



REVENUE	2019-20	2020-21
GRANTS	\$765,017	\$1,269,182
COVID FUNDING	\$25,000	\$380,866
INVESTMENTS	\$10,998	\$10,608
TUITION & FEES	\$1,380,649	\$1,031,721
FUNDRAISING	\$168,335	\$147,078
RENTALS	\$228,890	\$43,460
MISC.	\$26,884	\$122,011
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,580,773</b>	<b>\$3,004,926</b>

EXPENSES	2019-20	2020-21
SENIOR CENTERS	\$449,528	\$228,098
CHILDCARE	\$1,240,683	\$1,170,504
ADMINISTRATION*	\$278,569	\$498,730
MUSIC	\$24,563	\$36,163
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$11,600	\$259,739
GREENSBURG PROGRAMS	\$273,853	\$276,186
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,278,796</b>	<b>\$2,469,420</b>

\* Includes utilities and building maintenance, administrative salaries/benefits, audit/payroll costs



## Sister Barb's Message

You will find that this report covers the past two years. And what a time they have been! Through the end of 2019, our Intergenerational Program was in full swing. Our children and our seniors in Pittsburgh and in Greensburg were thriving.

Then COVID-19 hit. It brought closures, new safety protocols, phased re-openings, and a host of other challenges. The Senior Centers were the last programs to reopen this summer after more than a year of mandated closure by the state. Fortunately, with the help of various COVID-19 relief funds, we could maintain staff and adjust to fluctuating numbers of children and seniors as families made decisions around safety and their needs for care. All of this is an experience that I never want to repeat!

On the bright side, we recently celebrated the 35th Anniversary of Elizabeth Seton Center. You can view the anniversary video that celebrates the spirit of Seton Center on our website at [www.setoncenter.com](http://www.setoncenter.com). That site also lists our generous contributors from the past two years. Thank you for your continued support of our special mission to foster lifelong learning.

God Bless You,  
**Sr. Barbara Ann Boss, SC**



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ANNUAL REPORT

# Fostering Lifelong Learning



# Intergenerational Connections in COVID Time

## PRE COVID

Our Intergenerational Program empowers children to grow in concern for the elderly and graces seniors with new energy. It was booming as 2020 began. Infants and preschoolers visited our frail adults in the Adult Day Services program to bowl, toss balloons, decorate cookies, work on puzzles, and more. School-age children came for more complex activities and served lunches to the seniors on special occasions. Each activity brought smiles, greater ease in relating, and the beginnings of friendships and family—the heart of Seton Center.

## COVID

Then came COVID . . . closure . . . shock . . .

Ensuring the health and safety of all became paramount. Children returned by summer followed by the Adult Day Services. Both groups had to be isolated for safety. We re-imagined how to create family in new ways, such as pen pals or colorful messages on placemats that accompanied the grab-and-go meals for homebound seniors.



We collaborated with Brookdale Senior Living for virtual holiday visits, seniors reading stories to children remotely, children recording holiday songs for seniors, a socially-distanced game day on the lawn outside Brookdale, and shared 4th of July crafts.

We also connected the school-age children with the younger ones, helping them through an improvised obstacle course and together creating more elaborate crafts. Wearing masks and maintaining health protocols, we made sure everyone was safe.

## LOSS

Like all families, COVID stressed us and stretched us. With children unvaccinated, not having in-person activities between groups saddens us deeply. Contact is essential! Technology is helpful but impersonal. Screen time does not generate the same emotional impact as when there is closeness.

“There is nothing like a hug,” remarks Sr. Barbara. “To say



‘No’ to a child or frail adult is heartbreaking, especially because they don’t understand why.” A sick parent expressed heartbreak with tears in her eyes when she had to tell her preschool daughter, “I can’t hold you because I am afraid of getting you sick.” How many families had to struggle with these ordeals since COVID began? The sadness is more than the immediate sting. The emotional damage to children and so many adults will last for years.

## REMEDY

Daily we look for ways to mitigate the damage. Our childcare is full. We are a safe place. Our deeply caring cleaning person commented, “I spray everything in every room. I worry about these kids and the new variant.” From the start, we tried to make classrooms as normal as possible. With both teachers and children masked, they do hug and connect in other ways. It is heartening to see the children come with a sense of excitement, glad to be back with friends and staff with whom they feel comfortable. And it is a delight to see their wonder as they learn something new.

Seniors need the energy and connection, too. We do the best that we can each day and yearn for the time when we can bring the generations together with the contact that empowers humans of any age to thrive.



# Thanks to all who make our mission possible!

- Visit our website to see our list of generous 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 contributors
- Watch our 35th Anniversary video that highlights our programs & Seton Spirit

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*“I don’t think that there is a family in the area that has not been touched in some way by the tremendous work that the Sisters of Charity have so generously provided at Seton Center.”*

- MARY BETH POREMSKI