

## COVID-19 RESPONSE



- **Secured critical COVID-19 response funds** – such as public health grants for Home & Community Based Service providers and PCA rate increases – through legislative and grassroots advocacy.
- **Created a COVID-19 resource page** on our website, sharing accessible, plain language information in multiple languages.
- **Assisted people with COVID-19 issues**, like rights restrictions, discrimination, and testing and vaccine access.
- **Advocated for human rights and equity** at regular advisory group meetings convened by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health.

## PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

### Public Policy

- **Secured significant policy reform** through legislative advocacy at the state level, including:
  - ▶ Major reform to Minnesota guardianship law, promoting supported decision-making and enhancing the rights of people subject to guardianship
  - ▶ Training for Direct Support Professionals to help prevent sexual violence against people who have disabilities
  - ▶ Employment, Self-Direction, and Independent Living First policies to help ensure informed choice in where people live and work
  - ▶ Language ensuring that individualized, self-directed support options are prioritized in the Waiver Reimagine project, so people who have disabilities have more choice in and control over their services
- **Disseminated 50,000 nonpartisan Get Out the Vote postcards** to stakeholders statewide
- **Garnered direct engagement** from more than 2,200 people through nonpartisan voter education information shared via electronic media
- **Created a new “Empowered to Vote” section on our website** with nonpartisan voter education materials in multiple formats and languages



### Housing

**2,470**

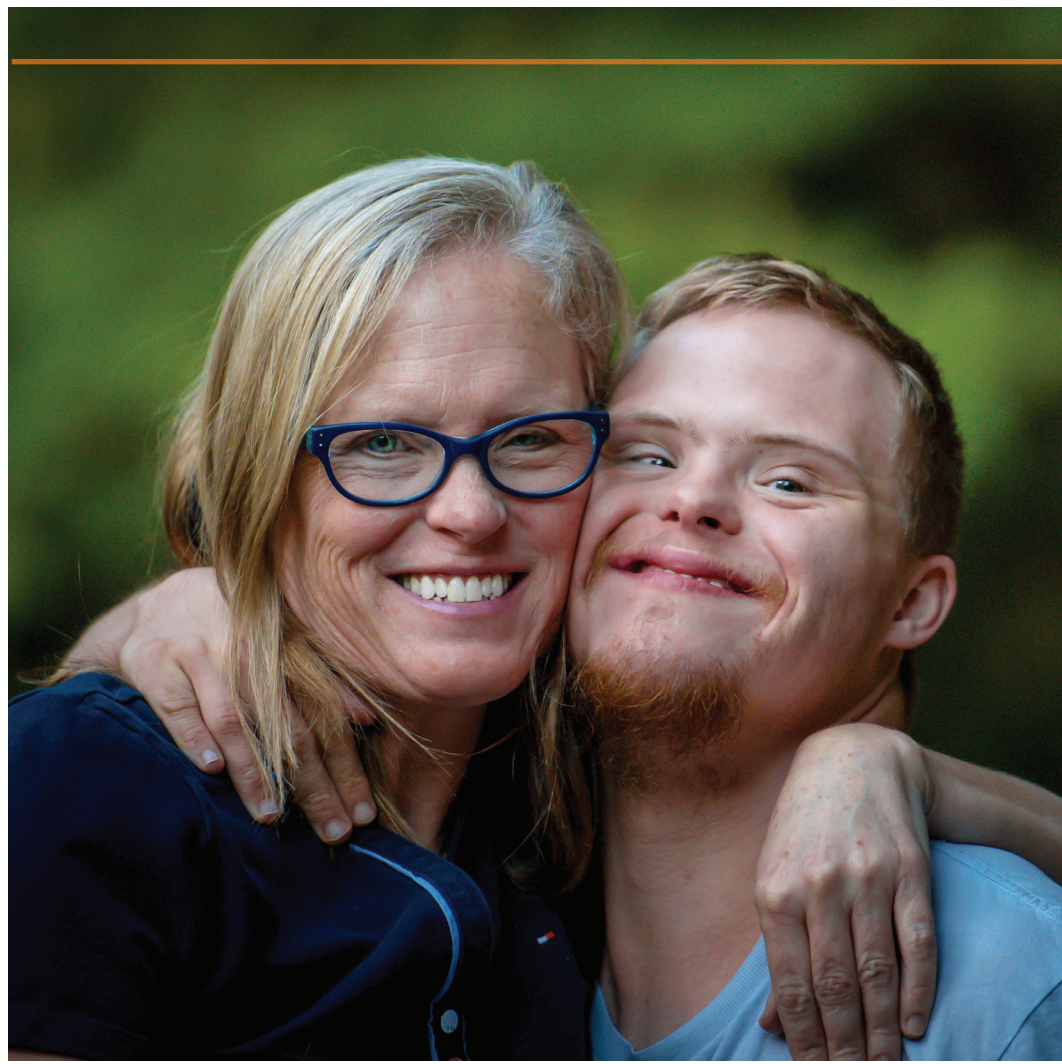
unique calls about the housing program.

**267**

individuals supported with moving into homes of their own.

**36**

public presentations reported.



### Self-Advocacy

- **Developed tools & trainings** to help people who have disabilities stay connected during the pandemic.
- **Built a self-advocacy section on our website** with tools, resources, and event information for leaders who have disabilities.
- **Shared plain language resources** about disability justice, racial justice, and social change.
- **Started an online, statewide self-advocacy group** – “Calling All Self-Advocates.”
- **Co-created an online self-advocacy training** for youth who have disabilities – “Future Leaders of Self-Advocacy” – that will launch Fall 2021.

## ADVOCACY, INFORMATION, AND ASSISTANCE

We supported 1,563 people with our I and A service in 2020.

- We interacted with them 1,869 times about 2,728 different issues.
- These people live in 58 out of MN’s 87 counties.
- 1,219 of those people were first time users of our I and A service.
- 168,000 unique website pageviews.



Nate Clark is the president of People First of Minnesota, and has been on the Self-Advocates of Minnesota Board (SAM) since 2016. Nate was living in a group home in Waseca when he met a Self-Advocacy Coordinator for The Arc Minnesota. The Arc Minnesota Housing Coordinator worked with Nate and helped him move into his own home.

“The very first thing I said to [The Arc Minnesota coordinator] is that when I move to Mankato, I would like to be on the board of SAM,” said Nate.



Nate achieved that goal and now plays a huge part in equipping the next generation of self-advocates to create a more inclusive world. Nate is passionate about self-advocacy and would like for “people to know how to treat people with dignity and respect.”

## FINANCE

Total earned revenue:

**\$1,410,550**

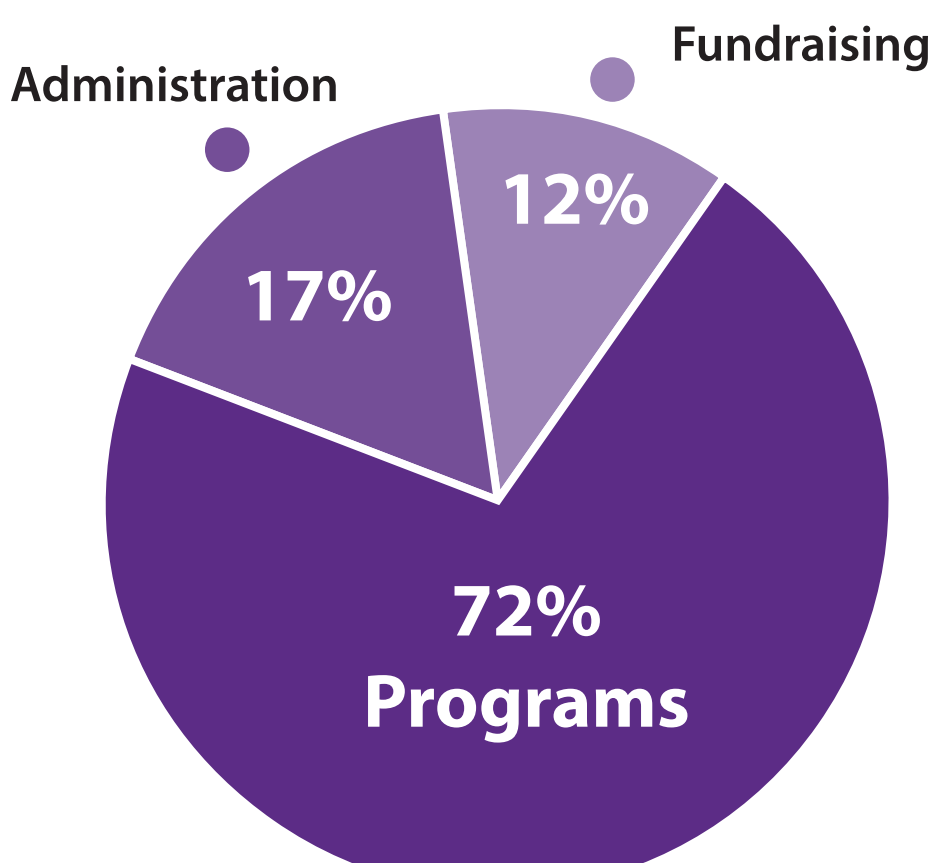
Total donor support:

**\$3,470,706**

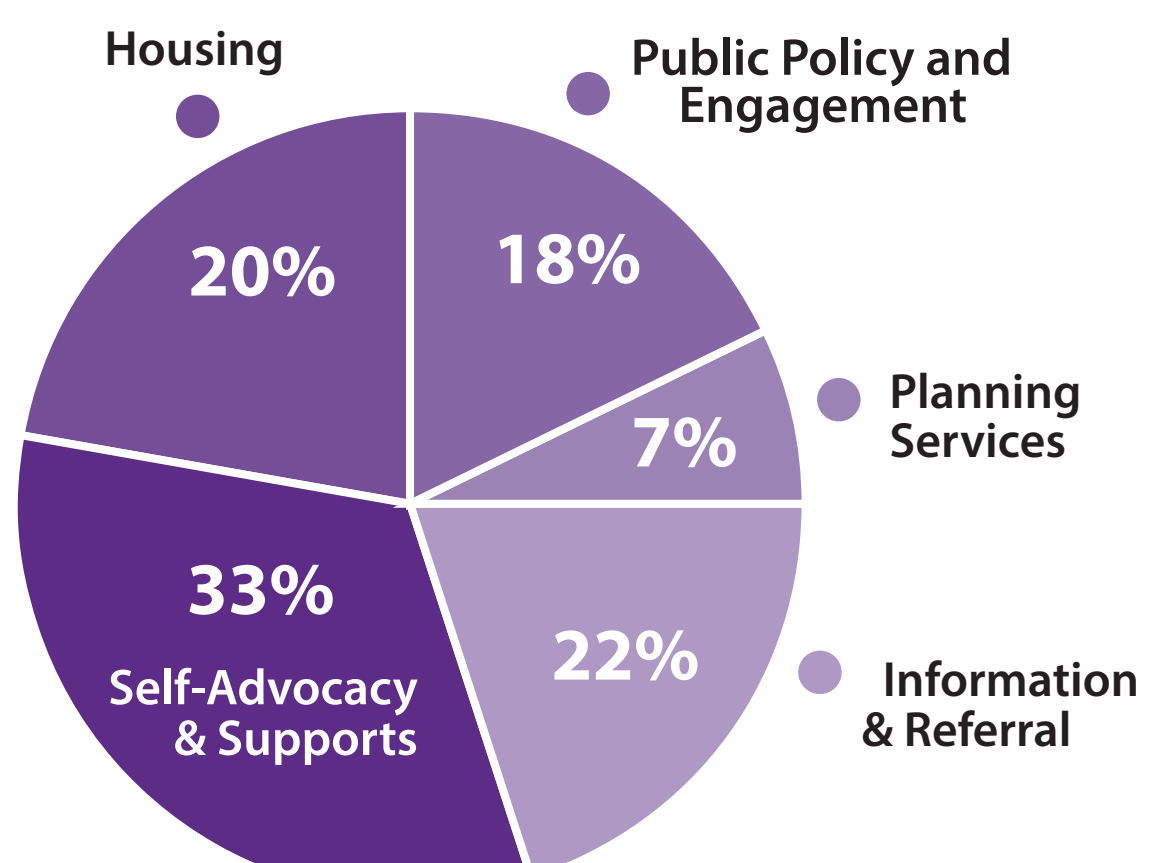
Total organizational expenses:

**\$4,927,849**

### Organizational Spending:



### Programmatic Spending:



## 2020 GALA

The 2020 Arc Gala was the most successful event in the history of The Arc Minnesota. Not only were we able to raise a record number of funds, but The Arc Minnesota launched a movement that will focus on changing the false perceptions of people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities.

725 GUESTS  
TOTAL RAISED: \$939,973

