



ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021

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## FROM NANCY BLOOMFIELD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings, Friends of The Family Place!

Your generosity and your commitment have allowed The Family Place to sustain and adapt critical services without pause through two years of uncertainty and challenge. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated family stress, challenged our children's mental health and early development and illuminated the vulnerability of our childcare and education systems. Timely and tailored support, responsive wrap-around services and opportunities for community and learning provide an important buffer to families' challenges and lay a foundation for resilience and health.

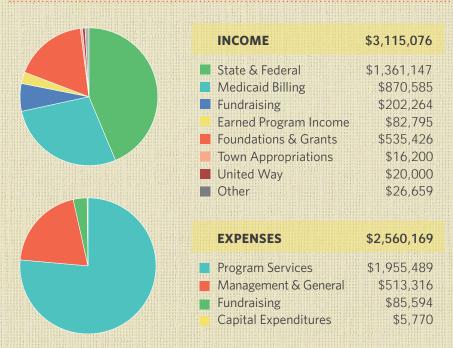
Your support of The Family Place enables us to reach more Upper Valley families, earlier in their children's lives. Your generosity facilitates the development of innovative partnerships across the Upper Valley and supports advocacy for more responsive, preventative policies and investments. Together, our attention and commitment to the needs of young children and their families provide the fertile soil in which they can thrive.

Thank you for making a difference.



### **FINANCIALS**

#### FIGURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021



You may notice that our income exceeds our expenses for FY21. This income reporting includes grant funding for multi-year projects in FY21 that will cover expenses in FY22 and FY23.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Board members advocate for children and families, assure our fiscal health and integrity, guide and uphold our strategic vision, plan and support events, spread awareness about our programs, and volunteer on-site. Thank you all for your dedicated service!

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# OUR COMMUNITY IMPACT

LEARN ABOUT THE WORK OF THE FAMILY PLACE AND THE RESULTS WE ACHIEVE, THANKS TO SUPPORTERS LIKE YOU

### TOGETHER ...

We help parents find community and confidence in parenting.

I have so appreciated the support of the Family Place as I navigated a challenging two years with my child.

- FAMILY PARTICIPATING
IN CIS EARLY INTERVENTION



children and their families were supported through Children's Integrated Services (CIS) home visiting, telehealth and support services



of parents surveyed report that CIS Early Intervention staff helped them help their child develop and learn

Outdoor activities and virtual parenting groups offered in partnership with Dartmouth-Hitchcock and Mount Ascutney Hospital and Health Center have **helped parents stay connected and supported** through the pandemic.



### TOGETHER ...

We help parents understand and respond to their child at every stage of development.

75+

families participated in playgroups and workshops (walking and virtual, etc.)

DEVELOPED

new partnerships with the Montshire Museum of Science & Project Launch through Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health From terrified to confident as a parent, my relationship with my son greatly improved.

– PARENT PARTICIPATING IN FAMILIES LEARNING TOGETHER/ FAMILY SUPPORT



### TOGETHER...

We help children, youth and families **cope** with stress, **heal** from trauma and **build** strong relationships.

Investments in mental health support for young children top VT's Early Childhood State Advisory Council's priority list.

The Family Place offers the emotional and human support a first time parent or any person really needs.

- FAMILY PARTICIPATING
IN PROJECT DULCE



children affected by abuse were supported by a trauma-informed, multi-disciplinary response through our Child Advocacy Centers



our capacity to provide clinical mental health support to children, youth and families



### TOGETHER ...

We partner with parents to ensure a healthy start for their newborns and young families.



newborns and their families have been supported through Project DULCE at Ottauquechee Health Center since the project initiated in 2019



attended our 2021 "Force for the Future" event featuring pediatric & community partnerships

Sue was there at every single appointment, and she was the first person in the exam room each time. She helped me flush out my anxieties so that I could be more present and focused with the doctors.

- PARENT PARTICIPATING
IN PROJECT DULCE

Zero to Three highlights the **critical** importance of Early Intervention.  $\int_{h_h}$ 

# TOGETHER ...

We help families address basic needs and challenges before they become crises.



of families responding to our survey re: accessing Child Care Referral services reported feeling more confident/having less stress about child care decisions

families were supported with financial assistance to pay for child care



families were supported with Family Assistance Funds to meet basic needs

Staff provided me with or helped me obtain everything I needed—everything from diapers to food to learning how to cook easy, healthy meals to helping me to get into [college] to selfadvocacy to life skills and health classes so I can better take care of myself and my family.

- PARENT PARTICIPATING
IN FAMILIES LEARNING TOGETHER/
FAMILY SUPPORT



Reducing sources of stress is one of three key strategies promoted by the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University.

1,261 CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES
BENEFITED FROM OUR PROGRAMS
AND SERVICES

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#### THE FAMILY PLACE

delivers comprehensive programs designed to strengthen positive relationships, teach essential skills and promote enduring healthy growth for families with young children in the Upper Valley and surrounding communities.

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### **PROGRAMS**

Our programs are designed to promote strong, stable families; safe, healthy children; and active learning for children and parents alike. Our goal is to promote positive outcomes for all young people, regardless of circumstances.

- Children's Integrated Services (CIS) Early Intervention, Family Support, **Nursing Services & Specialized Child Care**
- Parent Education and Support
- Playgroups
- Families Learning Together (FLT)
- Infant & Toddler Early Care and Education Program
- Child Care Financial Assistance Program
- Child Care Referral
- Child Advocacy Centers and Special Investigation Unit
- Mental Health Services
- Pediatric Partnerships: DULCE; Strong Families, Strong Starts; Project Launch

### **PLEASE JOIN US!**

MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD CELEBRATION April 2022

FORCE FOR THE FUTURE LUNCHEON Wednesday, April 20, 2022

**COVERED BRIDGES HALF MARATHON** Sunday, June 5, 2022

### **20TH ANNUAL GINGERBREAD FESTIVAL**

December 2022

Please visit our website for news, events and other opportunities at The Family Place!

