



Dear Community,

As we know so well on the farm, many hands make light work. We also believe that many hands make for a greater impact and wider reach for the important work we do at Elawa Farm Foundation. We were able to thrive and provide for so many this past season, as a direct result of the supportive hands of our community.

In 2021, we grew the Foundation's initiatives to feed, educate, and inspire our community. We completed the expansion of our vegetable fields to better meet the demand for our fresh produce and improve healthy food access in Lake County. This expansion resulted in our largest annual harvest of 10,000+ pounds. With this additional harvest, we distributed more than 825 bags of fresh food to families facing food insecurity, as well as donated produce and meals to clients served by community organizations, including North Chicago Community Partners and Cool Learning Experience in Waukegan.

This past year, we prioritized the access of our education and welcomed more families and youth with our programs. We hosted free public tours, family activities, and bilingual programs - on our grounds at Elawa Farm and at local schools, libraries, and community organizations. We engaged with more than 2,000 families in Lake Forest and beyond through these programs.

We supported more than 20 local farms and food businesses by featuring their products at our weekly Garden Market, farm dinners, and Take & Bake program. Another highlight of our season was the introduction of our farm dinner series, where we gathered to share in a meal and conversation with one another.

As we plan for this new season, we will build on our initiatives to feed more neighbors, create greater accessibility on our farm, and offer new programs. Thank you for supporting our mission at Elawa Farm Foundation. The many hands of our community enables us to deepen our impact.

With gratitude,

Executive Director

Laura Calvert Marina Carney Puryear

Executive Director Record President **Board President**







OUR COLLECTIVE IMPACT

- ·10,600 lbs. of fresh produce, or 15,150 servings of fresh fruit and vegetables, harvested from our farm
- ·20% increase in annual harvest since farm fields were expanded in fall 2020
- ·825 bags of fresh, nutrient-dense food to families facing food insecurity in Lake County, in partnership with Chicago Region Food System Fund and BellaRu Catering
- •An additional \$17,950 in fresh produce and kitchen meals donated to families served by local community organizations, including North Chicago Community Partners and Cool Learning Experience in Waukegan
- ·25 free educational programs offered to the community with 535 families in attendance
- ·11 bilingual workshops for 255 local youth
- •20 local farms and food businesses supported with more than \$100,000 in purchasing for our weekly Garden Market and Take & Bake meal program
- ·6,906 community members shopped at our weekly Garden Market
- ·5 farm-to-table dinners with 152 guests in attendance
- ·1,020 volunteer hours spent in our garden

Partner Spotlight

Family Service of Lake County

What began as a series of virtual programming during the onset of the pandemic has now culminated into a growing organizational partnership. Family Service of Lake County and Elawa Farm Foundation have collaborated over the past two years on educational programming to engage their participants through enriching cooking demonstrations, hands-on gardening activities, and engaging field trips.

Family Service of Lake County, founded in 1930, provides proven, high-quality counseling for all ages in counseling, education and mentoring programs and senior & caregiver services. Their services strengthen individuals and families in need to succeed in school, at work, in relationships, and within their community.

Stronger families make a stronger community.



Revenue

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Earned Revenue: \$602,330 Fundraising Events: \$263,890

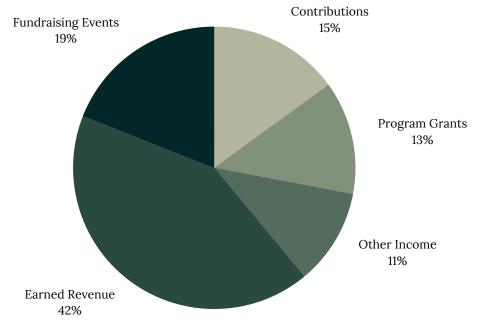
Contributions (Foundation, Corporate &

Individual Gifts): \$224,337 Program Grants: \$190,000

Other Income (Investments, PPP loan*): \$164,384

Total: \$1,444,941

*2020-2021 PPP Loans forgiven in 2021



Expenses

Administrative 6% **Fundraising Expenses** 8% **Program Expenses** 9% Operations & Facility 32%

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Personnel & Program Delivery: \$553,296 Operations & Facility: \$395,377 Program Expenses: \$115,094 Fundraising Expenses: \$92,946

General & Administrative: \$80,091

Total \$1,236,804

Personnel & Program Delivery 45%





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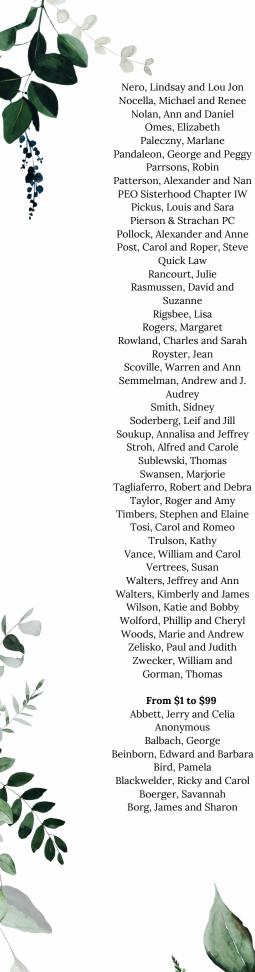
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