

SMALL FRIENDS ON NANTUCKET

ANNUAL REPORT 2021



LEARNING AND GROWING

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The phrase "learning and growing" refers to our young students who astound us on a daily basis with their triumphant leaps of achievement (saying their first words, making their first best friends) and their tiny personal victories (tying their own shoes, learning to use words to work out disagreements). Honestly, the private ones are just as important as the more public ones.

"Learning and growing" also refers to our school community as a whole. Small Friends has been nurturing and educating the youngest island residents for 32 years, but we are still trying new things. This year we have expanded our outdoor curriculum and our teachers have taken courses on working with diverse learners.

We are grateful to be learning and growing together with you!



A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Small Friends Early Learning Center provides our island's smallest residents with the very best components necessary to ensure growth and development. I am proud to work beside such knowledgeable and dedicated educators. Small Friends teachers work continuously to provide quality and developmentally appropriate education to all of our children in a warm and inclusive environment.

Twenty- twenty -one proved to be a year of renewed hope for the early education profession as well as for Small Friends. Slowly Covid-19 restrictions began to recede and, in their place, we added more children to our center, more and more collaborative play, a renewed optimism for the future, and the opportunity to see smiling faces. We continue to move forward with a clear focus on our mission, the promise of dedication we make to our children, and our goals for their continued development. A walk through our colorful and lively classrooms indicate just how successful we have been toward this objective. Our children are being challenged and educated, kindness is being taught and practiced, friendships are both encouraged and nurtured, and Small Friends children know that they are valued.

Small Friends has delivered 33 years of unparalleled education and care to the children of Nantucket. I am honored to help preserve the commitment we have made to our children and families for years to come.

Warmly,
Nichole



MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It has been another year of challenges and perseverance as we look to leave the effects of the pandemic in the rearview mirror and gradually return to our normal way of operating. Throughout the difficult journey, that made us reimagine every way we service the youngest members of our community, our amazing staff has remained true to the core mission of Small Friends and has kept laughter, warmth, and joy at the core of all educational activities throughout each day!

Looking forward, we are now focused on recruitment as staffing still presents a constraint that prevents Small Friends from operating at full capacity. In addition, we are also cognizant of the fact that the building and playgrounds we love and cherish are now 14 years old and 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!



Mission Statement

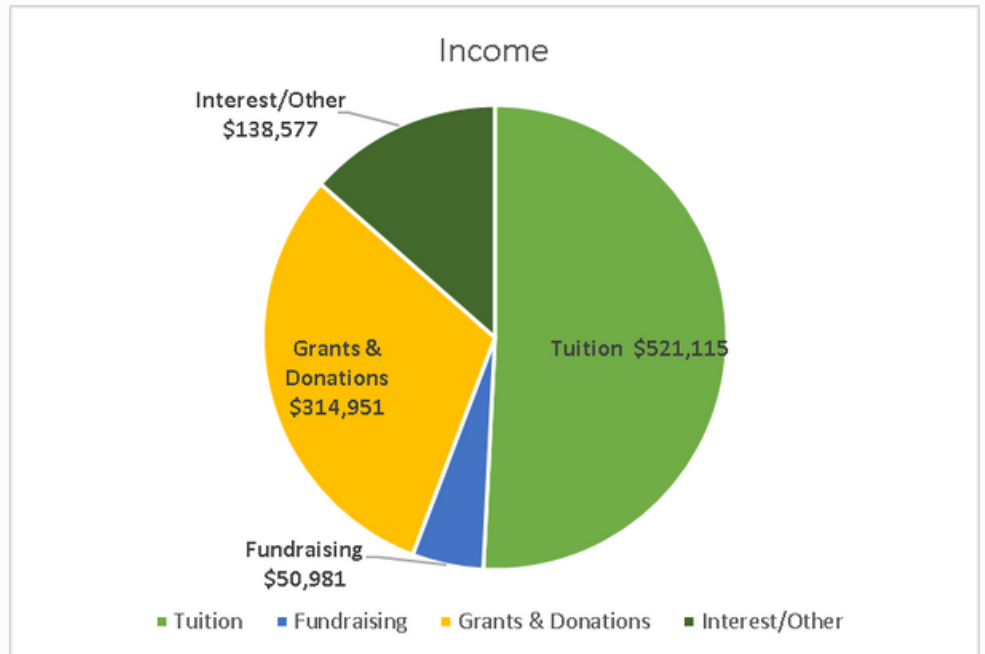
Small Friends on Nantucket seeks to enhance the quality of life for families and meet the needs of working parents by providing the highest quality early education and care for the children of Nantucket year-round. Toward this end, Small Friends on Nantucket provides children ages three months through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

Financials

Income

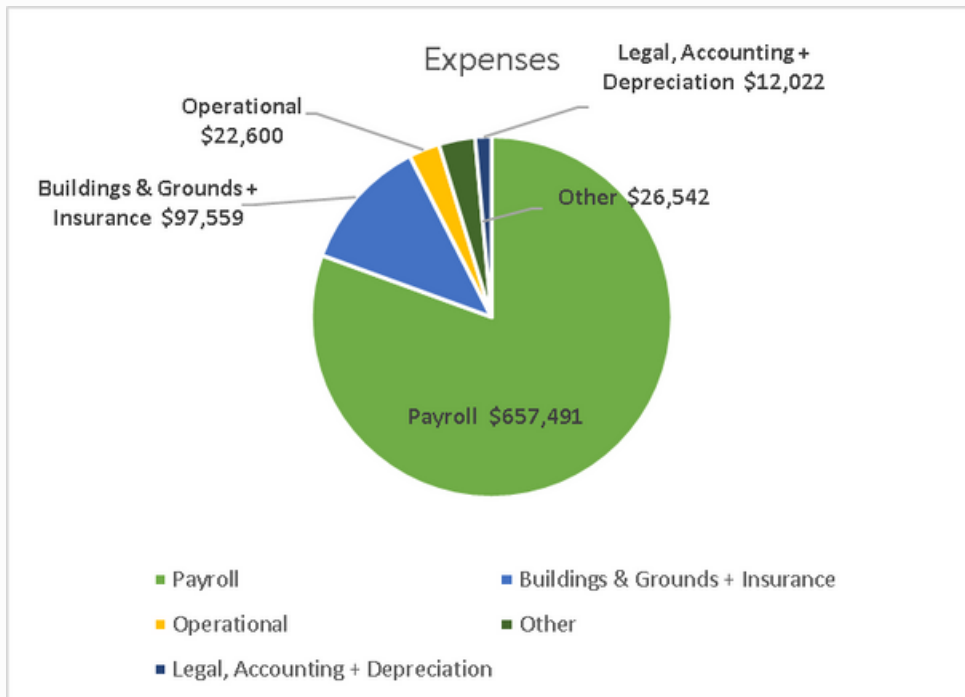
TOTAL INCOME
\$1,025,624

Tuition	\$521,115
Fundraising	\$50,981
Grants & Donations	\$314,951
Interest/Other	\$138,577
Total Income	\$1,025,624



TOTAL EXPENSES
\$816,214

Expenses



Payroll	\$657,491
Legal, Depreciation, Accounting	\$12,022
Buildings & Grounds, Insurance	\$97,559
Operational	\$22,600
Other	\$26,542
Total Expenses	\$816,214

All numbers from 2021 are unaudited.

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