

Raphael Village

La Lumière

Deepening our roots. Spreading our wings.



Located in the historic Irish Channel neighborhood of Uptown, New Orleans, Raphael Village is a non-profit organization that supports differently-abled people in becoming fully engaged in life and community. We proudly stand as the only Camphill Affiliate Member in the southeastern United States. Guided by core values that include Curative Waldorf Education and Inclusive Social Therapy, Raphael Village brings New Orleans and its surrounding areas into a long tradition of providing community to exceptional individuals of all ages and backgrounds through Raphael Academy (a K-12 school), The Guild at Raphael Village (an adult day program), and The Hearth (a future residential program).

Letter from the Board Chair

Dear Raphael Village Community,

As the new Board Chair, I am awed and humbled by what I have seen and experienced as a part of the Raphael Village Community. The past year has given us unprecedented challenges and yet we have come through stronger and more resilient for it. As I step into the role of Chair of the Board of Directors, I feel compelled to acknowledge the events and people who have made this possible.

I would like to acknowledge our incredible staff who have made it possible to continue our operations through the COVID pandemic. From repeated openings and closings of The Guild, to developing and adhering to new safety procedures, adjusting to remote activities, all while making our students and Guild Members feel safe and supported has taken a devotion to duty that is awe inspiring. To the Raphael Academy, Guild, and administrative staff please accept a heartfelt THANK YOU.

Our families and supporters have also helped us get through this year by continuing to make Raphael Village a priority in their lives despite the impact of the pandemic on their family and finances. Because of their support, we had the most successful Soraparú Soirée ever, closed the gap for the construction of the Town Center, and were able to cover our ongoing expenses. We could not have overcome the challenges of this year without your help and support. THANK YOU for your capacity to always find a way to support Raphael Village.

It was also during these tumultuous times that the need for change was brought to light through the Black Lives Matter movement. Our Board is committed to being part of the conversation to address systemic racism that exists in the United States so that ALL of the greater New Orleans community can grow and thrive.

Our volunteer Board of Directors has continued to stay true to Raphael Village's mission, vision and core values. John Melton, who chaired our Board over the past six years, led us through some of the most challenging and difficult times and the organization continued to grow and thrive during his tenure. Also, without the guidance and experience of our Treasurer, Scott LaCaze, we would not have been able to secure the necessary funding during the pandemic that was the lifeline to our operations. THANK YOU to the entire Board of Directors for all your work.

As we look toward the future, I know that everything we have been through has made us stronger and wiser and that great things lie ahead for Raphael Village.

Be Well,



Mary Perrin, Board Chair



Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends & Supporters,

We did it! On a very warm day in late July, The Guild officially moved into its new home at the Town Center of Raphael Village. We cannot thank each and every one of you enough who helped to make this dream come true. This fiscal year we look forward to settling into a new rhythm now that all of our programming is back together in the

Irish Channel neighborhood where our vision of a walkable urban community is now becoming a reality. We are focused on growing our enrollment at both Raphael Academy and The Guild and creating new community partnerships over the next six months.

In the Spring of 2022, our Board will develop a new strategic plan to guide the continuation of our existing programming and to determine next steps for realizing our vision of establishing The Hearth, our residential life-sharing community. We also are looking forward to hosting the Camphill Association of North America Trustee meeting in March of 2022.

For the present moment we pause, take a deep breath, and send gratitude to all of our supporters and constituents who have helped us establish a strong foundation on which we can grow.

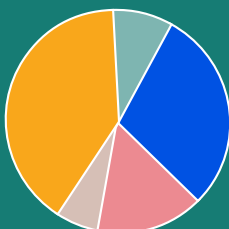
With Gratitude,



Jacqueline Case, Executive Director

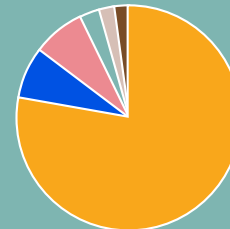


2020-21 REVENUE



- 40.1% Tuition & Programming
- 29.4% Government & COVID Support
- 15.6% Fundraising Events
- 8.6% Grants
- 6.2% Annual Giving

2020-21 EXPENSES



- 77.8% Programming
- 7.6% Operations
- 7.4% Occupancy
- 3% Fundraising
- 2.1% Marketing
- 2.1% Insurance

What's New at Raphael Village?

RAPHAEL ACADEMY CLASSROOM MAKEOVER

In April of 2021, Raphael Academy was nominated by SCNZ architects for a grant from the Association for Learning Environments. After being selected as a recipient, the association brought together vendors from all over Louisiana - including Workplace Solutions, Frost Barber, and AXI Education Solutions - to completely transform our Transition (high school) classroom. Their generosity also extended into the Riley Room where they provided much needed bookshelves for our library and school resources. We are so grateful to the Association for Learning Environments and SCNZ for their support. This classroom is truly state of the art!



GUILD GARDENS

Through a generous grant from an anonymous donor, we will be able to **complete the installation of Guild gardens at the Town Center**. This grant will allow us to purchase picnic tables, raised garden beds, an irrigation system, a storage shed, and build the foundation for our new greenhouse. These much needed items are the final touches for our Urban Gardening Program, through which Guild members grow edible and decorative flowers, vegetables and herbs for their cooking program and Dragonfly Café. Additionally, these funds will support the replacement of fencing that was blown or knocked down during hurricane Ida at both the school's playground and the Town Center.

RIBBON CUTTING

On Wednesday, October 20th we celebrated the completion of the **Town Center Project**. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was attended by our biggest financial supporters, Guild parents, Board members, Guild members, Raphael Academy students, and City leaders like Councilman Jay Banks and the Honorable Mayor LaToya Cantrell. Following the ceremony Guild members danced the afternoon away to pop tunes spun by DJ Oliver Sobrino, a former Guild member who has formed OMG (Oliver Music Group). The Town Center marks the completion of Phase II of our efforts to create an urban life-sharing community for the Greater New Orleans community.



CONSIDER A LEGACY GIFT TO RAPHAEL VILLAGE

As we look to the future we aim to have the good work at Raphael Village continue beyond our lifetimes. We know this is only possible with the support of community members - like you - that feel deeply connected to Raphael Village. Planned gifts help to ensure that we can continue to grow, strengthen, and safeguard all programming at Raphael Village for future generations. Whether a bequest, a gift of life insurance or appreciated securities, or an IRA transfer, your legacy gift helps to ensure we can continue to build up our community, where all abilities are cherished and valued.

Please contact Jacqueline Case at jcase@raphaelvillage.org for more information on Legacy Giving.



What's Happening at the Town Center?

Dragonfly Café opened Friday, October 8, 2021! Located on site at the Town Center, Dragonfly Café is our newest social enterprise that is part of our vision to create an urban lifesharing community. The dragonfly is a symbol of self-realization, self-transformation, and remaining hopeful in difficult situations. At Dragonfly Café, we believe that food is one of the most powerful ways to build community with one another. Through our partnership with Sheaux Fresh Sustainable Foods, we welcome people of all abilities to come together to share nourishing and locally-sourced meals, create beautiful memories, and forge friendships that will last a lifetime.

Dragonfly Café also provides volunteer internships for members of The Guild. Under the guidance of the Café's General Manager, Thaddaeus Prosper, Bakery Chef, Twyla Mount, and Guild Co-Workers, Guild members interning at Dragonfly Café learn vocational skills that can lead to fulfilling work in the food and service industries, both in the front and back of house.

To look at the menu, make reservations, or learn more about the Café, visit dragonflynola.com.

DRAGONFLY CAFÉ AT RAPHAEL VILLAGE



DRAGONFLY BAKERY + MARKET

Dragonfly Bakery + Market offers baked goods for parties, showers, meetings, and other special events and is an extension of programming at The Guild at Raphael Village.

You can place your order for a bakery box or other specialty items such as muffins, scones, cupcakes, sticky buns, cookies, pies and more on the Café's website:

dragonflynola.com/bakery-market or by emailing bakery@dragonflynola.com.

7TH ANNUAL TENNIS FUN-RAISER: *Sponsored by Associated Terminals & Turn Services*

On November 5th and 6th, Raphael Village hosted approximately 225 players and guests at the 7th Annual Tennis Fun-Raiser at the City Park Tennis Center. The fun started with tennis matches on Friday evening and continued throughout Saturday. Both days were filled with delicious food and beverages, and a silent online auction. We are grateful to our Grand Slam Sponsors **Associated Terminals** and **Turn Services** for their generous support!



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SUPPORT RAPHAEL VILLAGE'S ANNUAL GIVING FUND

Each year the Board sets a goal for our Annual Giving Fund. **For the 2021-22 fiscal year, our goal is \$50,000!** Your donation will support all programming at Raphael Village including Raphael Academy's Scholarship Fund and the cost of enrichment programming such as Gardening, Handwork, and Movement (including supplies and instructional staff).

Additionally, funds will support the purchase of:

- A Smart Board for the Guild's Volunteer Internship Training Program
- Guild Artist Training and Fiber Studio supplies (*ceramic supplies, paint drying rack, canvases, yarn, and candle-making supplies*)
- Bakery + Market supplies (*display case for baked goods*)
- Yoga supplies
- The Unique Curriculum

We are grateful to all of you who have made recurring donations over many years; our success would not have been possible without you.



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2021 NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Miles Granderson, Esq. is presently Land Use Counsel with Sherman Strategies providing project-based legal consulting for local and national developers. Prior to joining Sherman Strategies, Miles served as Chief of Staff for New Orleans City Councilmember Jared Brossett.



Peggy Mendoza is a results-driven chief executive with over 20 years of consistent and proven success with deep experience in all aspects of organizational leadership including finance, human resources, board management, marketing, fundraising and overall business management.



Stacey Olson enjoyed a distinguished career as an oil & gas executive, serving most recently as the President of Chevron Appalachia from 2016-2000. In this capacity, Mrs. Olson was also part of the Management Committee of Chevron Corporation, setting the strategic direction of this global Fortune 500 Company.



Foster P. Nash, III, Esq. is a named partner with Degan, Blanchard & Nash. Mr. Nash is a trial lawyer specializing in commercial and complex insurance litigation. He has handled cases in all state and federal courts in Louisiana. He represents general contractors, subcontractors, and insurance companies in complex construction litigation.



Eileen Lumar-Johnson has more than 30 years media, public relations and community outreach experience. She is the former Director of Community Relations at Audubon Nature Institute, where she developed and implemented programs that engaged minority/underserved families in the New Orleans metropolitan area. She serves as Senior Pastor at Grace & Glory Family Worship Church located in the Irish Channel.

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