

2020 IMPACT REPORT

Persevere

*It always seems impossible
until it's done.*

– Nelson Mandela



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Dear Friend,

2020 brought us challenges we'd never seen before. Phrases we never thought would become normal in conversation – “pandemic,” “quarantine,” “national toll,” – became ubiquitous.

The frontline and essential workers of our community, who kept us all safe and supplied and our local economy alive, suffered disproportionately. Many lost jobs, homes, food security, and loved ones. The need for child care and early education spiked for under-resourced children and their hardworking parents, while the cost of these services rose exponentially. To add insult to injury, our work became more difficult as we struggled to keep hundreds of children and teachers on our campuses safe every day, and a great amount of the special events and enrollment income that supported our programs vanished.

But 2020 didn't only challenge us - it revealed our value. It put in stark focus our worth to not only the children and families we serve, but also to our entire community. It revealed that we are resilient! **We PERSEVERE.** We stepped up when most of the country shut down. Caring people came together and combined their time, talent, and treasure to ensure the Fuller Center children and families would come out of this crisis with dignity and stability.

Since 2020 ended, we also learned that despite hardship, there's room for joy. March 1, 2021 marked our 50th anniversary as the premier nonprofit agency changing lives in our area with the power of education! When Fuller was founded in 1971 with 22 preschoolers, it was a far-off vision that we'd benefit so many thousands with this mission – but that vision became reality. We're forever grateful to the incredible community that's been by our side throughout this journey, throughout this difficult year, and moving forward.

Even more, there's room and need for growth. You may have noticed we've rebranded! Formerly Florence Fuller Child Development Centers, the Fuller Center listened to the families who told us that we're so much more than child care to them, and our new look and name reflects that evolution.

We're proud to report here what Fuller Center has done and continues to do, with your dedicated support, to help those we serve stay strong and stable despite great uncertainty. **Together, we will continue to PERSEVERE!**



Stacey Packer

Stacey Packer
2020 President
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2020 Impact Numbers

Who We Serve

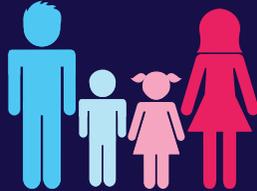


51% Male



49% Female

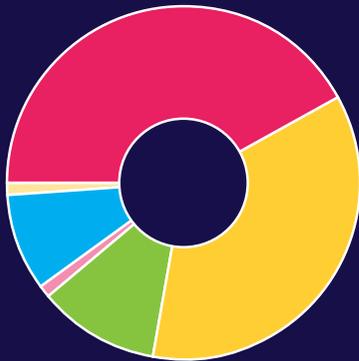
773 Children



541 Families



98% live at or below the Federal Poverty Level

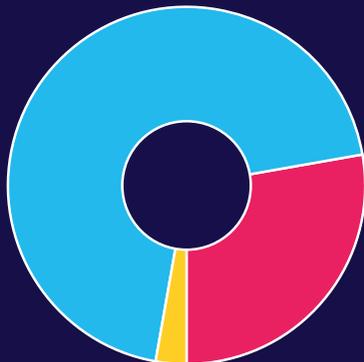


DEMOGRAPHICS

- 42% Latino
- 36% African-American
- 11% Caucasian
- 1% Asian
- 9% Mixed
- 1% Other

FAMILY EMPLOYMENT

- 65% Essential Workers
- 25% Frontline Workers
- 10% Students, Retired, Disabled, or Seeking Work



Programs



Early Childhood Education



Afterschool, Summer Camp, & Out-of-School-Time



Family and Child Nutrition



Parent Career Counseling



Health and Wellness



Family Support Services

Your Dollars Worked Hard in 2020



156,338 Meals Served on Campus



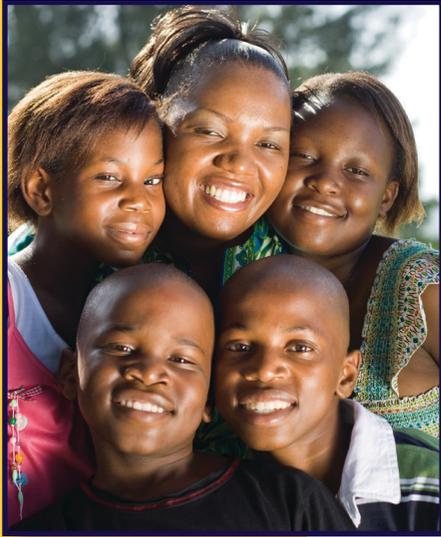
74 Families Secured Employment



94% of Pre-K Children Tested Kindergarten-Ready



189 Families Became Food-Secure



How Nancy's Family Persevered

Nancy is a hardworking, invested, and dedicated Super Mom, caring for five children and her nephew in west Boca Raton. A very involved parent, she serves as an officer on the Head Start Policy Committee and organizes volunteer campus beautification projects with her workplace team.

But the pandemic threatened to destabilize the life Nancy worked so hard to create for her family. She's an essential worker, meaning she was one of the everyday heroes fulfilling important duties for our community even as most workplaces were closed. Can you imagine balancing a full-time job, arranging for child care for six, and helping each child in their virtual schooling on only two computers, every day, with a pandemic raging outside your home?

Fortunately, Nancy had the caring support system at the Fuller Center beside her. As soon as the state declared emergency shutdowns, Nancy was provided with community resource information, food assistance, educational packets from teachers, and even a laptop from the Center's tech program, to ensure that she and the children would be safe and stable, and that the kids' educations would not be disrupted. For more than two months, the staff checked in with Nancy and continually provided those resources, to make sure they didn't slip through the cracks when they were most vulnerable.

"The staff really cares and are always checking up," Nancy said. "It means so much because it shows they care even when times are so hard and strange. It helps me feel like I'm not alone. The Fuller Center is my second family."

On the shutdowns, Nancy said it was tough but it could have been much worse. "It's up to us - the adults - to work hard to keep the kids safe and on the right track no matter what. We're all working together for that."

Super Mom Nancy and her family are just one of hundreds of families who depended on the Fuller Center for the resources and opportunities they needed to remain strong. YOUR support is what powers this critical work!

OUR MISSION

To embrace, educate, and empower hardworking, under-resourced families and children to achieve their full potential.

OUR VISION

To be the leading organization providing access and opportunities for all children and families to help build a strong and vibrant community.



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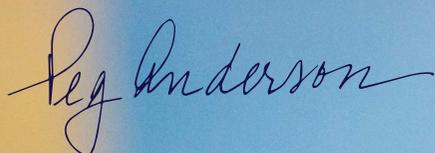
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Our Foundation

The Fuller Center Foundation was founded in 2002 to provide for the long-term growth and security of the Fuller Center through the management and investment of endowments and other long-term planned giving.

Gifts to the Foundation ensure that Fuller Center can help our children gain the skills needed for their future success, and that their families are safe, stable, and positively contributing to our community. Though Fuller Center receives funding from federal, state, and local governments, there are still large financial gaps that must be filled to provide for the needs of our area's most vulnerable children and families.

Your legacy can make life better for hundreds of children and families who need it most. Please consider Fuller Center Foundation in your will or estate plan.



Peg Anderson
2020 Foundation President

Thanks to all who attended and supported the Legacy Polo Brunch at International Polo Club Palm Beach on March 8, 2020. Together, nearly \$18,000 was raised through this inaugural event to support the Fuller Center Foundation!



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How We Persevered In 2020

As soon as the shutdowns were announced on March 13, 2020, the Fuller Center staff sprang into action. We provided local resource information to every family, and educational activities for every child. With volunteer support, we distributed meal packages regularly, as well as our entire stock of Chromebooks to ensure children stayed connected to their teachers and families stayed connected to their support team. We created a virtual program to mitigate learning loss, and ensured families had access to food, health care, job opportunities, and housing assistance.

In June 2020, the Center welcomed back the children to campus, and increased staff to carry out CDC health and safety guidelines. We secured PPE and created small group spaces to minimize exposure while engaging children in preschool and summer camp enrichment. We opened *School Away from School* for 175 children of essential workers who needed a safe place while schools were still closed, and reliable tech and guidance to make the most of distance learning.



It was truly a time to step up, and our caring community came through to help. Hundreds responded to urgent appeals including the Emergency Covid Relief Fund, the Safe Classroom Shoes Fund, the Stove Fund, and the Year-End Appeal. We were overwhelmed by the size of your hearts and your readiness to help! Your support made our campuses Covid-safe, so that to this day there's been no spread of the virus at the campuses, and we were even featured nationally on The Today Show for modeling school safety!

We managed to maintain some normalcy by continuing our annual traditional Pre-K graduation celebration (drive-thru style!), and rising to meet the challenge of holding a socially-distanced event with the Giving Thanks *Together* virtual family dinner, which gathered our community in gratitude and solidarity.

Your support kept our essential services ongoing, our children learning and fed, and our families stable and working. Your kind hearts saved our community from the damage that could have been done to our local economy if our hundreds of families had been forced to stay home for lack of childcare. And Fuller Center children and families continued to learn and flourish despite it all!

Because of YOU, this mission endured. And together, our children, families, and community can look to brighter futures again!

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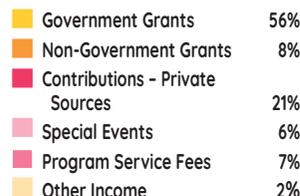
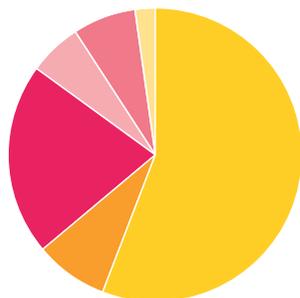
♥ Adopt-a-Class

These individuals, families, and corporate teams adopted a class for the 2020-2021 school year, providing a classroom with school supplies and other needs, and forming special bonds throughout the year with the children of that class as they witness the impact of their support in their lives!

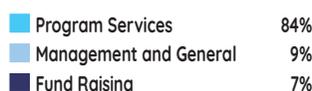
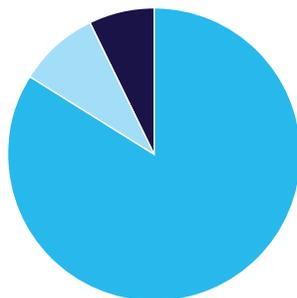
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or email info@ffcdc.org.

2020 Annual Report AUDITED

SUPPORT & REVENUES

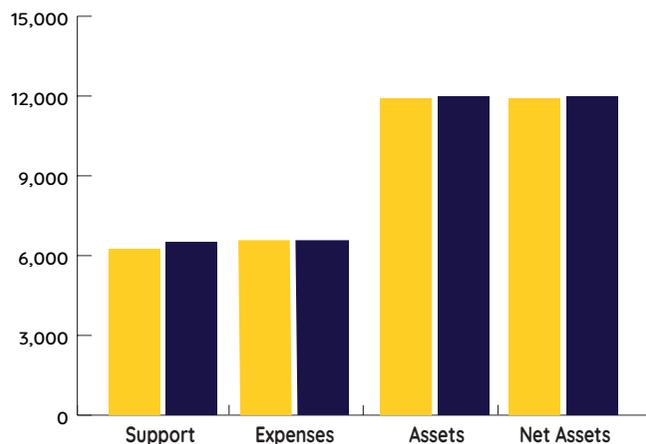


EXPENSES SUPPORTING SERVICES



2019 - 2020 FINANCIAL COMPARISON

2019 2020



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Support & Revenues

Government Grants	\$3,535,188
Non-Government Grants	\$521,055
Contributions - Private Sources	\$1,307,003
Special Events	\$407,595
Program Service Fees	\$446,326
Other Income	\$130,883
Total Support & Revenues	\$6,348,050

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$5,555,584
Supporting Services	
Management and General	\$568,309
Fund Raising	\$454,930
Total Supporting Services	\$6,578,823
Related Party Transaction	
Capital Campaign Grant from Foundation	\$5,000
Fuller Center Income (Loss) from Operations	(\$230,773)

FULLER CENTER FOUNDATION

Contributions - Private Sources	\$20,365
Big Hearts Campaign Donations & Pledges	-
Investment Income	\$71,269
Total Support and Revenues	\$91,634
Expenses	
General and Professional Fees	-
Capital Campaign Grant to Center	\$5,000
Foundation Income (Loss) From Operations	\$86,634
Combined Increase In Net Assets	(\$139,139)

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$2,066,939
Other Current Assets	\$618,017
Investments	
Board Designated	\$3,588,780
Endowment, Perper Learning Center	\$50,500
Endowment, Held In Trust for Others	\$31,364
Property & Equipment Net	\$5,687,374
Other Assets	\$2,776
TOTAL ASSETS	\$12,045,750
Liabilities & Net Assets	
Current Liabilities	\$427,663
Paycheck Protection Loan (forgiven in 2021)	\$774,250
NET ASSETS	
Without Donor Restrictions	\$7,925,679
With Donor Restrictions	\$2,918,158
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$12,045,750

How We Change Lives Together

The Fuller Center is a community cornerstone with a 50-year history and an exciting future! Since 1971, tens of thousands of lives have been touched by this mission. Throughout South Palm Beach County, the legacy of this work lives in every child and family we've served, and in every dream made possible by the those who continue to invest in this important work.

Here at the Fuller Center, we foster a vibrant community where all children and families have the access and opportunities they need to achieve their potential in school, work, and life, regardless of income or zip code. Every day, we support them as the backbone and the future of our local economy, which supports us all.

We are child care. We are family care. We are community care. We provide local under-resourced children with high quality care, education, nutrition, and health and behavioral health resources that they would otherwise not have. But we don't stop there! We support their hardworking families as well, because when the family prospers, the children can prosper, and our community prospers.

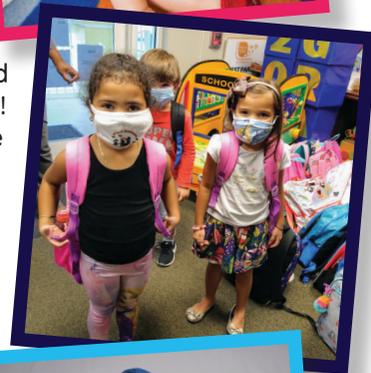
For children 6 weeks to 5 years old we offer a holistic early education program, tracking milestones, encouraging social skills, promoting kindergarten-readiness, and setting the stage for school success and lifelong learning.

For K-5th grade students we offer afterschool, summer camp, and out-of-school-time enrichment, including tutoring to improve academic performance and mentoring to develop social skills. Children receive homework help and participate in clubs for science, technology, sports, the arts, and much more! Students K-3 are also welcome at the Fuller Academy, a new certified Choice school offering a customized curriculum following Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking standards.

For local at-risk teens we offer the opportunity to serve as mentors, tutors, and project leaders, helping them develop the independence and soft skills shown to improve employability and reduce susceptibility to negative influences.

All enrolled children enjoy nutritious daily meals and preventative health and behavioral health services including regular screenings for cognitive and physical development, vision, hearing, dental, and social and emotional concerns.

For their families we offer a unique, comprehensive system of family support complete with career counseling, trainings, and case management, to ensure that parents and caregivers are empowered to achieve stability and constructively contribute to our community.



When it comes to making a lasting impact for the children, their families, and for us all, tomorrow begins today! Stay tuned as the Fuller Center continues to evolve and respond to the needs of our local under-resourced children and their hardworking families. The future is bright!

How You Can Help

DONATE ONLINE

The children need your help to succeed in school and in life. Make a difference, right here, right now! Visit ffcdc.org/donate to make your kind gift today!

MONTHLY GIVING

Just \$10 a month can provide school supplies for two children all year round! It's safe, easy, and impactful. Call 561-391-7274 ext. 127 to set up your monthly gifts today.

ADOPT-A-CLASS

Your family or corporate team can get to know an entire class of children and witness your impact on their lives! Call 561-391-7274 ext. 123 to learn more.

HEART WALL

A touching tribute to a friend or loved one! Each Heart on the Heart Wall is uniquely designed by a child and displayed in the East Campus Lobby. Dedicate a Heart with a special message by calling 561-391-7274 ext. 127.

PLANNED GIVING

You can leave a legacy of hope, helping children and improving the world for decades to come. To include the children in your will or estate plan or for more information, call 561-391-7274 ext. 123.



VOLUNTEER AT THE CENTER

The time you spend helping teachers and interacting with children is among the greatest gifts they can receive. To become a valued classroom volunteer, tutor, or mentor, email volunteers@ffcdc.org.

AMBASSADORS' COUNCIL

Would you like to help the children with your talent or expertise? Your knowledge could make a big difference! Call 561-391-7274 ext. 123 to learn more.

TEEN LEADERSHIP

Teens with big hearts are welcome to join the mission to make an impact in their community! Email volunteers@ffcdc.org for more information.

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