



TURNING POINTE
AUTISM FOUNDATION

THE EXTRA MILE

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

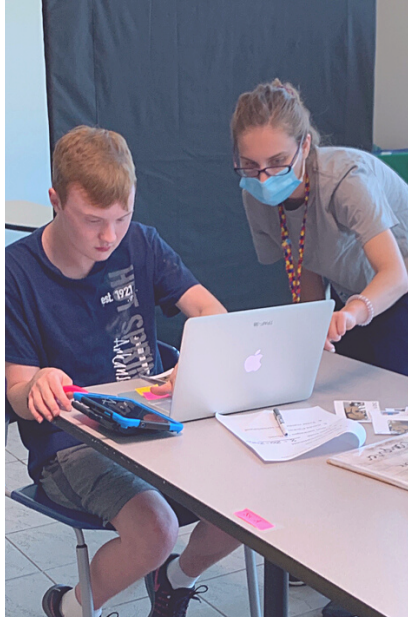


Turning Pointe Autism Foundation's
MISSION & PURPOSE

Turning Pointe creates opportunities and programs to educate individuals with autism through proven interventions to increase independence, encourage meaningful lifelong pursuits, and enrich the community at large.

Turning Pointe relies on a student-centered team of professionals inspired by their friends and family with autism to create ideal learning environments for fostering growth among every child or adult enrolled.





A letter from leadership

THE EXTRA MILE

In February 2020, as a beneficiary of the Chicago Auto Trade Association's First Look for Charity Event, Turning Pointe's reception theme was "The Extra Mile." Little did we know that it would become a prophetic mantra that sustained our work through this challenging year. Thankfully, the community answered the call, and we traveled further than imagined through the unimaginable. The pandemic that began the following month forced our services to change, our fundraising to secure new paths, and our students and families to find untold stories of grace.

A year later, reflection can only inspire awe for all that we overcame as an organization, thanks to the sheer grit of a group of individuals committed to a cause. Our front-line team, donors, volunteer Board of Directors, and parents went The Extra Mile to ensure our mission thrived under the most trying circumstances. In this report, we share all that the coalition of the willing made possible. And we assure you it was worth your efforts as you will see, together, we remained a vital resource and positively impacted our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Howard Weiss", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Howard Weiss
Board President

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Carrie Provenziale", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Carrie Provenziale
Executive Director



Offered seven months of in-person instruction through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Students on-site exceeded expectations in their ability to adapt and overcome obstacles after the shelter in place, and for many, to wear PPE.

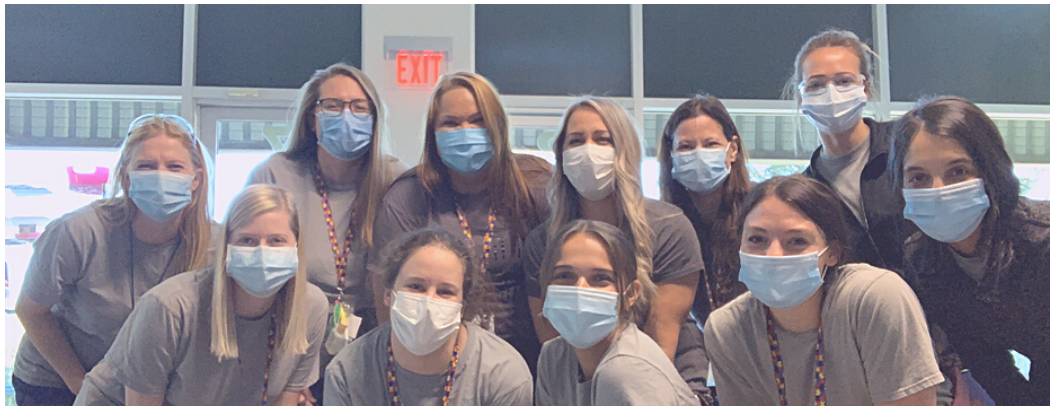


Collaborated with Parents Alliance to offer our Career College employment program free to families.

Maintained our Adult Program Pilot and expanded their enterprises.

Secured grant funding to increase sanitation, provide uniforms and PPE to the team, and add a school wide air filtration system.

Raised the capital needed to complete our building and provide services to more students.



The year at a glance

FACTS & FIGURES

Number of Students Served:

60

Total Dollars Raised for Programs:

\$1,139,955.74

Percentage of Funding for Programs:

84%

Months of On-Site Instruction Offered:

8.5

Number of COVID-19 Outbreaks:

0



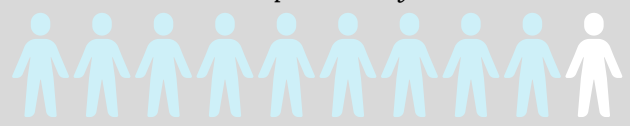


In-person Instruction PROGRAM OUTCOMES

The figures to the right display the students who were able to access in-person instruction from quarter one to quarter two during the 2020-2021 academic year. The first row of each group represents the percentage of students able to access in-person instruction during quarter one with the second row representing quarter two after the pandemic began.

CN Therapeutic Day School

Q1



Q2



Adult Services

Q1



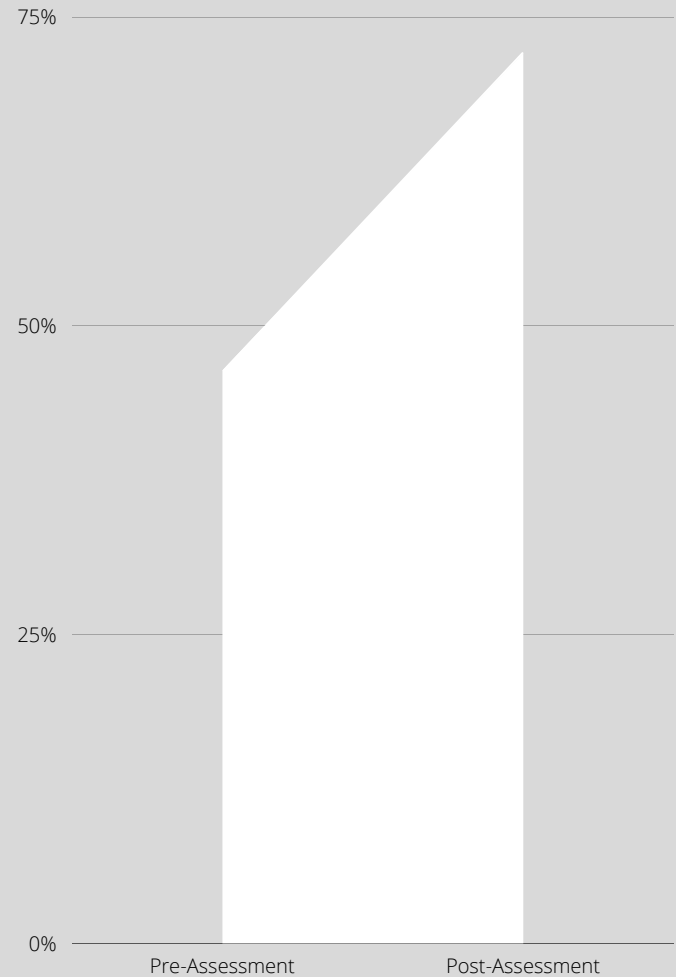
Q2



Career College & Autism Career Connection Outcomes

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

The Figure below represents the number of *new* skills acquired by students completing the Career College program in June 2020. The figure at right represents the increase in pre and post-assessment of students in the Autism Career Connection Program on independence, communication, and employability skills. This measurement was taken at the mid-way point of the program's timeline and activities.





CN Therapeutic Day School

NEW ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM

Turning Pointe's elementary classroom opened in August of 2020. One student came to us after being homebound for over a year. After two short months in Turning Pointe programming, he can now independently and happily navigate the school as well as greet staff members. - Jessica, LBS1

This new classroom and first age-level of its kind for Turning Pointe has given younger students the opportunity to gain independence and new skills. - Deni, Instructional Specialist



CN Therapeutic Day School

SPRING & SUMMER PROGRAMING

This year has been filled with innovative and “outside of the box” thinking to meet student needs and fulfill our mission. This summer, when ISBE regulations were first released for reopening, our team creatively developed outdoor programming that offered on-site instruction underneath canopy tents. We provided sensory activities and lesson stations to help students acclimate back to the school environment and exposure to staff wearing PPE. In addition, we had team members become Telehealth Certified to provide much-needed one-to-one therapy sessions via a remote platform. Angela Williams, Faculty Director, stated that "Our team continues to adapt our approach to what best meets our students and their families needs."





Foglia Family Adult Services

ADULT DAY PILOT

In March of 2020, Turning Pointe Autism Foundation proudly partnered with Two Brothers Coffee Roasters. This new partnership provided employment opportunities for two adult participants. Two Brothers sells Turning Pointe its coffee packs in bulk—creating an opportunity for the organization to employ two of our students who are impacted by autism. These students sort and box coffee packs into bins, which are then sold to customers—such as *local car dealers, finance offices, and insurance agencies*—for just enough profit to sustain these jobs!



Foglia Family Adult Services

AUTISM CAREER CONNECTION

Through a new collaboration with Parents Alliance Employment Project, Turning Pointe was able to restructure the Career College program and provide the same outstanding classroom experience now free of charge to families. The program is now called Autism Career Connection (ACC) and continues to focus on training job seekers on the autism spectrum. Once the classroom portion of the training is complete at Turning Pointe, Parents Alliance provides on-the-job support and ongoing mentorship to these newly employed students.





New Pilot Program

RESPITE / PARENTS NIGHT OUT

While offering respite has long been a priority of Turning Pointe, the isolation brought on by the pandemic heightened its urgency this year. Turning Pointe began piloting a monthly respite for students to return to the campus for recreational activities and allow a deserved night out to parents. The Foundation underwrote this program and is currently seeking support for its continuation, as it is a lifeline for students and parents alike. As mom LoriAnn shared, "I picked Hunter up and he was all smiles!! Glowing! I have not seen him so happy since the onset of COVID. So nice for him to have a life a little bit more normal. He is a very social kid. Thank you all so much!"



Best Practice

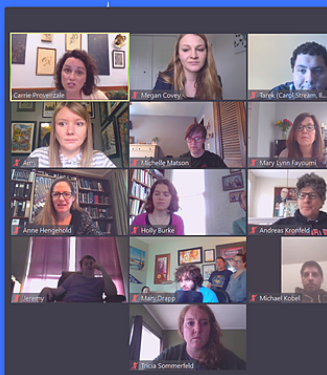
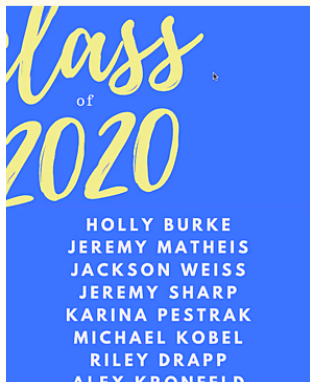
CERTIFICATIONS

Even in a pandemic, the Turning Pointe team continued its best practice education and certification efforts. For the fourth year in a row, Turning Pointe received Charity Navigator's highest rating of four stars. Charity Navigator is the nation's largest and most-utilized evaluator of public and private charities. Additionally, the Adult Services team was endorsed as a Certified Autism Certificate from the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Services (IBCCES). The IBCCES also certified several administrators and clinicians to provide telehealth once that service was identified in Spring of 2020. Three of our previous practicum students pursuing their graduate degree in Applied Behavior Analysis passed their board exams, officially becoming Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs). One of our Speech-Language Pathologists, Kiley Dunning, moved from her Clinical Fellowship (CF) to having her Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC). Also, the team secured dozens of CEUs and completed countless trainings through Relias, a robust online training database specifically used to increase staff skills in areas related to autism. "When the path forward was uncertain, the team paved their own way in professional growth to improve programming and outcomes for our students," shared Program Director Bianca Frost.





COMMUNITY EVENTS



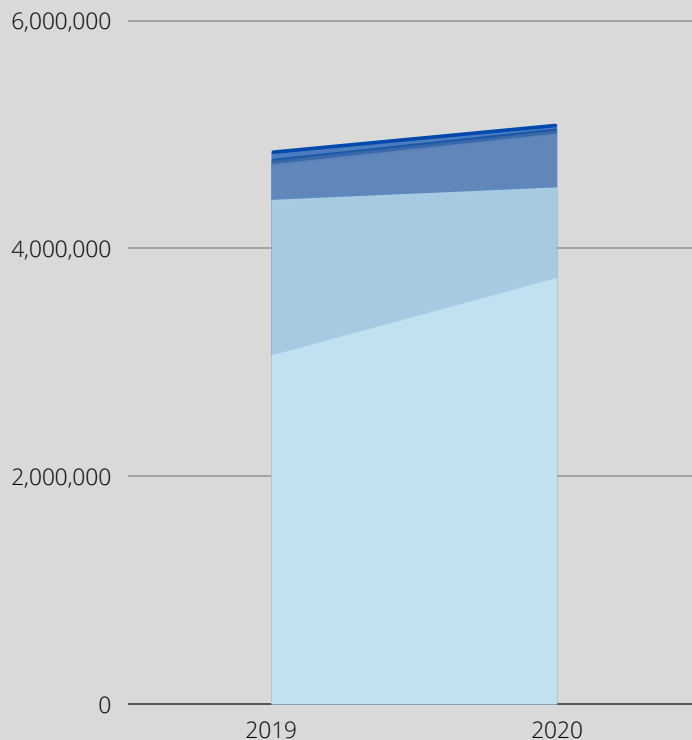




Financials

REVENUE

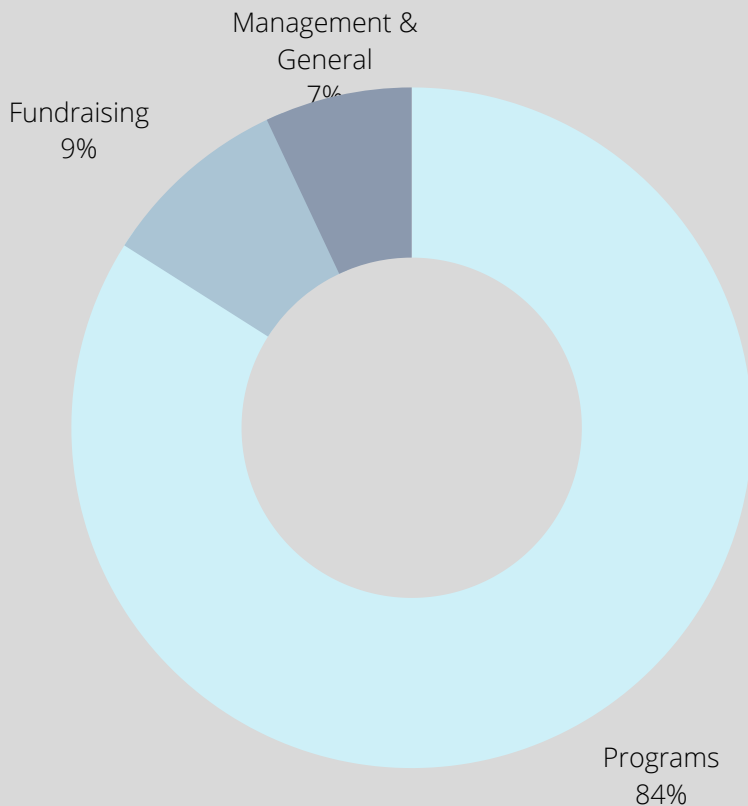
The pandemic impacted key fundraising activities, yet those that remained experienced record numbers in revenue raised. The 2020 Asset statement shows an increase over 2019 of \$682,561. The majority of that is due to a PPP Loan secured in 2020, which has subsequently been forgiven in 2021. Grants awarded by the DuPage Foundation, DuPage County, Festival of Children Foundation, Coleman Foundation, Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley, Major Gifts, and the Corvette raffle provided vital resources to shift programs safely during the year. The primary source of funding is program services fees, followed by contributions, events and other revenue.



**The complete audited financials can be found at www.turningpointeautismfoundation.org*

Financials

EXPENSES



Turning Pointe continued to invest first and directly in the programs serving individuals with autism. The majority of expenses continue to fund the programming directly supporting students which includes salaries for clinicians, teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators. The overhead remains low in part to significant efforts to find more efficient ways to manage Foundation practices.

Total expenses for the organization in 2020 were \$4,926,716. Expenses specific to COVID-19 safety and spread prevention cost the organization over \$75,000 in 2020. Some costs, including PPE, staff uniforms, and increased cleaning services, will remain for some time.

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Turning Pointe Gives Back COMMUNITY

During its initial years, a bus was donated to Turning Pointe by a senior living community. During the pandemic and thanks to newer bus acquisitions, Turning Pointe gifted the bus to a local food pantry seeking a vehicle to deliver meals to families in need. To support the community throughout the pandemic, Turning Pointe also purchased items from Sequin Garden & Gifts and Misericordia. Both organizations employ and empower individuals with disabilities.





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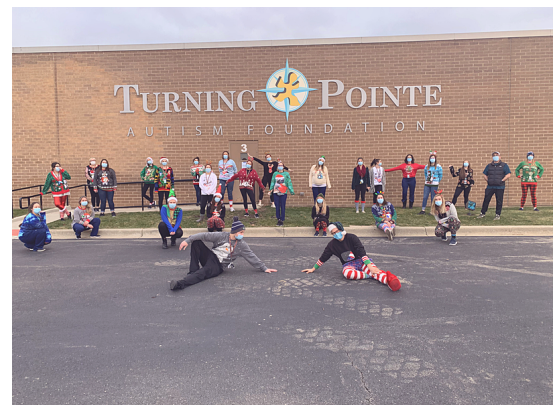
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