

# Raphael Village

# La Lumière

## SEEDS FOR RENEWAL

*Engaging • Enriching • Envisioning*



### Who We Are

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.

Founded on principles that integrate education, community life, life-sharing, and the arts to meet the needs of youth and adults with developmental disabilities, Raphael Village provides holistic learning programs, vocational training, and community for differently-abled people to be lovingly supported in mind, body and spirit throughout their lives, starting with 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,**

**We are in a very different place as a community from last year. We, along with many organizations, faced multiple concerns due to the ongoing pandemic.**

The dedication and generosity on display by staff, families and friends was significant and we are profoundly grateful. Challenges still arise today as we work toward recovering and renewing activities and

programs as well as relationships which were set aside the past couple of years. Facing these challenges together, provides us with opportunities to change, grow, and unite as a community while renewing our commitment to our mission and vision as an organization. The stress of many economic and social issues can be frustrating and sometimes debilitating so let's all take some deep breaths, be kind to each other, and recognize that change is constant and often for the good.

The need for your financial support is also constant. Raphael Village depends on fundraising, special events, and grants every year to supplement what we bring in from tuition and fees. It takes the combined income from many funding sources to allow us to continue providing enriching services and programs to students and Guild members.

Volunteerism is another vitally important form of support. Families and friends continue to provide valuable resources in many ways including facilities maintenance, selling raffle tickets, soliciting sponsors and auction

items, working at special events and patronizing the Dragonfly Cafe. Against many odds, the Dragonfly Cafe opened last year and is an important part of our holistic vision of Raphael Village. It has provided a local intern site for our Guild members to grow skills and capacities for their future. This would not have been possible without you.

In May, the Board of Directors, Faculty, and Staff, began a process of strategic planning in order to cultivate enlivening intentions for the next three to five years for the Academy, Guild and all Raphael Village's endeavors. We hope the plan engages and nourishes individuals currently within our community circle while reaching out and inviting new supporters and colleagues as we support exceptional individuals.

As Board Chair I thank and appreciate everyone who has helped our mission flourish through tenacity and flexibility. Additionally, I want to encourage anyone reading this message who has not yet had the opportunity to support Raphael Village to consider what you might be able to do to help. As a lifelong member of the New Orleans community, I have seen our strength when we all come together for a good cause.

Be Well,

Mary Perrin, Board Chair



## Letter from the Executive Director

**Dear Friends & Supporters,**

**Looking back over the past year, I find solace in knowing that we were not alone.**

Many individuals and organizations have had to practice some of the most basic virtues such as patience, perseverance, and compassion as the world struggled to regain its footing

post pandemic. With unwavering devotion to our students and members, Raphael Village persevered through rather tumultuous times. We are now setting our sights toward the future.

We are proud to announce that in July, The Guild at Raphael Village was awarded as fully compliant with the Home and Community Based Settings rule. We achieved the highest ratings (3 out of 3) in the six areas under review: physical setting, person-centered, community integration, rights and privacy, employment, policy enforcement. We are grateful for the dedicated efforts of our coworkers, faculty and staff.

Raphael Academy remains committed to providing individualized instruction to our students through small group instruction, hands-on experiential learning, and self expression through the arts. Our new Performing Arts Program is off to a great start this school year and we

cannot wait to see the imaginative and creative performances by the students.

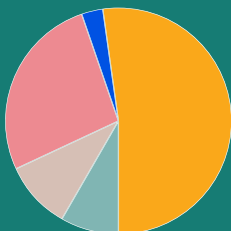
Together, we are sowing seeds for renewal at Raphael Village. In this report you will read about how we are collectively working to **Enrich** our programming, **Engage** the community, and **Envision** our Camphill inspired life-sharing community, The Hearth. These seeds hold the dreams, inspirations, and potential for what 'good may become'. We invite you to join us in sowing seeds for the future both at Raphael Village and all humanity.

Once again, I say 'thank you' to all of you who have and continue to support our community. Raphael Village is celebrating a decade of service to our community and can't wait to see what springs from this next phase of growth.

With Gratitude,

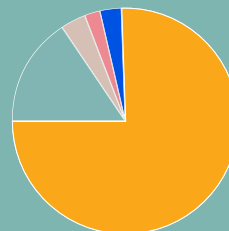
Jacqueline Case, Executive Director

### 2021-22 REVENUE



- 52.3% Tuition & Programming
- 2.9% COVID Support
- 26.5% Fundraising Events
- 9.9% Annual Giving
- 8.1% Grants

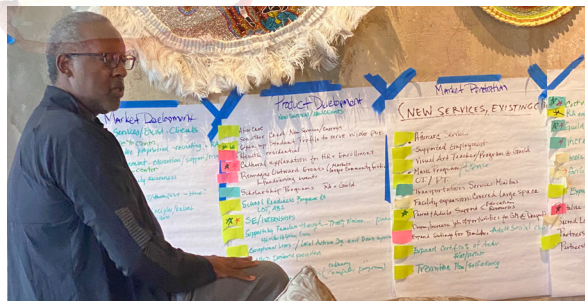
### 2021-22 EXPENSES



- 75.5% Programming
- 2.9% Fundraising
- 2.4% Insurance
- 3.4% Occupancy
- 15.8% Operations

## What's happening at Raphael Village

On June 9, 2022, the Guild at Raphael Village participated in the Camphill Foundation's 2022 Walk for Camphill. The walk-a-thon event took place throughout North America at several Camphill communities and schools in supporting the foundation to continue providing critical resources and mentorship to our communities. While the weather delayed our walking on the same day as our Camphill brothers and sisters, we found a clear day in the Irish Channel to participate.



## Board Strategic Planning

In May of 2022, Raphael Village's board of directors began the process of envisioning a new three year Strategic Plan. Under the guidance of D'Juan Hernandez of the Hernandez Law Group and Business Advisors and Board Secretary, Peggy Mendoza, the board identified four focus areas to prioritize: Program Development, Camphill Culture, Fundraising, and Facilities. Small working groups are developing each of these realms further before finalizing and sharing our plan with the community. The collective good will and vision living in our community will lay the foundation for a bright and **Enriching** future.

## Raphael Academy Performing Arts Program

Raphael Academy is excited to announce its new Performing Arts Program for the 2022-23 school year. This program, led by Amanda Zapp, includes puppetry, play performances, set design, prop work, and costuming. Working in the performing arts provides students with creative opportunities to practice speaking and listening skills as well as explore creative imagination. Role-playing, spatial orientation, creative gesture and collaboration support the ability to **Engage** in the world in a rich and holistic way.



## Loyola School of Music Therapy

We are grateful to continue our long-standing partnership with the Loyola University School of Music Therapy (LSMT). Students in the Music Therapy program, under the guidance of a trained supervisor, bring engaging musical experiences to our students at Raphael Academy as well as the Guild on a weekly basis. Music is a vital nurturing tool in the realm of curative education and social therapy.

"Music is the language of the spirit. It opens the secret of life bringing peace, abolishing strife."  
~ Kahlil Gibran

## Kim Starr Wise Floral - Partnership

A gardening partnership is taking root. Kim Starr Wise Floral has offered the services of a master gardener to plan, plant, nurture flowers in the available Raphael Academy planters and shared Guild growing beds. The landscape of our early grades garden will begin to evolve and blossom with shrubs and flowers that attract hummingbirds, butterflies and pollinators while providing cuttings for the florists' arrangements and grace dining room tables at the Dragonfly Cafe.



## 8th Annual Tennis Fun-Raiser

The 8th Annual Tennis Fun-Raiser was held on October 7th and 8th at the City Park Tennis Center. This fun-filled event hosted approximately 150 players and guests. The event kicked off Friday evening and continued all day Saturday. Both days were filled with delicious food and beverages, and a silent online auction. We are grateful to all of our sponsors. For a complete list of donors please visit our website.



**We are Enriching our off-site vocational internships for Guild members.** Following the suspension of this important and nourishing aspect of our program due to the pandemic, we are planting seeds with new community partners as well as reviving previous ones.

As part of our mission to **Engage** our community, we have struck up a new partnership with our neighbors, Mercy Endeavors Senior Center. Small groups of Guild Members will join the seniors regularly for conversation, bingo, and to support the unloading and packaging of food donations from Second Harvest. This relationship will continue to grow as we explore ways to engage with one another through festivals, music, and socializing.

A seed planted at ricRacknola is beginning to flourish into an ongoing relationship. RicRacknola is a non-profit organization dedicated to sewing and textile recycling. Weekly opportunities to work in their storefront will allow Guild members to intern in a retail store environment.

Opportunities continue to sprout with the Dragonfly Cafe. Guild Members are placed at the cafe in the mornings on Wednesday - Friday providing front of house and back of house support. The Bakery+Market program provides fresh-baked goodies for the bakery case and teaches safe food handling and basic kitchen skills.

## The Hearth

**A small dedicated group of parents, board members, and Camphill constituents are coming together to Envision Raphael Village's urban life-sharing community.** Although delayed due to the pandemic, this group will plant the seeds for The Hearth through group study, biography work, research, artistic expression, and collaboration with our Camphill constituents and national, state, and local agencies.



## The Town Center is Buzzing with Life

**The Town Center gardens are regularly producing such bounty, cared for and harvested for use in the Guild Culinary, Bakery and Dragonfly Cafe.** The relationship from farm to table is deepening with much of the gorgeous ripe produce finding its way into a variety of dishes and baked goods. There was a Leek season, an Okra season, a Pepper and Eggplant season. Herbs of all sorts are also used to create signature dressings, dips and pesto.

## Festival Life

**In preparation for our large quarterly community festivals, seasonal songs may be heard wafting through the breezeway.** In June, Raphael Village inaugurated the Dragonfly Festival of Summer complete with an original pageant: Uriel and the Dragonfly. It was presented to an appreciative audience, including our new friends from Mercy Endeavors Senior Center. A Michaelmas Festival of Courage was held on September 29th as a collaborative effort between the Guild and Raphael Academy. As the sun moves through the heavens, shining its light upon the earth, Raphael Village will be celebrating together as a community.



## Dragonfly Cafe + Bakery & Market

**Both the Dragonfly Cafe and Bakery+Market offer Guild members an opportunity to practice and learn skills that will help them find gainful employment within the greater New Orleans community.** We recently welcomed Melissa Lindner as the Lead Baker and Guild coworker. Melissa and her team of Guild members bake weekly for the Dragonfly cafe and will soon be taking special orders for pies, cupcakes, cookies, and holiday treats online at [www.dragonflynola.com/bakery-market/](http://www.dragonflynola.com/bakery-market/). Also, under the management of Chef Gregory Thomas, the cafe continues to cook up delectable dishes for breakfast and brunch five days a week, Wednesdays through Sunday. Fly on by or visit [dragonflynola.com](http://dragonflynola.com)!

## 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.

**12TH ANNUAL SORAPARU SOIRÉE  
SAVE THE DATE:  
SAT, MARCH 25, 2023**

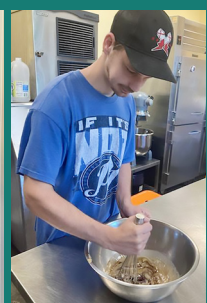
# SUPPORT RAPHAEL VILLAGE'S ANNUAL GIVING FUND

Each year the Board sets a goal for our Annual Giving Fund. This year our goal is \$60,000! Your gift will support all programming at Raphael Village including the new Performing Arts Program at Raphael Academy and our renewed Vocational Internship Program at the Guild.

Additionally, funds will support:

- Specialty Classes at Raphael Academy (*Performing Arts, Movement, and Handwork*)
- Performing Arts Program supplies (*sets, costumes, and props, fiber studio, painting, and more*)
- Ceramics Program at YaYa
- The Culinary, Bakery+Market, & Gardening Programs at The Guild

Thank you for supporting our Annual Giving Campaign. Without your generous donations, we would not be able to offer the high quality programming benefiting the students and Guild members at Raphael Village. If you would like to set a recurring monthly donation, please do so on the enclosed return envelope.



## GIVING LEVELS

### Visionary

\$10,000 and above

### Inspired

\$5,000 - \$9,999

### Innovator

\$2,500 - \$4,999

### Co-Creator

\$1,000 - \$2,499

### Dreamer

\$500 - \$999

### Joyful

\$1 - \$499

Reply envelope included as a separate document.

## Thank You!

### 2022-21 GRANTORS AND SPONSORS

GPOA Foundation  
Camphill Foundation  
Ochsner Foundation  
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## Faculty & Staff Highlights



**Marianne Fieber, M. Ed., Programs**

*Administrator* - Marianne joined the Raphael Village administrative team in the spring of 2022. She has been a teacher of children and adults as well as Administrator for several Waldorf Schools for over 15 years.



**Megan Riley, Retired Faculty Member** - We would like to acknowledge Megan Riley for her pioneering spirit as the founding teacher and administrator of Raphael Academy. Megan brought a wealth of knowledge to the program in addition to being a Curative Educator. Thank you Megan!



**Kristin Foster, Lead Faculty** - This is Kristin's third year at Raphael Academy. Kristin has recently stepped into the role of Lead Faculty and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge with ABA and CALM protocols to create a playful, loving, and motivational environment for her students.



**Colleen Sellers, Raphael Academy Transitions Class Teacher** - Colleen has come home to Louisiana after a year of teaching in Hawai'i. She brings over 6 years of Special Education teaching experience as well as a passion for learning new things. She has just begun to play the saxophone.



**Dylan Williams, Early Grades Assistant** - Dylan joined Raphael Academy in the spring of 2022 and has become a valuable member of the team as an experienced behavioral technician.



**Donte Frazier, Lead Gardener Coworker** - Donte is an entrepreneur and CEO of Butta's Botanicals, a line of homeopathic services. She worked with Grow Dat Youth Farm and is a certified doula.



**Melissa Lindner, Lead Baker Coworker, Raphael Academy Handwork, and Movement Teacher** - Melissa brings many gifts to our community. She has a B.A. in Sociology along with Health Coaching certification. In addition to teaching Handwork and Movement at the Academy, she has recently begun baking at the Guild.



**Amanda Zapp, Raphael Academy Performing Arts Specialty Teacher** - Amanda has taken up a new role as the Performing Arts Teacher where she is generously sharing her love and mastery of the language arts, puppetry and performance.



**Allison Young, Business Manager** - Allison is our newest staff member and brings her expertise in Quickbooks and accounting practices. She has supported a number of industries including non-profit organizations, educational settings, therapy centers, hospitality and more.