



BERKSHIRE  
FARM CENTER

WHERE  
**PASSION**  
MEETS  
**PURPOSE**

2021 Annual Report



# OUR MISSION

To strengthen children and families so they can live **safely, independently & productively** within their home communities.

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**In 2021, Berkshire Farm Center became the place where passion met purpose.**

This pandemic has taught us many lessons, including the importance of supporting and caring for others in our communities during times of crisis. We witnessed the passion of individuals who donated their time and talents to help us create new initiatives for children, families who put aside their fears of this pandemic in order to help other families through foster care, and community partners who continuously said, ‘how can I help?’.

In a year where simply maintaining would have been considered success, we exceeded our goals and created new programming as well as expanded some of our existing programs across the state to reach even more children and families where they need us the most – in *their* homes and in *their* communities. Because of community partners like you, we served over 8,000 children and their families this past year and we want to introduce you to a few lives that you helped change for the better.

In the coming pages, you will meet Elizabeth and Brian, foster parents who share the joy they experienced helping children reunite with their mom. You will meet Maury, a youth in our Bronx Power Project Program who transitioned from a client to a peer mentor. You will also meet Jaissiah who faced his past and is now focused on a better future. And, Emily, a little girl who is overcoming trauma thanks to our staff and wonderful foster parents.

As you read their stories, we hope you know that their success and accomplishments are made possible because of the support of you – our friend and partner.

In 2022, we hope that you will continue to join us in our mission, finding new ways to strengthen children and families, support our communities and empower our purpose.

**On behalf of our children and families,  
we thank you.**



*Brian Parchesky*  
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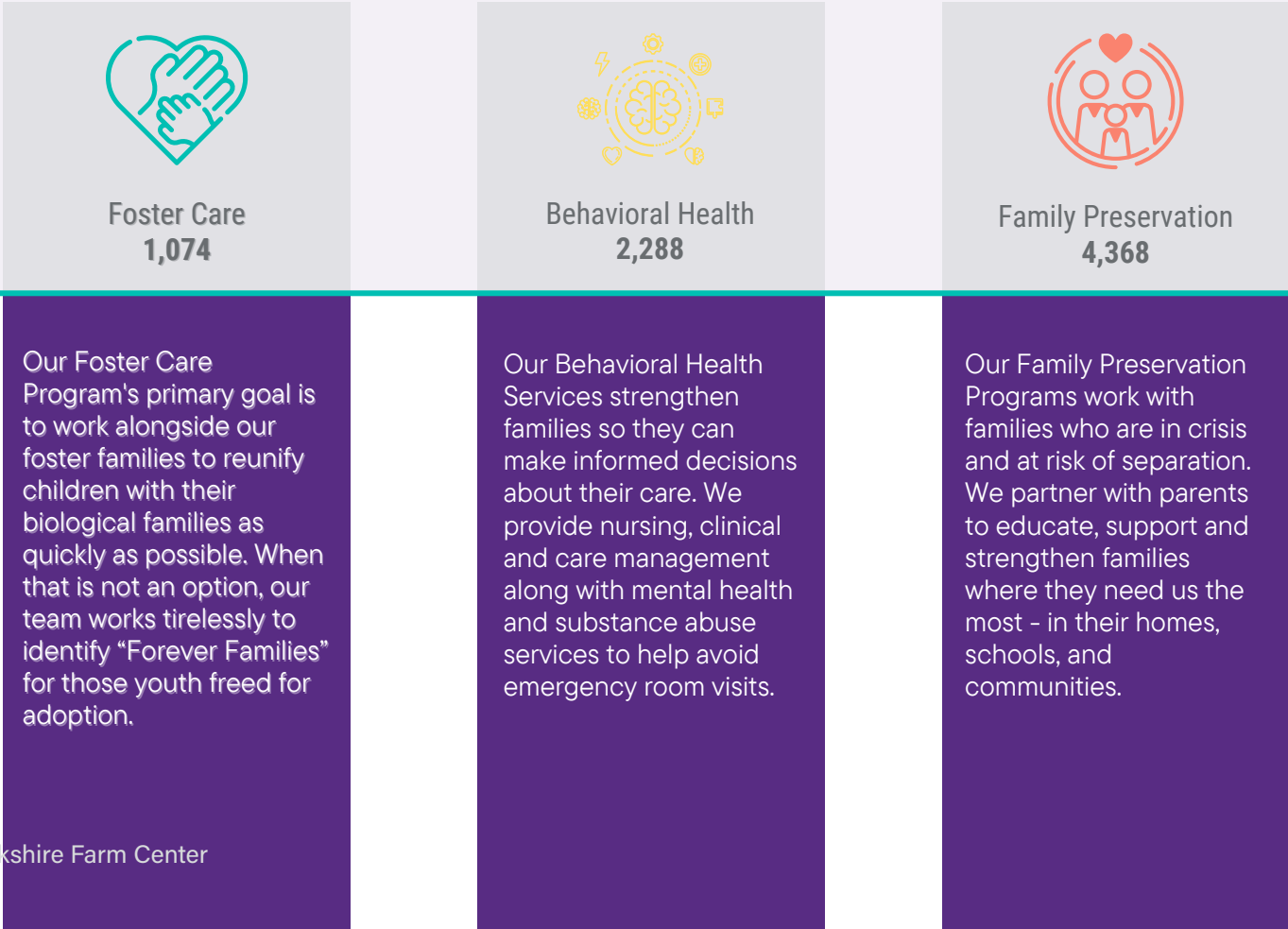
# OUR SERVICES

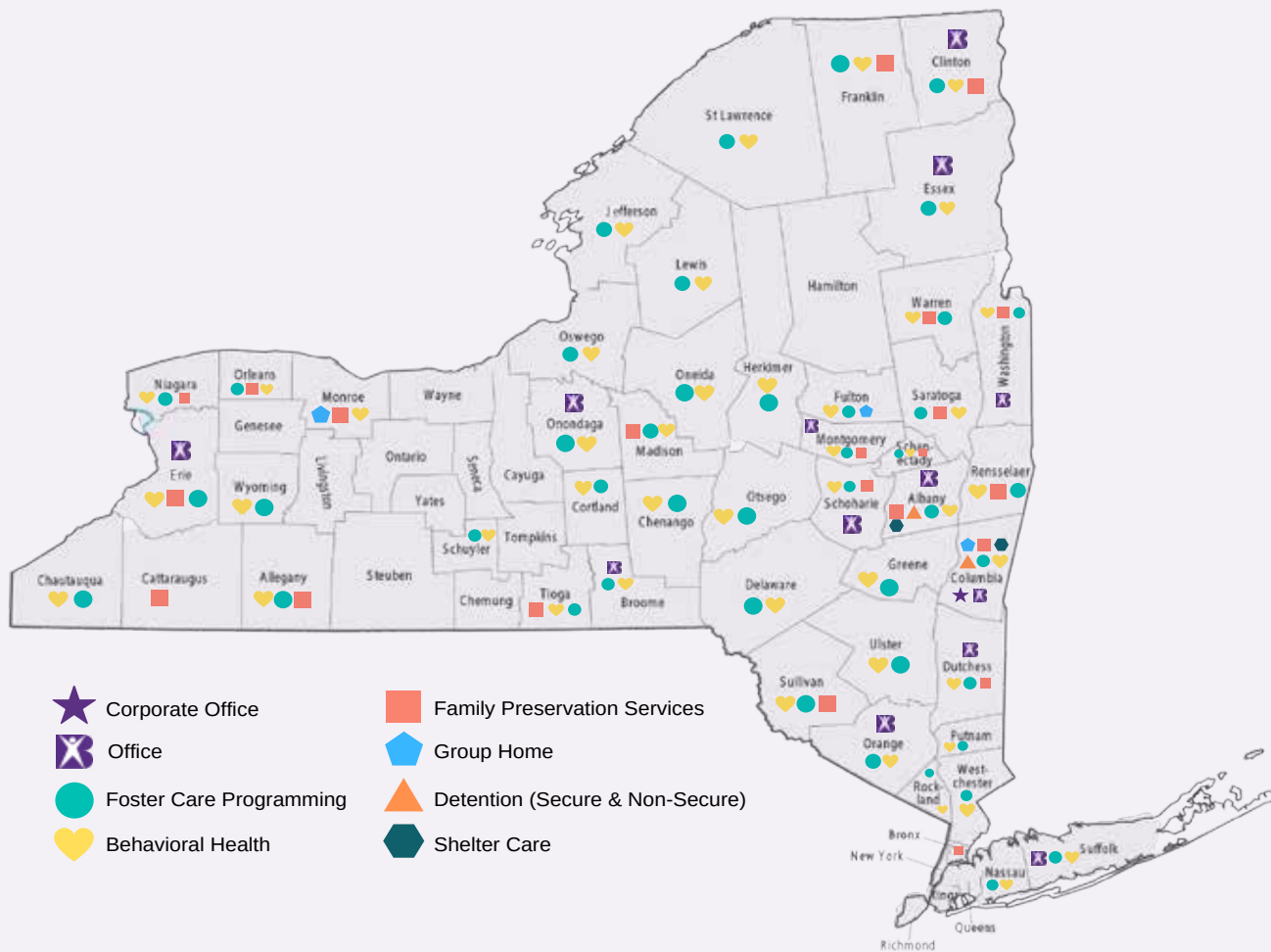
100% of the children and families we serve come to Berkshire with a history of trauma exposure. Embracing a trauma-informed model of care, we work with children and families to overcome their past traumas so they can live safely and take control of their lives.

With programs and services all across New York State, Berkshire provides trauma-informed care right where children and their families need us the most; in their homes and communities.

And, when working with families in their homes is not an option, Berkshire provides a safe haven for children in need of care through one of our over 500 certified foster homes, community group homes, and non-secure and secure detention centers.

**In 2021, we served a total of 8,366 children and their families across New York State. Below is a breakdown by program area:**





Group Homes  
44

Our Group Homes provide trauma-informed care for youth who are struggling in their home and community. Through life skills, we empower youth to be their best selves and work towards future goals and independence.



Detention Services  
165

Our Detention Programs provide youth a safe and secure setting by virtue of their choices and circumstances. Our program provides an opportunity to choose a better path with new education opportunities, community resources, and trauma-informed care.



Shelter Care  
427

Our Shelter Care Program provides short-term shelter care for unaccompanied children while our team works diligently to identify family members or sponsors within the United States.

## WHY BERKSHIRE?

*"I believe in the mission, vision and values of Berkshire. I know that the work that I do as a foster parent recruiter makes an impact on the lives of children I serve. Berkshire has allowed me to make valuable partnerships in the communities that serve our children. The feeling that I get when I make a placement in a home that becomes a positive foster/birth parent partnership or forever family is irreplaceable."*

- Wendy Fitzgerald  
Foster Parent Recruiter



**Berkshire has  
over 550  
certified foster  
families across  
New York State.**



Learn more about  
becoming a foster parent

## MEET FOSTER PARENTS, ELISABETH & BRIAN

Elisabeth and Brian began their journey as foster parents with the idea that they only wanted to work with children who are freed for adoption. However, as they participated in Berkshire's MAPP (Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting) classes, they learned a great deal more about foster care and the need in their community.

Elisabeth and Brian received a call that a little boy and his sister were in need of a temporary home while mom received the support and resources she needed.

Both Elisabeth and Brian thought a lot about what the children's mom might be feeling. What it must feel like to have your children separated from you, even if temporarily, and the pain she must be in.

"We decided to create scrapbooks and fill them with photos and messages about the children," said Brian. "If we were in her shoes, we would want pictures of our children so that is what we decided to do for her."

As time went by, the children began enjoying visits with their mom more frequently and eventually, they were placed back in their mother's care.

"It was great for the children to see us all working together towards the same goal," said Elisabeth.

Elisabeth and Brian's relationship with the children didn't end at reunification. The children's mom has stayed in touch and they have visited together several times over the months.

"We accomplished what we set out to do – to help reunite a family," said Brian. "Having the family stay in touch with us is a beautiful blessing we did not expect but are truly grateful for. The saying is that it 'takes a village' and we are happy to be a part of their 'village' for as long as they would like."

## BERKSHIRE'S FOSTER CARE SERVICES

Through Berkshire's foster, respite, and kinship care services, children are provided with a safe, nurturing, and loving family for a temporary period of time while working towards reunification.

## MEET JAISSIAH, MOTT FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Growing up, I was surrounded by family and friends who valued education. We all had our eyes on college and everywhere I turned, my friends were in my corner, motivating me to be my best self.

That all changed when I turned 17 and my family and I moved to a new town. I felt a little lost, alone, and desperate to fit in with the new crowd. Unfortunately, I fell into the wrong crowd. I started to change to fit in and became the person they wanted me to be. My goals were forgotten and I became negative about everything and everyone.

Only 2 weeks shy of heading to college, I hit bottom. I was in the wrong place at the wrong time and found myself in the middle of a situation that I could not understand and did not want to participate in. People were hurt and the shock of what happened, what I participated in, hit me hard. I had immediate remorse and was devastated by the person I had become – it was not the real me.

I was sent to secure detention and for the first several months the weight of my actions was a lot to bare. I spent much time processing what had happened and how my life took such a turn for the worse. I told my dad this would never happen to me and here I was sitting in a room by myself in a secure detention facility – I let him down and for that, I felt at my lowest.

I already had my high school diploma and thought college was no longer in my future until I started talking with some of my staff and really listening to their advice and guidance. Instead of focusing on what I did wrong, I started reflecting on the decisions I made and how I could do things differently. My staff encouraged me and made me feel like there was hope. I had a chance and a choice to still be who I wanted to be. My teachers told me about the Mott Family Scholarship and strongly encouraged me to apply. In August 2021, I found out that I would be the first youth from secure detention to become a Mott Family Scholarship recipient! I was told that everyone at Berkshire believes in me and can see my potential – this made me start to believe in myself again.

I'm exploring college again for the first time in a long time and have the staff at Berkshire to thank for it - Thank you for awakening me and helping me open my eyes by putting me under pressure to face myself and realize I have so much more ahead of me. You helped me regain my self-worth and my drive to get back to the person I want to be. Someday, I want to come back and speak to other youth to let them know I walked in their shoes and there is another path - a better path. Grow from your mistakes and choose to make better choices. Sometimes, just having one person who cares is all you need.

### THE MOTT FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

The Mott Family Scholarship was started by Mr. Charles H. Mott who was a committed member of our Board of Directors for over 50 years. The Mott Family Scholarship provides youth in Berkshire's care with the opportunity to continue their education beyond high school.





**Over \$350,000  
in scholarships  
have been  
awarded to youth  
in Berkshire's  
programs since  
2010**

### **WHY BERKSHIRE?**

*“For over 25 years I have had the honor and privilege of providing a quality, educational program for youth. We help youth realize and achieve their full potential while in a situation that is usually one of the major stumbling blocks in their lives. We help youth overcome obstacles, think about the future, realize their worth, and empower them to achieve academic success.”*

*-Rebecca Oppenheer  
Special Education Teacher*

Read full story



# DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION

The Berkshire Farm Center community stands committed to embracing and promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion.

We vow to begin our journey by looking inward – by examining all biases and judgements while acknowledging both privilege and power. We are committed to better understanding privilege whether it be through race, gender, sexual identity, religion, ability, or other forms. Once fully acknowledged, we pledge to use the identified privilege to advocate for others. We understand that the work we do fosters change that will create a positive, ripple effect within our agency and in the community.

We at Berkshire Farm Center stand committed to becoming an all-inclusive, anti-racist, multicultural organization that encompasses a sense of belonging for all staff members, children and families, and community partners who join us in our mission. We are committed to dismantling barriers and ideology that reinforce a non-inclusive environment.

We are dedicated to remaining open-minded, respectful, and actively choose learning over comfort. We acknowledge that everyone is on their own journey, and we strive to cultivate a culture of non-judgement, to choose words carefully, show compassion, extend grace, and consistently strive to become an advocate and ally for others.





*"Our Equity Committee provides an opportunity for everyone to be seen and heard. Now, more than ever, I know my thoughts, ideas, and feelings are wanted and valued. We value everyone. In my 17 years of service, I have never been more proud to be a part of this agency and committee"*

– Lori Griffa, Family Specialist

*"I have taken what I've learned at Berkshire and brought it home to my family. We have great conversations about equity and inclusion and what we can do differently when we experience it in our own community. I feel more a part of my organization now than ever before. I love working at a place where everyone's thoughts and ideas are welcomed at the table"*

– Deb Mason, Admin. Assistant to the VP



*"I always wanted to work for an organization that supports and values me as a person and acknowledges my contributions. I am proud to be part of a group that promotes a working environment where people can feel comfortable as their true selves. It is through these connections that I have learned that I can be an ally and an advocate for positive changes toward diversity, equity, and inclusion".*

-Yolanda Burton, Liaison Coordinator, Behavioral & Medical Health Services

Learn more about our commitment to DEI





## WHY BERKSHIRE?

*“For cases like this. It’s challenging but also rewarding to help children and families work through their trauma to have a better future. Emily’s case was heart breaking but also motivating for me – I want to help more children like Emily.”*

– Rachel Hanselman,  
Clinician



## ***FROM TIME TO TIME, THERE IS A CHILD'S STORY THAT REMINDS US WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO.***

### **THIS IS EMILY'S STORY:**

At the age of five, Emily was removed from her home due to inadequate health conditions of the home as well as being deprived of food and water. For her safety, Emily was placed in a home with foster parents, Maria and John. In the first several months with her foster family, Emily suffered from horrible nightmares, mistrust of adults, and struggled with food.

Maria and John worked in partnership with Emily's clinician, Rachel, to provide structure, consistency, and much nurturance and support – allowing the space for trust to be built. Eventually Emily began eating more regularly, she engaged with activities such as art projects and playing with the other children in the home. For the first time in her life, Emily started to feel safe and cared for. And, as her trust with Maria and John grew, she began opening up about what had happened to her.

Emily suffered horrific traumas due to continuous sexual and physical abuse, malnutrition, and deplorable living conditions. She had never experienced love, safety, or trust towards nor with an adult. As Emily opened up about her traumas, her stories broke all of our hearts. But, thanks to Rachel, Maria, and John, those stories of trauma and suffering were about to change.

While Melissa, Emily's Family Specialist, provide care coordination and made sure Emily received the appropriate medical and dental care she needed, Rachel, Emily's Clinician provided trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy (TF-CBT) for Emily. While in therapy, they focused on recovery and healing through relaxation techniques, the development of new coping skills, and psycho-educational sessions. While Maria and John provided a safe and loving home, Rachel and Melissa provided the therapy and tools Emily would need to build resiliency and learn how to trust others.

After a few months, Emily had already made significant progress. She was excelling in school, her struggles with food decreased dramatically, her nightmares are now few and far between, and she learned how to love and trust Maria, John, and the other children in the home.

"I'm so proud of Emily. She is a different child from the one that showed up at my doorstep, you wouldn't recognize her - she's amazing!" said Maria. "We think of her as our daughter – like a puzzle piece we didn't know we needed. I always felt like something was missing from our family and that's why we started fostering"

Today, because of Rachel and her foster parents, Emily is a happy, resilient, and loving little girl. She has found her 'Forever Family' with Maria and John and will begin the adoption process soon. She loves art, playing soccer, swimming, and any activities where she can be with her family.

## **MEET BRONX POWER PROJECT'S PEER MENTOR, MAURY**

When I joined the Bronx Power Project, I wasn't doing much with my life. I had no direction and was abusing substances. Farrah and the other staff helped me gain self-control and a new direction. During the pandemic, I struggled with my mental health and with social distancing, I often felt very alone and isolated. However, my staff gave me comfort and checked in on me – they truly cared about me!

Even when we weren't allowed to meet in person, my staff called me and held virtual meetings with me. Group sessions never stopped and sometimes they were the only time I had during the day to connect with other people. It meant a lot to me that they gave me a chance to stay connected with other kids.

Now, as a young adult, I am giving back to others by joining the Bronx Power Project as a Peer Mentor. I'm able to listen to other kids and connect with their experiences. I want to help them break their cycle and build self-esteem. Basically, I want to help others because someone took the time to care and help me and help me get to where I am today.

### **BRONX POWER PROJECT**

The Bronx Power Project is a substance abuse, education support program for youth ages 12-18 in the Bronx, NYC area. The program provides youth a path and a purpose when they otherwise would not have one or be lost on the wrong one.



**95% of youth  
who participated  
in the Bronx  
Power Project  
were stabilized  
in their homes.**

### **WHY BERKSHIRE?**

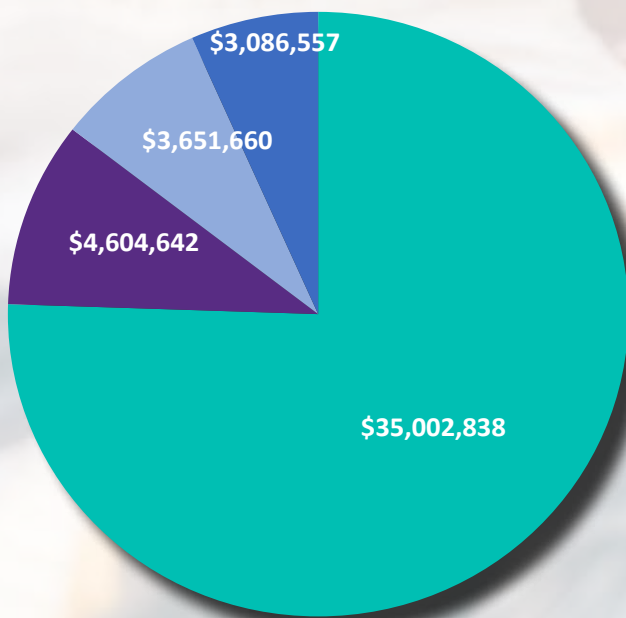
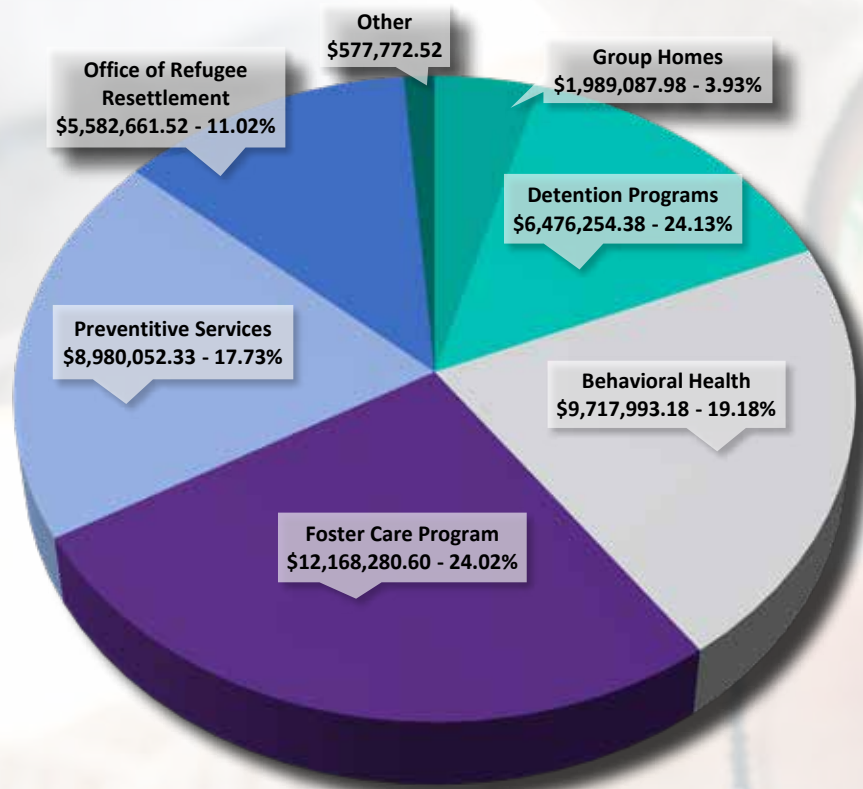
*"Because I want kids to know that they are not alone. I value being a part of a team that creates a safe place for kids – where they can feel safe being their authentic selves."*

– Farrah Reyes  
Bronx Power Project

# FINANCIALS

FY 2020-2021

## Revenue



## Expenses

- To pay our employees and provide benefits
- To support our youth (activities, health care, food, etc.)
- To operate programs and maintain buildings
- To pay interest and other expenses

\*Totals based on pre-audited financials





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***They turn to you and thank you for helping them and for never giving up, but all you can see is how they did the work and changed themselves by their openness and immense will power - throughout which we are just a guide.***

***We don't do this alone. We are a team - a body of encouraging, caring people that collaborate to strengthen others.***

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- Shannon Tierney, Clinician

# THANK YOU

## 2021 SUPPORTERS

ONE ORDINARY  
PERSON CAN MAKE  
AN EXTRAORDINARY  
IMPACT

### \$10,000+

Alliant  
Charles S. Keene Foundation  
Robert Kandel & Abby Hamlin  
Charles & Anne Mott  
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Enterprise Holdings Foundation  
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## **Why do you support Berkshire Farm Center?**

As someone who was formally incarcerated, I have a passion for those who find themselves in similar situations. That's why I wanted to get involved with Berkshire's Secure Detention Program. I know from experience that these youth will face many barriers once discharged but that shouldn't stop them from reaching their full potential and living out their dreams. This program isn't about punishment – it's about being accountable, healing, and finding a better path forward and I want to be a part of helping youth build that better path.

## **How are you involved?**

I am involved through their Community Impact Committee. I serve on the Youth Speaker Series project and help identify local and national speakers for the youth – speakers who look like them, have walked a similar life path, and have built a better future for themselves.

## **Why should others support?**

Others should think of their own way to get involved with Berkshire's mission because the youth they serve are from our communities and coming back to our communities. We need to care about those in our communities who are struggling and find ways to support them because in turn, they will be mentoring and supporting the next generation.



# **DONOR IMPACT**

Trent Griffin-Braaf is the founder & President of GB Logistics & Tech Valley Shuttle, a NYS certified minority owned group transportation company specializing in transportation solutions driving people out of poverty. He has a contagious enthusiasm and passionate belief in people that inspires them to become prouder, stronger, and more valuable contributors to their organizations and local communities. In 2021 Trent was featured in the New York Times, Bloomberg Businessweek & Bloomberg Radio. He was an honoree of Forbes "Next 1000" entrepreneurs in the world and both of his businesses were listed in the top ten minority owned businesses in the region. We are honored to partner with Trent.



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