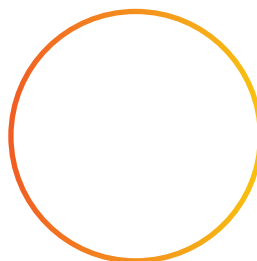


2020

annual report

*A brief look at how we helped people live,
learn, work, & play in 2020.*





Marci, a consumer at Easterseals RISE in Angola, moved out of her parents' home for the first time in May 2020 and now shares a villa with her two best friends in the supported living program.

live

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

■ **370**

individuals received services that helped them live as independently as possible

■ **183**

individuals receiving wellness services participated in at least one health training with a nurse

■ **33**

individuals transitioned to a more independent environment



Programs and services that help individuals LIVE independent lives:

Group Homes

Wellness Coordination

Supported Living

Structured Family Caregiving

Community Living

**Funding gap per person served:*

\$12,423

**Cost of providing services minus revenue generated; donations and grants help bridge the gap.*

learn

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

■ **337**

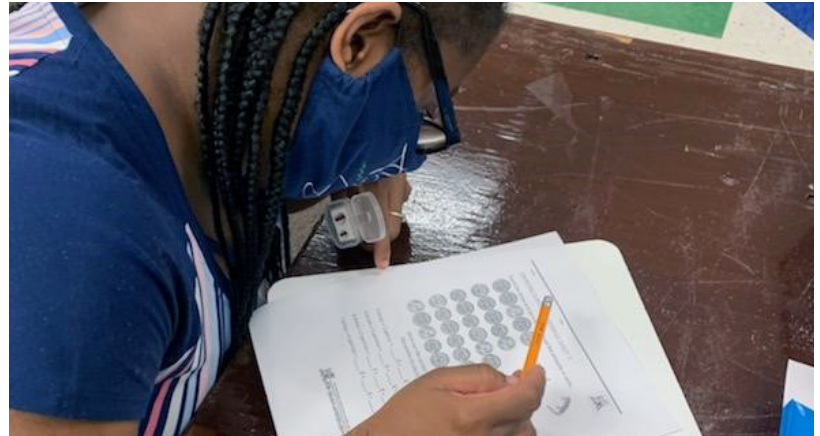
individuals participated in programs focused on learning new skills

■ **70.4%**

of individuals made progress on person-centered goals

■ **20**

local employers or individuals helped Easterseals Arc participants explore job possibilities through virtual Career Connections



Programs and services that help individuals LEARN skills to thrive:

Adult Day Center

Family Support Program

Behavior Solutions

Pre-Employment Transition Services

Dream Teens

Transitions

**Funding gap per person served:*

\$3,065

**Cost of providing services minus revenue generated; donations and grants help bridge the gap.*



When Fort Wayne Community Schools scheduled remote learning days in September and October 2020, Dream Teens offered support sessions where students could get homework assistance and participate in activities.

work

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

■ **394**

individuals participated in programs focused on succeeding in employment

■ **226**

individuals engaged in community work training or volunteer opportunities

■ **67%**

of Employment Readiness Academy participants gained employment afterward



Programs and services that help individuals prepare for WORK in the community:

Employment
Services

Employment
Readiness Academy

Extended Services

Projects Drive Group

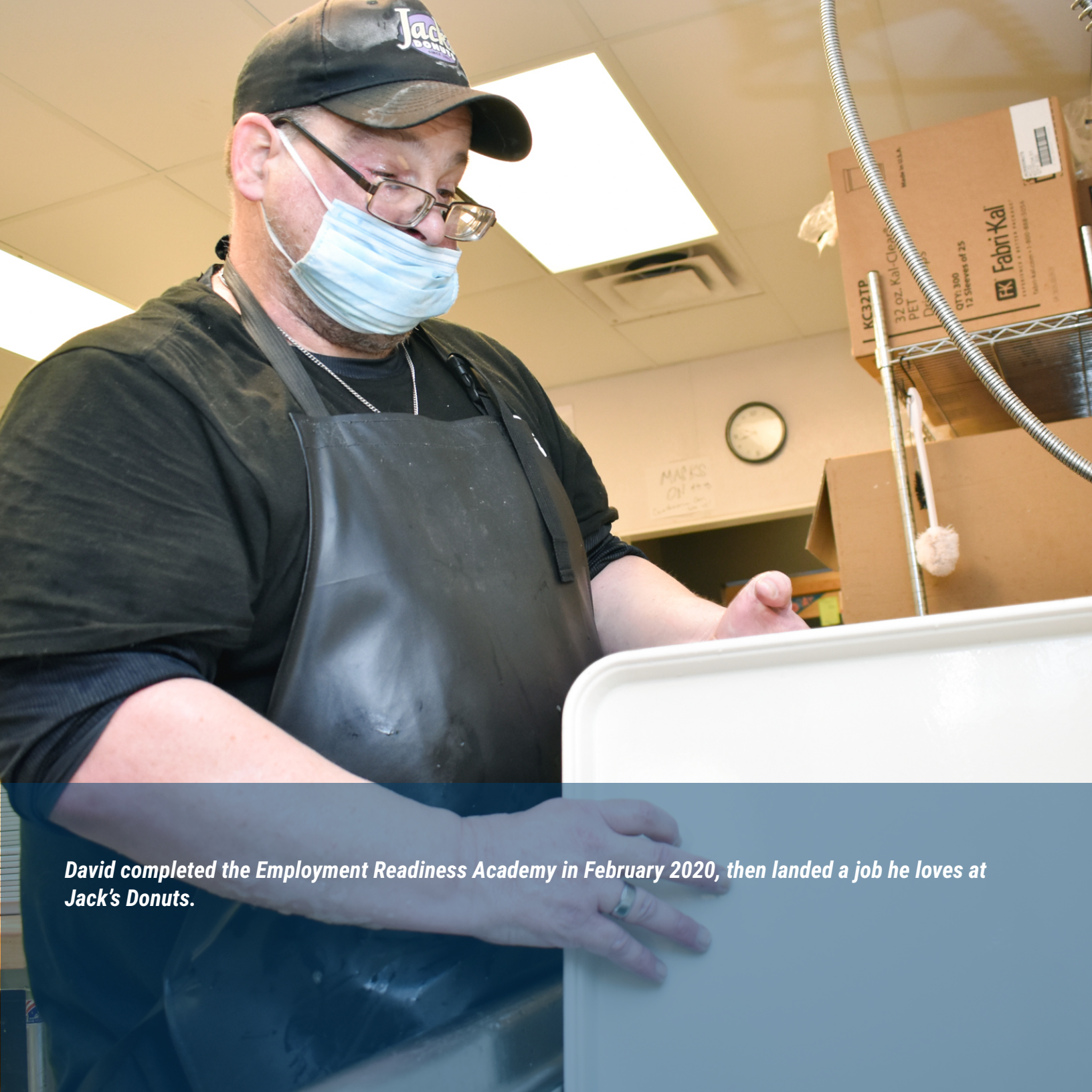
Ticket to Work

Workplace Assistance

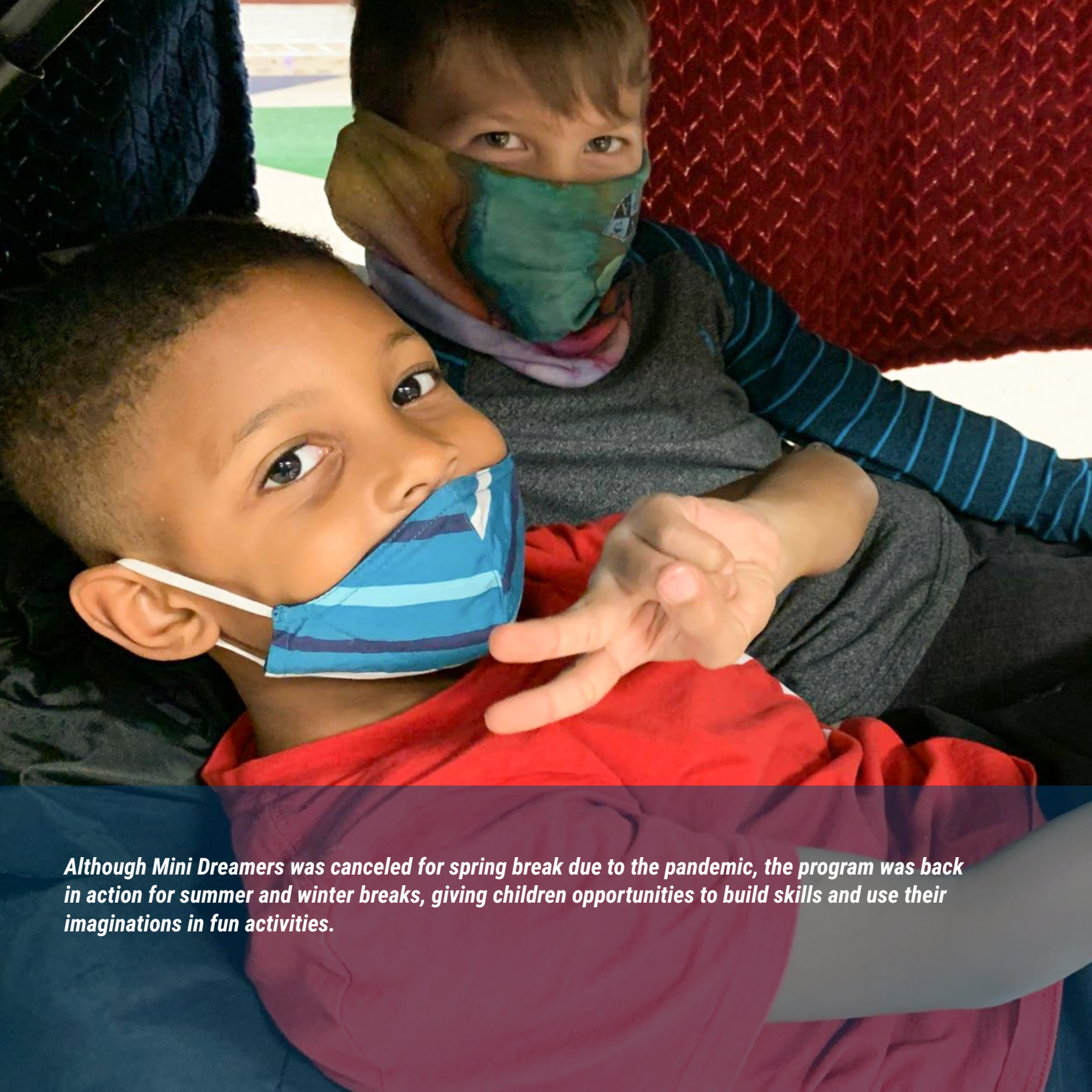
**Funding gap per person served:*

\$3,101

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David completed the Employment Readiness Academy in February 2020, then landed a job he loves at Jack's Donuts.



Although Mini Dreamers was canceled for spring break due to the pandemic, the program was back in action for summer and winter breaks, giving children opportunities to build skills and use their imaginations in fun activities.

play

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

■ **750**

hours of respite provided per month amid pandemic limitations

■ **156**

individuals participated in programs focused on fun and leisure

■ **33**

individuals attended events offered as part of the Fort Wayne Abilities Collaborative with Turnstone, YMCA, and Camp Red Cedar



Programs and services that help individuals relax and socialize through PLAY:

Recreation

Mini Dreamers

Respite

**Funding gap per person served:*

\$2,692

**Cost of providing services minus revenue generated; donations and grants help bridge the gap.*

2020 by the numbers



- 0-9 - 3%
- 10-19 - 31%
- 20-29 - 17%
- 30-39 - 14%
- 40-49 - 10%
- 50-59 - 12%
- 60-69 - 8%
- 70-79 - 3%
- 80-89 - 1%

1,044

individuals enrolled in services

32%

individuals enrolled in more than one service

LOOKING BACK ON 2020

The numbers, charts and lists skim the surface of a year that challenged us in ways we never imagined. We also adapted and grew in response to that challenge.

Navigating a Pandemic

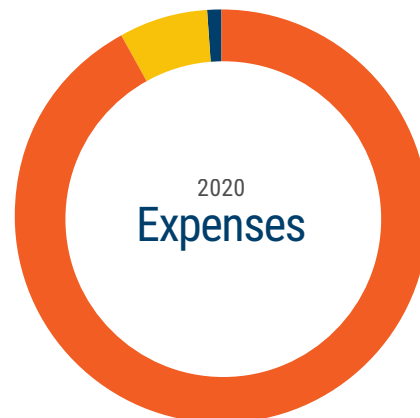
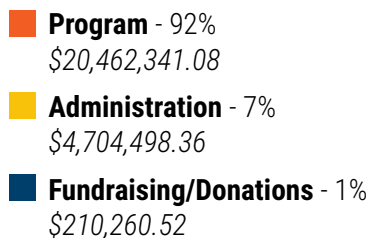
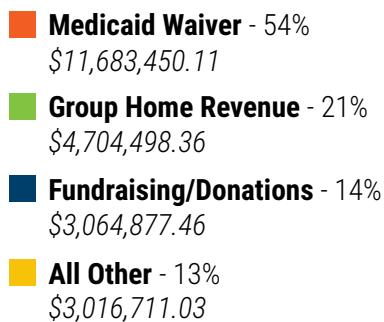
Our direct care staff provided support for hundreds of individuals around-the-clock throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. We developed new ways to deliver services remotely, keeping consumers as active and engaged as possible.

Growing through Mergers

Easterseals Arc merged with Angola's RISE Inc. in July 2020, expanding the services available in Steuben County as Easterseals RISE. A merger with Passages in Columbia City was announced in December 2020 to expand services in Whitley County as Easterseals Passages.

Rethinking Fundraising

Dancing with the Arc Stars had to be canceled, disappointing the dancers who had worked so hard to learn their routines. Culinary Queens shifted to a virtual format, with a smaller number of Queens doing their best to fundraise online. But, individual donors made Giving Tuesday 2020 our best ever, and generous grants helped bridge a larger than usual funding gap created by decreased revenue and increased expenses throughout the pandemic.




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Easterseals Arc is dedicated to helping people with disabilities become as independent as possible, while also providing support and resources for family members.

No other local organization offers as many choices – from residential support to day programs to employment services to respite.



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