



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

CHILDREN OF
INCARCERATED PARENTS
PARTNERSHIP

*"EVERY CHILD DESERVES A RELENTLESSLY
DEVOTED CAREGIVER."* --COIPP PARTICIPANT



GRANDMA J'S STORY...

A few years ago, New England grandma J, received the news that her grandson's parents had been arrested and incarcerated. Grandma J spent no time planning her trip to Frederick, Maryland. She had no idea whom to contact, or what she might find. She did know that she needed to ease the trauma of her grandson's life.

Not long after arriving in Frederick and staying with her grandson in his parents' townhouse, the money ran out. One evening a neighbor found them sitting on the curb. They had been evicted. Grandma J did not know where to turn for help, resources, or a place to spend the night. However, that neighbor happened to be a volunteer with Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership, COIPP. A call to COIPP's emergency Outreach number and grandma and grandson were soon being driven to a motel. They also received several COIPP gift cards. Grandma J could get groceries and gas for her car so her grandson could continue with some stability in his life by staying in the same school. Eventually, with the help of friends of COIPP, Grandma J and grandson were moved into an apartment. COIPP continued to provide gift cards.

Grandma J's Social Security checks and small Naval pension did not go far in Frederick County, especially with a growing adolescent boy....food...clothes...shoes...repeat. Grandma J and grandson received help, physical, financial, and mental, from the volunteers and board members of COIPP. They were invited to Kids' Activities, and Emergency COVID Giveaways. Grandma J joined the monthly Respite meetings for caregivers where she found women like herself, struggling, but not without hope. At COIPP's Respite meetings caregivers share concerns, stories, resources, and shoulders to lean on. COIPP volunteers led discussions and activities, gave door prizes, and gift cards. Grandson did have to change schools. He has joined the band! He recently told a volunteer he wanted to become a Junior Volunteer FireFighter when old enough. He continues to grow, in many positive ways.

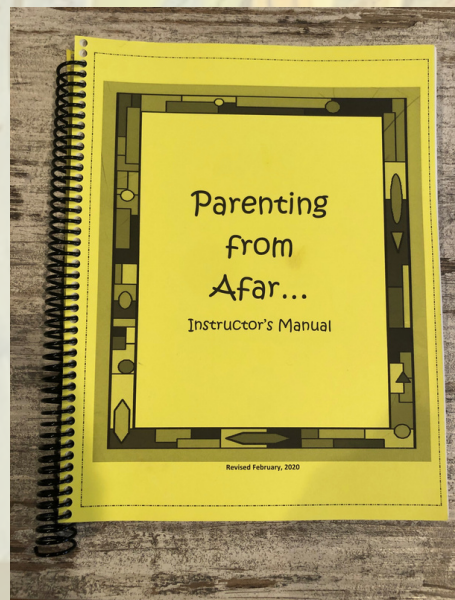
And Grandma J? The struggle continues, but she is not alone. She continues to come to activities, to Respite meetings and has recently become an active COIPP volunteer!



COIPP Helped Families in So Many Ways...

Family & Caregiver Support

- 288 individuals served via parenting/caregiver classes
- 21 crisis requests met
- 4 in-person childrens' events



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Basic Human Needs Support

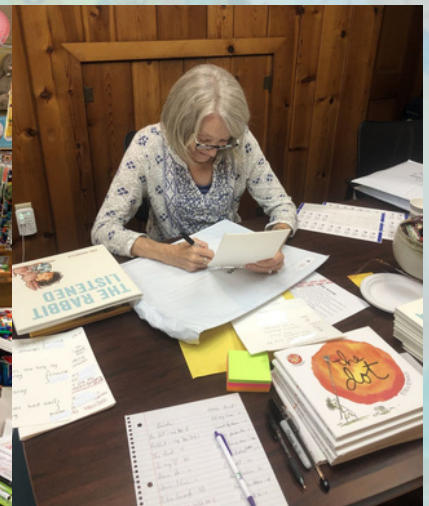
- 6 Covid give-away events
- 56 families participated
- Diapers, wipes, laundry, shoes, boots, & gift cards for food & clothing distributed



COIPP Helped Families in So Many Ways...

Education for All

- Over 2,000 childrens' books distributed
- 333 children/caregivers received resource boxes
- Partnerships grown stronger with Curious Ignuana and Dancing Bear Toy Store



COIPP Helped Families in So Many Ways...

Workshops & Collaboration

- Over 110 caregivers & family members participated.
- Collaborations with FCPS, Head Start, Housing Authority, MHA, Gale House, I Believe in Me, City Youth Matrix



In Their Own Words..

"First and foremost, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generous donation and for your support to a scholarship that helps break barriers. There is a stigma associated with having parents who are or have been incarcerated. Many think that as a child of incarcerated parents, we have made poor life decisions and will not be able to build a successful life. They may believe that our circumstances will lead us to follow our parents footsteps, to continue the cycle of crime, drug abuse, and "failure". It could turn out that way for some children, not because they inherited a criminal mindset, but because they faced an abundance of stigma from their peers, employers, and doctors. This scholarship helps break stigma and lay a foundation of hope for children of incarcerated parents to build a future they have always dreamed of. I was one to follow the footsteps of my parents and fall into some very poor decisions, however, I am also one who is now rising above all I had hoped for, working as a Peer Recovery specialist, and beginning the journey to becoming an addictions counselor and social worker. I could never have had this opportunity if it were not for your support and for others who are like-minded, allowing me to see my true potential and live a life my children will be proud of. Thank you, and God bless you." – A scholarship recipient

"Just wanted to say thank you so so much for the giveaway today!!! We went home and my daughters and son modeled the shoes for me....My 8 yr old daughter, I overheard her say 'im going to be the coolest kid in school'". That made me smile from ear to ear. This same daughter also just told me to 'text coipp and tell them thank you for me'. So thank you again for the smiles and life saving assistance in bringing the kids back to school the right way and helping them feel so special. And I thank you for helping me, I wouldn't be able to do this for them by myself. I feel so blessed being apart of this special organization. We love you all!!!! ---From a caregiver in her own words.

...just two of so many more

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

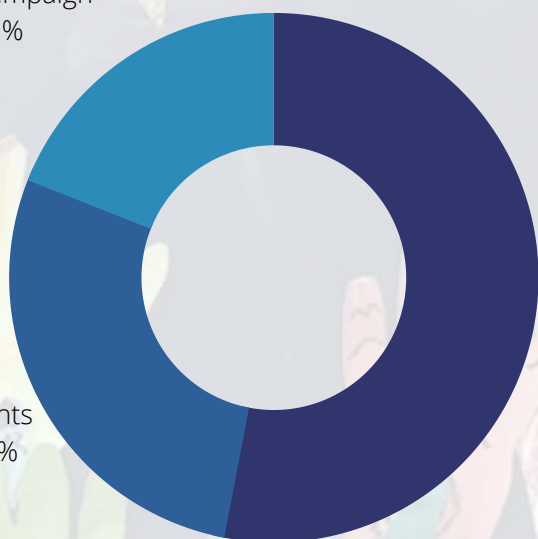
Despite the difficulties that COVID-19 presented again this year, COIPP continued to serve its children and families, pivoting to meet them where they were. This included offering more to meet basic needs.

REVENUE SOURCES

COIPP relies upon a myriad of different sources to operate the organization.

Unity Campaign
19%

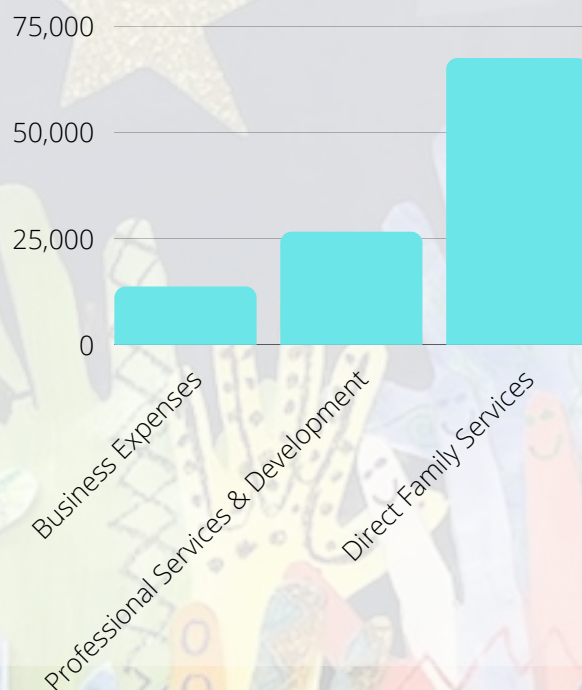
Grants
28%



Donations
53%

EXPENSES INCURRED

In 2021, COIPP was still an all-volunteer organization and had no staffing costs. This changes in 2022.



If you can't be a pencil to
write someone's happiness,
then try to be the eraser to
remove their sadness.

745+

Number of
individuals served

10+

Number of
grants received

We Love Our Volunteers!



Volunteers gave
over 3,200
hours!



2021 COIPP Board

Executive Officers:

Sally Smith - President
Pat Rosensteel - Vice President
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Gretta Benson - Recording Secretary
Shirley White- Corresponding Secretary

Additional Board Members:

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Cathy Anderson
Ally Elspas
Anna Long
Jennifer Dayton

Led by our Founder and Executive Director, Shari Ostrow Scher!



Join Us!

Volunteer - Visit the COIPP website to learn more.
www.coipp.org

- Seek donations/grants
- Help supervise at children's activities
- Co-lead a workshop
- Help at Sharing Fairs

Receive our E-Newsletter - Send an email to info@coipp.org and ask to be added to the list.

Support us on Social Media - Follow us and share liberally!

- Facebook: Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership
- Instagram: COIPPFrederickMD
- Twitter: COIPP

Donate to the Cause! Send your check made out to COIPP or donate via the website (scan the code).

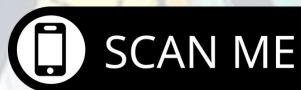
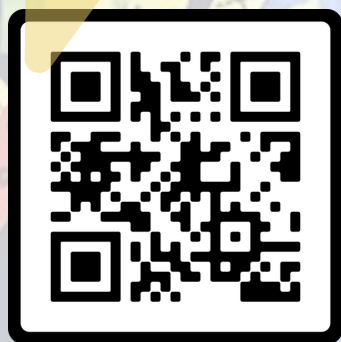
- Gift Cards: for gas, groceries, household items (Walmart, Sheetz, etc.)
- Children's Books: New books or welcome of funds for us to purchase them
- Children's Activities: Funds to help offer meaningful educational and recreational activities
- Scholarships: Funds to help a parent or caregiver further their education



Donations can be made online at www.coipp.org/donate or send your check to:

Children of Incarcerated
Parents Partnership
22 S. Market St., #101 A
Frederick, MD 21701

**Thank you for your
support of this
important work!**



Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for supporting Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership (COIPP) this past year. Because of your donations of money and/or resources, your volunteering, and/or your words of encouragement, we were able to accomplish amazing things.



We served over 700 children, caregivers and parents in one capacity or another. We know that when a parent goes to jail, the child often suffers a trauma that may haunt them all of their lives. However, we know that support in times of need, social connections, understanding of child development, and ending isolation for the child and caregiver, can take the effects of this negative event and turn it around. This is what COIPP does.

We hope you have enjoyed our Report to the Community, 2021. None of this would happen if Frederick was not a community with a lot of heart.

Most Sincerely,

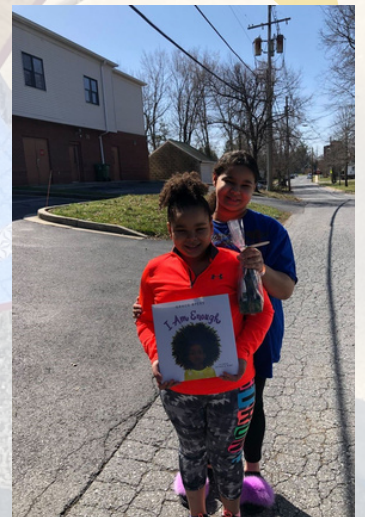
**Shari Ostrow Scher
Executive Director**

Because of YOU, all this is possible!



You!!

Thank



FOR MORE INFORMATION
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