

STRONGER TOGETHER

Helping Lake County Build a Stronger Tomorrow

2021 Gratitude Report



STRENGTHENING LAKE COUNTY. BUILDING LASTING CONNECTIONS.



Like many of us, I had no idea what was ahead when I became Executive Director in the Spring of 2019. A once in a century pandemic. An economic freeze. A moment of reckoning in our struggle for racial equity. All at once. And, while none of these monumental events are fully behind us, they give us an opportunity to open our doors, reconnect, and begin the healing.

At Family Service of Lake County, we are grateful for this breath of fresh air. Our dedicated team knows that the strength of our connections determines how well each of us thrives in times of both calm and turmoil. By lending a hand, relieving the pain of isolation, and helping people to health and wellness, you nourished our clients with your generosity.

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Sawle Knobloch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nancy" being the most prominent.

Nancy Sawle Knobloch

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Served a total of
2,504 clients

High School after
school Latino
students & family
members **49**



Homework Club of children 1st thru 5th grade
Latino students & family members **68**

Subsidized therapy **172**

Senior support,
advocacy &
counseling **674**

Health & wellness
access for Latino
residents **1371**

Grades 6-8 after school
Latino students & family
members **83**

Summer enrichment for
Latino Students **87**

“When COVID resulted in a shelter in place order, the support that poured into the Emergency Fund helped maintain the dignity of our families while providing the most basic necessities”

—Arturo Medina, Director, Latino and Youth Program

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NAVIGATING STRESS AND ISOLATION TOGETHER.



For 90 years, Family Service of Lake County has helped your neighbors in need when the unexpected happened. The social, health, and economic crises we shared over the last 18 months added uncertainty, stress and isolation and dramatically increased demand for our counseling services. In response, Family Service of Lake County offers professional counseling and mental wellness support for Lake County residents, regardless of their ability to pay.

Two key services focus on Specialized Treatment for Seniors and Bilingual Services for Latino families.

For isolated and vulnerable individuals without access to basic medical and dental care, nutritional advice, and relief from everyday stress, life can be daunting. That's why we offer Counseling Plus: Therapeutic support plus food, respite care, and guidance on access to basic medical care, vaccination information and health screenings.

Family Service of Lake County puts our connection to you and our neighbors in need above all else. Together, we are making a stronger future.

"The sense of safety and security clients had pre-covid is not the same. People feel more vulnerable and need support" Diane Gorman, LCSW, Staff Therapist

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TOGETHER WE HEAL.

The recent pandemic revealed how critical mental health is to success in all aspects of life. It also highlighted the shortage of counseling support in Lake County as growing numbers of people waited endlessly for therapeutic help. To meet this challenge, Family Service of Lake County created an internship program to give LCSW (Licensed Critical Social Worker) trainees from Chicago area Masters programs valuable supervised counseling experience. As a side benefit, we are helping grow the next generation of therapists from and in Lake County. Our goal is to eliminate county-wide waitlists for treatment.



In Fiscal Year 2021, we provided 3,379 hours of counseling treatment

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TOGETHER WE THRIVE.



The Family Service of Lake County network is wide and deep. When Florence was ready to return home from a rehabilitation facility, the social worker there reached out to us out of concern that Kathleen, her daughter and primary caregiver, needed help to care for her mom as she healed from injuries. Kathleen had a number of health issues of her own and also needed time to take care of herself. Through our Caregiver Resource Center, Kathleen received free respite care for months.

“Kathleen seemed so surprised that there were people who wanted to help her and her mother.” reported Janet Fryer, our Senior Advocate. “It was heartwarming to see the effect just a little bit of help had.”

We provided 5,732 hours of respite care to Seniors and their caregivers and almost 700 hours of therapy to Senior caregivers.

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TOGETHER WE GROW.

The Latino Youth Continuum celebrates cultural differences and how they strengthen Lake County. With volunteers from across Lake County, Latino students in Grades 1-12 now have age-appropriate learning options. Working closely with Hollywood and Highland Park school districts, our curriculum supports classroom work. Through partnerships with many community institutions, students deepen their studies through arts, culture, conservation, sports, and other enrichment experiences. We also help maintain family stability with guidance about medical and wellness services. Stronger families help students succeed in school.

Brothers Matteo and Lucas are two of our most active members in the Latino students' programs. Nothing stopped their involvement in Latino youth programs, activities and outings. Lucas also received college application mentoring from a volunteer. "To see our teenagers show such grit, and watch the generosity of neighbors is inspiring," said FSLC staff member, Minelle Amizquita.

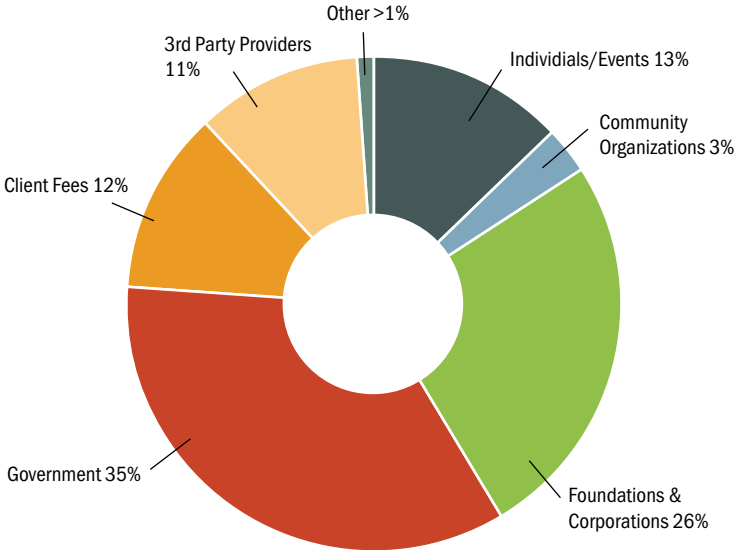


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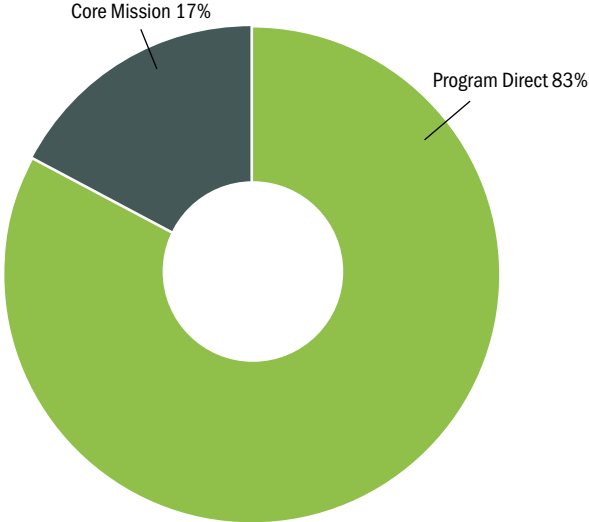
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FY2021 Financials | \$1,805,461

FY21 Support & Revenue



FY21 Expenses



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**Family Service of Lake County
Strengthens Individuals and
Families in Need to Succeed in
School, at Work, in Relation-
ships, & Within Our Community**

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\$100,000+

Age Guide of
Northeastern Illinois
Healthcare Foundation
of Highland Park

\$40,000 - \$99,999

Moraine Township
Lake Forest-Lake Bluff
Senior Citizens
Foundation
Highland Park
Community Foundation

\$20,000 - \$39,999

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Gorter Family Foundation

\$10,000 - \$19,999

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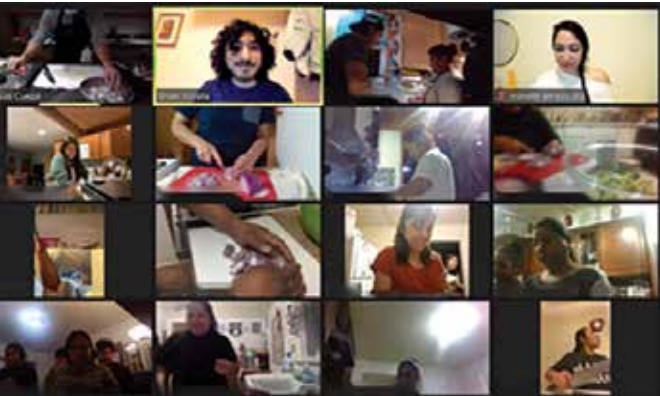
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