



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Unaudited Fiscal Year 2021:
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Letter from the Board President

Dear LIFE CIL Team and Friends,

I write to you in awe of the positive impact this small but mighty organization has made in the lives of so many right here in our communities over the last year. I write with no question in my mind that none of it would have been possible without each of you. Our committed and passionate team, supporters and friends are the reason LIFE CIL has made great strides in fulfilling its mission despite a pandemic that persists and the many associated challenges it brings. First and foremost, on behalf of the LIFE CIL Board, I extend my *sincere thanks*.

As the pandemic continues to limit (or threaten to limit) the provision of 'in person' services, the ability to utilize and leverage technology may be more critical than ever before. And thus, an inability to leverage such technology may create a substantial roadblock to full societal integration. This in mind, our LIFE CIL Team members have worked hard to advance their own technology skills and passed those learnings to the consumers we serve. As a result, LIFE CIL and the consumers we serve are more nimble and resilient than before and better prepared to respond to any number of circumstances the ongoing pandemic may bring about. Also specific to the pandemic, LIFE CIL collaborated with the McLean County Health Department to train vaccine providers on

disability etiquette, laying the groundwork for a more positive experience for individuals with disabilities who choose to be vaccinated.

LIFE CIL continues to partner with government and other organizations in furtherance of efforts to make our communities more accessible to all. To mention only a few of the initiatives, LIFE CIL has assisted several local businesses with site accessibility, has provided insight on accessible design features for upcoming construction work, and has assisted with transitioning to updated ADA standards.

I am thrilled to share that the LIFE CIL team helped eight individuals transition out of a nursing home and into their *own homes*! Nearly 1,300 assisted devices were loaned from the Equipment Loan Closet through curbside service! The team implemented a “Teens in Transition” curriculum in four high schools to educate youth with disabilities about their options as they transition into adult life. LIFE CIL also provided support for two peer groups (one for adults and one for youth) that met regularly to support and learn from each other.

Finally, LIFE CIL continues efforts to raise its visibility in our communities through social media, earned media, and active engagement in various government commissions. Word of mouth will continue to be critical, and we seek your help in spreading the word about LIFE CIL and its mission. The more visible we are, the more good we can do.

Once again, *thank you* for being a part of an organization whose mission is to help: to help advance equality and integration of all persons with disabilities; to help educate those with disabilities about their rights; to help provide support services to those in need; and to help increase community awareness about disability issues. The LIFE CIL Board members are inspired by each of you, and we

look forward to our continuing work together toward fulfillment of our critical mission. Together, we *will* achieve equality and integration for all.

All my best to you and yours for a happy and safe holiday season!

Sincerely,

Erin Engle

Board of Directors

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LIFE CIL Team

Management Team:

Rickielee Benecke, Executive Director

Meri Helbig, Program Director

Brianne Anderson, Administrative Services Director

Direct Service Staff:

Conan Calhoun, Disability Rights Advocate

Vicky Hogan, Community Living Advocate

Andrea Kindseth, Community Reintegration Advocate

Melissa Melvin, Independent Living Advocate (Pontiac)

Kim Tarkowski, Vision Access Advocate

Shannon Tarkowski, Independent Living Advocate

Support Staff:

Keith Adams, Custodian

Jasmine Gibs, Administrative Assistant

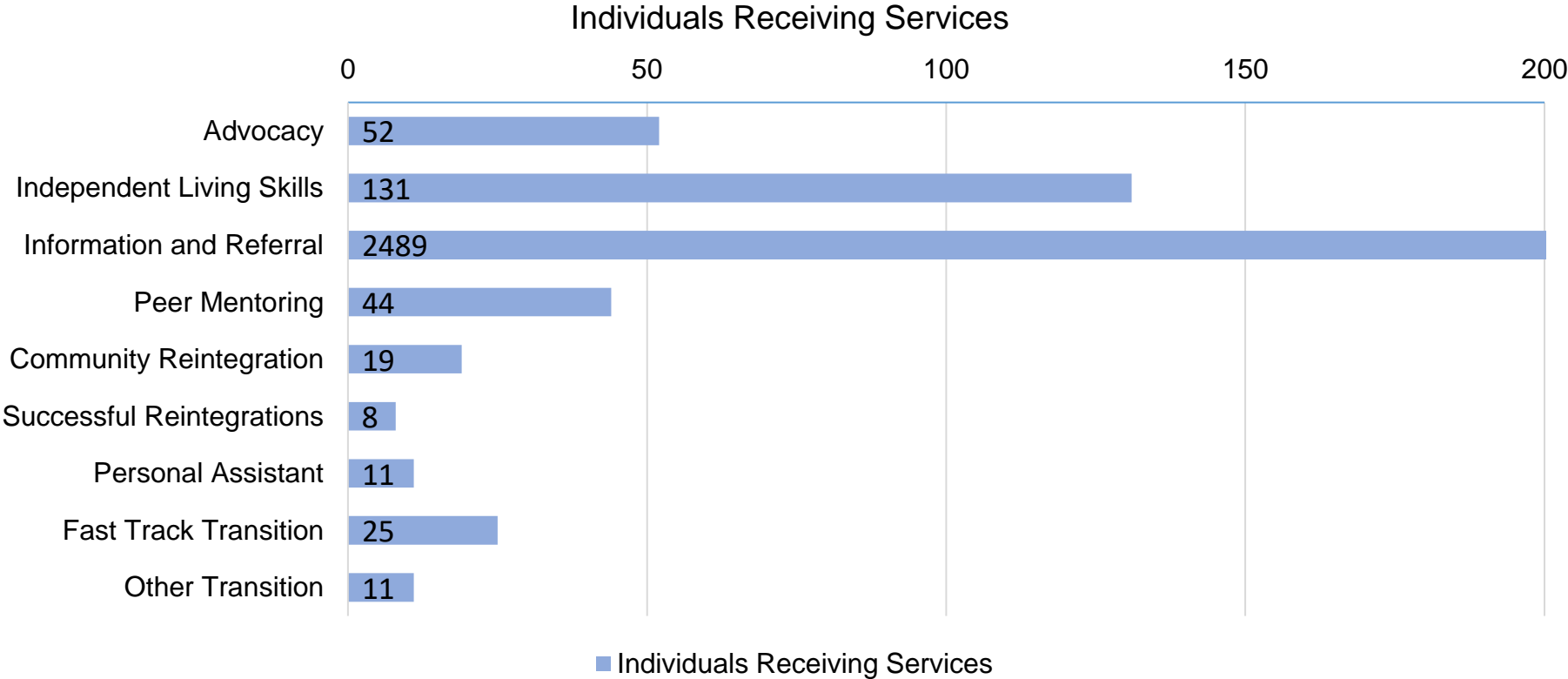
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Chris Bergstrand, Accountant

Program and Service Highlights

2,649 lives impacted from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Type of Service Provided:



Individual Services

160 individuals received extended individual services this year.

Ages

Ages	Number Served
Under 5	0
5-19	6
20-24	6
25-59	45
Over 59	102
Unknown	1
TOTAL	160

Gender

Gender	Number Served
Male	66
Female	94
TOTAL	160

Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number Served
Native American	0
Asian	1
African American	16
Native Hawaiian	0
White	135
Hispanic	1
Two or more races	1
Unknown	6
TOTAL	160

Primary Disability

Primary Disability	Number Served
Cognitive	17
Mental	15
Physical	25
Hearing	1
Vision	98
Multiple	2
Other	2
TOTAL	160

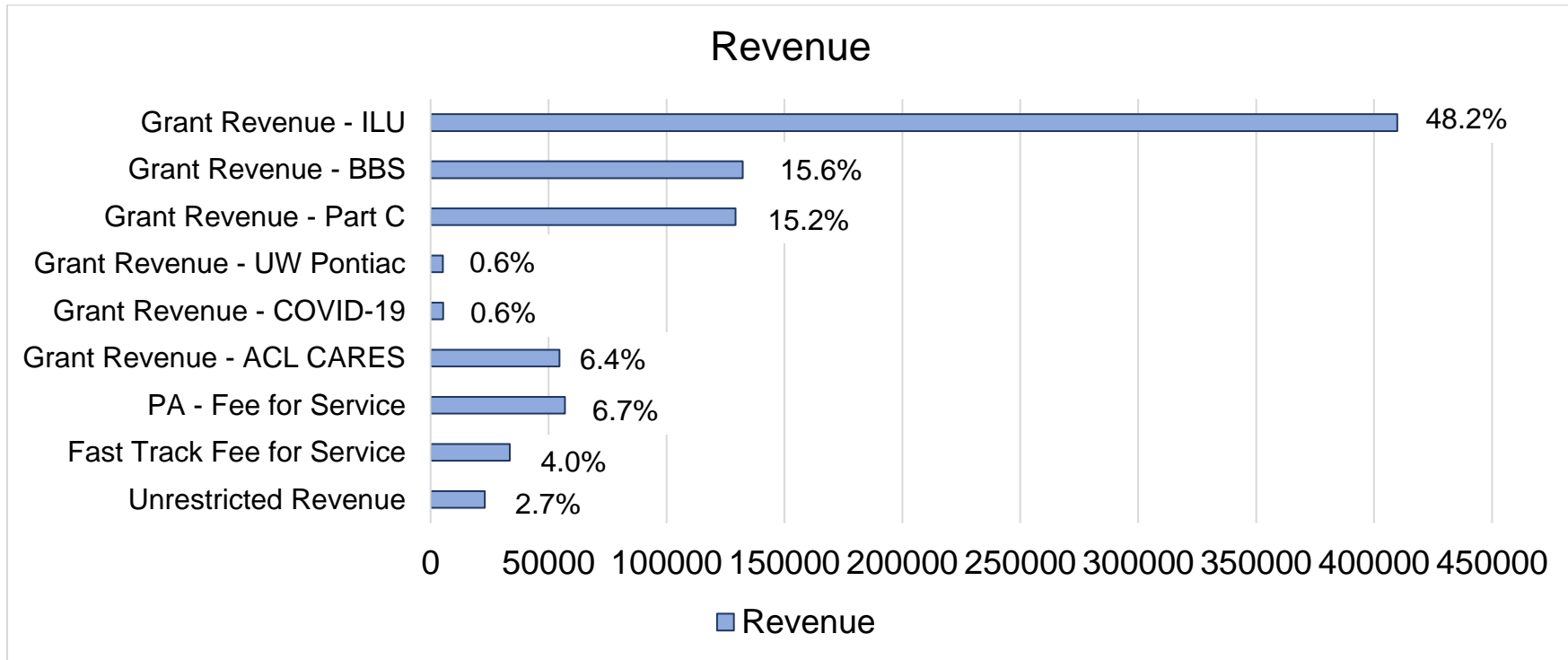
Staff Time Spent on Community Activities

Staff Activity	Hours of Staff Time
Staff Training	655.5
Systems Advocacy	214.5
Community Education	136.5
Outreach	52.5
Collaboration & Networking	756.0
Technical Assistance	13.25
TOTAL	1828.25

Revenue and Expenses

July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 (unaudited)

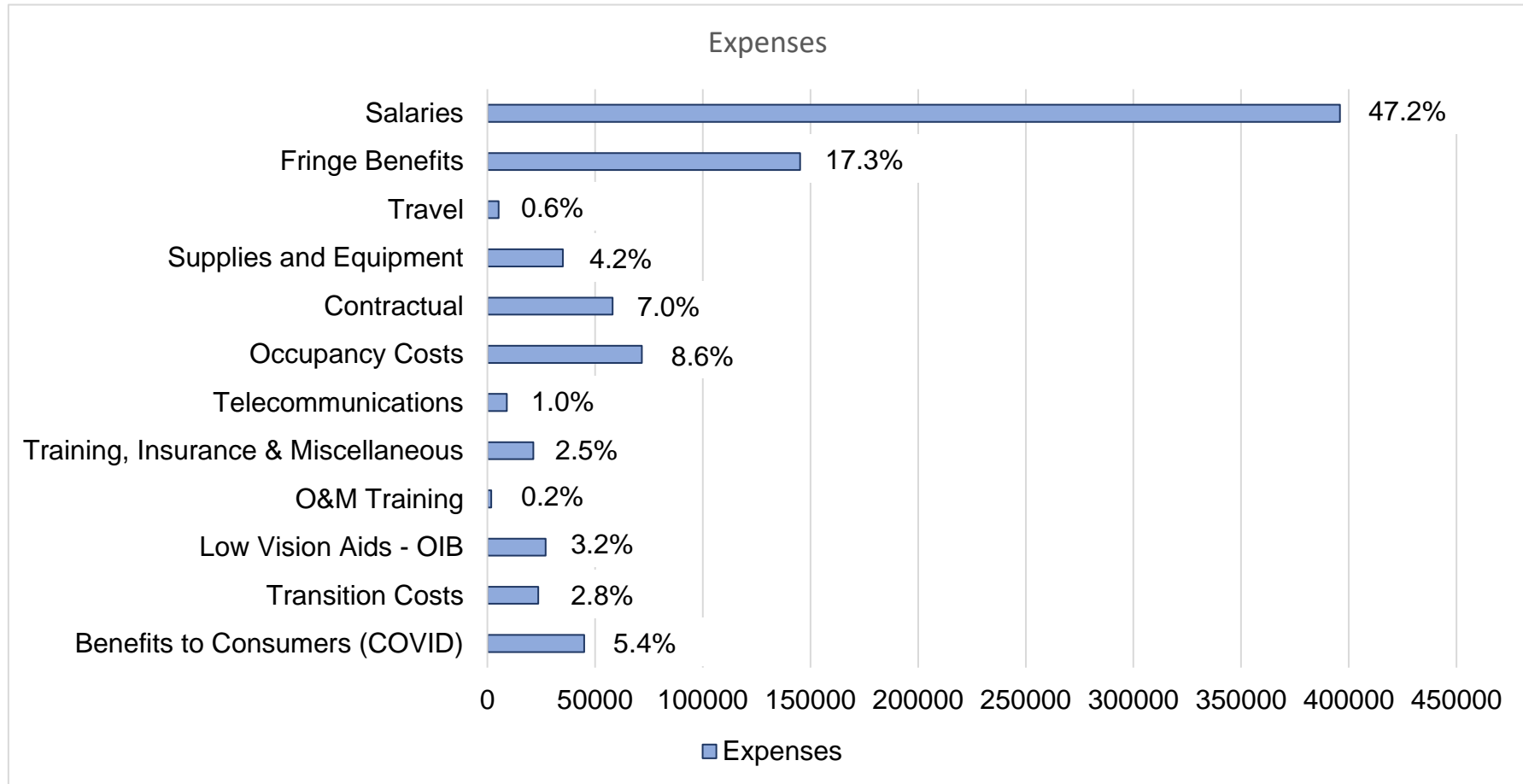
Total Revenue: \$850,691



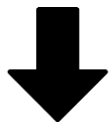
NOTE: Unrestricted Revenue includes:

- Donations and Memorials
- Fundraising Income
- ITAC Revenue
- Membership Dues
- Interest Income

Total Expenses: \$839,049



Income over expenses: \$11,641



Down 66.1% from last fiscal year

FY2020 Income over Expenses = \$17,602

Last year, income was \$806,121 and expenses were \$788,519
