, Brittany's son Josh came into foster care as a result. Six-year-old Josh was dev-

with her foster care worker. This made it difficult for the worker to advocate for her and help connect her to resources. Without regular communication, she was unable to be there for Josh consistently. As a result, Josh's challenging behaviors

made Brittany not want to put in the effort.

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astated when he was removed from his mom. He was able to live with his grandmother but the evidence of his traumatic past proved trying for her.

Brittany struggled to maintain stable housing and communication

escalated, and grandma could no longer keep him. Josh moved to live with Brittany's Aunt Rita. Maintaining the family connection was great for Josh, but Brittany and Aunt Rita did not have the best relationship. When Brittany tried, Aunt Rita was not always responsive. This in turn,

At Guiding Harbor, we know that with the right kind of support families can evolve. We saw that with Brittany and in 2020, she started to put in the effort, with the support of her foster care worker. Brittany was able to find and maintain stable housing for the first time in years. She improved her communication skills and was visiting Josh steadily. In 2021, After 3 years apart, Josh and Brittany were officially reunited. The family received reunification services and their case was happily closed.



Independent Living

When Jasmine was 17 she had already been in foster care for 6 years. She was a foster kid, who was parenting her own toddler and expecting another child. A tall order for anyone! She had lived in countless foster homes and was eager to be out of the foster care system but was not ready to be on her own. She entered Guiding Harbor's Independent Living Program to help her evolve into adulthood.

Independent Living requires that the youth work and/or attend school to be eligible for services. This was a struggle for Jasmine. School had always been challenging, but during the pandemic, online schooling was even worse.

She also lacked confidence with being independent.. Due to her circumstances, she was eligible for many amazing resources but struggled to ask for help.

Jasmine had not only been able to help herself out by learning how to access community services or online schooling, but she was also showing her daughter that when

Guiding Harbor's student intern, Ava was able to be a mentor to her and give her some guidance

Guiding Harbor's student intern, Ava was able to be a mentor to her and give her some guidance about navigating online schooling. With the help of Ava, she was also starting to gain confidence in other aspects of her life such as navigating the system while finding resources that would assist her.

faced with challenges in your life, you are not stuck in your circumstances, you can evolve and grow.

Jasmine completed the Independent Living Program in 2021, when she turned 21 years old. She and her children are now living out of the foster care system.

Adoption

Families evolve from a variety of beginnings, no two are alike. Joe and Lisa Cameron felt called to be foster parents. Having no children of their own, Lisa felt that her experience in being a nurse might make her especially qualified to care for a child that had severe medical needs. Within days of becoming licensed, they got the phone call they had been waiting for. Georgia was born addicted to drugs; she was preparing for discharge from the hospital and needed a foster home that could help support

her extensive medical needs. She was tiny and had trouble eating which required a feeding tube and would need to go to many doctor appointments in the months and

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maybe years to come. Joe and Lisa said yes!

After two years in foster care, Geor-

gia's biological parents were still unable to care for her. There was no likelihood that they would be able to offer her stability soon, so a judge terminated their parental rights. Georgia was now available to be adopted. Joe and Lisa never planned to adopt, but now found themselves in love with two-year-old Georgia, who had been with them since birth. Without intention, the Cameron's had evolved into a forever family. Joe, Lisa and Georgia became a family on 9/15/2021.

From Foster Care to College and Beyond



AMAL'S STORY

At 15 Amal was placed in foster care. She was relatively new to this country and spoke limited English. She was away from anything familiar, and she was frightened but when she arrived at Guiding Harbor's Girlstown residential program staff saw right away a glimmer in her eye. This glimmer was Amal recognizing that even though she was scared, this was an opportunity for her to forge her own path. She had a kind soul and a thirst to learn and so her journey began.

Amal quickly adapted her language skills and learned English. Girlstown's focus on life skills, therapy to help her overcome her trauma, and education in the local school system was just what Amal needed to grow into an independent person. While staying at Girlstown, she was able to really get the support that she needed at the time, which allowed her to have stability in her life.

Girlstown staff assisted Amal with college applications and helped her to practice her English. She graduated from high school and graduated from Girlstown. She then transitioned to Guiding Harbor's Independent Living program.

This allowed her to learn how to be on her own but still in an environment where she had assistance and support. The letter came one day telling her she had been accepted to Western Michigan University.

Amal applied for and received Guiding Harbor's Suzanne Baber Scholarship three times throughout her college career. This allowed her to be able to have financial assistance with her college education. Amal credits the scholarship for helping her achieve an education, "Even though money doesn't buy happiness, it can assist in a way that alleviates a large stressor in someone's life for them to have a chance at a good life." Amal received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Western Michigan University.

Amal currently works in higher education supporting college

students who were in foster care. She enjoys what she does because not only does the program help students transition into college, but it also allows her to take her own experiences and aid those who are similar circumstances. Because of the generous donors who have given their assistance, she has been able to go to college and pass on her skills to the next generation. It was a ripple effect that she hopes can continue.

Guiding Harbor was able to assist Amal in many ways but in the end, it is Amal who deserves the credit. She took the skills that she learned and applied them to all the facets of her life. She used her past to fuel the dreams she had for herself. She accomplished her goals for education and now is using what she learned to help others achieve their dreams.

Suzanne Baber Scholarship

Suzanne Baber was past President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs - Lake Orion, of which she was an active 50 year plus, member. Suzanne was a teacher/counselor for Waterford Township High School and later Waterford Kettering High School.

She and her husband were active in promoting higher education. Thanks to her original donation, a scholarship fund was created in 2013 to encourage continuing education of persons who have successfully been released from the programs of Guiding Harbor. This scholarship has helped provide higher educational access to several former participants of Guiding Harbor's services. The Suzanne Baber Scholarship is perpetuated by the generosity of other like-minded individuals.

SPOTLIGHT - DELORES REDMOND

Meet Delores Redmond, the Youth Specialist Supervisor at Girlstown. Delores was born in Jackson, Mississippi and her family moved to Michigan when she was 5 years old. She graduated in 1978 from Miles College in Alabama with a Bachelor's in Social Work.

Delores has 4 adult children and 8 grandchildren, including 2 sets of twins. The oldest twins are graduating high school this year and her granddaughter will be attending Michigan State University in the Fall and will major in Social Work.

"Ms. Delores," how she is known to us, has more than 40 years of working in various types of residential programs in Michigan. She joined the Guiding Harbor family in 2015 and supervises the Girlstown residential program. Ms. Delores retired from Guiding Harbor in 2019, but she found her way back to us in 2020.

Delores has honed her craft of working with kids in residential. She is known to treat her team members and the youth she works with fairness and compassion. Delores has dedicated her career to helping children in the foster care system. Allison Theide, Youth Specialist said, "Ms. Delores has always been a blessing to me, and I adore her for it! She has so many strengths. Ms. Delores is invaluable to Girlstown. She leads by example and motivates us. I value her wisdom, support, teamwork, and I trust her completely. Staff can come to her with anything, and she provides us with genuine feedback."

Ms. Delores provides a safe and protective atmosphere for our youth. She meets them at their level and guides them in a way that they understand. She is an extra level of support for them, and they are grateful for her. She is also dedicated in training new staff and sharing her life experiences, so that they may learn from her failures and successes. Nikki Place,



"I love Ms. Delores. She is strong-willed and always wants to help. She is very encouraging."

Team Leader shared, "Working with Ms. Delores has been nothing short of amazing. She has taught me more about this job and field than I ever could have imagined. She has provided me with the tools and guidance that will help me in my current position and future positions for years to come. Her structure, firm hand, and guidance for the residents that we serve is something that they will take with them when they leave Girlstown and be able to learn from. Former residents have stated that this program, with Ms. Delores, have impacted them more than any other placement that they have been in."

Delores is an avid reader of mystery novels, specifically James Patterson. She has an extensive library and likes to attend book fairs to grow her collection. She also enjoys watching mystery movies on the Hallmark channel and Lifetime network. She plays Candy Crush and trivia games to relax. Delores is a treasured member of the Guiding Harbor Family; we are grateful for her commitment every day.

CIARA'S HISTORY



Trauma is the response to a deeply distressing event that overwhelms a someone's ability to cope, causes feelings of helplessness, and their ability feel and express appropriate emotions. Some sources of trauma include abuse or neglect, being removed from your parents, siblings, home, school, friends and familiar surroundings. Girlstown has been a home to girls who have difficulty coping with their symptoms.

Ciara's mother had a long history of abuse and neglect allegations and when she was 11, Ciara was removed from her mom and put into foster care with her aunt. A few months later, the aunt reported that Ciara was having crying spells, would not listen to direction and was disruptive in her home. Ciara was assessed for

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residential placement and was placed at Girlstown in May 2019, when she was 12 years old. During her initial months at Girlstown, Ciara continued to experience crying spells, she demonstrated disrespectful behaviors towards staff and did not want to attend school. Ciara was a follower and when her peers would act out, she would try and replicate the behavior.

Ciara received therapeutic and psychiatric services during her time at Girlstown. She was

treated with therapy and medication to help improve her mood. Van Buren Schools assessed her for special education support and Ciara qualified for services. With the right kind of support, her attitude and behavior improved, she was evolving. She developed some positive relationships with her peers and staff members at Girlstown, which allowed her to progress through the level system and earn extra privileges. Ciara was having consistent visits with her brother during her time at Girlstown. In-person visitation



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family through
adoption.**

with her sisters was sporadic, but they were able to have phone and virtual visits.

After Ciara's parent's rights were terminated in 2019, she was available to be adopted. Adoptive

When Girlstown staff got the call and learned of her situation, they were happy to have Ciara come home.

families were identified for Ciara, but twice they changed their minds. She was once hopeful but was building resentment toward the families and the system for letting her down.

In early 2021, a third adoptive family was identified for Ciara. She was excited to be placed in the foster home in April 2021. Ciara was nervous about no longer liv-

ing at Girlstown since she was in the program for 2 years. The staff and other residents were very supportive and encouraging to Ciara during her transition.

Girlstown staff have maintained

contact with Ciara and her foster family through monthly visits to assist with the transition and provide resources for any identified needs. Things were going well when services closed, but a month later, Ciara ran away from the foster home and called Girlstown. The staff at Girlstown helped contact the police and Ciara's foster care team at DHHS. Over the course of the next few days, it was deter-

mined that Ciara would not return to that foster home and no other foster homes were available for her. When Girlstown staff got the call and learned of her situation, they were happy to have Ciara come home.

The Girlstown residential program is highly structured, and it is led by a staff team that really cares about the youth placed with us. While most kids claim to hate the rules, they grow to rely on the consistency that is matched with care and empathy of staff. It is a safe environment for them to work through their trauma. Ciara has had a lifetime of disappointment in her 15 years of life. Creating real connections and trusting others is really hard for her. The Girlstown staff are committed to being reliable so that Ciara can learn to trust others. We believe that she will be ready for the right family one day. We are committed to cheering her on, all the way.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AND OFFICERS

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service to others"

The Board of Directors is the governing body of Guiding Harbor. The individuals who sit on the board are responsible for overseeing Guiding Harbor's activities. A successful Board links its roles and duties not only to the other members on the board but also to our staff and our clients. The Board of Directors at Guiding Harbor is a Working Board, both responsible for the big picture strategy and policies, as well as helping to implement certain aspects of the work. Everyone has a part to play in making Guiding Harbor a sustainable agency.

Members of the Board are elected by the sitting directors at their Annual Meeting from a slate of culturally diverse candidates for a term of two (2) years and may be reelected. Board members meet five times per year to discuss and vote on the affairs of the organization.

What are the responsibilities of individual board members?

- As a board member you are part of the team that hires and oversees the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Guiding Harbor, maintains its financial integrity, monitors the agency's financial affairs, solicits contributions/donations, approves organizational policies and has general oversight of Guiding Harbors' business transactions.
- Members of the Board will all be asked to complete background checks yearly. This is done through the Agency at no cost to the board member. You will also be asked to fill out and sign a yearly Ethical Code of Conduct form.
- As a Board member you are expected to attend five full Board meetings each year either in person or virtually.
- When you are placed on a committee you will be expected to attend any and all committee meetings either in person or virtually, in addition to the scheduled full Board meetings.
- Each Board member is expected to participate in all fundraising events sponsored by the Board.
- Confidentiality in the Boardroom relates to board members' duty of loyalty to Guiding Harbor. Any issue that is not declared public information is to be kept confidential.

Board Member Spotlight

Guiding Harbor continually looks to expand our board. In 2021 we added one new member, Stephanie Saville, to an already impressive board. Guiding Harbor Board of Directors is seeking new members. Individuals with experience or interest in the areas of human resources, information technology, marketing, finance or similar are encouraged to reach out for more information.



Stephanie Saville
New Board Member

Stephanie Saville

Stephanie joined the Guiding Harbor board in 2021. Stephanie was recruited to the board by Dr. Jeff Guina. Dr. Jeff had worked with Stephanie previously and thought she had the right skills to make an impact. Stephanie is a fundraising professional. Her passion is partnering with nonprofit leaders to adapt, create and engage with their supporters.

Stephanie is a proud graduate of Davenport University with a Master's of Business Administration and Salesforce certified System Administrator. In her free time, Stephanie enjoys sailing, traveling, reading and enjoying quality time with her husband and 2 dogs. When asked what she loves about being on the Guiding Harbor Board, Stephanie said, "I love the opportunity to give back to children and young adults that need someone in their corner fighting for a safe space to grow and for their future. I am just a small part of Guiding Harbor, but I'm honored by the privilege to support this community and mission."

2021 BoD Roster

Linda Clayton-*President*

Deborah Mohre-*Vice President*

Jill McCormack-*Secretary*

Monte Bertram-*Treasurer*

Carol Wilson-*Member at Large*

Jessica Darcy

Jeff Guina

Bridget Hanson

Connie Hopkins

Michelle Jarczewski

Sue Johnson

Kathy Lewis

Joyce McNabb

Ruth Ann Northon

Stephanie Saville

Janiece Jones-Williams

FINANCIALS

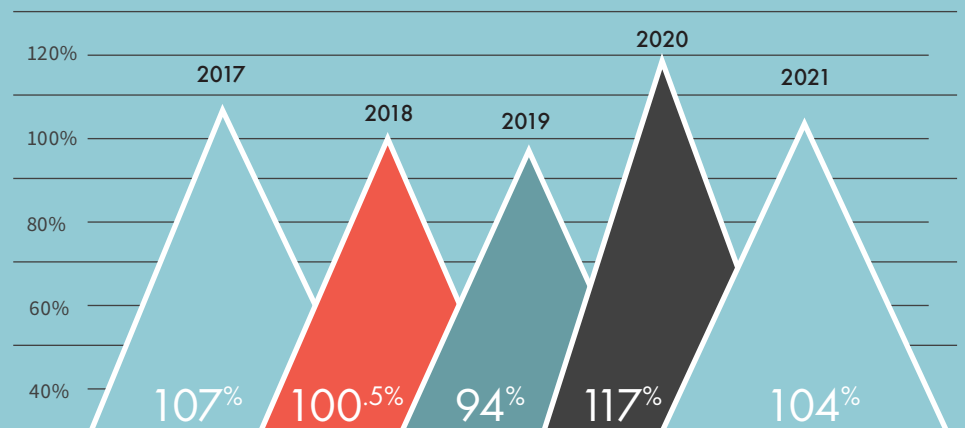
Guiding Harbor Belleville, Michigan

Brief Report on Financial Statements
Year ended December 31, 2021

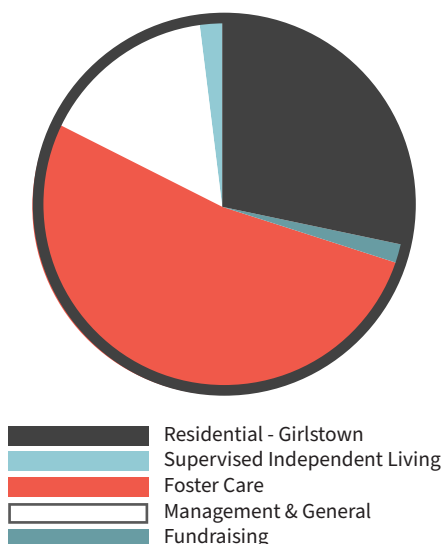
Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Girlstown Foundation (dba Guiding Harbor) as of December 31, 2021, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Total Expenses/Revenue



2021 Expenses

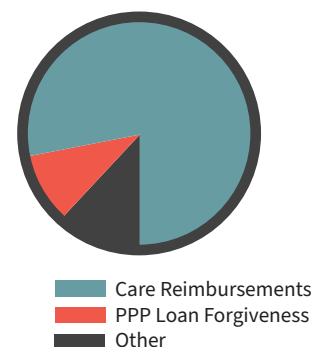


Allocated Costs

The costs of program and supporting services activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities. The statements of functional expenses present the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Salaries and related expenses have been allocated to program service activities based

upon estimated time percentages for each employee. Most other costs are either charged directly or are allocated to program service based on management's estimation of actual salaries by function.

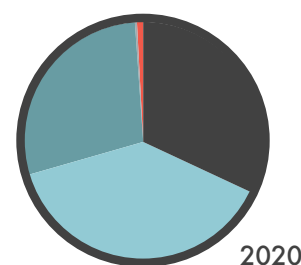
2021 Support & Revenue



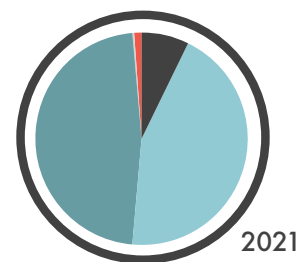
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	2021	2020
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash	\$45,631	\$208,691
Investments	269,920	248,270
Accounts receivable, net	290,419	183,769
Inventory	2,540	1,800
Prepaid expenses	5,380	5,380
Total current assets	613,890	647,910
Noncurrent assets		
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation	515,923	562,453
TOTAL ASSETS	1,129,813	1,210,363
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$56,454	\$38,770
Accrued wages	30,131	26,756
Compensated absences	32,235	14,316
Other accrued liabilities	9,888	8,754
Line of Credit	50,000	100,000
Refundable Advance	213,962	190,075
Current portion of long term liabilities	27,617	25,090
Total current liabilities	420,287	403,761
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES		
Noncurrent portion of long term liabilities	87,413	114,122
TOTAL LIABILITIES	507,700	517,883
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions		
Undesignated	\$600,949	\$663,318
Board designated	18,750	18,750
With donor restrictions	2,414	10,412
TOTAL NET ASSETS	622,113	692,480
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$1,129,813	\$1,210,363

DECEMBER 31, 2021 (with comparative totals as of December 31, 2020)

In 2021, Guiding Harbor applied for and was granted loan forgiveness for the first of two PPP loans. The second forgiveness application will be sent in 2022.

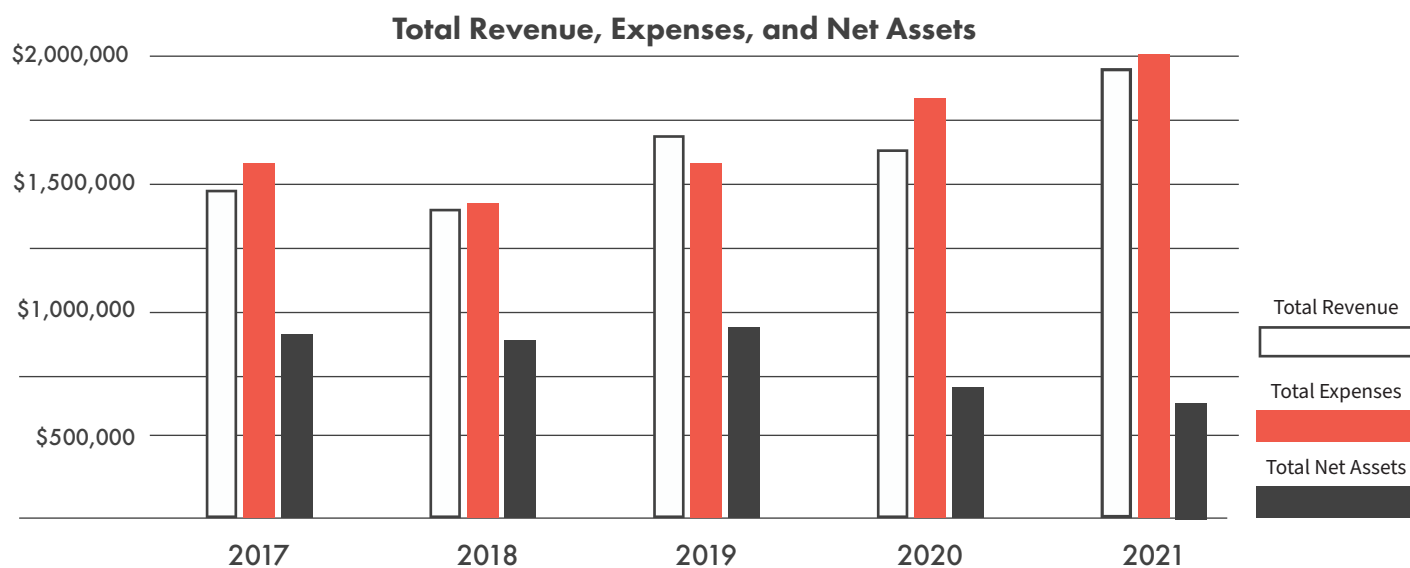
**ASSETS**

2020



2021

Cash | Investments | Acc. Rec. | Inventory | Prepaid Ex.



DONORS & VOLUNTEERS

“Learn to light a candle in the darkest moments of someone’s life. Be the light that helps others see; it is what gives life its deepest significance.”

~Roy T. Bennett



Leave a Legacy

A legacy gift is a planned future gift that designates part of your estate to Guiding Harbor.

Contact Linda Clayton or Jennifer Trotter for more information.



Champion Level

- Suzanne Baber Trust
- IT Serve
- McCarthy, Kathleen
- Mohre, Deborah

Volunteers and donors help to make our work successful. They donate time, money, and services. They pull weeds and decorate pumpkins all to brighten the day of our residents, foster children

and guests. You contribute to the success of a troubled teen, a family trying to recover, a baby that needs safety.

254 Individual and Organizational Donors in 2021

76% increase in number of donors from 2020

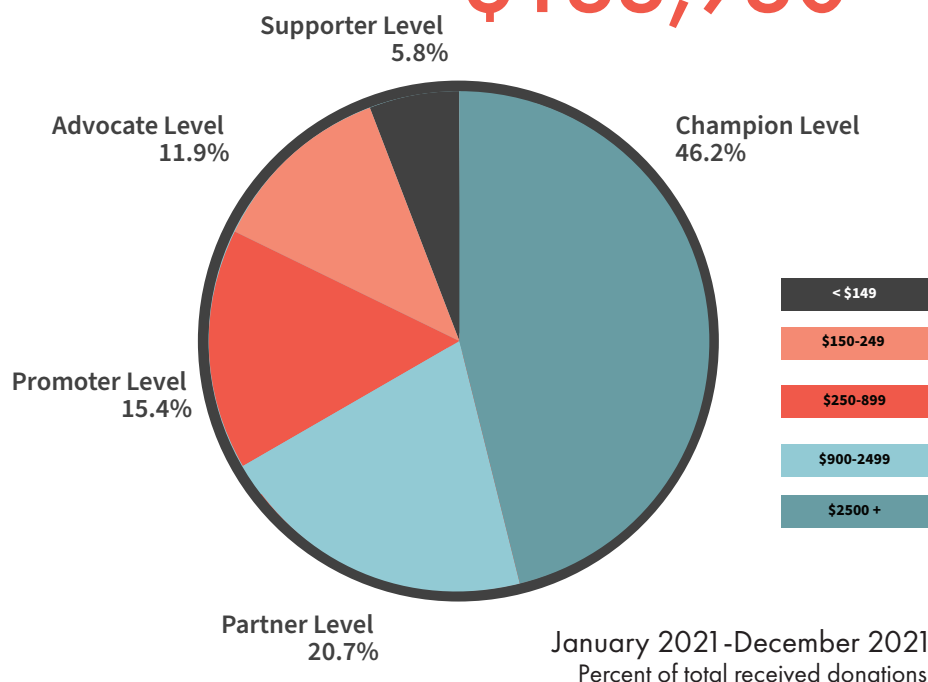


Partner Level

- Ally Financial Inc.
- Belle Tire
- Bertram, Monte
- Clayton, Linda
- DeMarco, Linda
- Egan's Pub
- Guina, Jeff
- Hanson, Bridget
- Hayes, Kimberly
- Hevron, Josh
- Jarczewski, Michelle
- Lewis, Kathleen
- Morrison, Margie
- Rochester Junior Womens Club
- Saville, Stephanie
- Sexton, Patricia
- Trotter, Jennifer
- White, Avis
- Wilson, Carol

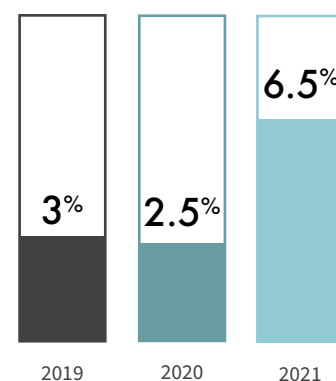
Guiding Harbor Donor Summary

Total Donations **\$133,930.70**



3X

2021 saw an increase of over three times the fundraising from 2019



Donations as percent of total operating budget

Promoter Level

- Ackerman, Michelle
- Bisson, Greg
- Boyd, Sarina
- Celani, Melissa and Joseph
- Cops & Doghnuts LLC
- Cossette, Jessica
- Costco Wholesale
- Crist, John & Jan
- Devine, Valleri
- Dick Scott Dodge
- Donations, Cash
- Edward Jones
- Fick, Christopher
- Fick, Kathy
- GFWC - Gun Lake Area
- GFWC Brooklyn Heart of the Lakes
- GFWC MI
- Hickok, Carmen
- Hicks, Rae
- Holzer, Christie
- Hopkins, Connie
- Jenkins, Judy
- Jenkins, Kris
- Jones-Liberati, Jessica
- Klinski, Kari
- Kogelman, Jeanette
- LaPradd, Elaine
- Montes, Katie
- Northon, Ruth Ann
- Payocity
- Sturr, Colleen
- Sweeney, Brenda
- Twitchell, Kathy
- Vrsek, Shelly
- Williams, Rico and Janiece

Advocate Level

- Adams, Waneema
- Bailey, Carolyn
- Bali, Doru
- Beaumont Health
- Belisle, Lisa
- Blue, Laurie
- Brown, Donna
- Brown, Marcus
- Campbell, Peggy
- Carey, Lee
- Charlton, Donna
- Christopher, Margaret
- Colby, Brenda
- Dean, Jody
- Detroit Bar
- Dimondale Home Culture Club
- Easterseals Michigan
- Flushing Women's Club
- GFWC - Adrian Woman's Club
- GFWC - Caledonia
- GFWC - Charlotte
- GFWC - Edmore Womens Club
- GFWC - Lake Orion

Ally Financial Partnership

Greg Bisson has been a loyal supporter of Guiding Harbor since 2018. He has attended our events, volunteered and been a donor. He saw the positive impact Guiding Harbor was making and he wanted to do more. He reached out to his employer, Ally Financial, about making a contribution. The Detroit Women's chapter of Ally Gives Back, met with the team at Guiding Harbor and added our name to the list of non-profits where their staff could give of their time.

Do It Right isn't just a slogan or catchphrase for Ally Financial. It is their mantra, their "rallying cry to make a positive impact on the world around us. Ally employees believe in the power of connecting with the communities they live and work in. It goes beyond writing checks. They roll up their sleeves and dedicate their time and energy to making a difference."

The administration building of Guiding Harbor needed an upgrade. This building houses our Foster Care, Adoption and Independent Living Programs as well as the agency leadership. After far too long, the exterior of our building has finally been painted. The generous volunteers from Ally Financial, coordinated by Detroit Women chapter of Ally Gives Back, spent a sunny day in September helping us to paint the building. The green exterior walls have been replaced with a warm beige and dark trim that gives the building the fresh look it needed.

The Ally team attended Guiding Harbor's 2021 Magical Masquerade. There are also plans in the works to continue this partnership into 2022 with more volunteer projects on the horizon. We are eternally grateful for our relationship with Ally Financial and look forward to seeing what comes next.



Advocate Level (continued)

- GFWC - Tekonsha Research Club
- GFWC Harrison
- GFWC Hastings
- GFWC Michigan UP District 5
- GFWC Millington Junior Women's Club
- GFWC Reed City
- GFWC Southeastern District
- Goldberg, Regan
- Guenot, Sandy
- Guiding Force Consulting
- Herrera, Guadalupe
- Hickey, Janet
- Hissong, Kelley
- Hutson, Imaara
- Jenovai, Melissa
- Johnson, Susan
- Ketelsen, Carol Anne
- Kinlin, Clisty
- Klee, Sherie
- Kozianowski, Linda
- Krumm, Karen
- Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians
- Lend a Hand
- Leonard, Fran
- Loosvelt, Kacey
- Maner Costerisan
- McCormick, Robert



2021 LIVE AUCTION & MASQUERADE

Guiding Harbor hosted A Magical Masquerade, charity auction, on November 20th, 2021 at the Marriott Detroit, Livonia. This was the 36th Annual Guiding Harbor Auction that helps raise money to support the programs offered by our agency. All money raised at the auction goes directly towards meeting the needs of the youth

served by the agency. This year's event was chaired by Deb Mohre.

The Magical Masquerade was held in-person, after COVID forced us to hold the event virtually in 2020. Guests were encouraged to wear a face mask (envision decoratively preventing the spread of germs) or a masque (envision masquerade) to fully embrace the theme of the evening. The event was emceed by Greg Holiday Auctions. Nearly 200 guests enjoyed an open bar and appetizers as they strolled through the rooms containing the silent auction items, all the while sizing up the competition for their invaluable online bids.

Supporter Level

- Mohre, Sara
- Montes, Diane
- O'Keefe, JoEllen
- Place, Nikki
- Roby, Sheila
- Ross, Rebecca
- Royal Oak GFWC
- Stano, Megan
- Upston, Madilyn
- VanHorn, Delores
- Walters, Shari
- Whitsitt, Colleen
- Wright, Ted

- Adamski, R. J
- American Girl
- Ammerman, Marlene
- Ballinger, Sue
- Belleville Area Kiwanis Club
- Birge, Carolyn
- Bisson, Jan
- Boroff, Joan
- Breuer, Lisa
- Bules, Michelle
- Carson, Carla
- Cavinder, Alice
- Chenalls, Alicia
- Cherry, Kay
- Chien, Dana

- Christensen, Louis
- Clark, Alice
- Clark, Linda
- Clayton, Teresa
- Cobb, Jennifer
- Collins, Laura
- Conners, Angel
- Cytacki, Maggie

"One of the most important things you can do on this earth is to let people know they are not alone."

~Shannon L. Alder



Here's a recap of the evening:

A sunset sail for two on a 27' Express sailboat. Sail will include drinks, appetizers and an experienced crew to host you and a guest on a sailing cruise on Lake St. Clair.

Whiskey, Vodka, Rye in Detroit which included a bottle of Two James Vodka and Detroit Distillery Rye as well as a tour of both Two James and Detroit Distillery.

Holiday Light Up Village and Greenhouse is the perfect to add to your existing holiday village or to start a new tradition.

Barbecue for a Crowd - Let us cook for you! In the setting of your choice, it's the ultimate BBQ experience. We will bring our

portable smoker to the location of your choice and provide the meal for up to 50 people.

Linda Clayton, Board President, welcomed attendees. While guests ate dinner, a choice of salmon or beef, they were notified via text if they were outbid on any item. As the first lot of auction items closed, a beautiful slice of cheesecake was served. Then Guiding Harbor supporters were treated to entertainment by comedic magician, Cameron Zvara. The crowd laughed in amazement as Cameron made things disappear and read the minds of guests. CEO, Jennifer Trotter, then gave a heartfelt presentation and thanked guests for their support. The evening wrapped up with a Live Auction

and the closing of Lot 2 of the Silent Auction items.

Don't miss the 2022 Motown Masquerade Auction on Saturday, November 12, 2022 at the Marriott Detroit, Livonia. Entertainment by KGB Motown Band.

Photography services by Jon Vespaziani.

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Supporter Level (continued)

- Detroit City Distillery
- Devenney, Rebecca
- Dieters-Williams, Anne
- Dougherty, Joyce
- Doulette, Anne
- Downer, Amy
- Duckham, Jo
- Faltum, Sherryl
- Fisher, David
- Gabert, Jodi
- Garrett, Louise
- Gasperosky, Karen
- GFWC - Big Rapids
- GFWC - Dearborn
- GFWC - Eaton Rapids Woman's Clubs
- GFWC - Evart
- GFWC - Iron Mountain -Kingsford
- GFWC - Kalamazoo Area Women's Club
- GFWC - Lake City Women's Club
- GFWC - Madison Heights
- GFWC - Swartz Creek
- GFWC - Vermontville Women's Club
- GFWC Clawsons Womens Club
- GFWC Gaylord Study Guide
- GFWC Lake Orion
- GFWC Menominee
- GFWC MI Past State President's Club
- GFWC Northwestern District
- Gibson, Mita
- Griffin, Thomas
- Gueglielmotti, Gabrielle
- Hayes, Barbara
- Heinzman, Scott and Marie
- Heuchert, Sarah
- Holdsworth, Amanda
- Holiday, Greg
- Hutson, Danielle
- Iltis, Joyce
- Johnston, Susan
- Kent, Kienzle,
- Knapp, Merrie
- Lande, Shirley
- Lawther, Linda
- Lee, Angela
- Lineberry, Marissa
- Littleson, Marc
- Lons, Tammy
- Maracle, Wendy
- Masserant, Alyssa
- McCormack, Jill
- McNabb, Arlene
- Meike, Melissa
- Mello, Besima
- Mida, Karen
- Miller, Margaret
- Munoz-Smith, Grace
- Muriel, Gorthy,
- Murray, Ann
- Murray, Dennis
- My Virtual Academy
- Newcomb, Molly
- Olsson, Sabrina
- Palik, Nancy
- Pancella, Anne
- Parsons, Meghan
- Patterson, Rosemary
- Pearson, Lucie
- Phelps, Theresa
- Plezia, Kristen
- Porilaitis, Melissa
- Provncner, DeLaney
- Pulju, Sue
- Ronald, Emerson,
- Ross, Amy
- Saltzgaber, Johanne
- Schaaf, Judith
- Sheridan, Beth
- Smith, Mickey
- Soof, Yolanda
- Sopata, Sylvia
- Stanard, Alexa
- Star Line Ferry
- Stefanski, Gretchen
- Stevens, Thomas
- Sutek, Karen
- Sweitzer, Bradley
- Tarnopol, Kim
- Taylor, Lori
- Tecmseh Monday Club
- Terbrueggen, Patricia
- Tiffany, Sarah
- Toothacker, Linda
- Tri Sigma Sorority
- Tucci, Domenic
- Tucker, Elaine
- Two James Spirits
- Vanetta, Chuck
- Vanetta, Sarah
- Vesche, Jane
- Wadell, Kelly
- Wesley, Leo & Barbara
- White, Stephanie
- Whitten, Terese
- Wild Bill's
- Williams, Rico
- Wilson, Martha
- Yorks, Chloe
- Yulanda, Bellinger,
- Zager, Naomi
- Zappia, Doreen
- Zingerman's Community of Giving



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