



The HeartShare Family of Services

2021 Annual Report



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Portraits of Perseverance

Not all angels sport wings—some, as we discovered this past year, sport masks. And, thanks to them, when the world shut down this past year, HeartShare’s Family of Services stayed open. We masked up and carried on, quickly revamping existing programs and creating new ones in response to lockdowns, mandates and quarantines. Despite the pandemic—or maybe because of it—we renewed our dedication to helping New York’s most vulnerable live their best lives. All credit goes to HeartShare’s indefatigable staff, the people behind the masks in the portraits assembled in these pages. If eyes are the window to the soul, you can surely see the depth of feelings in theirs: Hopeful, thoughtful, tired, determined, defiant. This year’s Annual Report is dedicated to everyone who stepped up and made a difference in the life of someone in need. To turn a phrase: Hard times don’t create heroes, they reveal them. Kudos to ours.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Paul J. Torre.

Paul J. Torre
Chairman, Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'William R. Guarinello'.

William R. Guarinello
President and CEO

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The thing I learned from
COVID-19 is that family and
friends are more important than
ever! Time is short, enjoy and
have fun with those you love!”

—Mary Nafash

Teacher
The HeartShare School
HeartShare Human Services of New York





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What kept me going in this pandemic was the need to be strong for my team and the children and families we service in these unprecedented times. It was important for me to be present and support however possible.”

—Shanna Gonzalez

Vice President
Foster Care & Care Coordination
HeartShare St. Vincent's Services

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In assisting residents of NYS for over 20 years, I have never had to handle so many situations of need or loss. The pandemic has taught me to love life, be grateful for the small things and to teach my children to cherish every moment.”

—Tanya N. Jones

Director
Energy Assistance & Community Development
HeartShare Human Services of New York





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**Cherish what you have, because
tomorrow you do not know what
you will get.”**

—Sharel Daniels

Medical Support Professional
The Theresa and Victor Russo Residence
HeartShare Human Services of New York

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One thing for sure is that even when we don't know what is coming next, somehow, we are always prepared. Despite the many unfortunate deaths this past year, this pandemic has really breathed a new life of creativity, reassurance and determination into all of our lives.”

—Darnell C. Blackburn

Assistant Residence Manager
The Theresa and Victor Russo Residence
HeartShare Human Services of New York





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My experience with COVID-19 has given me a more profound understanding of how fragile and unpredictable life can be. I have grown stronger and more resilient in countless ways, both personally and professionally and I appreciate each and every day.”

—Geri Poma

Special Education Teacher
Kiwaniis First Step Early Childhood Center
HeartShare Human Services of New York

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I can definitely say I’ve learned to
appreciate little moments more.”

—Cheyanne Deopersaud

2020 HSVS Youth of the Year
HeartShare St. Vincent’s Services





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Working during the pandemic was difficult because my individuals couldn't understand what was happening. Being able to bring some normalcy to them kept me going.”

—Wendy Stuckey

Program Coordinator
Brooklyn PACT Day Habilitation Program
HeartShare Human Services of New York

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COVID-19 has highlighted just how incredible our students are. Their willingness and ability to be so flexible in such an uncertain time is nothing short of remarkable. I’m so proud of them each and every day.”

—Diane Grzebyk

Teacher

The HeartShare School

HeartShare Human Services of New York





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As a relatively new member of the ADP college team, it has been wonderful meeting and getting to know the scholars. One of the best memories I have is of the second day of the ADP Bootcamp, our first in-person gathering with the scholars.”

—Ginger Ward

Coach Supervisor
Office of Youth Development
HeartShare St. Vincent's Services

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Be you, be kind and, more than ever, love every minute of your job, family and life.”

—Nilsa Ramos-Silva

Teacher

Taranto First Step Early Childhood Center
HeartShare Human Services of New York





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Working through the pandemic with people who have disabilities and then having COVID-19 myself was rough. My individuals didn't understand how serious the virus was. I've learned to appreciate life more and I do things differently now.”

—Ronald Sheppard

Direct Support Professional
Brooklyn Day Habilitation Program
HeartShare Human Services of New York

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During the pandemic, I learned to take one day at a time and appreciate everything I have. I learned to find new ways of teaching and learning.”

—Natalie Gabriel

Teacher

Taranto First Step Early Childhood Center
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One of the many things COVID has taught me: No matter how many YouTube videos I watch, I *cannot* and *should not* use clippers to trim my own hair!”

—Kristine Cosme

Receptionist
HeartShare Human Services of New York

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I loved to see the residents welcoming us when we did drive-by salutes to DSPs and caroling during the holidays. Letting them know we were always thinking about them was important to me and maybe what kept me going.”

—Evelyn Alvarez

Associate Executive Director
Developmental Disabilities Services
HeartShare Human Services of New York





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Eating well and resting helped me to lower my stress which helped me to regulate my emotions to improve my productivity as a DSP.”

—Shandel Cromwell

Direct Support Professional
The Theresa and Victor Russo Residence
HeartShare Human Services of New York

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Working during this pandemic has allowed my colleagues and me to adjust to a new learning system, so that we can serve as better educators for our students. We learned that together we can achieve anything despite any obstacles that may come along the way.”

—Imrula Uddin

Teacher Assistant
Russo First Step Early Childhood Center
HeartShare Human Services of New York





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Life is short. Surround yourself with people who make you happy. Don't sweat the small stuff. Always be grateful and appreciative for the little things in life.”

—Debbie Pierre

Employment Coach
Youth Development
HeartShare St. Vincent's Services

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When the day programs closed, the empty halls were extremely haunting. Images of fun times would flash through my mind but the program’s heart had stopped beating. Through all the pain and suffering what kept me going was knowing that Brooklyn Day Hab has amazing souls working hard to get past this nightmare and I would see the program’s heart beat once again.”

—Edgardo Velez

Senior Program Coordinator
Brooklyn Day Habilitation Program
HeartShare Human Services of New York





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During the pandemic I was fortunate to learn about the stock market from my scholar Stephan M. It definitely brought us close and reminded me you are never too old to learn new things.”

—Ayesha Young-Mills

Senior Education Coach
Youth Development Department
HeartShare St. Vincent's Services

“

My experience with COVID-19 has reassured me over and over again that the people I work with are always there for each other, helping, supporting and cheering each other on. We found ourselves saying quite often ‘We got this!’ And we did!”

—Sharon Toledo
Director
The HeartShare School
HeartShare Human Services of New York





Founded in 1914, HeartShare is New York’s premier nonprofit dedicated to New York’s most vulnerable, empowering individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities to reach their full potential through education, life skills and vocational training, as well as residential, recreational, family support and long-term therapy services.

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For 150 years, HeartShare St. Vincent's Services has worked to equalize opportunities for those who need it most. Every year, we serve over 6,000 New Yorkers through our adoption, foster care, mental health and youth and family programs. Founded in 1869 as a home for young working boys, HSVS today provides comprehensive and holistic services to New Yorkers of all ages who are dealing with trauma related to family separation, poverty and mental illness.

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The HeartShare School enables children with autism ages 5 to 21 to experience a curriculum and therapies for a brighter, more independent future. Our teachers, psychologists, social workers and therapists are certified experts in educating and nurturing children with special needs, incorporating vocational training, extracurricular activities and community participation to maximize the learning potential of every student.

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HeartShare Wellness offers psychological and psych-social evaluations, as well as long-term therapy, to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including psychological and sexuality counseling, physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy. Services are provided at the main clinic location at 177 Livingston Street, Lower Level, in downtown Brooklyn, as well at eleven satellite locations in Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island.

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Our Impact

HeartShare Human Services of New York

Educated, evaluated
and reviewed

872

preschool children with
special needs

Educated

70

school-age children
with autism

Provided

739

adults with I/DD with
life skills, volunteer and
job opportunities

Kept

30,831

households warm
and well-lit

Provided

391

individuals with I/DD with
long-term therapy

Provided

863

individuals and their
families with family
support services

Provided

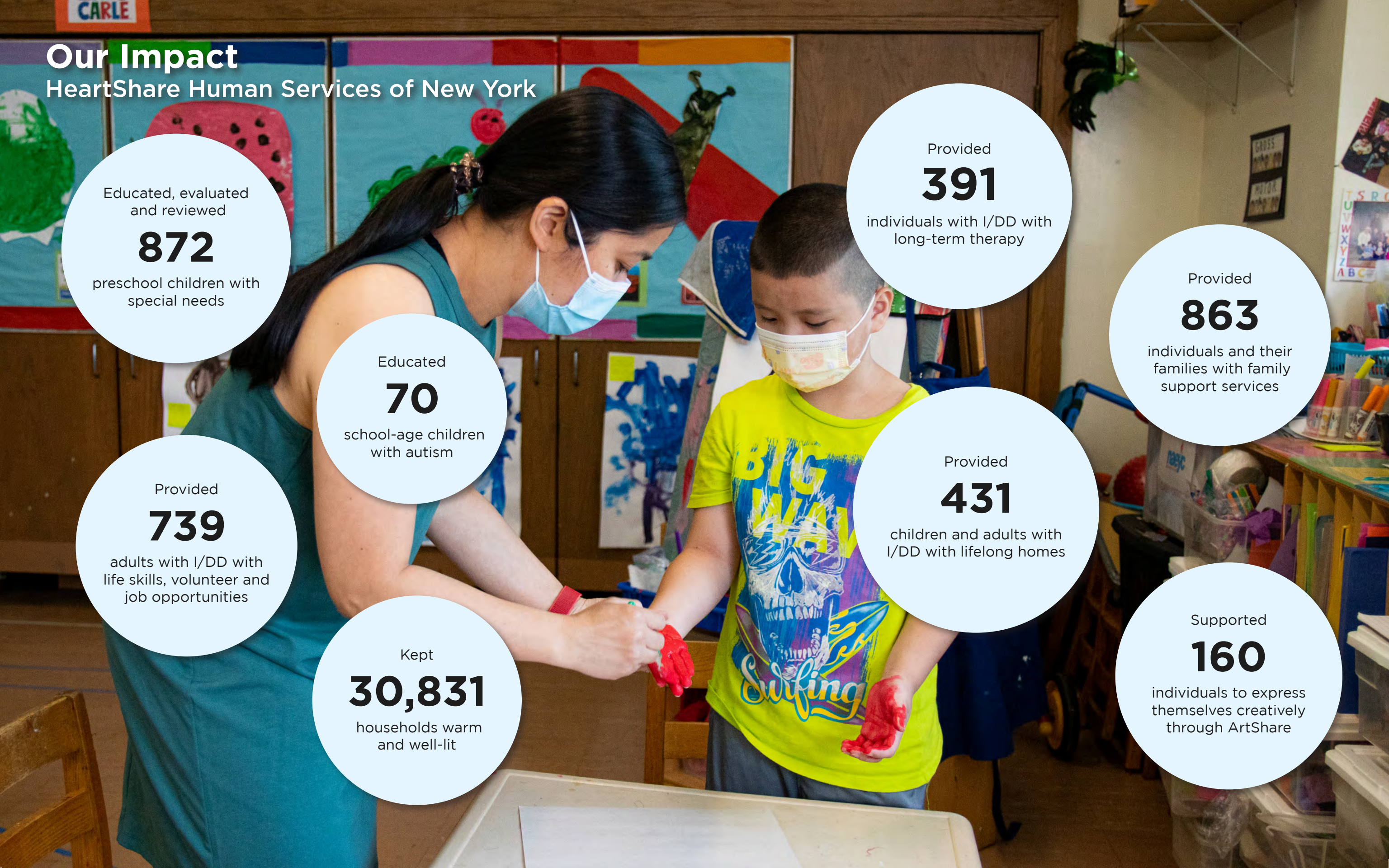
431

children and adults with
I/DD with lifelong homes

Supported

160

individuals to express
themselves creatively
through ArtShare



Our Impact

HeartShare St. Vincent's Services

Placed

538

foster children in loving
and stable homes

Kept

632

families together

Provided

964

children and adults with
home health services

Coached

222

children through the
American Dream Program

Provided

1,165

children and youth a safe
place to go after school
and during the summer

Delivered

12,640

meals to food-insecure
New Yorkers

New York Community Trust
Scholarship

THIS IS PRESENTED TO

Rachel Todd

for being a 2021 New York Community Trust
Lands Cabrera Scholarship Winner

Dawnasia Freeman

DAWNASIA FREEMAN
Director of Education

Brooke Rosenthal

BROOKE ROSENTHAL
VP of Youth Development &
Community Programs

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Our Financials: FY2021

Services for the Developmentally Disabled	REVENUE *	EXPENSES *
Residential Programs	\$63,101	\$55,076
Day Programs	\$14,022	\$16,912
Early Childhood Services	\$14,752	\$13,956
Family Support	\$462	\$366
Affiliated Programs		
HeartShare St. Vincent's - Grand Total	\$56,188	\$53,741
-Adoption, Foster Care, and Independent Living	\$14,270	\$13,966
-Family Centers & Youth Programs	\$10,386	\$9,688
-Housing Programs	\$19,143	\$18,857
-Integrated Health (Medicaid, OPC, CD)	\$7,632	\$7,019
-Other Programs	\$666	\$1,750
-Casey Foundation/Property Foundation	\$4,091	\$2,461
The HeartShare School	\$4,513	\$4,128
HeartShare Wellness Ltd.	\$669	\$3,470
Energy Programs	\$214	\$212
Total Program	\$153,921	\$147,861
Management and General		\$16,022
Fundraising		\$537
Total Supporting Services		\$16,559
Public Support and Other Revenue		
Contributions	\$388	
Distribution Income	\$1,572	
Contribution from Wellness	\$2,500	
Covid Relief Fund	\$2,785	
Net Special Event Income	\$562	
Grant Income	\$2,737	
Total Public Support and Other Revenue	\$10,544	
TOTAL	\$164,465	\$164,420
Beginning Net Assets 7/1/2020	\$23,404,993	
Ending Net Assets 6/30/2021	\$33,444,348	
<small>(Includes the consolidation of Casey and Property Foundation)</small>		

(*dollars in Thousands) Unaudited statement as of 10/2021



