

# ANNUAL REPORT 2021



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With 2021 almost in the rearview mirror, it's often a time to reflect on all that has transpired over the course of the past year and the many 'silent miracles' that have taken place, time and time again. I've been grateful to be a part of The Moore Center community for many years, now, and even more honored to serve as Chairman of the Board of an organization with a legacy of serving others for over 65 years.

The true measure of a community is how well it values and embraces all of its members, especially those who are most vulnerable. These individuals are our neighbors, our colleagues, our sisters and brothers, and our friends. I'm continually amazed at the tremendous commitment and the compassion of our staff and the providers of The Moore Center who are truly dedicated to improving the quality of life for our clients and their families.

I'm proud to be a part of this incredible organization that continues to grow and innovate and honors the remarkable abilities and achievements of all.

As we continue to ride the wave of somewhat challenging and unpredictable times, there are so many silver linings that we can continually point to throughout this journey. Perhaps, most importantly, we should celebrate and feel gratitude in our ability to be *resilient*, so powerfully demonstrated in many of our families who have unexpectedly found themselves providing additional layers of care for a loved one they support at home.

In this Annual Report, you'll meet the Sieper family who, like so many others, are feeling the direct impact of our nationwide workforce crisis, so notably palpable in home health and direct care. Their inspirational story of caring for their nine-year-old son Alex around-the-clock, and their journey of activism, positivity and resilience is one you won't soon forget.

The Moore Center's mission is to create opportunities for a good life, and that includes trying to make life a little easier for others. I am tremendously humbled and honored to serve this organization as we continue our important work of advocating for all.

In 2011, Scott and Maria Sieper were surprised – and delighted – to learn they were expecting a baby. When their son Alexander “Alex” was born, the family was excited to round out their blended family, including Scott's two young children from a previous marriage.

But when Alex was around two-months old, Maria began to have some suspicions that something might be wrong. “He wouldn't look at me or look at any toys,” she remembered of those early days. “I took him to his pediatrician, who didn't seem too concerned at the time. He told me that some babies take a little longer to develop.”

At about four months, when things didn't improve, they were referred to a pediatric ophthalmologist and then a neurologist, who performed tests that showed Alex was developing seizures in his occipital lobe, the area responsible for vision. The family was taken aback, as these seizures weren't even noticeable. About a month later, however, things changed dramatically when Alex developed visible seizures, often 100 or more in a single day. Little did they know then, but this would only be the beginning of an arduous three-year journey as the family desperately tried to find answers to help their son.

“It was just an incredibly tough and emotional time for all of us,” Maria recalled. “We tried fourteen different medications and even a special

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diet. But nothing worked.”

As years ticked by, Scott and Maria channeled their frustration into action after learning through their rigorous research that other states were having great success in treating pediatric epilepsy patients with medical marijuana.

“One of the things we advocated for was to get epilepsy approved as a condition to prescribe medical marijuana, here in New Hampshire,” Scott said. “We learned about its incredible success rate in other states, and we knew we had to try this for our son.”

The drug the family championed is a form of CBD, which is non-hallucinogenic. Still, they faced an uphill battle getting it approved, including combating tremendous stigma and criticism among those who didn't understand its medical benefits, especially in children.

Almost immediately after being prescribed the newly-approved drug, the hundreds of seizures Alex had in a single day plummeted to just a few per month. But their cumulative effect had a lasting impact on him, both neurologically and developmentally.

“It was a very dark period,” Maria remembered, “But, we supported each other, and we advocated for Alex, and with the help of many allies, we got through it.”

At the age of three, Alex was referred to The Moore Center, which helped in various

ways, including securing funding so the family could retrofit their home with the modifications needed for adaptive equipment. They've also been a resource to find programs to benefit Alex, including respite care so Scott and Maria could have time away, as well as arranging for Alex to attend horseback riding lessons, which he enjoys.

“The Moore Center has been wonderful to us,” Scott said, “They sit down with you, hear your story and help you make a plan.” Added Maria, “We are very fortunate and blessed to have the support system we have. It's made us stronger.”

Today, at nine, Alex is medically stable and receives services at home. However, for the last few months, both Scott and Maria have unexpectedly become his full-time caregivers while they ardently search for a replacement for Alex's longtime home care nurse, who had to leave her position.

Despite it all, Scott and Maria see so many 'blessings in disguise' throughout their journey. “It's so important to focus on what you have and appreciate the little things,” Maria said. “Alex is so much more than his disability. He's a sweet nine-year-old little boy, who loves listening to music and being read to. He gives the best hugs and his smile lights up the room. We have a great life.”

## Financials for the 2021 Fiscal Year

	FY21	FY20
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$69,749,537</b>	<b>\$62,877,293</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$68,415,154</b>	<b>\$62,348,261</b>
Change in Net Assets before Interest Rate SWAP	\$1,334,383	\$529,032



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