

FIRST IN FAMILIES OF NORTH CAROLINA
ANNUAL REPORT FY 19-20 (PRINT ONLY/ACCESSIBLE)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LETTER

Dear Friend of First In Families,

What an exciting and trying year this has been! Some of my favorite highlights include:

- First In Families **partners with businesses and the community**. Our Blue Ridge Chapter worked countless hours to assist a family in desperate need of a new roof on their home. They coordinated a partnership with HOPE Ministries, Anchor Ridge Ministries, Stone Throw Ministries and Blevins Building supply. All of the shingles, OSB board, nails and labor were donated. Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church also donated \$500 to the family to help with bills and \$500 in gift cards to assist with school clothes for all the girls. The Blue Ridge Chapter directly supplied all three girls with new sleeping bags and backpacks full of school supplies.
- The Johnston County **Chapter Management Team envisioned two local fundraisers**, selling tootsie rolls through the Knights of Columbus, and a Thirty-One bag fundraiser. Due to COVID-19, both events were canceled. A donor, who asked to remain anonymous, donated \$1000 directly to the Chapter for families, after hearing about the canceled fundraisers.
- March 15 of 2020, marked the beginning of the pandemic shutdown in order to prevent the spread of COVID. **FIF persisted in ongoing operations to continue providing assistance throughout the Pandemic**, in order to help families and individuals with disabilities meet their extraordinary needs, many related to pandemic illness, job loss, school closures and the associated stress.

On behalf of our Board Co-Chairs Mark Bullock and Chris Demetropoulos, I extend a huge thank you to you, FIF Friend, for your ongoing support and involvement with our work. Our dedicated Board and Staff are here to serve our families, and without you, our important partners, we could not exist. We appreciate your time, your skills and contributions, and your belief in First In Families.

Sincerely,
Betsy MacMichael, Executive Director

THIS YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS

10% of families served by FIF were able to **GIVE BACK** this year by making either a financial contribution or by donating items such as clothing, household goods, appliances, furniture, and medical equipment to help meet the needs of other families

4,713 VOLUNTEER HOURS were logged to support FIF programs and initiatives throughout North Carolina.

\$380,103 of in-kind contributions, donations and mini-grants were added to our public funding. This provided a **RETURN ON INVESTMENT** of **\$1.18** for each public dollar received.

About the families we serve:

- 86% of applicants in FY 19-20 did not receive formal (waiver) services
- 74% had incomes below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level
- 94% would recommend FIF to a friend
- 100% experience future planning concerns

People we served experienced:

- Autism: 37%
- Intellectual Disability: 19%
- Developmental Delay: 13%
- Multiple I/DD: 10%
- Cerebral Palsy: 9%
- Traumatic Brain Injury: 5%
- Down Syndrome: 4%
- Other I/DD: 3%

FIFNC and the 13 Chapters in all 100 counties supported 2094 families to meet 2583 needs in FY 19-20:

- Basic Needs – 28%
- Other Requests – 17%
- Household Items – 10%
- Utilities/Housing – 7%
- Education – 7%
- Transportation - 6%
- Technology – 6%
- Camp/Respite Programs – 6%
- Equipment – 3%
- Health & Wellness – 3%
- Therapy/Counseling – 2%
- Medical – 2%
- Home Repair/Modification – 2%
- Recreation – 1%
- Respite – 1%

255 Individuals received assistance with system navigation and were referred to an MCO for Waiver services.

FINANCIALS:

During the period of July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 FIFNC's total revenue was \$1,854,744 and total expenses were \$1,737,596

Revenue

Category	Amount
In-Kind Contributions	149,970.00
Fundraising, Contributions & Misc. Income	94,204.00
Program Fees	21,403.00
Foundation & Corporate Grants	120,993.00
Local Government Grants	1,468,174.00

Expenses

Category	Amount
Program Services	1,596,056.00
Management & General	140,757.00
Fundraising	783.00

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With the local FIF Chapter in your area or on a Lifetime Connections Personal Network

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Your business or community group can help First In Families serve more people

Donate

Online at fifnc.org or to the First In Families Legacy Fund through Triangle Community Foundation