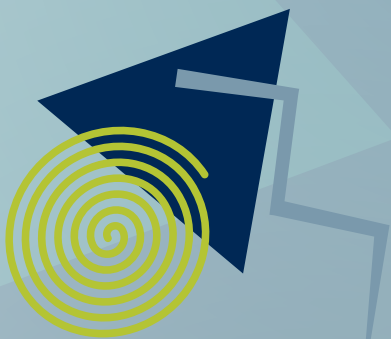


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we grow



Gratitude Report ²¹/₂₂

Dear Friends,

It is in the **spirit of togetherness** that we present this Gratitude Report chronicling some of the **good** that has taken place over the past year because **we work together**. Virtually nothing of sustained value is accomplished individually. **Progress depends on the collective**; it is fueled by working together.

Porter County is regarded as a community that **values collaboration as essential to our way of life**. We know that joining forces is far more productive than flying solo when trying to achieve anything of significance.

Within these pages you will find but a few examples of what is possible when we embrace the **power of combining** our individual resources and talents into a **common force for good**. **Together, we learn. Together, we grow opportunity. Together, we give what we can. Together, we create our shared future and the prosperity that is possible when we all work – TOGETHER!**

With gratitude,

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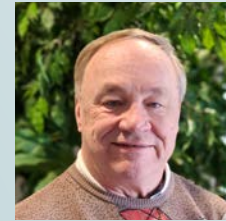
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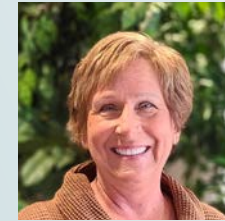
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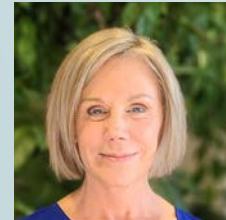
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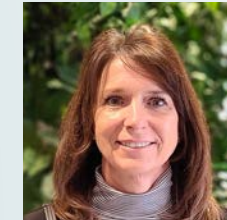
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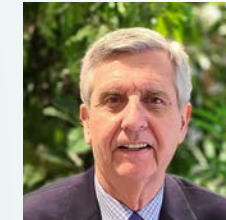
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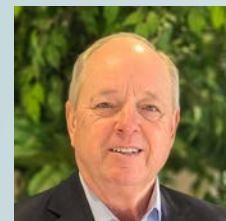
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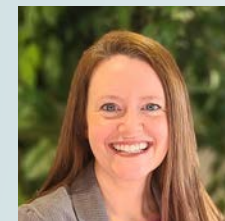
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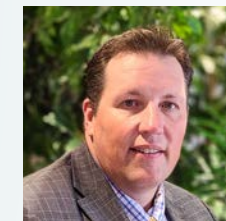
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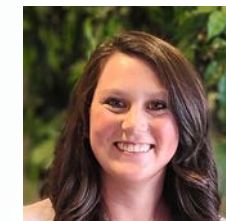
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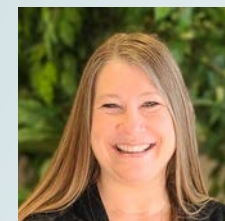
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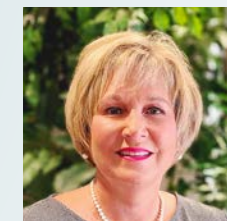
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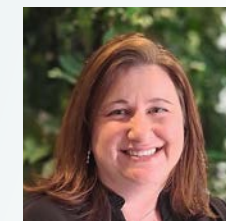
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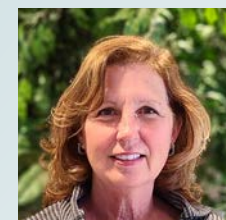
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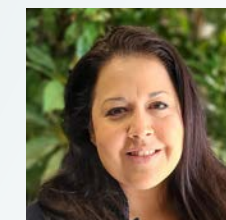
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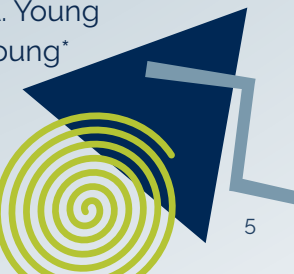
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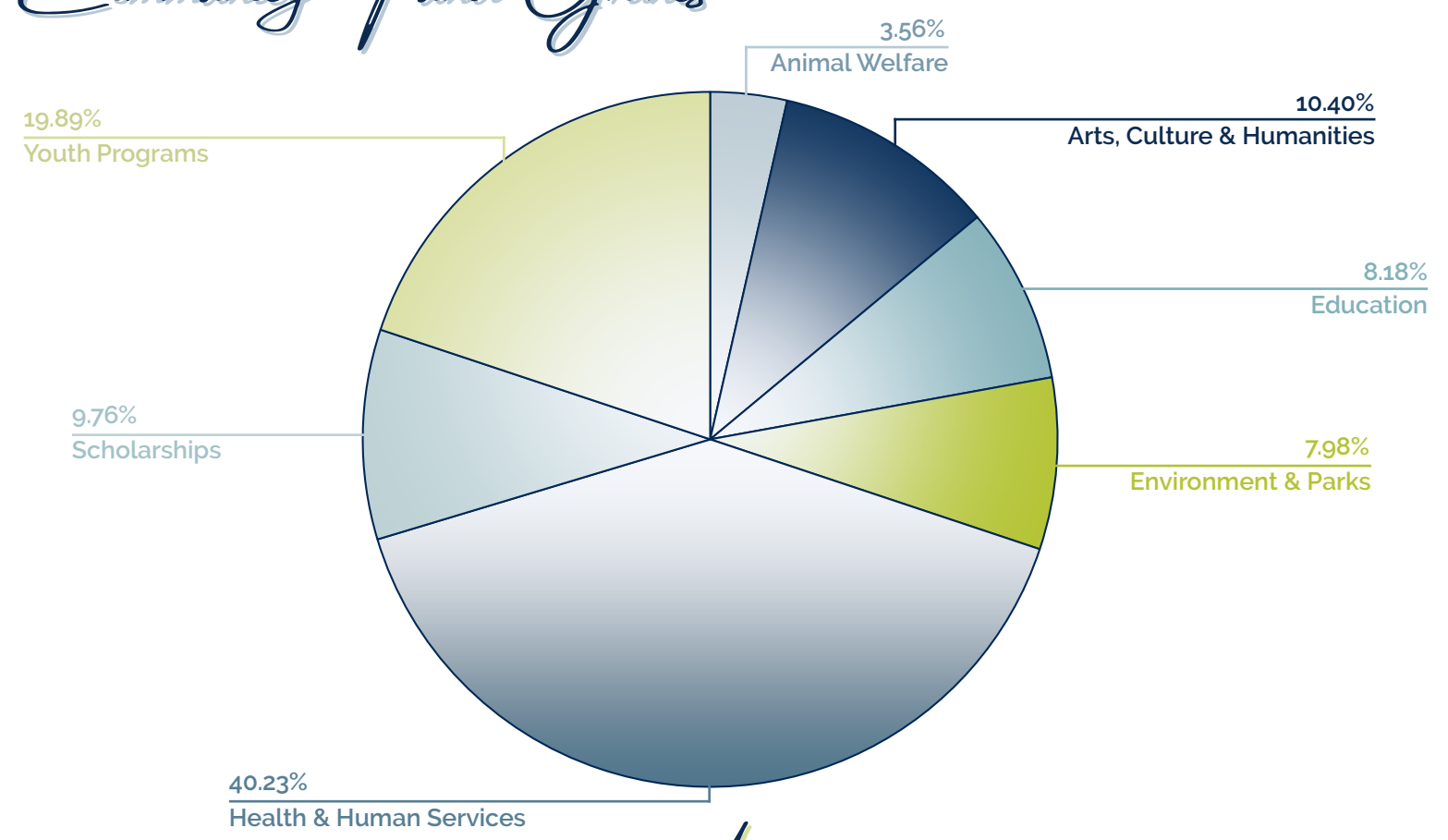
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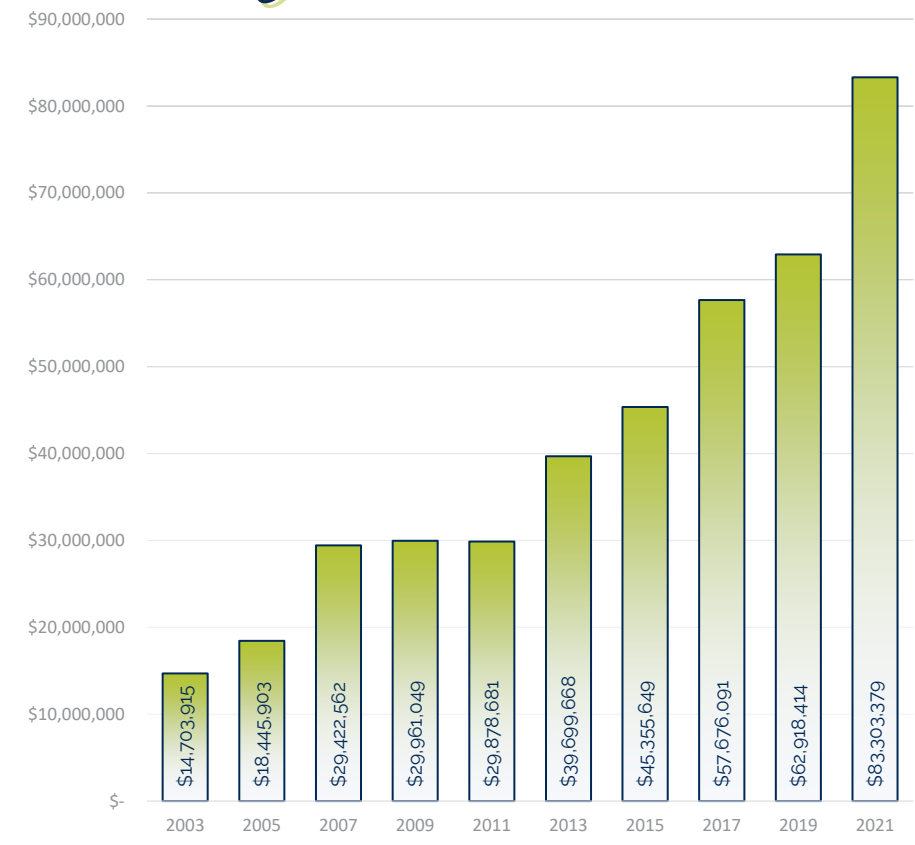
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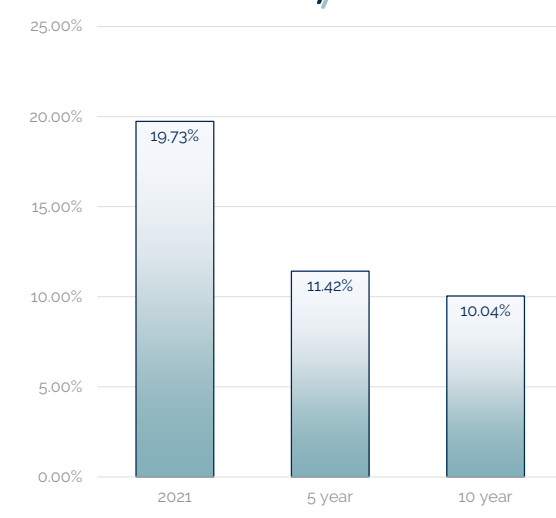
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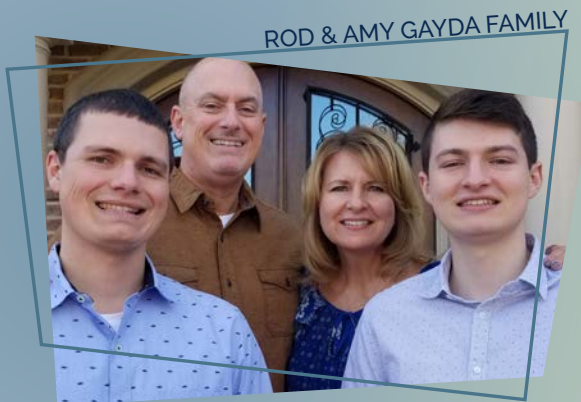
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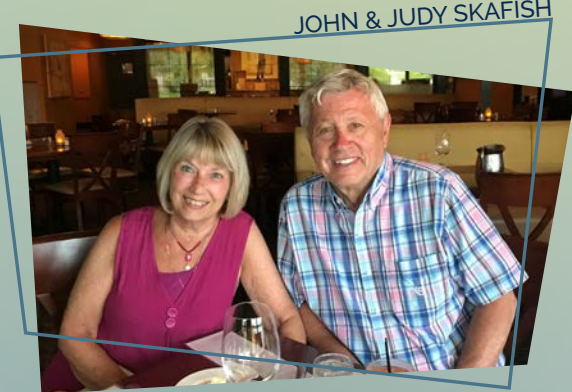
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Welcoming Porter County Babies Home

Inspired by compelling evidence that supports the broad **value of significant investment in early childhood development and learning**, the Porter County Community Foundation leveraged funding from Lilly Endowment Inc. to catalyze community partners to **create a healthy system of care, support and services to ensure that every baby born in Porter County is prepared for a strong start to life.**

First Things First Porter County is the new backbone organization that **convenes stakeholders** around a common agenda—to provide the 5 babies born each day in Porter County with **equal opportunity to grow and thrive**. First Things First works with **over 30 community partners to solve social problems through structured and systematic collaboration.**

First Things First Porter County prioritizes early learning and strives to make our community the best place to begin



NUMBERS TO REMEMBER:

- 85% of brain development occurs in the first 3 years of life
- 1,000,000+ new neural connections every second
- 18 months – age when disparities in vocabulary appear
- 90 to 100% – chance of developmental delays with 6 or more risk factors
- 3:1 odds of heart disease with early exposure to trauma
- \$4 to \$9 – return for every dollar invested in high quality early childhood



FINANCIAL SUMMARY



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As of December 31, 2021

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$3,087,558
Investments	76,749,904
Pledges receivable	-0-
Prepaid expenses	290
Property and equipment, net	2,178,889
Investments held under charitable remainder trust	85,044
Beneficial interest in charitable remainder trusts	1,201,694
TOTAL ASSETS	\$83,303,379

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Grants payable	\$597,900
Accrued expenses	12,000
Gift annuities payable	62,890
Liability under charitable remainder trusts	85,044
Custodial funds	21,688,526
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$22,446,360

<u>NET ASSETS</u>	
Without donor restrictions	
Operating	3,124,683
Board designated administrative endowments	1,488,239
Board designated reserve	1,028,014
	5,640,936
With donor restrictions	
Restricted for specified purpose	7,991,195
Restricted due to time restraints	1,201,694
Endowment funds	46,023,194
	55,216,083
TOTAL NET ASSETS	60,857,019
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$83,303,379

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the year ended December 31, 2021

SUPPORT & REVENUES	
Contributions and grants	\$3,055,386
Investment return, net	8,897,952
Fund administrative fees	830,151
Change in value of split interest agreements	117,405
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUES	\$12,900,894

EXPENSES	
Program services	\$3,732,377
Management & general	322,159
Fundraising	394,255
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,448,791

Change in net assets	8,452,103
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	52,404,916
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$60,857,019

Consultants:
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Together...we learn! Since 1996, the Porter County Community Foundation has been helping local **nonprofit leaders learn more by providing high-quality training opportunities** right here in our community. In the cover photo, we see the thirteen 2021 graduates from the Fund Raising School who received their CFRM (*Certificate in Fund Raising Management*). Congrats to all!

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