

A photograph of three children running and playing in a grassy field. The children are smiling and looking towards the camera. The air is filled with many large, iridescent bubbles. The background is a lush green field with trees in the distance.

RAMSEY CRISIS NURSERY ANNUAL REPORT FY2020

CARING FOR CHILDREN &
UPLIFTING FAMILIES

Founded in 2019, the founders of Ramsey Crisis Nursery began to work towards the goal of uplifting families in Ramsey County. We aim to not only to provide free, overnight care for children and supportive resources to families; but we also desire to remove barriers that caregivers face while reaching out for support. In 2020, the Ramsey Crisis Nursery opened its Resource Line to families in the community in order to give real-time resources, referrals and parenting support. We also began engaging with those that have decided to contribute their time to Ramsey Crisis Nursery. This has included working alongside 35+ volunteers that have donated over 6,000 hours of time over this past fiscal year. We are deeply grateful for those that have supported us.

Thank you.

Uplifting Families



From the Founders

Dear Friends and Supporters of Ramsey Crisis Nursery,

When the three founders first met for coffee in October 2019 to discuss creating a respite and resource center for families in Saint Paul, we could not have imagined the amount of support and encouragement we have received from all of you and from the community as a whole. We are so grateful for all of the connections we've made, the generous donations both monetary and time-based, and all the conversations that have helped us shape our vision for a better future.

We've accomplished a lot this year. Here are some highlights:

Volunteer Program

Along with our volunteer committee, we've recruited and trained over 30 volunteers to work on fundraising and grant writing, community outreach, social media and communications, event planning, and more.

Resource Line

Our family resource line opened on 5/1/2020. RCN's five volunteer family advocates have answered over 60 calls, connecting families to needed resources and providing encouragement and support. 80% of those callers stated they would use overnight services in Ramsey County if they were available.

Making It Official

We received our 501 C3 non-profit status from the federal government in February. This makes all donations tax deductible and allows us to begin fundraising efforts through grants and foundations.

Community Connections

We've reached out to many community groups, government agencies, and other non-profits in Ramsey County to establish lasting partnerships that will help us serve our clients mindfully and appropriately.

Board Expansion

RCN recently welcomed five new board members, who all bring their unique knowledge, experiences, and enthusiasm to our organization. They will be officially seated at our Annual Meeting on July 27th, 2021. Please see the leadership bios on our website for more on these amazing people.

As we celebrate where we are, we also look forward with determination and excitement about what the next year will bring. We are working very hard on fundraising, grant writing, and networking so that we can reach our goal of opening a location and starting to provide in-person services. Our other main focus will be continuing to seek out the perspectives of many community members in order to create services and policies that truly support all Ramsey County families. We believe we have an opportunity to revolutionize what respite and resource services look like, and we are united in our commitment to doing that work no matter the challenges we face.

Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for your support.

Sarah Ellefson, Ellen Brokl, and Anna Lebsock



Caring for children
& uplifting families

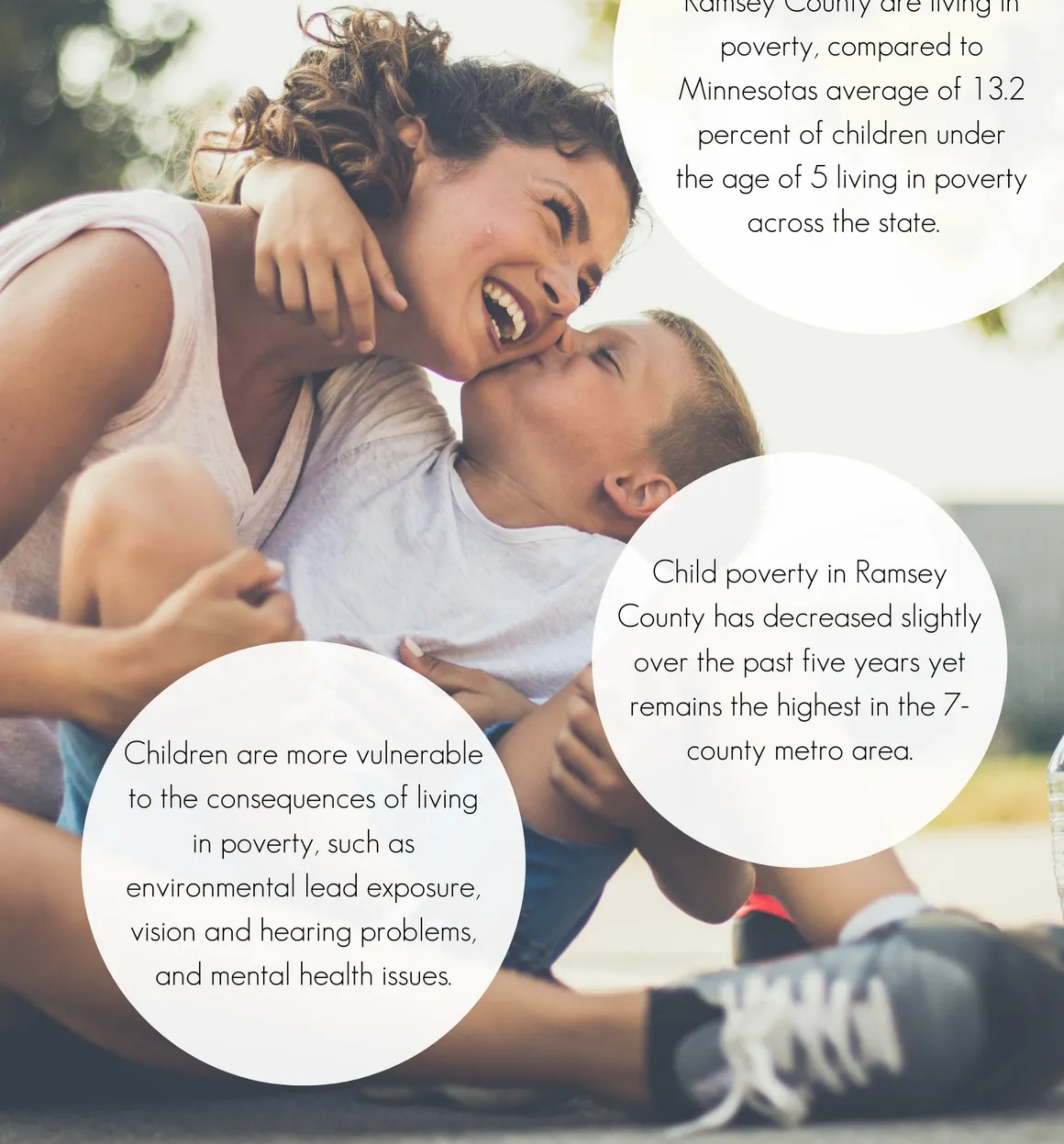
WHY RAMSEY COUNTY ?

Statistics taken from
www.RamseyCounty.US

22.9 percent of children under the age of 5 in Ramsey County are living in poverty, compared to Minnesotas average of 13.2 percent of children under the age of 5 living in poverty across the state.

Child poverty in Ramsey County has decreased slightly over the past five years yet remains the highest in the 7-county metro area.

Children are more vulnerable to the consequences of living in poverty, such as environmental lead exposure, vision and hearing problems, and mental health issues.





OUR MISSION

The Ramsey Crisis Nursery exists to provide a temporary home away from home for children and supportive services to uplift and strengthen the entire family.



OUR VISION

A society that unifies around the importance of universal family and community support despite class identity or individual capacity. A society that believes the security, well-being, and support of children comes first.



RESOURCE LINE CALLS

On a Wednesday afternoon, Wendy (name changed for privacy) called the Ramsey Crisis Nursery Resource Line stating that she wanted to make an adoption plan for her children since she felt that she "could not keep being a parent" because of how stressed and overwhelmed she was feeling. She felt like there was no place else to turn and felt that family members would judge her if she asked for help. Wendy was connected with a Resource Line Advocate.

She was given resources in the community that could provide her with rest and support as well as resources that would help her create an adoption plan. The Resource Line Advocate explained how the resources worked and even called some of the resources with Wendy for extra support. After hearing about these other resources in the community, Wendy realized that she could get the break that she needed, without creating an adoption plan.

We are glad to provide support that keeps families together and children safe.

HOW WE WORK: LOOKING AHEAD

Once Ramsey Crisis Nursery is open for overnight care services, we aim to provide the following:

1

Families and caregivers can call our Resource Line (open since July, 2020) for parenting support, resources, and to be connected with our overnight care services.

2

Families that desire care for their children and qualify for our overnight care services set up a time to drop their child(ren) off. All food, clothing, and care items are provided by RCN, so families do not need to worry about bringing anything!

3

Children birth - 7 years old living in Ramsey County are able to stay overnight. They will receive free, safe care while their caregivers are able to focus on their current needs.

4

Caregivers will be connected with the other resources that they may need and are given the opportunity to have a break from providing care for up to 3 nights. Children will be cared for by staff and volunteers at Ramsey Crisis Nursery.

5

Parents/ caregivers pick up their children at Ramsey Crisis Nursery after getting the rest or crisis support that they need. Caregivers are encouraged to stay in touch with RCN for the next time that they may need support!

AT THIS TIME, THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE THESE OVERNIGHT CARE SERVICES IS DEPENDENT ON FINANCIAL SUPPORT. PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THIS MISSION.



Financials

For the fiscal year ending Dec, 2020

Revenue

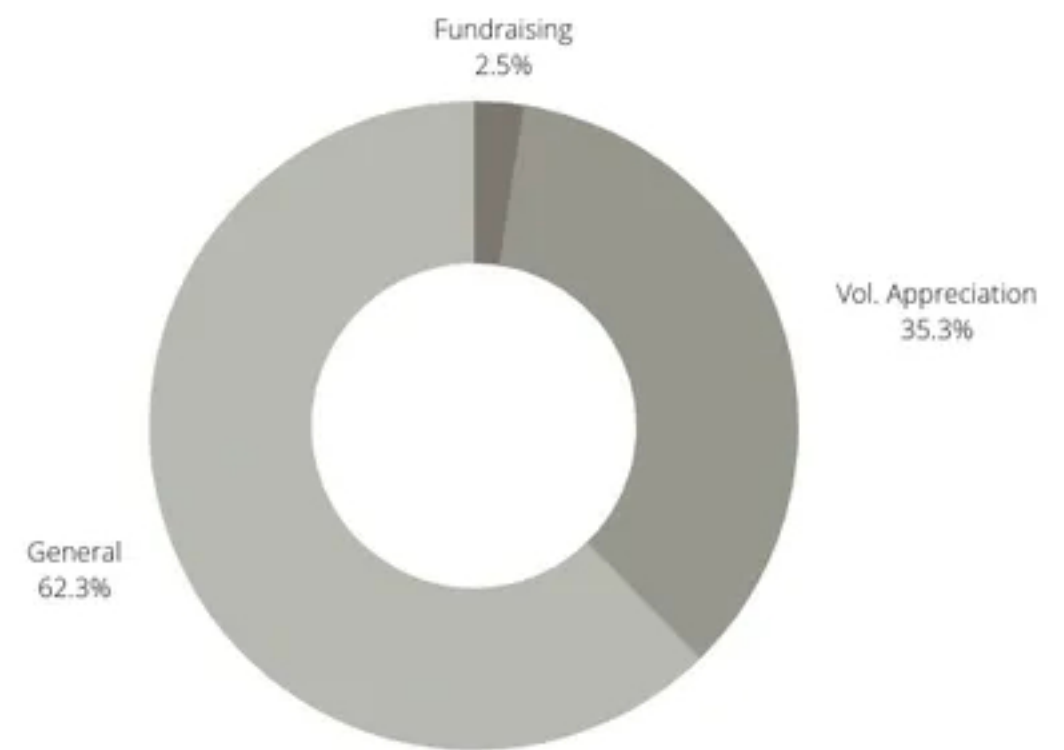
Please note that financial contributions were not accepted until June, 2020

Grants	\$ 0.00
Contributions	\$ 5,990.00
Total	\$ 5,990.00



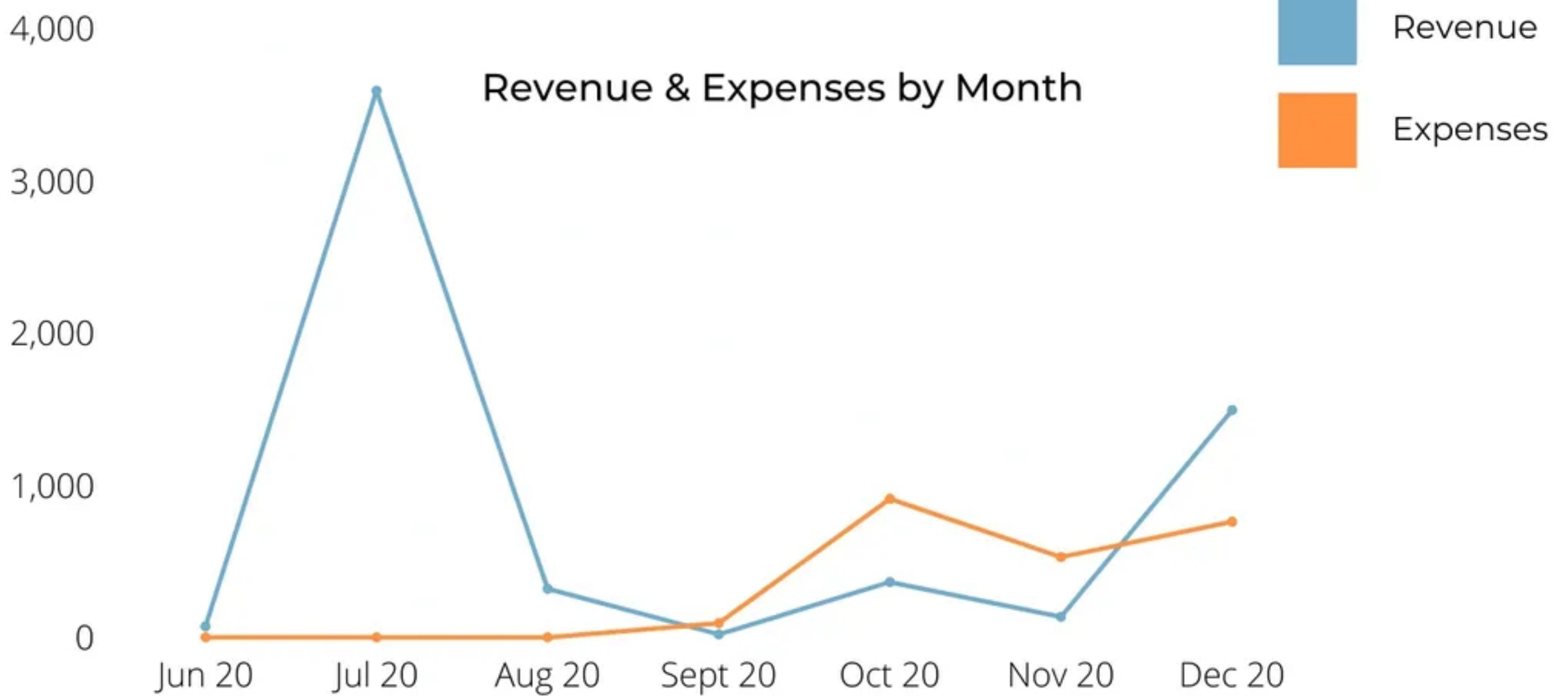
Expenses

Fundraising	\$ 43.13
Volunteer Appreciation	\$ 617.72
Management and General	\$ 1,090.26
Total	\$ 1,851.11



Operating Balance

\$4,139.06



OUR LEADERSHIP

Ellen Brokl

Sarah Ellefson

Taylor Heitkamp

Sadé Kelly

Anna Lebsock

Sara Nelson

Desiree Phillips

Susan Schultz

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING
OUR FIVE NEW BOARD
MEMBERS, STARTING
JULY 2021!

THANK YOU!