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# MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT & CEO

Dear Friend.

Today, the Fuller Center stands strong, as we have for over 50 years. The mission has evolved over time to meet the needs of the children and families we serve, and vet has remained faithful through the decades to the values of our community - values like compassion, solidarity, diligence, perseverance, and respect. If the past two years are any indication, we're confident in our ability to rise to any challenge as a team, to protect and uplift the children and families who count on us.

In 2021, the children, families, staff, supporters, and volunteers of the Fuller Center above all PREVAILED. In response to uncertainty, hardship, pandemic, and inflation, the Fuller Family stepped up to ensure we'd always be there to embrace, educate, and empower our children, families, and community.

The Fuller Center remains steadfast in service because of people like you! This work has survived and grown against all odds due to the incredible, unwavering support of caring and responsible individuals - the people who know that children are the future, families are their foundation, and our community is home to us all. We're proud to report to you here the accomplishments of the 2021 year despite it all, and how we plan to continue to prevail together.



2021 President & Chairman of the Board



Chief Executive Officer

### **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.

# **2021 IMPACT NUMBERS**

### **Who We Served**



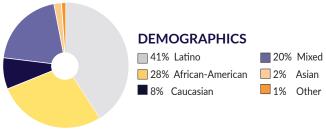


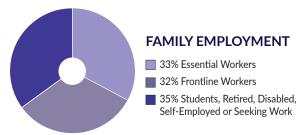
47% Male 53% Female

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95% live at or below the Federal Poverty Level

445 Families





### **Your Dollars Worked Hard in 2021**





113 Families Secured Employment





91% of Pre-K Children Tested Kindergarten-Ready





100% of Children Screened for Health & Development



6,500 Hours Volunteered

## **Programs**



Early Childhood Education



Private Elementary



Out-of-School Time (Afterschool, Summer Camp & Holidays)



Family Support Services



Leadership



# How the Brown Family Prevailed

At the Fuller Center, we help each other to prevail through hard times and build better futures. It's this spirit of resilience that drove our mission in 2021! But for some, this spirit was born long before the pandemic, the inflation, and every other recent national hardship.

For the Brown Family, prevailing is a way of life. The hardworking mom and dad of hearing-impaired 7-year-old Michelle put in long hours to provide for her, but still struggle to make ends meet. Michelle is sweet and shy – she has no idea how much she's already had to learn about determination and flexibility above and beyond her peers to navigate a hearing world as a deaf person.

Michelle is just one of many thousands of children with special needs in our community, whose families desperately want but cannot financially provide for the support needed to ensure their child has the same chance to succeed as any other child. For too many of these children, loneliness, sadness, frustration, and eventually anger become part of their day-to-day lives, resulting in behavioral problems due to their inability to be understood among hearing people.

This journey can be isolating. But at the Fuller Center, Michelle and her parents are family. When they enrolled in our afterschool and summer camp program, we immediately sought funding for special academic support for children with disabilities, and connected her parents with local resources to help Michelle become better integrated in her school and community. At no extra cost to her mom and dad, Michelle meets regularly with a sign language teacher on campus to stay on top of her schooling, helping her to avoid the learning losses associated with summer breaks and the pandemic that have disproportionately affected children with special needs. Michelle's parents, who consult with the teacher and practice with Michelle every day, have noted a marked improvement not only in her schoolwork but also in her social skills and ability to express herself.

Before long, Michelle's afterschool classmates became curious about sign language, and started joining in her sessions! Not only has this made it so much easier for Michelle to make friends, but their involvement has helped them to better understand the struggles of children with hearing disabilities and develop a sense of solidarity toward people with special needs. Surrounded by her committed teacher, caring friends, loving parents, and all of us at the Fuller Center, Michelle never feels alone, unwelcome, or misunderstood. She will grow up prepared and confident in her ability to be a positive contributor to our community.

Here at the Fuller Center, the whole Brown Family was embraced, educated, and empowered. YOUR support powers this critical work!

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### **SAVE THE DATE**

Wee Dream Ball Friday, December 2, 2022

For more information please visit fullercenterfl.org/wee-dream-ball or email Alana Lagerström at alagerstrom@fullercenterfl.org.



50th Anniversary Celebration

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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.

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Peg Anderson 2021 Foundation Chairman



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# How We Prevailed In 2021

Lots had changed at the Fuller Center by the start of 2021! After the obstacle course that was the 2020 year, the resolve of the staff, parents, volunteers, supporters, and Board of the Fuller Center had strengthened to prevail no matter what, so the children would never lose their chance to build better futures.

Fuller teachers helped preschoolers improve their kindergarten-readiness skills from just 55% at the start of the school year to 91%! They also developed the children's social skills so they'd start school on par with their peers not only academically, but also socially and emotionally.

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Fuller Center alumnus Felipe participates in the Teen Leadership Program. Felipe fondly remembers his preschool days here – that's his childhood photo in our lobbyl

Fuller school-age students faced a difficult challenge amid severe nationwide

learning loss brought on by the pandemic. But here at the Fuller Center, counselors

worked to ensure afterschoolers and summer campers enjoyed extracurricular enrichment and targeted tutoring, so they wouldn't experience the worst of this crisis. We're also proud to report that the new Fuller Academy elementary schoolers thrived under specialized curriculum and individualized attention!

The teens who came back to us when they needed community and guidance have achieved so much as part of the new Fuller Teen Leadership Program. Local youth seeking to give back accomplished a great deal for the children and families while developing marketable skills such as project management, communication, computer literacy, and more – investing in their futures while making a real difference in the place they call home.

The Fuller Family Support staff continued to help families get back on their feet after a tumultuous two years that threatened their health, jobs, homes, food security, and overall stability. The Team ensured that families' basic needs were met, and that they had the resources to rebuild their lives with education, gainful employment, and a caring second family right here on campus.

The Fuller Center regained security and sustainability while revamping our two signature fundraising events! The 19th Annual Men with Caring Hearts Celebration was reimagined as a fun "drive-in, tailgate-style" rooftop evening, and the Wee Dream Ball was an all-out, record-breaking jubilee of the agency's 50th birthday that won't soon be forgotten!

YOUR SUPPORT keeps these essential services ongoing, our children learning and fed, and our families stable and working.

Your kind hearts keep this important work and our local economy alive every day!

Because of YOU, our children, families, and community PREVAIL!

# **2021 Fuller Center Donors**

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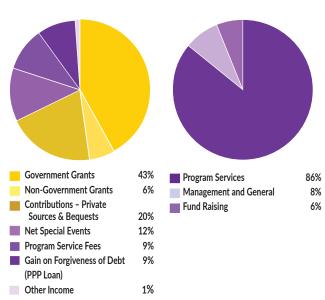
These individuals, families, and corporate teams adopted a class for the 2021-2022 school year, providing a classroom with school supplies and other needs, and forming special bonds with the children as they witness the impact of their support in their lives!

To adopt a class, call 561-391-7274 x130, or visit fullercenterfl.org/adopt-a-class

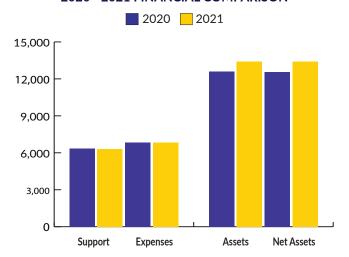
# 2021 Annual Report AUDITED

### SUPPORT & REVENUES

# EXPENSES SUPPORTING SERVICES



#### 2020 - 2021 FINANCIAL COMPARISON



#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Support & Revenues	
Government Grants	\$3,628,821
Non-Government Grants	\$466,290
Contributions - Private Sources & Bequests	\$1,700,579
Net Special Events	\$1,030,684
Program Service Fees	\$812,356
Gain on Forgiveness of Debt (PPP Loan)	\$774,252
Net Investment Income	\$3,591
Other Income	\$99,821
Total Support & Revenues	\$8,516,394

#### **EXPENSES**

Program Services	\$6,118,878
Supporting Services	
Management and General	\$587,693
Fund Raising	\$412,634
Total Supporting Services	\$7,119,205
Net Income (Loss) From Operations	\$1,397,189

#### **FULLER CENTER FOUNDATION**

Without Donor Restrictions

With Donor Restrictions

**TOTAL NET ASSETS** 

Investment Income	\$325,079
Other Income	\$3,100
Total Support and Revenues	\$328,179
Foundation Income (Loss) From Operations	\$328,179
Combined Increase In Net Assets	¢1 725 368

#### **COMBINED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

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Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$2,098,818	
Other Current Assets	\$746,250	
Investments		
Board Designated	\$4,717,455	
Endowment, Perper Learning Center	\$50,500	
Endowment, Held In Trust for Others	\$34,200	
Property & Equipment Net	\$5,593,257	
Other Assets	\$2,776	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$13,243,256	
Liabilities & Net Assets		
Current Liabilities	\$674,051	
NET ASSETS		

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\$13,243,256

# 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 early education, nutrition, and health and behavioral health resources that would otherwise be inaccessible. 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-3rd grade are also welcome at the Fuller Academy, a new private 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!

# **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

#### **DONATE NOW**

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

#### **MONTHLY GIVING**

Just \$10 a month can provide school supplies for two children all year round! It's safe, easy, and impactful. Visit fullercenterfl.org/become-a-monthly-donor 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! Visit fullercenterfl.org/adopt-a-class to learn more.

#### **DEDICATE A HEART**

A touching tribute to a friend or loved one! Each Heart on the wall is uniquely designed by a child and displayed in the East Campus Lobby. Dedicate a Heart with a special message by visiting fullercenterfl.org/dedicate-a-heart-tile.

#### **LEAVE A LEGACY**

You can leave a legacy of hope, helping children and improving the world for decades to come. To learn more about including the children in your will or estate plan, visit fullercenterfl.org/planned-giving.



















#### **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@fullercenterfl.org.

#### **AMBASSADORS' COUNCIL**

Would you like to help the children with your talent or expertise? Your knowledge could make a big difference! Visit fullercenterfl.org/ambassadors-council to learn more.

#### **TEEN LEADERSHIP**

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

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