



2021 ANNUAL REPORT:
ST. BENEDICT CENTER FOR
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



From the Desk of the Director



Felicia Alfred
Executive Director



As I reflect on this, my third year as Center Director for the St. Benedict Center for Early Childhood Education, I am more excited now than ever!

Why?

Because I see a light at the end of the tunnel and it's not a train barreling in on me. Don't misunderstand me, we still have much work to do for St. Benedict to realize my dream of being the best early childhood education center in west Louisville and one of the top facilities in the region. But we have made dramatic and consequential change this past year.

Through our partnership with Family and Children's Place and Community Coordinated Child Care, we have joined the Greater Louisville Head Start program. This partnership has allowed us to focus efforts on school readiness, nearly doubling our staffing to accommodate the needs of our children, and heavily invest in the tools and resources necessary to improve the learning environment for our kids.

Today we offer instructional coaches to assist our class room teachers, family advocates to support varying needs of the St. Benedict families so that parents can focus on the growth of their children, and mental health support for children affected by emotionally charged home environments.

We have increased the base pay for staff allowing St. Benedict to attract more

experienced and better educated teachers.

While these are dramatic changes, we are simply building on a legacy of uplifting inner city children that is decades old. On August 21, 2021, St. Benedict achieved a new milestone, the 50th anniversary of serving the needs of west Louisville families. While we celebrate the legacy of success that started with Sister Cecilia Skees in 1971, we are looking to build on the past to meet the challenges of today.

We acknowledge the support of our donors, Board Directors, partners and volunteers whose generosity and encouragement has been invaluable this year. We invite you and others in the community to help us be a difference maker for children who will be our future!

Thanks,

Felicia



MISSION

Our mission is to provide opportunities and experiences that enable each child to grow socially, mentally, physically, and intellectually. Each child is treated as an individual in an environment that promotes kindness and respect.



While providing each child with a high impact educational experience utilizing the Head Start curriculum is the first priority of St. Benedict, our efforts extend well beyond the classroom. Our staff provide family support that include services such as mental health counseling, job search assistance, housing, and health screenings.

At St. Benedict, we provide children from west Louisville, regardless of circumstances at birth, an opportunity to succeed in school and in life.





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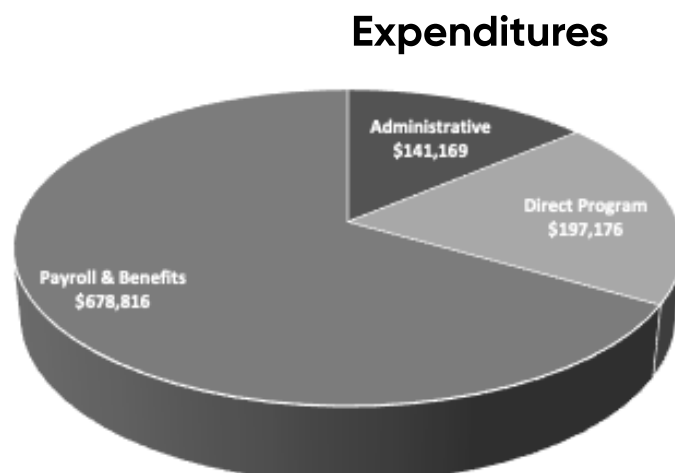
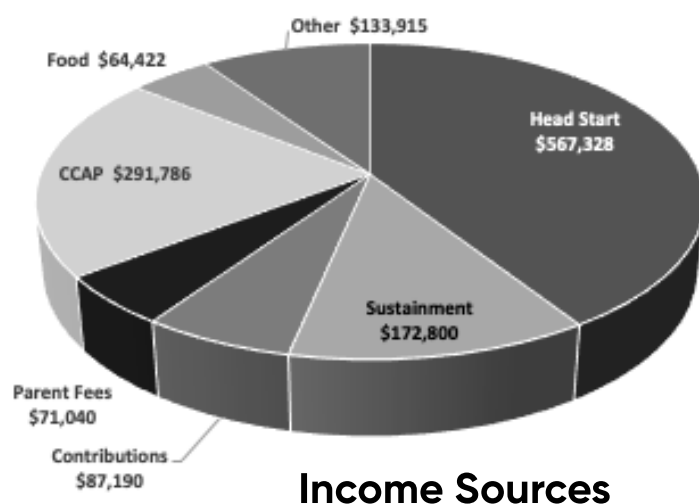
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2021 Financial Report



Audit Report Financial Summary

	2021		
	Without donor restrictions	With donor restrictions	Total
Revenues and other support			
Program services	\$ 427,248	\$ -	\$ 427,248
Federal and state funding	711,112	83,200	794,312
Contributions and grants	56,389	10,000	66,389
Paycheck Protection Program loan forgiveness income	100,386	-	100,386
Other miscellaneous income	145	-	145
	<u>1,295,280</u>	<u>93,200</u>	<u>1,388,480</u>
Net assets released from restrictions	32,740	(32,740)	-
	<u>1,328,020</u>	<u>60,460</u>	<u>1,388,480</u>
Expenses			
Program services	853,396	-	853,396
Management and general	163,764	-	163,764
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Increase in net assets	310,860	60,460	371,320
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>225,421</u>	<u>32,740</u>	<u>258,161</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 536,281</u>	<u>\$ 93,200</u>	<u>\$ 629,481</u>

2021 Stats & Stuff



3 Star Rating



Enrollment Goals

Age	Classrooms	Children
Infant	2	17
Toddler	4	46
Preschool	3	36



15 preschoolers completed Head Start in 2021 and moved on to kindergarten.



of St. Benedict Center parents receive CCAP allowing them to work or pursue their educational goals while their children learn!

More Than Daycare

St. Benedict Center staff administered 85 ASQ (Ages and Stages Questionnaires) to assess the social and emotional developmental of each child.

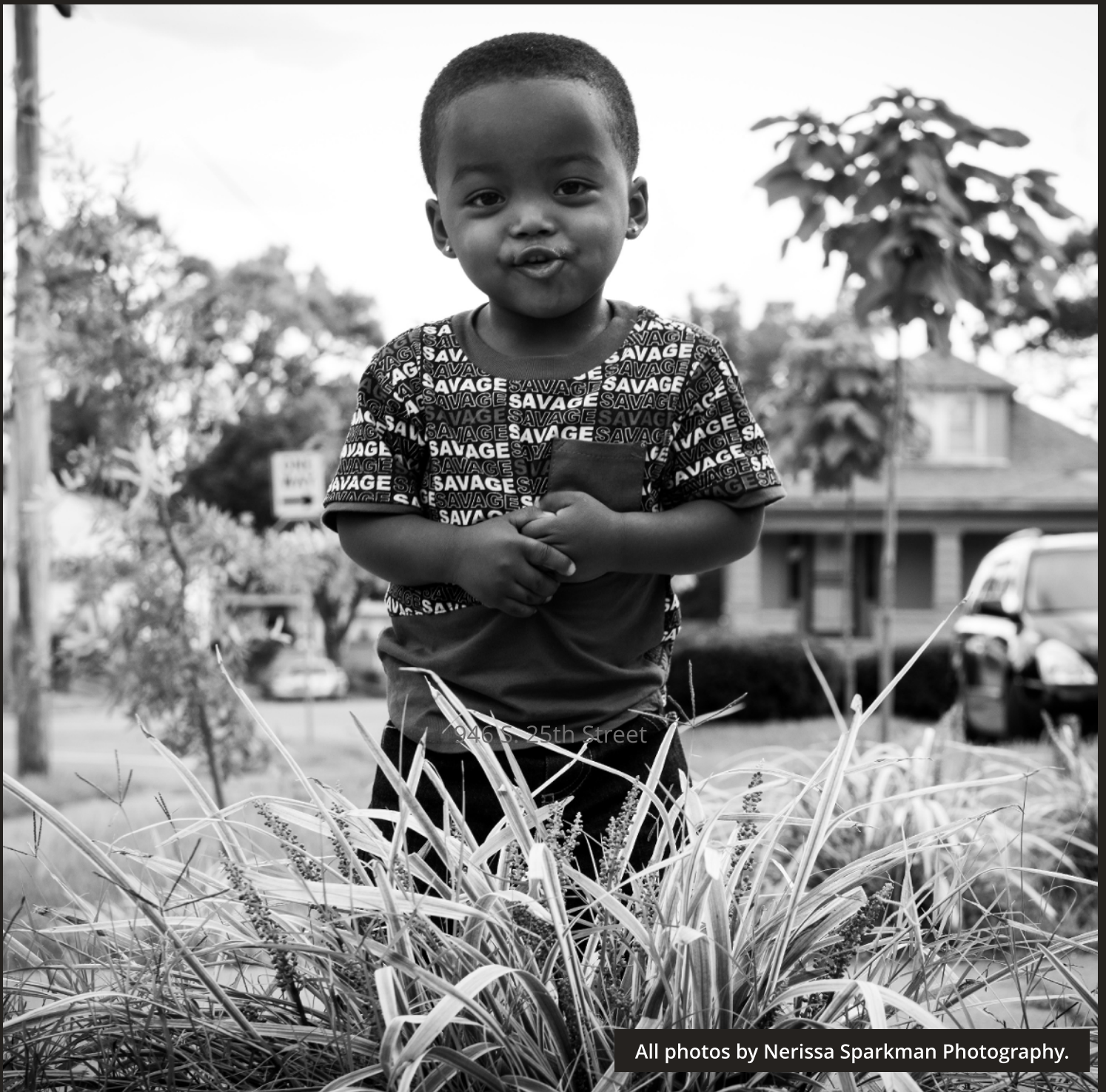
Over 200 medical screenings were conducted for children (including blood pressure checks, dental & vision exams, hemoglobin testing and height & weight tracking).



Teachers completed 70 virtual and in-person home visits to assess the needs of parents in creating a positive learning environment for their children.



Since 2015, New Directions has owned and operated the St. Benedict Center for Early Childhood Education and supported its mission of providing quality child care education and related services to low-income west Louisville families.



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