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A Seat at the Table

Club 21 Learning and Resource Center
Annual Report
for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021



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Mission Statement

Club 21 provides the educational tools and resources that enable individuals with Down syndrome to be fully included.

Message from the President

It is truly a pleasure to be part of Club 21 and the incredible work this organization does to make a difference in the lives of individuals with Down syndrome. As we moved into a second year of operating in the midst of the pandemic, our community continued to provide unwavering support through your contributions and growing participation in our programs. The staff responded with flexibility as they juggled the delivery of programs with new ways of working, learning from one another and the community along the way. Juggling has been good for us as an organization, improving our focus and how we serve our families by helping us think differently about the future. We long for the ease of pre-pandemic times, hugs, faces of families, and the joy of seeing growth and being in community again. And yet, we are grateful to implement the skills we have learned by “juggling” to create a new vision of what can be achieved when we believe that every child deserves a seat at the table. The Staff and Board of Club 21 are so grateful to all of you who gave, encouraged, and stood with us this year. In spite of the uncertainty, stress and challenges, it was a really good year for Club 21. Your support made it so. Thank you!



Matt Peacore
President





A message from the Executive Director

Dear friends of Club 21,

Club 21's theme this year was "A Seat at the Table". It was important for us to think about how individuals with Down syndrome have or do not have equal opportunities in our society. We wrestled with what it means for someone with an intellectual disability to truly be seen and heard, have access, to participate and become active contributing citizens in their school, work and community.

As we pursued this theme throughout the year, we grew more focused on how we can better equip families and educators so that more doors will open for individuals with Down syndrome to access their hopes and dreams of a more self-determined life. This process has helped us think in new ways and is shaping how we deliver our programs and develop our future programs. The question remains for all of us: How do we create a culture and a community where we value the conversations, gifts and contributions of individuals with intellectual disabilities?

This year we were overwhelmed by the generosity of donors who resonated with our commitment to this endeavor for a more equitable presence, for our society to not only value all individuals, but to know that we truly need everyone's voice and presence. We can't thank you enough for your partnership in helping us create a table where ALL are welcome and belong!

Nancy Litteken
Executive Director

What We Do

From first diagnosis onward, Club 21 empowers families to identify the needs of their child with Down syndrome and teaches them how to navigate the terrain of the medical, educational, and Regional Center systems to maximize their child's potential. For that to be a reality, family support, school support, direct educational training, and community building are essential. All of our programs and services fall into these 4 categories. Club 21 believes education has the power to change lives, communities and the world. Through its educational pathway, Club 21 is changing the narrative of Down syndrome and opening doors so that individuals with Down syndrome can be fully included and live, healthy, self-determined and fulfilling lives.





Club 21

2020 Year In Review

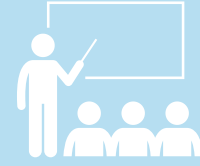
77 toddlers, children, teens and young adults with Down syndrome and their parents stayed connected virtually in online educational programs - **Stepping Up, Every Child a Reader (ECAR), Club FUN, The CREW and Club Connections.**



"Our son is reading! Like really reading! Like pointing to words in a sentence and reading (no pictures or cues). The first time he did it, he was surprised, screamed with excitement and yelled, "Whaaat! Yeah, baby! Let's do this!" " (Parent)

The new Self Determination Program in California allows families to choose the services they need/want for their child. Club 21 piloted a new **Self-Determination Program Learning Circle** with **16** families to learn how to access this program.

"Kelly prepared me to move forward with the Self Determination Plan, I could not have done this without her."
(Parent)



We modified our **Education Partnership** program so that parents and educators could meet online and access invaluable tools and information virtually. Over the past **7** years, **511** parents and teachers from **70** school districts have participated in this program.

70

team captains virtually advocated for Down syndrome awareness and raised \$144,000 from 1,211 supporters for Club 21 programs and services at our 13th annual

Together is Better Walk 2020:
Closing Ceremony.



240 volunteers

did special projects and mailings, read aloud story recordings for students, participated in virtual Second Saturday classes, provided virtual music and photography classes and assembled IEP notebooks.

During the pandemic Club 21 continued to offer resources and support to **new and expectant parents**. Although our First Steps team was not able to meet in person, we were able to connect with families via phone and zoom providing one on one support, connections with other families and an online Talk Tools feeding class. **First Call/First Steps** early intervention programs were active reaching out to new parents via personal phone calls, resources and gift baskets.



134 moms and dads stayed connected in community groups -
Moms Meet Up, D.A.D.S., Bienvenidos virtual gatherings.



More than **150** members accessed written, audiovisual, and academic support resources available exclusively on our **Member Portal**.

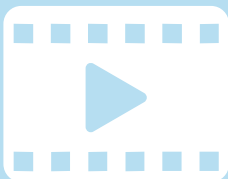


85 families and educators attended our first all **virtual Tools for the Journey** conference with **25** nationally recognized presenters, in **7** tracks, with all sessions available in Spanish translation.

"This conference made me excited for the future."
(Parent)



Created a **10 week** virtual **IEP Workshop** facilitated by experts in the field for parents to become their child's best advocate.



Produced **A Seat at the Table** short film with a cast of **7** individuals with Down syndrome and friends from Club 21 with more than **2,750** views. **80** cars filled with supporters attended a fundraiser drive-in movie night and the premier of our **short film**.

Financial Summary

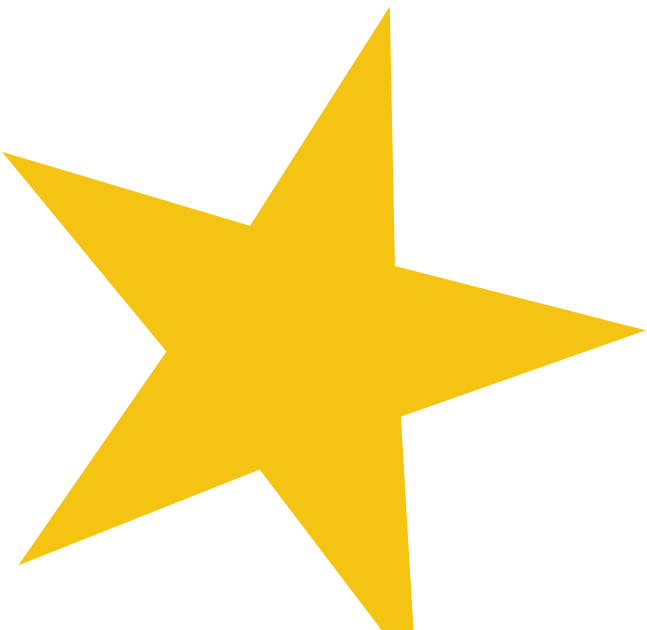
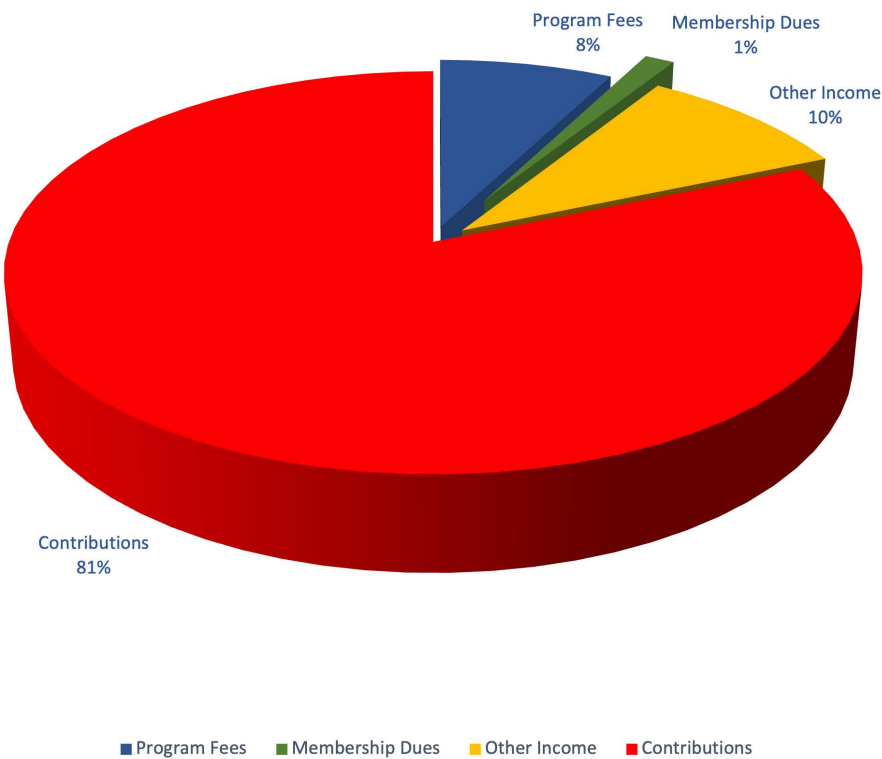
July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021



Support and Revenues

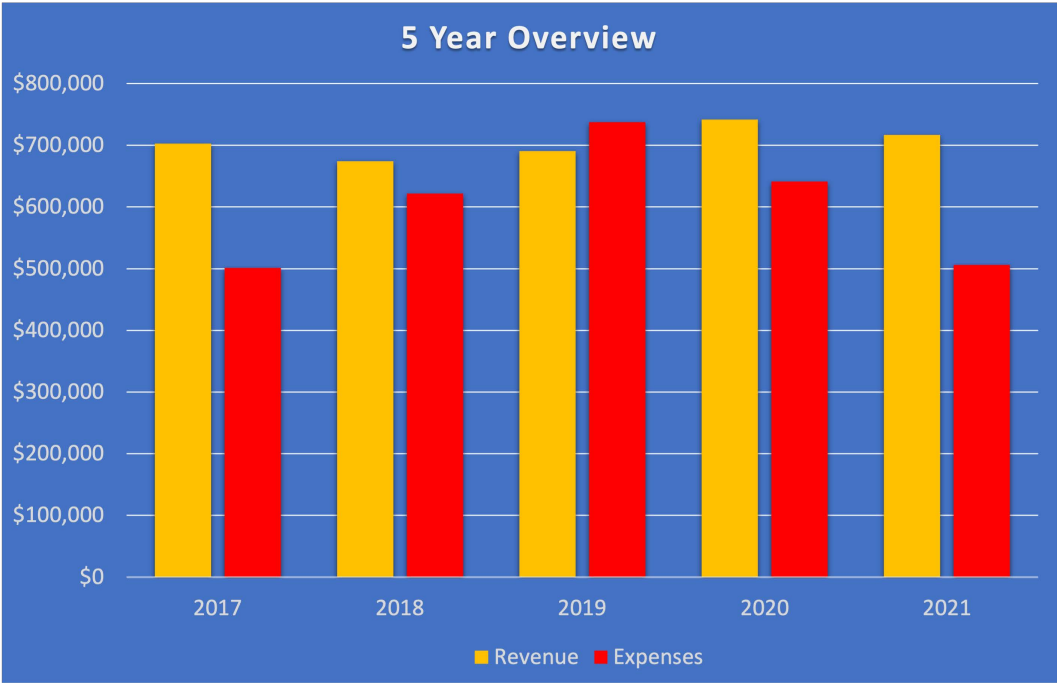
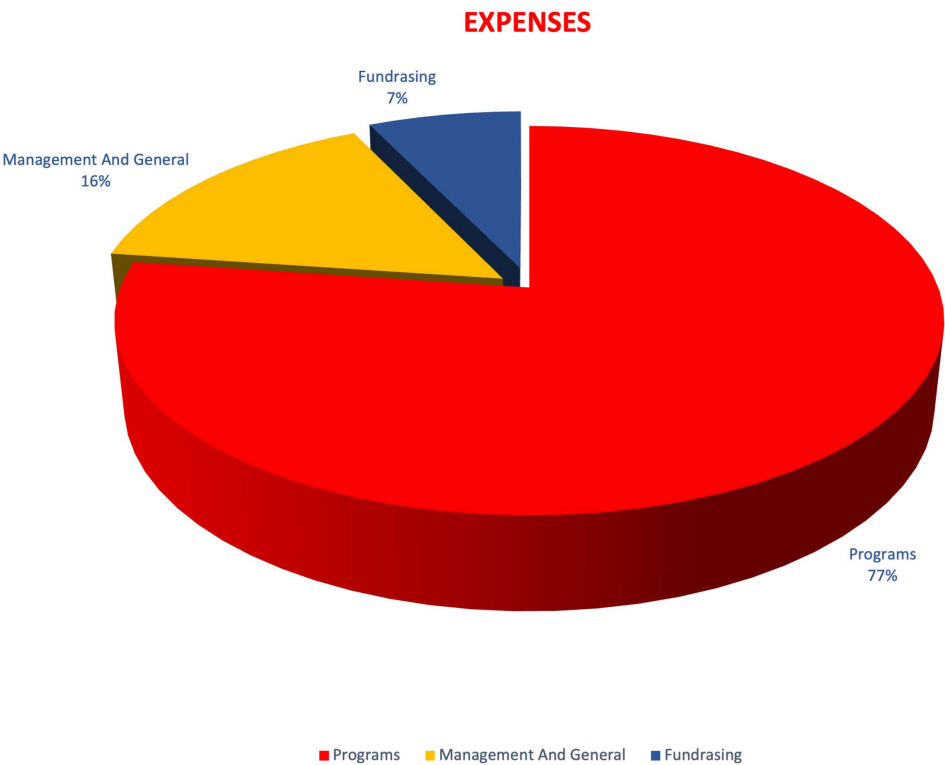
Contributions	\$583,713
Program Fees	\$ 54,755
Membership Dues	\$ 9,570
Other Income	\$ 68,895
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	\$716,933

SUPPORT AND REVENUES



Expenses

Program	\$390,903
Management and General	\$ 79,324
Fundraising	\$ 36,125
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	\$506,352



Five Year Overview

Year	Revenue	Expenses
2017	\$702,642	\$501,398
2018	\$674,361	\$621,597
2019	\$690,410	\$737,568
2020	\$741,888	\$641,225
2021	\$716,933	\$506,352

October 23, 2020



\$10,000+

Molly B Golly (Litteken)
Team Candelora



\$5,000+

Giving Tuesday (Friends of Club 21)
Petious Maximus (Eberhardt/Duquette)
Case for Inclusion



\$2,500+

John's Crew (Hantzarides)
Down with Josh (Morente)
Elle's Angels (Gray)
Winnie Win Win (Ruggeri)
Team Smiles (Delgado)
Brandon's Brigade (Magarino)
School of Walk! (Peacore)
Tim's Tribute (Borquez)
Team McLaughlin
Team Love (Greer)
Team Gabrielle (Caldwell/Murdock)



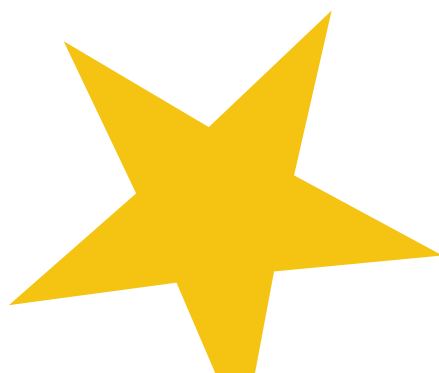
\$2000+

Ella's Entourage (Abbondanza)
Team Izzy Boo (Dougherty)
Team Merari (Sapon)
Team Nathan (Gandolfi)
Team Jesse (Benites/Garcia)
Team Jenna (Krawiec)



\$1,500+

Grateful But Too Tired (Friends of Club 21)
Team Max (Seiner)
Josie Junkies (Edwards)
Matthew's Masked Marchers (Von Der Ahe)
Team Olivia Vittoria (Lemus)
Nathan Chan (Su/Chan)
Team Ryder (Shields)
Walking Whitneys





\$1,000+

Devon's Devoted (Mallari)
Kindred Spirits (Gang)
Logan's Engine 21 (Tao)
Team Nadia (Duenas)
Travis' Tour (Kennedy)
Team Zach (West)
JD's Green Team (Green)
Team Cupcakes (Jordan-Ortega)
Souring With Enrique (Gonzalez)
James' Pack (Lohmeyer)
The A-Team (Gutierrez/Cathren)



\$249+

Team Titus
Benjopalooza (Kaplan)
Team Hectorito (Gonzalez)
Magnus's Companions (Cull)
Team Lincoln (Acevedo/Rodriguez)
Rosie's Blue Lobsters (Herman/Rutt)
Team Helen (Aguirre/Terrones)



\$500+

Team Conner (Shen)
Super Benny and the Underdogs (Brown-Hom)
Bella's Besties (Gill)
Team Maddox (Calvillo)
Sevi's Smile (Enriquez)
Amanda Grace (Grassedonio)
Evangeline's Rainbow Runners (Villon/Sanchez)
Team Levi (Foley)
Walk With Joy (Domingo)
Team Elliot! (Steadman)



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Anonymous



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How do we accomplish our mission?

We Support, Educate, Advocate and Celebrate!

Our goal is:

Independence, Access and Belonging

Core Values:

Family support: You are not alone!

Parent Involvement: We are family!

Innovation: Try something new!

Raising Expectations: We can do it!

Inclusion: We belong!

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