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Transitions Through Experience **Stories From Our Donors**

CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE

Beverly and Bob Bortz's connection to Liberty Lutheran runs deep. It is a connection built upon the support they have provided for almost two decades, and rooted in generations of history.

"My mother was a volunteer at Artman, and I remember going with her when I was a kid. She would do a variety of things. I remember her doing residents' hair – both women and men. This was before Artman had a salon, so she would help residents feel good about their appearance by doing their hair," Beverly recalls fondly. "I would also visit with my brownie troop and with church. We would talk to residents and do activities. You could tell that they appreciated us being there. Having been raised as a Lutheran, I've always felt a connection with the community and its mission to provide care to older adults."

Bob and Beverly, who is both Vice-Chair of Liberty's Board and Chair of the Board for The Village at Penn State, first met as freshman at Susquehanna University in 1963. After graduation, the couple married and raised their family in Montgomery County. When their children started school, Beverly directed her attention to building a successful business, Union Electric Contracting Company, which is now known throughout the region. For his part, Bob built a career as a social studies teacher, principal, and the K-12 Coordinator of Social Studies for Upper Dublin School District. Upon his retirement in 2002, Bob too would begin to form a connection with Liberty.



"I hadn't been involved with Liberty or any of its communities before I retired. Although, like Beverly, I was raised a Lutheran," Bob shares. "When I retired. I started playing more golf. Beverly's company was a sponsor of the Artman Golf Outing, an event benefitting the community's benevolent care program, and as such I was able to play in the Outing as a part of a foursome. The program portion of the day was always informative. The more I learned from year to year, the more I began to appreciate what Artman does."

It wasn't long before Bob was approached by organizers and he became involved as a volunteer, providing support in the almost yearlong coordination of the annual event. Eventually, after one year, Bob became chair of the organizing committee.

"The Outing had been traditionally held at North Hills Country Club. It was a good experience, but eventually we saw room to maximize the event's potential with a new venue," Bob says. "There's been significant growth in the Outing's success over the years, and that is owed to the hard work of a great group of people. After a while, I decided to step back as Chair and I still enjoy being a part of the committee and acting as a liaison between it and the Bluestone Country Club, our current venue."

The Bortz's commitment to Liberty has been an instrumental part of our family of services. The resources, expertise, and time they have extended to all of Liberty is mirrored in the multitude of donors and volunteers who contribute so greatly to Liberty's ability to offer empowering opportunities and care to thousands of older adults, individuals, and neighbors who need a faithful helping hand.

"As we walk life's path together, we may be presented with opportunities to make a difference and create positive change or experiences for others," Beverly says. "Bob and I are lucky to be in a position where we can help others and give our time. We are proud to give so that Liberty's legacy a legacy of empowerment, service, care, and compassion - endures."

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Together We Stand Ready

This past year, we've all been confronted with significant challenges in what may seem like an unrecognizable world. So much has changed during the COVID-19 pandemic; and while many continue to struggle during these extraordinary times, I am heartened by the compassion, tenacity, tireless commitment, and courage of our talented staff members. I am also grateful for the patience, understanding, and kindness that has been offered by those we serve and their families.

Exactly 20 year ago, Liberty Lutheran was founded with the mission to walk with others during their life journeys – providing enriching and empowering opportunities, as well as compassionate care and peace of mind. We do so inspired by God's grace and with the knowledge that we are a bedrock of support for thousands of older adults, vulnerable individuals, and their families.

The stories you will read within this issue of *At Liberty* demonstrate how our family of services continues to excel in our pursuit of world-class excellence. We hope that they will provide a window of insight into the transitions that occurred from the start of the pandemic, through a reopening process during the summer and into the fall. You will hear from residents and staff alike, who will share their firsthand experiences about life within our communities, as well as the good works being done at the West Philadelphia Senior Community Center and within Lutheran Disaster Response – Eastern Pennsylvania.

As we face an uncertain landscape, Liberty Lutheran remains prepared to address any challenges presented before us. We have done so despite ever-changing regulations and a lack of clarity from agencies. Your support is the secret to our success and we are grateful for your continued commitment to our mission.

On behalf of everyone throughout Liberty Lutheran, I would like to thank you for the generosity and the kindness that you continue to extend to our family of services. We can all rest assured that together we stand ready to answer the call to serve those facing life changing situations with exceptional offerings and the highest quality care. Thank you for your continued support.

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The Hearth at Drexel





Above: Executive Director Dana O'Donnell with Georgyn, a resident of The Hearth at Drexel. Picture was taken pre-COVID.

Staff Support

Nestled in the Main Line, The Hearth at Drexel is known for providing its residents with outstanding care and services. As a community that focuses on assisted living and memory care, the staff at The Hearth are accustomed to going above and beyond on a daily basis.

When the coronavirus pandemic started in early spring, the team's dedication to the residents' well-being and care was strengthened.

"Our staff has really stepped up during this pandemic, placing the needs of our residents above themselves. For instance, during our strategic planning process, when we started talking about the potential need to establish a COVID-wing, we had people stepping forward very early on to say, 'I'll do it," says Dana O'Donnell, executive director of The Hearth. "You often hear people in caregiver industries say, 'What we do isn't a job, it's a calling.' What I have seen over the past several months truly demonstrates that here. Our staff members have been incredible in the way they've come together to help the residents and their families throughout an ever-evolving situation."

As restrictions were lifted in early summer, residents and staff alike were able to enjoy the modified return of group activities, exercise programs, and outdoor visitation.

"Across the community, there wasn't a single member

of our staff who said 'no' to helping one another," Dana shares. "We worked across departments, whether it was helping with meal preparation, assisting with visits, or activities – everyone's first thoughts were about getting things done for our residents. It has been moving to see how challenges are navigated, and how our team united for the common good of those we serve."

Throughout the pandemic, the team at The Hearth has become like family to those who call the community home. The provision of care and comfort has gone both ways. Staff members continue to find strength, hope, and support in the kind words, smiles, and thoughtful gestures from residents and their families.

"As time has gone on, the support from residents and families for our staff continues to grow. There are too many examples of tender and compassionate experiences to go into detail," Dana says. "We've received cards, phone calls, letters, donations, and a variety of other demonstrations of gratitude, which have all been so wonderfully appreciated by each employee. When we needed to reintroduce steps in late fall to keep our residents safe, our families understood and continued to support our efforts. The kindness, warmth, and generosity they've extended has been overwhelming and we are thankful for them."

LEADING LIBERTY

WITH JULIA MENZO, director of community outreach, Liberty Lutheran and Lutheran Congregational Services

Q: How does Liberty Lutheran compare to other organizations, and what impact does that make for the people we serve?

A: In my view, Liberty Lutheran's faith based roots continue to nurture a culture of community engagement and service to families and individuals. Our commitment to service and community is reflected in Liberty's commitment to staff wellbeing, in the way we engage with partner agencies, and even in the way our buildings are designed.

Further, Lutheran Congregational Services, where I serve as director of community outreach, provides a mechanism where communities of faith can engage with Liberty through volunteering and in partnership with our Lutheran Disaster Response program. In keeping with the tradition of serving individuals, we also partner with synods and churches to offer training to become a Lay Eucharistic Visitor.

Q: How do you see the work that you do inspiring others in the community?

A: One thing that I am very proud of is Lutheran Congregational Services' Lutheran Disaster Response program, which serves eastern Pennsylvania. Through this work we walk alongside people and communities with very few obvious resources. When others have said that there are not enough resources to help those impacted, together we pressed on and time after time, have met needs that no one thought could be met.

Q: Tell us about an experience you have had here, that your role impacted the residents and families?

A: On August 4, 2020, Tropical Storm Isaias flooded southern Chester County, the Eastwick neighborhood of Philadelphia, the Lehigh Valley and other parts of eastern PA. LCS's Lutheran Disaster Response program is working hand in hand with leaders from Eastwick, which is situated adjacent to a Superfund site and the Philadelphia International Airport. Many residents experienced 4-6 feet of water in their basements and there were scores of families without heat.

In partnership with leaders from the community, Lutheran Disaster Response is spending time with residents, assessing their needs and seeking grant funds to meet them. Additionally, thanks to our relationships with area churches and other partners, we are

beginning to meet these needs and finally getting heat to those who need it. Additionally, in response to Tropical Storm Isaias, Lutheran Congregational Services has been working with county leaders in the Lehigh Valley to reach out to families who also were flooded. Finally, we are very proud to have been able to provide temporary housing to four families who were not able to immediately find permanent affordable housing in Avongrove, Chester County, thanks to a grant from LDR-ELCA, when their apartment was condemned after Isaias floodwaters engulfed their apartment building.

Paul's Run



The Magic of Music & Outdoor Entertainment

For the friends, families, and neighbors of Paul's Run, connection and camaraderie continue to bring this community together amidst challenging times. When COVID-19 first began, Paul's Run proactively took steps to safeguard residents and staff which led to the postponement of certain activities and events. With increasing safety precautions, Paul's Run staff knew their creativity to engage residents and uplift their well-being was needed now more than ever.

"In the beginning of the pandemic between March and June, the community was on lock down and there were many steps taken to keep residents and staff safe. During all of these challenges, I knew our residents were really missing their activities," says Director of Community Life, Erin Samsel. Attempting to think of opportunities for engagement that residents could participate in safely, staff at Paul's Run rose to the challenge and considered outdoor entertainment.

"Music has the ability to lift people up and bring them to a good place. I thought with the beautiful weather outside, what better way to refresh residents' souls than with some outdoor concerts?" Erin reflects. Hosting outdoor concerts each week from the end of summer through the fall, Paul's Run was able to arrange for professional entertainers to sing for residents across all levels of care.

"We had different entertainers scattered around the entire building so that no matter where you lived in the community, whether you were in independent living, personal care, or healthcare, you could open your window or sit on your balcony and enjoy the music. Many independent living residents would also sit outside and safely social distance," Erin explains.

As fresh air and music uplifted their spirits, residents were thrilled to listen and participate. "The outdoor concerts were wonderful," says resident at Paul's Run, Elaine Zeaman. "There was an opera singer whose voice was beautiful. It was great to just be outside and listen. We could see other people on their balconies and in their windows, and we could go outside and stay far apart but still be together," she adds. Residents at Paul's Run were happy to reconnect with their neighbors at a distance, and Erin says it is these kinds of friendships that continue to bring meaning and purpose to their lives.



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"Friendships are so important to our residents. When the pandemic happened we knew how essential it was to maintain those relationships and get those connections going again," Erin emphasizes. As friendships thrive and connections strengthen, staff at Paul's Run continue to go above and beyond to ensure residents are safe, engaged, and living well.



Top row

Left: Residents enjoy outdoor concerts with friends, families, and neighbors at a safe social distance.

Right: Professional entertainers bring joy to residents at Paul's Run with outdoor concerts.

Bottom row Left: Paul's Run resident, Elaine, loves to be involved with her community.

Right: Residents rejoice safely together with song and dance.







The Manor at York Town



Below: Ed Shea and his wife, Mary.

Right: Residents enjoying the beautiful weather and some friendly competition!

Staying <mark>In</mark> & Branching <mark>Out</mark>

When Pennsylvania moved into the red and yellow phases of quarantine in the spring, organizations like Liberty Lutheran understood that while the guidelines of COVID-19 may be in place, the necessities for community and relationship remain as strong as ever. Prioritizing safety for both residents and staff, the team at The Manor at York Town sprang into action, using creativity and ingenuity to meet the emotional needs of residents during an unprecedented time.

"The largest obstacle we faced at The Manor was having spaces that were large enough to meet in. As a boutique style, smaller community, we do not have expansive gathering halls. Therefore, we had to find creative ways to bring people together while remaining six feet apart," says Robyn Fine, director of community life at The Manor.

"I was happy to see that while the size of the activities had changed, there was still a healthy variety of options to choose from," comments Ed Shea, an active resident in The Manor's community. "Robyn is high energy and very creative, so we never really missed a beat when some of the activities had to be changed."

Activities like shuffleboard and bocce ball tournaments have taken place every week in the warmer months just outside the coffee shop. As the weather grew cooler, participants safely enjoyed indoor activities that can be easily done with social distancing like Trivial Pursuits





competitions and Jeopardy. "Residents have formed social bonds over these games and look forward to playing every week. They now have a permanent place on our activity calendar from spring through fall," adds Robyn.

"Three times a week, folks would put out wine and finger foods to make for a mixer," Ed recounts. "It was always a highlight of my week. Rather than just let that go when the restrictions hit, the team took it on themselves to bring the cart to us at the same times. They delivered a glass of wine and made everything much more pleasant."

Robyn and the team have made sure to keep residents engaged with a variety of activities to help build on the wonderful sense of community and friendship found at The Manor at York Town. As Ed sums up, "If you're interested in meeting people and putting energy into something, there is always going to be plenty to choose from. The quality of activities is that high." West Philadelphia Senior Community Center



GRATEFUL FOR GRANTS:

The W.W. Smith Charitable Trust Supports the Center

This past fall the West Philadelphia Senior Community Center (WPSCC) was thrilled to be awarded a \$50,000 grant from The W.W. Smith Charitable Trust.

This grant has helped support the Center's effort to provide resources to those in-need of emergency food and shelter resources, which continue to make a tremendous impact on the surrounding community.

During these extraordinary times, WPSCC continues to serve as a source of hope for hundreds of individuals throughout West Philadelphia. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, people across the world have been confronted with new challenges. This is particularly true for residents in West Philadelphia who were already confronted with the daily realities of underserved communities.



Above: The Center ensures members do not go hungry with their meal delivery service and lunch pickup program.

"The support from The W.W. Smith Charitable Trust means the Center can continue to be there for our members. Especially through COVID-19, they need us now more than ever." says Executive Director of WPSCC, Rose Richardson. While the Center was forced to temporarily close its doors at the start of this pandemic, their commitment to serving their members remains strong.

With this grant, WPSCC provided 200 Thanksgiving baskets this Fall to older adults. It's also allowed the Center to provide groceries and gift cards. "Our food delivery and pick up program ensures that our members won't go hungry. Many of our members depend on us for food. Being able to continue this service is essential in supporting them," Rose emphasizes.

Additionally, this grant strengthens the Center's support for members in need of emergency housing assistance. This past year, WPSCC was able to provide aid to 19 older adults by covering utility expenses, appliances, and home repairs. The recent emergence of flash floods and severe weather throughout Eastern Pennsylvania also increases the need for home repairs.

The Center's ability to provide housing assistance brings members immense comfort and relief as they are able to remain in their homes. Now, with the generous support from The W.W. Smith Charitable Trust, the Center's efforts will be strengthened through next year.

We are so grateful for this grant as it gives the people of our community great hope," Rose affirms. "The W.W. Smith Charitable Trust provided this community with a life line during this pandemic, ensuring that older adults don't go hungry and that they can stay safely in their homes. Artman



Always Connected



Above: During the warmer months, residents enjoyed getting outside for family visits!

Even though we have all been affected by the pandemic in different ways, each of us shares the common necessity of a community and family to call our own. To empower the residents at Artman, the staff went above and beyond throughout COVID-19 to help maintain communication with loved ones. As soon as guidelines allowed, the team began coordinating socially distant meetings for residents and their families.

"Visits from family are something that the staff can never replace and it has made the world of difference for many of our residents. We have seen such an incredible lift in their spirits," says Madeleine Byrne, director of community life at Artman.

As restrictions were lifted, and when Artman's staff thought it was safe, the community opened for in-person visitation when residents sat outside with family members six feet apart, catching up on life and events. Once the weather grew colder, the visitations moved indoors, all organized to make sure everyone stayed safe.

With the rise in coronavirus cases later in the fall, the community made the decision to return to virtual and window visits out of an abundance of caution. Having drawn on previous experiences from the start of the pandemic, the team at Artman worked diligently to safely connect residents and families with virtual and window visits.

"The Artman staff are amazing. Madeleine and Sarah

have been wonderful throughout the process." says Pam, whose mother, Nellie, is a current resident at Artman. "They assure the visits run smoothly and have always helped my mom as necessary during assisted visits."

These visits have become a precious part of everyones' routine, giving participants the opportunity to share life moments they would otherwise be unable to. Madeleine notes, "I have even had to fight back some tears at visits when residents see their first great grandchild for the first time or the grandchild they have watched grow up in their wedding gown before their big day."

Because the team at Artman has built personal relationships with the residents, they are prepared to meet each of their individual needs as well. "My mother has trouble hearing, so sitting six feet apart was going to present a challenge," Pam says. "Artman staff quickly resolved the issue by purchasing hearing headsets that my mom and other residents could wear to help hear during family table visits!"

The team at Artman understands that caring for someone means more than just providing compassionate care, but empowering residents as well. By consistently listening to residents and doing everything possible to connect them with loved ones, their efforts have helped those in the pandemic both now and in the months to come. **Liberty Briefs**

The Village at Penn State



The Meaning of Meal Time



Above: Matt brings happiness to residents at The Village with fresh, inspired meals.

For residents of The Village at Penn State, dining with five-star quality meals prepared freshly each day, not only satisfies their taste buds, it provides meaningful opportunities for safely socializing with the comfort of friends. Executive Chef at The Village, Matt Lambert, understands the importance of providing an outstanding dining experience for residents. especially through COVID-19.

"Meal time at The Village is a high-point for residents' days. It's something they look forward to," Matt describes. "Dining here is more than just eating, it's a social event for residents on a daily basis," he adds. Amidst COVID-19, The Village at Penn State has gone above and beyond to maintain the quality, presentation, and creativity of their dining selections while following proper safety precautions set out by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and CDC.

Whether social distancing with friends in the dining room, having a bite to eat at the Bistro, or dining in the comfort of their homes. Chef Matt and the culinary team have ensured exceptional service throughout the entirety of the coronavirus pandemic. "When the pandemic first began, we ensured residents' safety by temporarily closing the dining room and delivering meals to residents' homes. No matter the circumstances or challenges created by COVID-19, our goal was to not only maintain quality standards, but exceed them," Matt emphasizes.

As circumstances involving COVID-19 began to improve, The Village reopened their dining room at the beginning of summer following proper safety protocols with safe social distancing, universal face masks, and limited capacity. "Our residents were extremely happy when the dining room reopened," Matt affirms.

They certainly were, as resident, Pete Rohrer, is thrilled with The Village's food and dining amidst COVID-19. "Dining here is always an event, and when the dining room reopened we were all very happy," Pete affirms. Pete's wife also lives at The Village and since her diagnosis of Alzheimer's, she's moved to the Atrium to receive a higher level of care within the community.

"With my wife living in the Atrium, I spend more time alone. It's nice to go to the dining room and eat with other people," Pete reflects. As months passed and the weather began to change, so did the circumstances of COVID-19 and the situation required that The Village return to delivery dining options at the end of November.

With his safety ensured and his health protected, Pete says that whether he's eating in the dining room or at home, food at The Village remains the same: tasting great and well-presented. "The quality of food throughout this pandemic has been consistent," Pete says. "It's hard to make food look good in a to-go container, but it does, and it always tastes good," he adds.

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Lutheran Congregational Services





Helping Neighbors, One Home at a Time



When Hurricane Isaias swept up the United States East Coast this past summer, organizations stepped into immediate action to help those most affected by the category one storm. With COVID-19 making coordination and assistance even more complex, Lutheran Disaster Response-Eastern Pennsylvania, (LDR-EPA) took up the responsibility of helping individuals struggling with flood damage to their homes.

"Because Philadelphia did not receive FEMA funds following the hurricane, people who were left with damaged homes depended on community support. With winter approaching quickly, our volunteers have been working incredibly hard to help everyone in need," says Carolyn Mosley, a community leader with Eastwick United.

The Eastwick section of Philadelphia, which was hit particularly hard by the hurricane, faced increased damage due to its low elevation and older infrastructure. Julia Menzo, director of community outreach with Lutheran Congregational Services, adds, "So many of the people who were most impacted, especially in Eastwick, were the elderly, and their homes were not equipped to handle the level of flooding that Isaias brought. As soon as their needs are brought to our attention we do everything we can to get them to safety as well as fix their homes."

For Lutheran Disaster Response – Eastern Pennsylvania, helping those in need includes draining flooded basements, rectifying mold damage, and fixing and replacing broken heating systems. Without a federal declaration, all of this work is done by agencies like Lutheran Disaster Response and our partners in PA VOAD (Pennsylvania Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster). LDR-EPA received a grant of \$20,000 from Lutheran Disaster Response of the ELCA to help specifically with the Eastwick flooding. About 120 homes will need new air handlers and many more need washers and dryers.

Above: LDR Construction Manager, Dennis Steffy (top photo), and contractor, Jason Keeney (bottom photo), help Pastor Albers repair his home after chronic flooding from disastrous weather. **T**o support LDR-EPA, Trinity Lutheran Church of Lansdale held a Pumpkin Festival on October 24th to raise both awareness and funds for recovery efforts. The evening featured hand carved and painted pumpkins arranged in a drive-through that could be enjoyed while social distancing. The event was a great success, drawing over 700 people and raising over \$3,000. Thank you to Trinity and to all who contribute to LDR-EPA and make our efforts possible.

"Getting the word out is such an important first step," says Carolyn Mosley. "There are significant changes that need to happen to help prevent damage like this in the future, and receiving help from the community around us is a vital part of that. We depend on one another, and are grateful for all the help that Lutheran Disaster Response has provided."

Top row Left: One of the pumpkins staying safe by masking up.

Right: Cars line up at Trinity Lutheran Church of Lansdale for the drive-through event.

Bottom row Over 50 cleverly decorated jack-o-lanterns were on display. Here are just a few of the entries, some carved and some painted.



Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Expenses



\$38,798,380 PROGRAM SERVICES

(50%)



\$12,288,532 GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

(16%)



\$7,558,271 DEPRECIATION (10%)

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\$4,019,769 **INTEREST**

(5%)

\$1,925,222 LIABILITY INSURANCE

(2%)

\$415,968 DEVELOPMENT

(1%)

+ \$12,745,816 **BENEVOLENCE FUNDED** (16%)

= \$77,751,958 **Total Expenses**



\$69,548,491 COMPASSIONATE CARE

(93%)

\$1,363,243 **GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS**

(2%)



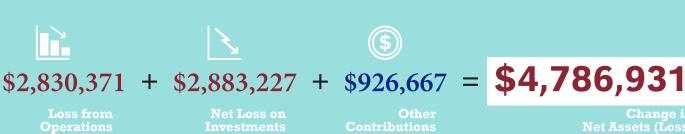


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\$342,925 WELLNESS (<1%)

+ \$3,505,030 OTHER (4%)

= \$74,921,587 **Total Revenue**



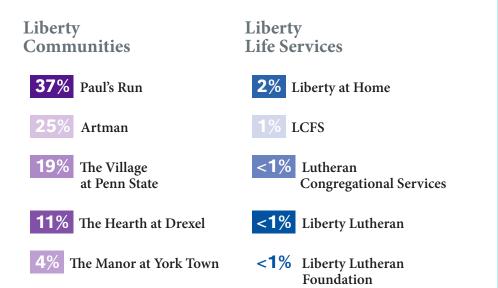
Change in Net Assets (Loss)

Net Loss on Investments

Other

Revenue by Family of Service

Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020



Building Resilient Individuals & Communities

Organizational Dollars to Continue Services where Shortfalls Exist

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\$11,505,117

Unreimbursed Medicare and Medicaid Costs

\$39,339

Social Service Subsidies (LCFS and LCS)

Financial Impact of COVID-19

Additional Expenses	March 2020 through June 30, 2020	July 2020 through November 30, 2020	
Security (including extra security for temperature checks, and screenings)	\$281,057	\$237,763	\$2,305,062
Housekeeping (including environmental, electrostatic and other deep cleaning measures)	\$209,665	\$119,589	Total March 2020 through June 30, 2020
Medical Supplies (including masks, gowns, face shields, hand sanitizer and more)	\$254,638	\$177,571	+ \$1,317,600 Total July 2020 through
Staff Day Care Allowance (provided during the months that day care centers were closed)	\$389,941	-	November 30, 2020
COVID Wage Differential (additional compensation for COVID-19 care)	\$911,320	\$415,586	\$3,622,662
Other (including resident meal deliveries, staff meals, testing and other related expenses)	+ \$258,441	+ \$367,091	Total Additional Expenses
	\$2,305,062	\$1,317,600	



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