

# SMALL FRIENDS ON NANTUCKET

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



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## THE ROAD WE WALKED TOGETHER

Our journey would not have been possible without our valued volunteers, dedicated donors, caring teachers, and the many people who helped our cause. Together we have nurtured and educated many children. We have supported parents and caregivers as they raise their children while working outside the home. We have helped local businesses stay open by being a safe reliable place where employees could place their children. We did all of this together with you!



## A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Small Friends on Nantucket Early Learning Center embodies the very best of what we all want for our island's children. Each day our dedicated staff provide quality education and care to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in a caring and warm environment.

The 2020 year came with its challenges. The COVID-19 pandemic forced us to make changes in the way we work, socialize, and educate our children. I am pleased to share that while we still worry about when the pandemic will end, the overall spirit at Small Friends has been and remains to be one of hope. Seeing dozens of young children learning, playing, and growing on our campus every day is an indication that our mission and goals for our children have remained the same, and I feel optimistic for the future!

For over 32 years Small Friends on Nantucket has provided exceptional early education and care to Nantucket's infants, toddlers, and preschoolers, and we will continue to practice this tradition for years to come.

Warmly,  
Nichole

**"I don't know what I would do without Small Friends. As working parents, it is critical that we have a reliable early education center that is open year-round"**

PARENT OF TODDLER  
AND PRESCHOOL  
BOYS

# Community Benefit

## How Small Friends Served Our Community in 2020

First LEED Gold certified  
early care center built in  
the country



Music incorporated into daily  
schedule of each classroom

Children learning  
and growing every day



2 Age appropriate  
playgrounds and an  
outdoor classroom



Full day infant care for  
local working families



19 Fully trained and licensed  
teachers in 6 classrooms



More than 1,000 children  
served in the new building

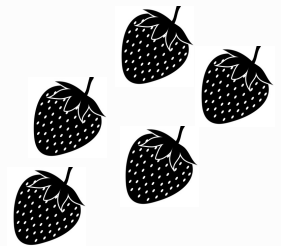


Dedicated art studio  
equipped for all ages

Open 9 1/2 hours per  
day, 51 weeks per year



The facility is built of rapidly  
renewing resources



Organic garden planted, watered, weeded,  
harvested, and eaten by our students

### Mission Statement

Small Friends on Nantucket seeks to enhance the quality of life for families and meet the needs of working parents by providing the highest quality early education and care for the children of Nantucket year-round. Toward this end, Small Friends on Nantucket provides children ages three months through five years with an early education and care environment with trained and nurturing professionals.

# Finance Notes

## Events

Fundraising event income was down this year as we needed to cancel or scale down all of our events

## Tuition

There were some decreases due to COVID-19 restrictions.

## Grants

Some of the grants we normally receive were not offered this year due to COVID-19. We did receive new grants for emergency assistance.

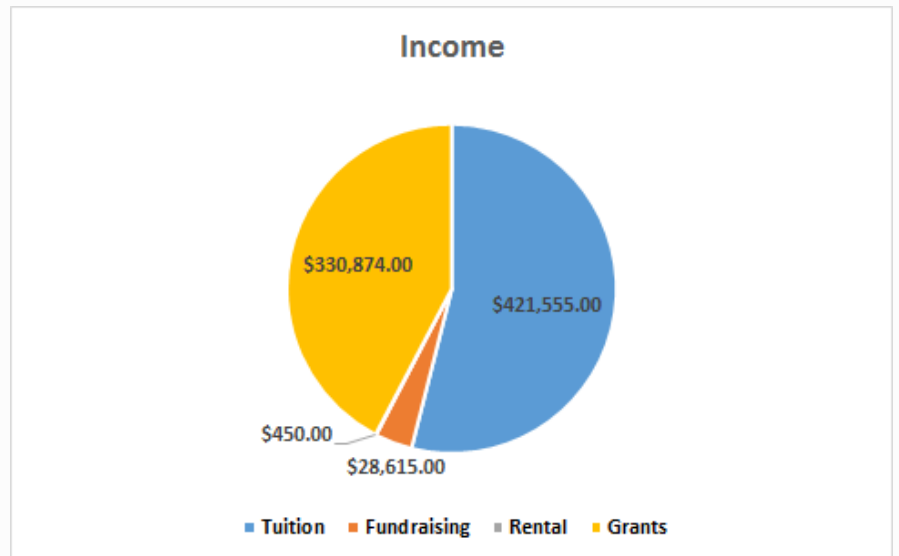
## Staff

Expenses are for 21 full-time staff with benefits and a newly added EAP

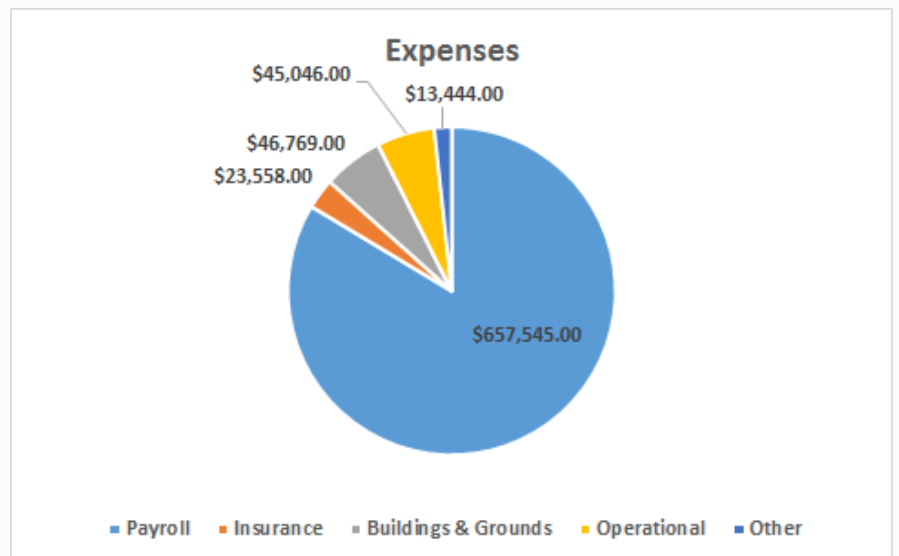
## Building

We continue to make mortgage payments while upkeep and repairs have increased.

**TOTAL INCOME**  
**\$781,494**



**TOTAL EXPENSES**  
**\$786,362**



\* All numbers for 2020 are unaudited.



# MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As we look at the year we leave behind, there were many challenges and obstacles we had to overcome as we continued to provide high-quality daycare to the youngest members of our community. It was a year where social distancing forced us to reimagine classrooms, as well as every aspect of daily operations and the way we organize fundraising activities. Our amazing staff, however, remained true to the core mission of Small Friends and ensured that laughter, warmth, and joy remained at the core of all educational activities throughout the day! As we enter a new year, we cannot wait to go back to fuller classrooms and in-person meetings and fundraisers! Some challenges remain, however, as the building and playgrounds we love and cherish are now 13 years old and are in need of more maintenance and repairs to make sure our children continue to enjoy them in a safe and joyful manner. We are forever grateful to all donors and supporters of Small Friends and its mission and look forward to the future knowing it is in safe and caring hands!



## WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

### SMALL FRIENDS IS SO GRATEFUL TO THE FOUNDATIONS, BUSINESSES, AND INDIVIDUALS WHO SUPPORT OUR MISSION!

Blue Hills Charitable Foundation/Rockland Trust  
Cape Cod Five Foundation  
Charina Foundation  
Community Foundation for Nantucket  
Nantucket Golf Club Foundation  
Rainwater Foundation  
ReMain Nantucket  
The Gilbert Verney Foundation  
The Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation  
Tupancy-Harris Foundation

AND Many Individual Donors!

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Nantucket Vineyard  
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New England Home  
Petticoat Row of Nantucket  
Plumbers Supply Co  
Ryder Electric  
The Brotherhood of Thieves

**"Small Friends is my home  
when I'm not home."**

**4 YEAR OLD GIRL IN  
WHALE CLASS**

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