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2,392 Number of people
employed at KenCrest

Number of unique
individuals supported
at KenCrest **8,738**

880 Number of
children in
Early Learning
Centers

652 Number of individuals residing in
various Community Living Options

278 Number of people
supported in Community
Participation Services

269 Total number of
locations where we
provide services



“In helping others,
we shall help ourselves,
for whatever good we give
out completes the circle
and comes back to us.”

– Flora Edwards

On June 5, 1905, three passionate and dedicated individuals gave roots to the organization we call KenCrest. In the midst of the tuberculosis pandemic, Lutheran pastor Reverend August Fischer, Deaconess Sister Maria Roeck, and physician Dr. William G. Eisenhardt purchased a dispensary in the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia to begin treatment of local immigrants suffering from tuberculosis.

This work would lay the foundation to become a lifelong mission of helping our communities in need.

Fast forward 115 years to the present. Once again, the world finds itself battling a global pandemic—COVID-19. And although the focus of KenCrest’s mission now centers around early childhood education and individuals with developmental disabilities, we have come full circle with our beginnings by trying to prevent the spread of this virus in our communities and helping those who become infected to recover.

The late Fred Rogers, creator and host of the popular preschool television show, Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood, famously once said: *“When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’ To this day, especially in times of ‘disaster,’ I remember my mother’s words and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers—so many caring people in this world.”*

As we look at the response to the COVID-19 crisis by those connected to KenCrest—the nurses

and direct support professionals who work in our residential homes, those who work with children in our early intervention programs, the donors and foundations who graciously give—they’ve all stepped up in big and small ways to do one thing: **help**. They’ve helped by providing additional medical care and precaution. They’ve helped by picking up additional shifts and learning new safety protocols. They’ve helped by learning and implementing new technology to be able to connect with their clients to continue providing much-needed services. They’ve helped by donating resources, protective equipment, and money in a time of much uncertainty and financial loss.

During this time of crisis—just like 115 years ago—we see the helpers all around us. And we are truly and immensely grateful as we strive to provide care and comfort to our communities in need.

With gratitude,

Marian Baldini
President & CEO

Abiola Ajibola

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Abiola Ajibola had been working at KenCrest as a Direct Support Professional (DSP) for just seven months.

He had been in the same residential home in Chester County, PA, working five days a week and learning the wants and needs of one client. Abiola would give medication at the correct times, read books to his client, teach him to clear the table after dinner, and monitor him for any changes in his health. And then Abiola received a call for his help—a KenCrest house in the Philadelphia area had a COVID-positive DSP who had been hospitalized, and the Program Manager on one line who had been working with the client by herself was exhausted.

“I took a deep breath and said, ‘I’m ready to do it,’” said Abiola.



What Abiola didn’t know was that they needed him immediately—that day. He took a moment to process things, and after realizing he had a strong immune system and wanted to help, Abiola gathered his things and went to the Philadelphia house.

Abiola jumped right in, learning how to do G-tube feeding in order to care for the COVID-19-positive resident and give them the extra support that was needed. KenCrest provided Abiola with the resources to care for the resident as well as protect himself for the next 21 days until the resident was no longer COVID-positive, from bedding to personal protective equipment to training. From there, Abiola was asked to work with another COVID-positive client in Norristown, PA. This resident, who was high-functioning, provided some new challenges for Abiola.

“I had to learn how to deal with different behaviors and communication styles,” said Abiola. “When he started breaking things in his room, I figured out that he didn’t like being

confined, and I found a way to explain that I was there to help him. Eventually, he understood and calmed down.”

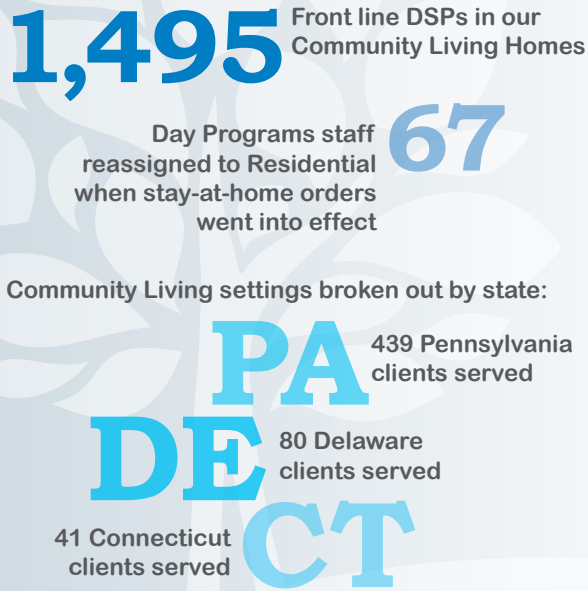
“Abiola is always ready to help out whenever he’s called upon,” said Abu Bangura, Abiola’s direct supervisor. “He has stepped up during these hard times, and I will always try my best to support him in all that he does for our residents.”

Celeste Jackson, the Program Manager of the house in Philadelphia where Abiola provided care, was equally thrilled with how Abiola handled himself in the time of crisis.

“Abiola was wonderful to work with...the care he provided to the individuals of the home was nothing less than exceptional,” said Celeste.



DSPs DURING COVID-19



“He was very receptive to everything that was taught to him and wanted to know more. He was not afraid to provide any care to anyone in the home, and I could sleep better at night, knowing that he was there.”

Abiola was also appreciative of the support he received at the new houses where he was sent.

“I was so happy with KenCrest managers...they would call to check in on my well-being, and to make sure I had everything to do my job,” said Abiola. “I even received a certificate of appreciation. All of these things go a long way... I never felt alone in any of this. I appreciate every person who reached out to me.”

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Jenny Doyle



Although she began her time with KenCrest 21 years ago in the Early Intervention program, Jenny Doyle, LPN, DDC, eventually became the Nurse Manager at one of KenCrest’s adult community medical homes in Ambler, PA in 2018.

The residents in our medical homes need 24/7 nursing care due to their complex medical conditions. The level of care and attention to detail needed to manage one of these homes are two of the reasons that Jenny excels in her role.

“In addition to being a very compassionate and caring individual, Jenny has such attention to detail, especially when it comes to preventative measures like the ones we

have implemented since the coronavirus began,” said Jenny’s supervisor, Donna Miller, Director of Medical Homes for Children and Adults. “Jenny’s focus is always on doing what’s best for staff and residents, and right now, that includes wearing masks and gloves, enforcing social distancing guidelines, wiping down door knobs, phones, and surfaces that are touched often by others. Having her staff adhere to these new protocols is what will help keep this virus at bay.”

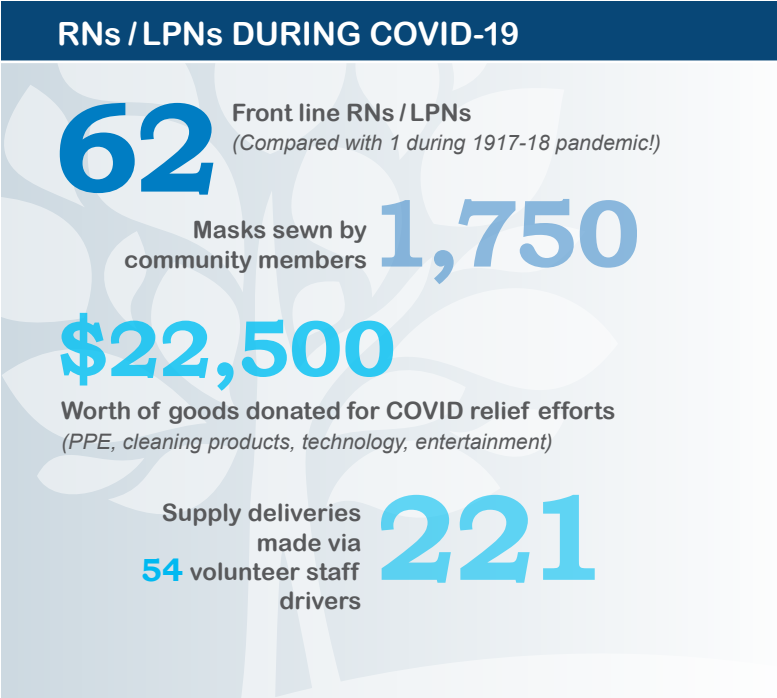
When the virus took hold in March, Jenny spent a lot more time trying to find supplies for the house. With limits on items like toilet paper and sanitizing wipes, she went to several stores each day to make sure the house had enough to be safe and clean.

Although families were not allowed to visit their loved ones for several months in an effort to keep the virus from coming into the house, Jenny took it upon herself to communicate with family members.

“This time was particularly hard for many family members, so I sent emails and made personal phone calls,” said Jenny. “It’s important for them to know their loved one is OK. So, I called a mother on her son’s birthday so she could talk to him, and I sent pictures of activities to a sister of a new resident who was rather nervous about how her brother was doing. Communicating during this time has been so important, and our families really appreciate it.”

Donna agrees about the importance of communication and believes that Jenny sets a great example of doing that very well.

“Whether it’s developing relationships with staff or families, Jenny doesn’t hesitate to make sure everyone understands new protocols, what’s going on in the house, and if there are any



needs among staff,” said Donna. “Now more than ever, it’s so important.”

For Jenny, this is key: “I keep a few things in mind during this ‘new normal.’ I’m grateful for a staff that is really on board with everything... they pick up shifts when necessary, they help each other out, and they stay safe.”

“Our main goal is to keep everyone happy and healthy... that’s all that’s on our minds. We all just want to help out.”

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KenCrest Masters

The third annual KenCrest Masters event was held on October 14, 2019 at the Blue Bell Country Club and Normandy Farm Hotel & Conference Center. It was a beautiful day for golf, axe throwing, and terrarium gardening, followed by a great night of conversation and a delicious meal among KenCrest friends. Through sponsorships, registrations, donations, and auction items, we were able to raise over \$202,000 from the Masters event, of which 75% went directly to the programs and services that KenCrest provides.

Special thanks go out to each of our sponsors, including our title sponsor, BB&T. We also thank our co-chairs, Travis and Joanna Rhodes, as well as our event committee for their leadership and time to plan this year's event. Our sponsors, participants, and volunteers made this year's Masters our best yet, and we're grateful for each of them.

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Community Champions: *Going Above and Beyond*

Due to the coronavirus, we were not able to have our planned celebration this year to honor KenCrest's Community Champions—the ones who go above and beyond to empower those we serve. Instead, we looked to technology to share the names and stories of those we selected as this year's worthy recipients of the title "KenCrest Community Champion."

In our fifth year of celebrating the support of individuals and organizations who champion for those with intellectual and development disabilities, as well as pre-school students in our early learning programs, we proudly posted this year's winners on our website, in social media posts, and via email. We also made personal phone calls to the winners, letting them know how much we value their efforts on our behalf. The celebration looked different, but the spirit of gratitude grew stronger than ever. Many thanks, Champions.



Julie Zettlemoyer

Many of the services that KenCrest provides were disrupted or altered when the coronavirus hit in March.

Early Intervention services could no longer take place in a face-to-face environment, and KenCrest had to find creative ways to continue helping families who needed support with their children who have developmental disabilities. This was when KenCrest turned to technology and teleintervention.

Teleintervention has allowed therapists and special instructors like Julie Zettlemoyer to connect with families through virtual meeting platforms like FaceTime, GoToMeeting®, and Zoom. Julie began working for KenCrest 26 years ago as an assistant teacher, working with children with and without disabilities. She was eventually promoted to a teacher and also trained staff on curriculum. For the past 11 years, Julie has worked with



families as a special instructor, going into the community and family homes to provide parents or caregivers with strategies for working on their child's developmental or behavioral issues.

When the idea of teleintervention was first brought to light, Julie wasn't quite sure how the new system of providing therapy would work.

"This was the first time ever that we [KenCrest] provided teleintervention services," said Julie. "It was completely uncharted territory and a bit scary. But when I took the time to think it through, I was still providing coaching and strategies to parents...it just wasn't in the same room. I could see their faces via Zoom, and they could see mine...and we were able to make the sessions work."

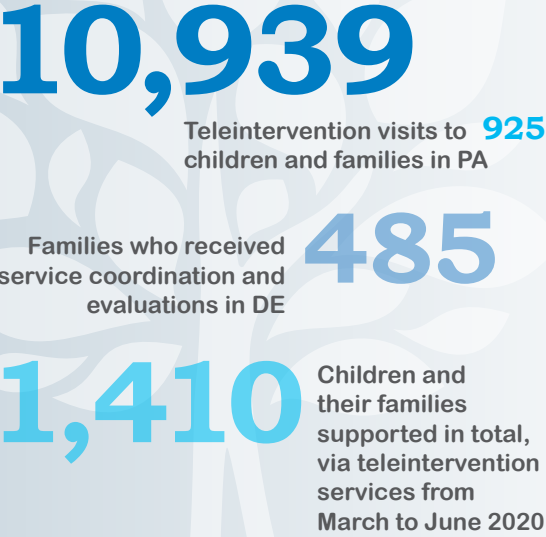
Julie wasn't the only one who was worried at first. Before the pandemic, a mom named Melani and her two-year-old son, Brandon, who has a speech delay, had been working with Julie. Melani was concerned when she heard that in-person services would stop, but when Julie

invited them to try teleintervention, Melani was thrilled that Brandon's progress could continue and she could still meet with Julie each week to go over any issues with Brandon's behavior.

"I'm so thankful for the tips and techniques that Julie has shared with me during our teleintervention sessions," said Melani. "It's great to be able to talk about whatever challenges we're having with Brandon, and Julie sends over notes at the end of each session so we have reminders of what we discussed. It's even better to see the progress he's making as he communicates and interacts with us more."



TELEINTERVENTION IN COVID-19



While people like Melani have benefitted from the help that Julie has provided during the pandemic, Julie gives plenty of credit back to the parents.

"Teleintervention works because of the parents...they are making this happen," said Julie. "It's been amazing to see how well the parents are doing...and it's an awesome feeling to be a part of it."



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| Amy Murphy |
| Museum of the American |
| Revolution |
| Megan Nachod |
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| Yinyinola Oladipo |
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| Dorothea & John Schrann |
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| Felecia Tanner |
| David & Trina Terné |
| Lauren Tilghman |



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| Erika & Anthony Shulkusky |
| Jeanette M. Shurow |
| Godfrey Shuster |
| Rosemarie Simmons |
| Lisa Simpson |
| Duane D. Smith |
| Kellie & Kevin Smith |
| Kimberly Smith |
| Joseph T. Sosnowski |
| Evelyn Spann |

A KenCrest consumer gets a hug from Santa Claus at a holiday party.

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| Jackqueline Tolbert |
| Fatou Toure |
| Shawn Towey |
| Geraldine Trower |
| Vera & Edward Tunstall |

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KenCrest Centers Consolidated Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2020 (Unaudited)

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Assets | |
| Cash | \$ 8,072,095 |
| Accounts receivable (net) | \$ 182,518 |
| Investments at market | \$ 11,248,163 |
| Plant and equipment (net) | \$ 1,473,276 |
| Other assets | \$ 507,845 |
| Total Assets | \$ 21,483,897 |
| Liabilities and Net Assets | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 1,142,509 |
| Loans and mortgages payable | \$ — |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 1,142,509 |
| Total Net Assets | \$ 20,341,388 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$ 21,483,897 |

KenCrest Centers Consolidated Statement of Public Support, Revenue, and Expenses

As of June 30, 2020 (Unaudited)

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Revenue | |
| Public support | |
| Grants | \$ 15,000 |
| Contributions | \$ 365,110 |
| Bequests | \$ 126,265 |
| Total Public Support | \$ 506,375 |
| Other Revenue | |
| Private services fees | \$ 3,198,789 |
| Gain on sale of property | \$ 109,936 |
| Investment income: | |
| Realized/unrealized gain on investments | \$ 46,998 |
| Dividends and interest on investments | \$ 283,220 |
| Rent | \$ 455,166 |
| Miscellaneous revenue | \$ 64,942 |
| Total Other Revenue | \$ 4,159,051 |
| Total Public Support and Other Revenue | \$ 4,665,426 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 3,981,729 |
| Excess of Public Support and Revenue over Expenses | \$ 683,697 |

KenCrest Services Consolidated Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2020 (Unaudited)

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Assets | |
| Cash | \$ 10,785,899 |
| Accounts receivable (net) | \$ 16,610,014 |
| Plant and equipment (net) | \$ 20,328,336 |
| Other assets | \$ 3,706,369 |
| Total Assets | \$ 51,430,618 |
| Liabilities and Fund Balance | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 17,603,239 |
| Loans and mortgages payable | \$ 16,714,163 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 34,317,402 |
| Total Net Assets | \$ 17,113,216 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$ 51,430,618 |

KenCrest Services Consolidated Statement of Public Support, Revenue, and Expenses

As of June 30, 2020 (Unaudited)

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Revenue | |
| Public support | |
| Grants | \$ 1,027,030 |
| Contributions | \$ 13,226 |
| Total Public Support | \$ 1,040,256 |
| Other Revenue | |
| Government funding sources | \$ 125,669,049 |
| Private fees | \$ 4,397,505 |
| Miscellaneous revenue | \$ 331,640 |
| Total Other Revenue | \$ 130,398,194 |
| Total Public Support and Other Revenue | \$ 131,438,450 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 131,823,739 |
| Excess of Public Support and Revenue over Expenses | \$ (385,289) |

Volunteers at KenCrest

Our KenCrest Volunteers

Volunteering on behalf of our mission can take many forms, which became more evident than ever during the pandemic. With many of our locations closed, and others not allowing any non-essential visitors in, the community rallied in a multitude of creative ways to help the KenCrest Family.



Reformation Lutheran Church

Reformation Lutheran Church in Media, PA, found a way to continue their annual Vacation Bible School virtually this year and chose KenCrest as the beneficiary of their Compassion Camp. From the safety of their own homes, families engaged in a range of activities that were then shared with KenCrest. They took up a collection of supplies for activities and crafts for the people we support, including 150 craft kits. The children made cards for our staff, thanking them for their tireless efforts to keep those we support safe and healthy.

In addition, other members of the church created beautiful prayer shawls to bring comfort to individuals in our Community Living Homes and Independent Living. We would like to thank the Reformation Lutheran Church community for their endless and creative support of our mission and the people we serve!



Sewing Masks

This spring, KenCrest asked the community to help in finding and sewing masks for our staff and those we support. Volunteers sprang into action, donating their time and materials, creating over 1,750 masks by the end of June.



Driving

Over 50 staff who made the shift to remote work also volunteered to make contact-less deliveries of groceries, personal protective equipment, and cleaning supplies to homes. The goal was to keep staff and those we serve safe by minimizing the number of contacts they had during the course of a day. This corps of staff drivers completed more than 150 deliveries of these essentials. Other staff volunteered to ensure that their coworkers are able to get to work when public transportation was limited or not available during the stay-at-home orders.

Early Learning Center Meal Deliveries

When COVID-19 emerged in the spring, and our seven Early Learning Centers in Philadelphia were required to close, the first thing on the mind of our teachers and staff was that the children would not be getting their breakfast, lunch, and healthy snacks that are typically provided each day. Staff immediately sprang into action, working with the food service company to figure out a way that KenCrest could continue to provide those meals to 525 families.

Weekly boxes were packaged by BTC Foods, Inc., with five breakfasts, five lunches, and five healthy snacks. A team of 70 volunteer drivers, comprised of teachers, staff, friends, and family were given delivery routes and provided no-contact drop-offs of the boxes each week to the home of every enrolled family that opted in.

At the end of seven weeks of spring deliveries, 3,686 boxes of food, containing 55,299 meals, were delivered.

Looking back into our archives, we found that during the Spanish Influenza pandemic in 1917, our nurses and staff were delivering milk and other food items to the families to ensure proper nutrition wasn't interrupted! Our extended KenCrest Family has pulled together once again, and it has been a sustaining force as we face these unprecedented times.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

3,686 Boxes of food delivered via Early Learning Centers program

Meals delivered with the help of 70 volunteer drivers **55,299**

54 Volunteer staff drivers for personal protective equipment, medical supplies, cleaning/sanitizer, etc.

Staff deliveries made **221**



“Those who are happiest
are those who do the most
for others.”

– Booker T. Washington

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Mary Beth Vanett
Mary Jane Vesey
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Sara Drury
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Doris Gadson
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Lisa Garcia
Dana Garner
Janice Gee
Giant Food Stores
Tia Gibbs
Joy Glass
Nick & Peggy Gomez

*One of our consumers collected
soda tabs for a local charity during
the holidays.*

Good Shepherd Lutheran
Church – Southampton
Leneika Goodrich
Lisa Gracia
Kevin Graham
Olivia Graham
Nancy & Bob Grebe
Rona Greenfield
Frances Greist
Ken Griffin
Kathleen & Mark Grubelic
Jennifer Gryga
Samuel Guarnieri
Melissa Guner
Susan Hagerich
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Gracynthia Mills



*Members of the St. John Lutheran Church in Blue Bell made and donated
blankets to KenCrest as part of a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day project.*

Eileen Lowenstein
Lutheran Church Women
of St. Matthew – Glen Mills
Racquel Lynch
Joseph Mancini
Patricia & Steve Martin
Leigh Ann Massinger
John Mberi
Amy McCain
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Christina McClendon
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Bill McKay
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Lauren Meckling
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Philadelphia Emergency Fund for Stabilization of Early Education

If the pandemic has taught us anything, it's that quality crisis preparation can look a lot better on paper than it does in reality.

This is exactly why key staff from Reinvestment Fund, William Penn Foundation, and Vanguard's Strong Start for Kids Program decided to not run a hurry-up offense when Philadelphia's childcare and early childhood centers were ordered to shut down in response to the coronavirus outbreak.

"We knew we had to act quickly," said Bevin Parker-Cerkez, Managing Director, Program Services & Senior Director, Early Childhood Education, Reinvestment Fund. "But we also needed to act thoughtfully."

On Monday, March 16, the three program directors of each organization hopped on a call with a collective mission.



"All of us felt the same way," said Bevin. "We'd supported this industry for so long. We knew COVID was going to be big and impactful. And it could potentially void four years of investments that we made in the early education sector. The question we asked was, 'What can we do to ensure that we're stabilizing the sector, at least for the time being, knowing what we know today?'"

The answer was the Philadelphia Emergency Fund for Stabilization of Early Education (PEFSEE), which opened applications on April 6, three weeks after KenCrest closed its seven early learning centers. The fund's goal was simple: support organizations that provide early learning for children from birth to age five, whose businesses may be struggling due to COVID-19 closures.

"We didn't know how long this [the shutdown] was going to last," said Bevin, "but we knew that we wouldn't have enough funding to meet the needs being told to us...the questions became: 'How can we help access dollars?' and 'What

could we look at historically that might have useful data about community resilience?'"

Because low-wage workers are the most likely to have jobs that are deemed emergency/essential services, the program directors felt it imperative to identify and preserve physical buildings in areas that were most accessible to low-opportunity, high-poverty communities.

With the primary focus on physical spaces, the need for assistance with virtual technology had not been fully understood until the application review process. KenCrest benefited from this new awareness and was surprised to be awarded a second grant to support the teams delivering virtual services to families in Philadelphia, including a number living in homeless shelters.

"KenCrest's history of serving children from low-income families where there are often language



GRANTORS FOR COVID-19 RELIEF

- Caroline J.S. Sanders Trust**
- Gundacker Foundation** (Rotary District 7450)
- McLean Contributionship**
- Montgomery County Foundation**
COVID-19 Response Fund
- PHL COVID-19 Fund**
Made possible by a collaboration between the Philadelphia Foundation, the City of Philadelphia, and the United Way of Greater Philadelphia & Southern New Jersey
- PNC Foundation**
- Reinvestment Fund**
- United Way of Chester County**
COVID-19 Response Fund

Total COVID-focused grants received: **\$122,588**

barriers and the presence of learning disabilities, via early learning centers and also in-home interventions, caught our attention," said Bevin. "This is the time where advocates and people can say, 'These are important people. These are important institutions. Our livelihood and our economy depend upon it,'" said Bevin.

KenCrest couldn't agree more, and we're so grateful for the help from PEFSEE. As Roseann Adamo, Director of Home and Community Based Services – Birth to 5, said, "Receiving this grant during the beginning of the pandemic gave our program in Philadelphia hope...hope that the work our staff are doing to support children and families would continue."



Congressman Dwight Evans pays a visit to our South Early Learning Center in Philadelphia.

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| Jay S. Ruder | Shannon Super |
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| Lisa Sanford | Mark Taglianetti |
| Martez Satchell | Roslyn Teagle |
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| John Sirianni | Edie Veeck |
| Jill Smerilson | Jessica Venuto |
| Margaret Smith | Judith Voyak |
| Sarah Smith | Sabrina Walker |
| Raynaejah Sneed | Robin Ward |
| Fatou Sow | Shirley A. Warner |
| Leland Spicer | LaToya Washington |
| Doris Spina | Martinique Waters |
| Kim Sterling | Anne Watkins |
| Chanton Stevenson | Trashell Webb |
| Jason Stiteler | Barbara Williams |
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In the early 20th century, KenCrest friend and board member William P.M. Braun established the RiverCrest “Garden of Sweet Memories,” in which tributes and memorials were recorded for loved ones. Our KenCrest Golden Book continues this tradition: In an impressive leather-bound volume, we record the names of any individuals for which honorary or memorial gifts are given in calligraphy. The names of the following individuals have been added in the past year to the Golden Book.

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| Faye Tyler | Victoria & Joseph Tyler |

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Ruth Yuen
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Bendu Zoryeah

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The following individuals have directed over \$1,000 together through Thrivent Financial's Choice Dollars program to be donated to KenCrest.

Paul & Linda Beck
Lynda R. Guinam
Carol Hammarberg
Paula Kadel
David & Susan Kreno
Mary Ann Macko
Martin Witte

Second Century Society | 2020

We recognize these individuals who have made provisions for KenCrest in their estate planning, both in the past and for the future. These friends have made a commitment to KenCrest and those we serve, ensuring that our mission continues in our second century of service.

| Past | | Future |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| August Achterman | Edna Lickfield | Anonymous (2) |
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| Mary Geschick | William Roeser | *deceased |
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| Verna Guterman | Elizabeth Schoenhut | |
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Ways to Give

At KenCrest, we offer a variety of ways for our donors to give so that they can choose the one that best suits them.

If you would like your gift to be applied to the area of greatest need, KenCrest will graciously attribute your donation to our unrestricted funds. If you desire, KenCrest will restrict your gift to benefit a specific program or need, such as improvements to a community living home, transportation needs, supplies for our Early Learning Centers, or employment opportunities.

Checks

Please make checks payable to KenCrest.

Credit Cards

We accept credit cards over the phone or online at: [KenCrest.org/donate](https://kencrest.org/donate)

United Way

You can designate KenCrest through Donor Choice #00839.

Matching Gifts

Check with your HR department to see if your company has a matching gift program. The doubling of your gift has a huge impact on those we serve.

Legacy Gifts

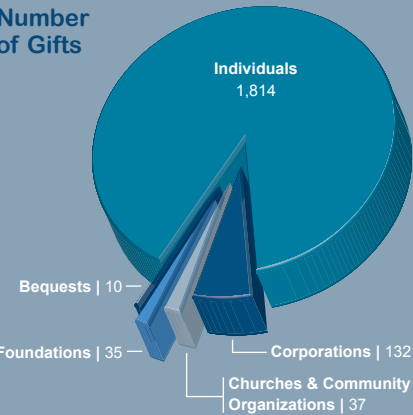
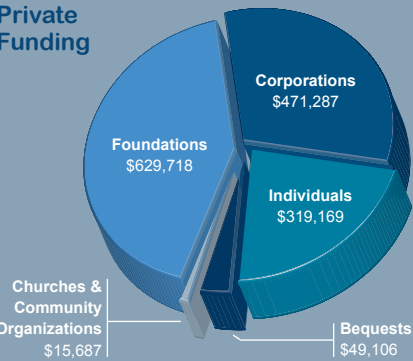
Bequests, charitable remainder trusts, and life insurance policies will all ensure a bright future for those receiving services at KenCrest.

Endowment

A gift to our endowment allows KenCrest to develop innovative approaches to services and programming opportunities for the future.

To learn more about giving opportunities, contact the Development Office at: 610-825-9360, ext. 1129.

By the Numbers:
Donor Data



\$1,486,204
Total amount raised

Total number of donors **826**

256 New donors this year

\$89,218
Additional in goods and services received

Total number of children who received a PreK Scholarship **107**