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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

What can we say about this year? The year that went nowhere near as we had planned it would. The COVID-19 pandemic year that still has life turned upside down. For all of us. This is the 2020 year of changes that will become the 2021 year of more changes. And more beyond that, I suspect.

For our day program, it meant being fully closed from March 16th through June 30th. We opened at July 1st with a handful of individuals; all on a private pay basis, as the state had not yet approved that families could use their funding. Now, at August 1st, we are looking to add a few more individuals. And, thankfully, families can again use their funding. We will move forward cautiously. And, we are sure that some families will just be fearful and extra cautious - and keep their loved one at home until their world fully becomes a “new normal” that they can add us into.

But, now, instead of group games and cooking projects? Instead we have social distancing and masks. For everyone, learning how to thoroughly wash their hands is a priority. And, walks at parks and forest preserves now replace grocery shopping and other indoor venues. Definitely, a new program day. But, I can tell you, that everyone so far has transitioned easily to these mandatory changes.

For I and staff, the months being closed was a whirlwind of fear and unknowns.

I took the office home with me, gave in and finally bought a desk, and a spare closet became the file and supply cabinet. Life became busier than ever with PPP and EIDL loan applications, memos from the State that came almost daily, and budgeting and cost analyses that just became almost a daily chore. The question each morning became “where will I drink my first cup of coffee?” On the couch? Or, at the desk? I also had time to purge the basement of bankers boxes and extra file cabinets. I did not know whether I was organizing for a future, or cleaning to close down RRAF if needed. There was work that just needed to be done.

For staff, it meant digging in and tackling projects that were always needed? Just never enough time. Painting. Deep cleaning the vans inside and out. Getting rid of furniture and supplies no longer needed, or that do not work in a more sterile environment. COVID signs on the door. New cleaning schedules.

Fundraising efforts had to change, as well. The annual Fall Benefit was postponed until October 3, 2021. And, the jewelry sales were closed down for good. After all, without Nada Vetter there to urge us on. With volunteers dwindling. And, with no one out and about shopping much anyway? Goodwill was given many carloads of costume and vintage jewelry and display cases.

Throughout the weeks off - that turned to months off - mail kept coming and bills still needed to be paid. Every so often there would be envelope with a familiar name on the return address label. I could smile, knowing a friend of RRAF had reached out to us with a much needed donation. To those who did...my utmost thanks. I needed those moments more than you know. For now, we persevere and modify our services as needed. One day. One step. We will be in touch ongoing. Thank you for your friendship.

Thank you, Marilyn Flanagan

Some Positive News and Results of FY'20

- ◆ We received two rate increases from the State to keep up with minimum wage hikes. The first was allocated towards employee health insurance benefits. The second was a direct raise given to employees.
 - ◆ We were able to replace our administrative office printer with a gift card donated to us by our neighbor across the street!
 - ◆ Our internet was upgraded to fiber technology - and this saved us \$40/month.
- ◆ The old 15-passenger van and the old red minivan were traded in for a new 2019 15-passenger Ford Transit. That translated to a \$6,000 saving in our annual insurance costs.
 - ◆ Administrative and client files were purged to a 6-year lookback period.
 - ◆ Cash reserve levels remained strong at year end. And, an EIDL loan means additional cash on top of that to give us a solid level of working capital in FY'21.

Community Day Services

The formal definition: CDS is a program of day habilitation that assists with acquisition, retention, or improvement in self-help, socialization, and adaptive skills that takes place in a non-residential setting, separate from the participant's private residence or other residential living arrangement. Activities and environments are designed to foster the acquisition of skills, appropriate behavior, greater independence, and personal choice.

CDS providers must be certified by the Bureau of Accreditation, Licensure and Certification as a CDS provider. CDS Providers are able to bill for site-based and community-based services provided to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Budget Performance - FY'20 Draft Results through June 30, 2020

INCOME:

State Funding	\$130,056.35
Private Pay	13,074.32
PPP/EIDL from SBA	22,591.94
Contributions	60,168.16
Fundraising (Net)	13,744.74
Total	\$239,635.51

EXPENSES:

Consultants	\$ 2,300.00
Supplies	5,042.07
Employee: Wages	115,596.07
Employee: Other	29,522.69
Transportation	16,779.45
Occupancy	28,739.98
Program	3,388.98
Depreciation	27,238.56
Interest	15,108.35
Total	\$243,716.15

NET INCOME \$ -4,080.64

GENERAL DONATIONS

Friend (\$10 and over)

Amazon "Smile" Donors
Jody Childers
Brian Davis
Michelle Welin
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