

BARBARA OLSON  
Center of Hope



# ***FY 2019 - 20 Annual Report***



**What a Year it has Been!**

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE IN THE FIELD OF DISABILITIES SINCE 1948



*Pamela Carey, Executive Director*

What a year it has been and I do not think I would change it. The past year has been difficult, exhausting and challenging for all. However, it has also shown us how committed, loyal, passionate and resilient we all are to come out on the other side of the pandemic, when there are many obstacles still in our path, some might say.

Our board members, donors, parents, participants, staff and the community have supported and placed their trust in us through every decision that we have had to make this past year. We will continue to work on providing the safest, newly designed and engaging programs as the Center has always had for over 72 years.

There were so many great moments throughout the year that allowed everyone to be

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connected; seeing our participants through Zoom, drive-by visits and drive-by parades are just a few. Our first drive-by parade was emotional for all. The news media came out, cars came through several times to see their staff, cars were decorated and staff made signs. Staff, participants and families were overcome with emotion just to see smiling faces of those they knew as a part of their daily routine.

Throughout the months, the normal had to be reimaged: what the day looks like, the rooms, programs, transportation and staffing. The building was cleaned out, reorganized and set up to meet ALL of the COVID-19 protocols. Teamwork and patience were abundant. Changes happened daily! Weekly meetings were held with all staff to try and stay on top of the changing environment and keep everyone as up to par as possible, as if it were possible, to be up to date.

The day finally came when the Center was allowed to have participants back in the building again! Welcome and we miss you signs were

everywhere! Attendance was low but our hearts were full! Masks, elbow bumps - everything was different. The rooms had life but the halls were quiet – something we were not used to. There are many things that we are not used to with the new programming, and we are still learning from them.

Daily discussions about new ideas and how we are moving forward is our focus. The pandemic will not define us or deter us. To hear one parent say “five months at home was too long for my son or daughter” should never happen again. Barbara Olson Center of Hope will continue to advocate and put every step forward for each and every participant who chooses to spend their day with us.

Finally, our supporters were there for the participants, as they always have been. Barbara Olson Center of Hope had an amazing year of support through grants, donations, and foundations, both new and established. We would not be able to be where we are today without each and every one – thank you for investing in us!

Here's to an amazing 2021!

# Hope is a Powerful Inspiration

Dear Friends,

Putting 2020 in the rear-view mirror is a blessing we can all agree on. While it was a period filled with many challenges, one concept rings true at the Barbara Olson Center of Hope: Our team and our participants are resilient! Overcoming so many obstacles over the last twelve months, we have pulled together, adapted, and forged new ways to continue helping those in our community.

The pandemic changed how we operate almost overnight. Our staff had to adjust to numerous regulation changes, new protocols, restrictions, and safety measures. So much preparation and development went into assuring we could continue our mission. Our leadership at the Center stood up to the challenge and literally reinvented our service model. The board and I are so grateful for everyone's dedication and

effort this past year. Even though at times our future looked dire and uncertain, the hard work and creativity never stopped. The team persevered and succeeded.

Like so many small businesses, the Barbara Olson Center of Hope faced unforeseen financial hardships as well. At a certain point, our Finance Committee was faced with some very difficult decisions. Thankfully, with the help of your generosity and from many of our supporters, the storm cleared, and we have moved toward some brighter days. Our second annual HarvestFest fundraiser went virtual in October and was even more successful than the previous year. Our Giving Tuesday campaign resulted in a full month of record donations as well. To our sponsors, partners, and



*Tim Rogowski, President 2018-20*

friends, we are eternally grateful for your support!

As we start off a new year, I am reminded of the great things we can accomplish when we work together. Hope is a powerful inspiration that keeps us going and pushing forward. I wish everyone a better 2021 and more positive days ahead of us.

*Tim Rogowski  
Board President*

## Grants

**Thanks to the following foundations that awarded grants in FY20.**

**Kiwanis Charities of Rockford, Inc.,** computers for Bridges Transition Program

**Helen Brach Foundation,** non-ambulatory equipment

**Powertrain Rockford, Inc.,** laptop & accessories for inclusive music program

**Rockford Cosmopolitan Charities,** sensory equipment

**William S. Howard Charitable Trust,** funding for Bridges Transition Program

**The Blazer Foundation,** minivan, passive sling lifts

**The Coleman Foundation,** matching grants for #GivingTuesday, #GivingTuesday Now campaigns

**United Way of Rock River Valley,** iPads for outreach during COVID pandemic



## Participant Opportunities



### HOPE INDUSTRIES

By working for Hope Industries, participants at the Barbara Olson Center of Hope learn valuable life and work skills, increase self-esteem and have an opportunity to gain employment.



### GOURMUTTS

GourMutts started as a small craft program for our participants at the Center of Hope. The products were so popular that we now offer the flavored dog treats for sale in a selection of flavors.



### SUPER SHREDDERS

Super Shredders, a division of the Barbara Olson Center of Hope, was founded in 1999 as a way for the Center to support its operational costs of providing services and opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities, while also providing employment for participants who attend the Center.



### COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

#### CES

Community Engagement Services assists individuals who are able to work or volunteer out in the community.

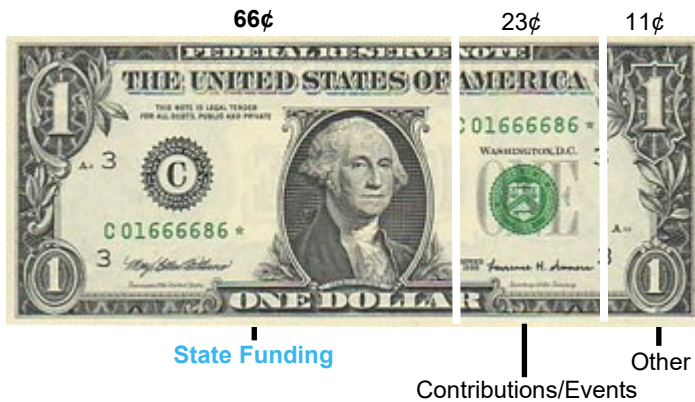
#### Volunteer Center

The BOCOH Volunteer Center gives participants an opportunity to go out in the community and volunteer at places such as Meals on Wheels and the Rock River Valley Food Pantry.

## FY20 in Review

### Operating Revenues

**66¢ of every \$1**  
come from State Funding



### Operating Expenses

**80¢ of every \$1**  
are committed to Program Services



### About Our Participants

TOTAL: 169

#### GENDER

Male	103	61%
Female	66	39%

#### AGE

22-34	46	27%
35-54	103	61%
55+	20	12%

#### RACE & ETHNICITY

Caucasian	121	72%
African American	37	22%
Asian	2	1%
Hispanic	7	4%
Other	2	1%

#### RESIDENCE TYPE

CILA	78	46%
CILA Host Home	8	5%
Home	77	45%
ICF	6	4%

#### Key

CILA (Community Integrated Living Arrangement)

ICF (Intermediate Care Facility for Developmental Disability)

Snapshot: 2/5/20

# Thank You to Our FY20 Donors

Our most sincere thanks to all of our donors, sponsors, and supporters.

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## Mission

Help individuals with  
 developmental  
 disabilities reach  
 personal goals through  
 individualized skill  
 development, vocational  
 opportunities, and  
 community service.

## Vision

To assist people with  
 developmental  
 disabilities to live as  
 members of the  
 community, providing  
 choices for training,  
 employment, education,  
 and friendship in a  
 setting where everyone  
 shows respect and  
 appreciation.

