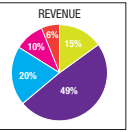




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Advocacy Corner

Welcome to our Advocacy Corner! While We Care's mission focuses on the immediate needs of the most vulnerable in our community, the children and families we serve are impacted daily by decisions at the local, state, and federal level – as is We Care. Because we are a nonprofit, we never support a political party or an individual candidate, but we can encourage your involvement in legislative and policy matters that concern anyone who cares about the welfare of children.

The word “advocacy” may sound like something that only applies to lobbyists or politicians, but there is an advocate in all of us even if we don't realize it. If you've ever helped a family member receive needed services, stood up for someone who was treated unfairly, or attended a parent/teacher conference at your child's school, you have acted as an advocate.

Going forward, we'll be keeping you updated about opportunities to make your voice heard and get good things done!

There are several types of advocacy, including:

- **Case Advocacy:** Intervening to address an individual child or family's problem.

This is what We Care does on a daily basis. When you make a donation or otherwise support We Care, this kind of advocacy is life-changing for the most at-risk in our community.

- **Administrative Advocacy:** Affecting the creation of new policies, regulations and guidelines.

If you know someone at the county or state level who makes decisions that impact children's lives, please consider making your voice heard or helping us with an introduction.

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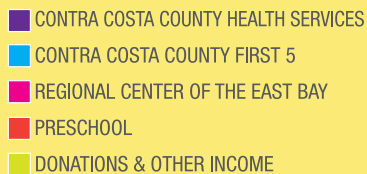
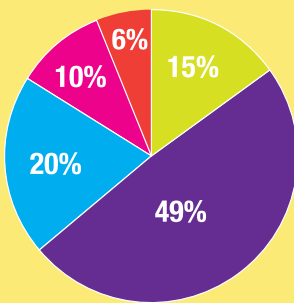
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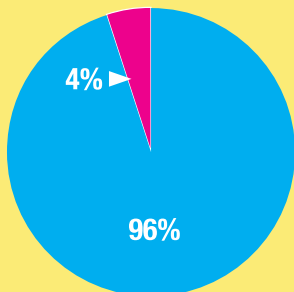
2019-20 Financial Report

Below is a review of our financials for our Fiscal Year 2019-20.

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A message from:

Pete Caldwell, Executive Director



Dear We Care Family,

I hope this message finds you and your family well.

In these letters to you, I have focused for a year now on the depth of the disruption we've experienced during the pandemic and our responses to it. It feels like I've written mostly of my heartfelt gratitude for We Care's incredible staff and for your steadfast support.

But now I can write about starting to look forward. Vaccinations are happening. Transmission rates are down (as I write this), and the light at the end of the tunnel is absolutely getting brighter.

We have tried throughout this year to keep an eye out for the lessons that will seem obvious in retrospect. We know we will be using the best aspects of telehealth because we've learned that for some families, this suits their needs best. Working from home actually is productive for a lot of positions. And going forward, we'll be able to get the work done and keep more cars off the roads.

In addition, we know that as rough as it's been on parents, there are a lot of newborns who benefited from the stay-at-home order over the past year and all the increased bonding time.

But on the opposite end, and in ways we believe could create lasting harm, an entire year of school preparation for 4-year-olds has been lost. A year's worth of learning how to be successful in a classroom setting – how to share, how to focus, how to learn – is gone. It's hard to overstate the impact of this, particularly on children who were already at risk. We know the power of pre-K on creating a successful school experience and to address this, We Care is developing enhanced pre-kindergarten services to help. More on this soon.

We Care is incredibly fortunate to have weathered the pandemic as well as we have, and we are anxious to start taking on the tremendous challenges that this past year will leave in its wake. Thank you as always for your support and for sharing our vision of what young children need to grow up healthy and well.

Please catch up with us through this newsletter, reach out with any questions or comments, and again – thank you for everything you've done for all the families who rely on us!

Best,

Pete



- **Legislative Advocacy:** Working with elected officials to educate them about the impact of policies or programs in their home districts.

We Care is involved at the county-level with many supervisors and is continually advocating for child-supportive efforts. We may ask you to help us by reaching out to your representatives.

- **Media Advocacy:** Using media to increase broader public awareness and debate about early childhood issues.

We Care has been showcased in local media many times, and we always looking for opportunities to highlight ways to help the community's most vulnerable children.

So please stay tuned as we continue to update our Advocacy Corner. And if you have an advocacy topic you would like more information about, please contact Pete Caldwell at pcaldwell@wecarechildren.org.



We Welcome our Newest (and Previous) Board Member, **Glenn Garabedian**



We would like to welcome our newest board member, Glenn Garabedian, to We Care's 2021 Board of Directors. In fact, we are really welcoming him back because this is his second time serving on the board!

Glenn and Lynda Garabedian's daughter Darci began attending We Care in 1970 at age 17½ months after being referred by her physician. When Glenn and Lynda saw how much We Care was helping Darci, they decided to become more involved. Glenn joined the board and Lynda joined the Mother's Club, a group of mothers who volunteered in the classroom and ran fundraisers to support We Care.

After retiring from his position as a health physicist for the University of California, Glenn was a consultant and served on some nonprofit boards – most recently for the Auburn Symphony and Sutter Medical Foundation.

When his term as board member at the Auburn Symphony ended, he wanted to use his volunteer and board experience to help make a difference. He immediately thought of We Care, which had a place in his heart all this time. He reached out to Pete, We Care's executive director, and it is now our pleasure to welcome Glenn back!

"After seeing what We Care did for our daughter, as well as countless other children, I am a loyal fan for life. And I'm looking forward to serving on their board of directors again." – Glenn Garabedian

Best Wishes to Board
Member, Volunteer,
and Dear Friend

Nina Rowe



For many years, Nina Rowe has been one of our remarkable board members and an amazing resource to this agency. Not only did she serve as secretary on the board of directors and as head of the Resource Development Committee, she had been volunteering in We Care's preschool every week before the Covid-19 crisis. The children and staff have tremendously benefited from her many years of teaching in elementary and preschool settings, and she is adored by all!

2020 brought many changes for Nina and her husband Mike, including a move to Southern California. While they will always stay connected with We Care, Nina has resigned her board position. We Care has been extraordinarily lucky to have had her talents, grace, and compassion, and we thank her for giving so much of her time and support to us. We won't say good-bye because Nina and Mike will remain in our grateful hearts forever, and we wish them all the best on their new adventure!

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Donations have never been more impactful than during this crisis we are all facing. We know everyone is trying to make the most of their resources in light of an uncertain future, and despite all of that, you still chose to support us. Your incredible generosity has helped the children and families who need us most – and they know how much you care.



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