



Pearl Buck Center

Impact Report

Fiscal Year 2021-2022



From left to right, Four-year-old preschool students, Chris T. and Naomi H., break out the dinosaurs during unstructured play time.

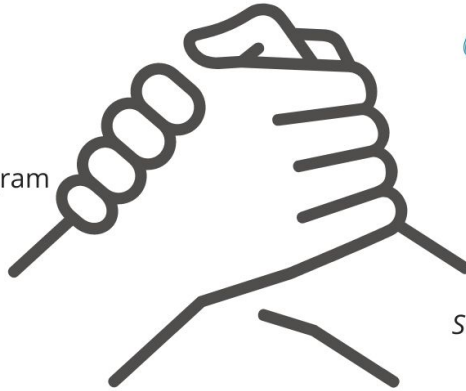
Our Mission

Pearl Buck Center offers people with various abilities and their families quality choices and supports to achieve their goals.

Pearl Buck Center has been a mainstay to people with developmental disabilities and their families in the Eugene/Springfield metro area since 1953.

Choices

Community Employment
Life-Enhancing Activities Program
Preschool
Family Supports
Project SEARCH
Supported Living
Vocational Academy



Supports

Consultation
Family Support
Job Coaching
Job Development
Support Team meetings
Adaptive technology
Basic needs assistance
Parenting education

Independence

Inclusion

Employment

Recreation

Education

Parenting

Pearl Buck Center Inspires !

Who We Are

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Navigating Changes & Challenges

As our entire world entered another (annoying!) year of a global pandemic, surprises continued and navigating changes was required each day. With a nearly 70-year successful history, we at Pearl Buck Center have been facing fearful situations with compassion and service for decades. This historical strength was expanded through this last year's courageous actions of our participants, staff, Board of Directors, volunteers, funders, and community partners.

When we began this fiscal year in July of 2021, we had the great challenge and success of finalizing the move of our community services programs back to our Center from rented space downtown. We celebrated with an all staff meeting and outdoor barbeque, acknowledging everyone's hard work to accomplish the move. The change was critical in aligning our entry points for all adult service programs. Capitalizing on the knowledge and talent of our tenured staff, we not only ensured stability in our programs but solidified the tenets of self-directed supports.

We continued juggling the virtual requirements with person-to-person connections. The power of heart and intention proved itself as we expanded in-person supports and maintained virtual options in some of our programs. Children came to preschool, families got much needed respite, we held Virtual Trivia Night, we delivered hundreds of toys, coats and meals when needed, gathered participants for fun activities and learning, hosted a hybrid Benefit Breakfast, graduated our fifth Project SEARCH class, and so much more.

Pulitzer and Nobel prize winner Pearl S. Buck is our namesake, something she became so proud of she wrote a book about our work, *A Community Success Story: The Founding of The Pearl Buck Center*. A part of her introduction in the book speaks to who we were then, and who we are now, as she described us as "a guiding light". In the precious moments we have had connecting with one another throughout all our accomplishments, that light does guide us in appreciation for all, and a recognition that the best is yet to come.

Bring on the 70th anniversary in 2023!



Margaret Theisen
Executive Director

Selene Jaramillo
Board President



Community Services

Community Employment

Community Employment assists individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to locate and retain quality employment opportunities within the community. This program provides placement services through **Job Development** for those seeking employment, and **Job Coaching** through **Supported Employment** so clients can remain successful in their jobs. We focus on building new skills, independence and self confidence.

81

clients
served



Top right photo: While packaging products for Marley's Monsters, client Dawnita demonstrates her acquired skills and shows off her new nail color.

Supported Living

Assists individuals with IDD to live as independently as possible in their homes while remaining safe. This can include but is not limited to: supporting household cleaning and maintenance; meal planning and preparation; grocery shopping, creating community connections, and money management.

38

clients
served



Bottom left photo:

T.G. left, tours the coast with her sister during an organized group outing. The Supported Living Program takes a myriad of trips throughout the year, customized for client interest.

Life Enhancing Activities Program

Life Enhancing Activities Program (LEAP)

Increases opportunities for adults with IDD to be active participants in the community through art, community integration, and social enrichment.

Last year, to address the ongoing concerns about the pandemic and client safety, the LEAP program accommodated in-person clients on a rotating schedule by day, as well as continued to serve clients virtually. During this interim, LEAP operated fluidly, and adjusted accordingly, maintaining social distancing regulations, while still simultaneously offering enriching one-on-one, small group, and online programming to support our clients.

14 clients served on alternating schedules



8 clients benefited from virtual LEAP and other PBC services

Rodney W, unveils his painted rock during an outing at Alton Baker Park.



From left to right: During music class, Dale G. waves her tambourine, as Geneva W. accompanies her on piano, and Rodney W. keeps the beat on the drum.



LEAP clients and staff, during an outing to hide painted rocks at Alton Baker Park.



Preschool & Family Supports

Pearl Buck Preschool & Family Supports

Provides tuition-free preschool and wrap-around services for families led by parents with cognitive limitations. The Preschool program uses specialized curriculum and trauma-informed supports to provide children with language/literacy and social/emotional development to promote kindergarten readiness. Funded through the generosity of grants and private donations, the program is 100% tuition-free for families in need.

Family Support services are provided to every family with a child enrolled in the preschool. Additionally, our staff provides Family Support services through outreach and the Department of Human Services (DHS), Child Welfare. Our wide range of support services includes:

- Parenting Education and Support, adapted for adults with cognitive limitations, provided at Pearl Buck Center and in-home visits.
- Case Management, a collaborative process of assessment, planning, facilitation, evaluation, advocacy, and coordination of care provides families with support to meet basic needs and maintain a safe and stable home.

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**Adults and Children
Served by Pearl
Buck Preschool &
Family Supports**



*Pearl Buck Center is a United Way Agency
Thank you for your support!*





Project SEARCH

Project SEARCH

A nationally acclaimed nine-month internship program that prepares individuals with IDD for community employment through on-the-job experience and classroom instruction for targeted skill building.

To date, Project SEARCH has received two national awards for its success rate. On average, 92% of graduates are employed within three months of completing the program.

Working with changing health and safety regulations amid Covid reshaped this year's program. We were required to lower the number of participating interns and prolong the school year into August 2021. Instruction was held on Zoom and limited in-person education activities were planned. Our partners at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center (RiverBend and University District) remained closed until spring 2021.



Recent graduate, Aleha, was the first intern to work in the PRN coffee shop.



Interns posing in front of Riverbend Hospital from left to right: Kaeley, Aleha, and Justin.

7

interns
participated



Vocational Academy

Vocational Academy

Provides an exciting combination of classroom learning and hands-on work experience, and promotes community involvement through guest speakers and field trips. Through Covid, we've expanded our services with offsite visits and virtual classrooms.

Individuals of diverse capabilities and backgrounds are prepared for competitive jobs in the community through personal development, career exploration, and job-specific training using differentiated, person-centered instruction.

The Vocational Academy is certified through the State of Oregon, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services.

12 Worksite visits

3 Job training tracks:

- Workplace Skills
- Life Skills
- Caregiving/First Aid

37 clients served



Center Pointe Services (CPS)

Center Pointe Services

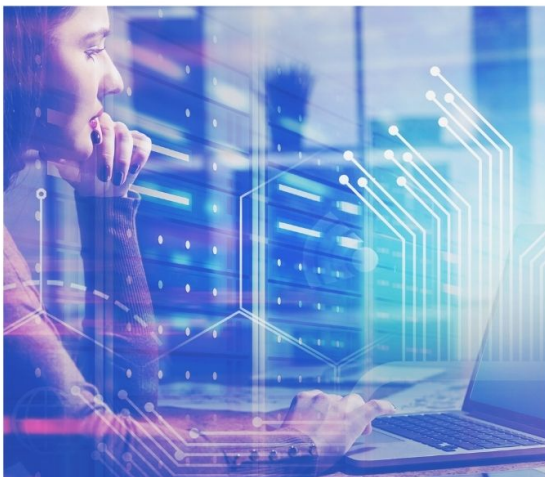
CPS was founded with the goal to improve the efficacy and long-term sustainability of Pearl Buck Center and other agencies working with people with IDD. This was achieved by providing support and consultation through NOTO, financial services, and business consulting.

NOTO is a web-based client data management software developed by Pearl Buck Center staff.

NOTO benefits:

- Securely access client data, records, notes, and documents from any location
- Easily track outcomes for clients in both time and quality
- Identify trends in client behaviors or changing needs
- Reconcile state billing across all data systems
- Save staff time (and money) with more efficient, streamlined processes
- Compliance with Electronic Visit Verification reporting requirements

Center Pointe Services are provided internally to Pearl Buck Center staff, and externally to business customers. This year we had **six** customers and are excited to continue to grow!



**Agencies using
NOTO experience
staff time
savings
of up to
120 Hrs/Month**

"It's the most efficient client data management system I've ever used, and I've worked in the field for over 20 years!"

"NOTO has transformed how I do my billing and it has been really life changing."

"NOTO serves as a communications tool to enhance interagency cohesion and continuity of care between Direct Support Professionals."

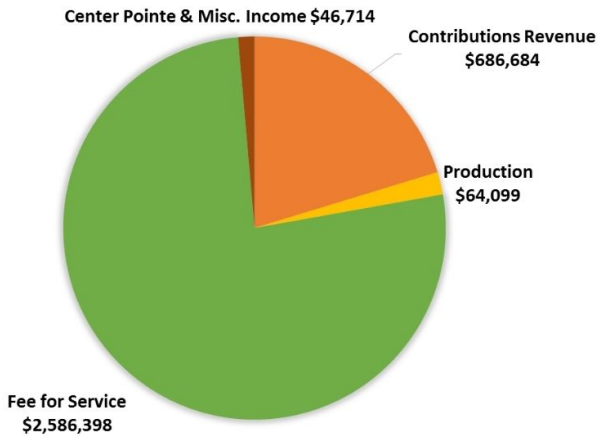
FY22 Financials

Actuals

These are preliminary numbers, not yet audited.

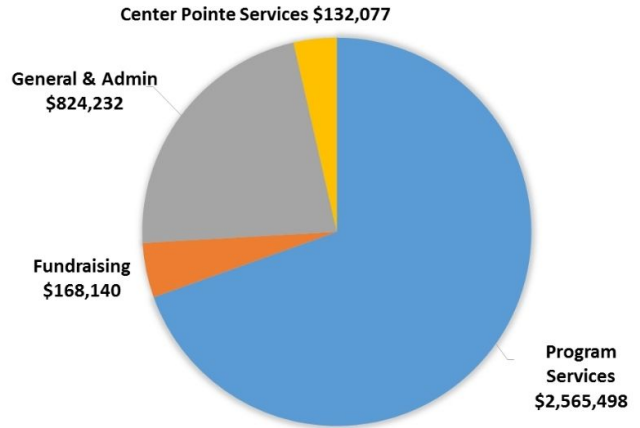
Revenue

\$3,383,894.71



Expenses

\$3,689,946.31



VOLUNTEERS

61
volunteers

289
donated hours

\$8,598
worth of volunteer services

PBC is so grateful for our volunteers. Your time & talent is invaluable!

Business Connections

Community Employment Partners

Alvord Taylor ++
Best Western New Oregon
Bounce
Bricks & Mini Figs
Buffalo Wild Wings
Burger King
Chase Gardens Cafe & Bistro +
Coastal Farm & Ranch
Crescent Park Senior Living
Crumbly Cookies++
Dari Mart (4 locations) ++
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Episcopal Church of the Resurrection
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Head Start of Lane County ++ *
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Lowe's Home Improvement
LUND Development
Market of Choice+
Marley's Monsters++*
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New Day Bakery
Northwest Straps ++
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Safeway
Schweitzer's Automotive
SELCO Community Credit Union
Serenity Lane
Sheldon Oaks
Stuff 2 Color
Taco Bell+
Target
Tim's Trims Barbershop
UpStart Crow Theater
Valley River Inn
Walmart
Waterford Grand++

+ new partner FY22

++ multiple employees

*Hired new clients



The best way to find yourself is to
lose yourself in the service of
others.

— Mahatma Gandhi —

AZ QUOTES

*Thank you for your
support!*

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\$50,000 and above

Sunderland Foundation
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\$20,000 - \$49,000

Kelly Beckley and Christine Storment Community
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\$10,000 - \$19,999

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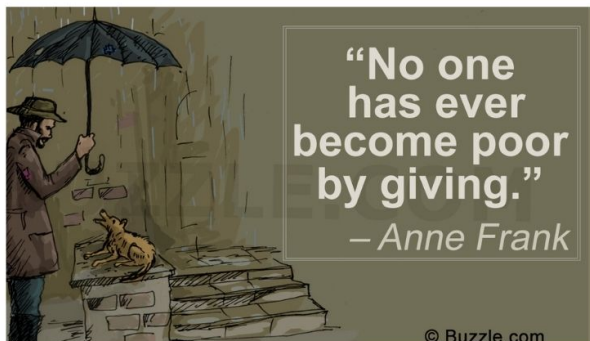
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\$2,500 - \$4,999

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\$1,000 - \$2,499

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Donors giving for 20 or more years total

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Our clients thank you immensely !!!!



What will your legacy be?

If you are interested to learn more about how to include Pearl Buck Center in your estate planning, please contact Eileen Sigler at 541-484-4666 x5121.

Then...And Now...

**IT'S TIME TO
CELEBRATE!**

**PBC
TURNS
70**

**DETAILS
TO
FOLLOW**

***Our Anniversary
is Approaching!***

April 1st, 2023



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PBC Preschool aide, and aspiring teacher, Grace Edwards celebrates PBC at the Summer Garden Party.

