

FIRST IN FAMILIES OF NORTH CAROLINA
ANNUAL REPORT FY 20-21 (PRINT ONLY/ACCESSIBLE)

Executive Summary

Throughout the fiscal year of 20-21, as the COVID pandemic continued, NC families and individuals with ID/D and other disabilities struggled with needs such as rent, utilities and basic household items.

- A 50-year-old man with Muscular Dystrophy and an intellectual/developmental disability, living with his sister in Mecklenburg County, was facing eviction due to their inability to pay rent. The man's disability causes him to suffer from respiratory and sleep disorders. The sister had to purchase him a new bed, for his health and stability, instead of paying the rent. Mecklenburg FIF staff spoke with the leasing agency about removing the late fees and court costs. Instead, the leasing agency agreed to waive the September 2020 rent payment. A cost savings of \$1,175.00. Mecklenburg FIF staff also used grant funds to cover a portion of the remaining balance.
- Chapters continue to receive support throughout their communities from businesses. A Goodnight Sleepstore has been a proud supporter of the Cumberland Chapter since its inception. The manager believes in the mission of First In Families and has consistently provided deep discounts to the Chapter. They have honored the same discount policy throughout the COVID Pandemic, so families can have one less thing to worry about.

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 at some time in the past **GAVE BACK** 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

2924 VOLUNTEER HOURS were logged to support FIF programs and initiative throughout North Carolina in FY 20-21

\$199,158 of in-kind contributions, donations and mini-grants were added to our public funding. This provided a **RETURN ON INVESTMENT** of **\$1.17** for each public dollar received

FIFNC and the 13 Chapters in all 100 counties supported 1804 families to meet 2038 needs in FY 20-21:

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

People we served experienced:

- Autism: 38%
- Cerebral Palsy: 9%
- Developmental Delay: 12%
- Down Syndrome: 3%
- Intellectual Disability: 16%
- Multiple I/DD: 14%
- Other I/DD: 4%
- Traumatic Brain Injury: 4%

More about the families we serve:

- 15% of applicants in 20-21 received formal (waiver) support services
- 73% had incomes below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level
- 97% would recommend FIF to a friend
- 100% experience future planning concerns

FINANCIALS:

During the period of July 1, 2020 – July 30, 2021 FIFNC’s total revenue was \$2,045,960 and total expenses were \$1,757,232

Revenue

Category	Amount
In-Kind Contributions	102,155.00
Fundraising, Contributions & Misc. Income	219,775.00
Program Fees	51,555.00
Foundation & Corporate Grants	65,440.00
Local Government Grants	1,607,035.00

Expenses

Category	Amount
Program Services	1,584,460.00
Management & General	170,044.00
Fundraising	2,728.00

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

Partner

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