



2020 ANNUAL REPORT

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Peaslee Friends,

For over 36 years, Peaslee practitioners have been “making a way out of no way” in educating and seeking justice in our city. In 2020, Peaslee took time to reflect and pivot on how to stay connected, work, and grow in community. As our in-person programs paused, our amazing educators, youth, families, and partners collaborated and built up capacity for remote ways to maintain community, learn, and advocate for positive change in our city. Also as housing insecurity reached all-time highs, Peaslee continued to push for equitable development practices in our city.

This work is never done alone, since Peaslee is also home to other non-profit partners engaged in education and social change work. With our collective resources, we were able to meet essential needs in the neighborhood, providing food through our partnership with the Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center and Freestore Foodbank, and childcare for working families through Learning Grove. Peaslee is privileged to hold space and energy for this work in our community. It is made possible through your connection to Peaslee, and we are grateful for your support and solidarity. We appreciate any gift you can make at this time to strengthen this education and justice work.

With gratitude,
Jennifer Summers, Peaslee Director



COMMUNITY FOOD PROGRAM



DEVICE LENDING PROGRAM

In the time of social distancing, we are more dependent than ever on the Internet to stay connected. Recognizing that technology needs might present a barrier to some of our families, Peaslee established a device lending library so everyone could continue to engage in our virtual programs and school. Laptops were available to be checked out by families who needed them, and earbuds were distributed so users could tune in without disrupting others in their homes.

Peaslee's effort to support our neighbors is central to the work of the Community Food Program. In 2020, in partnership with the Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center and the Freestore Foodbank, Peaslee distributed nearly 2,500 boxes of groceries to families experiencing hardship as a result of the Covid-19 crisis. We have strengthened our bond with several local schools—Rothenberg Preparatory Academy, St. Francis Seraph School, and Roberts Academy—who welcomed us to distribute groceries with the help and support of their staff. We also supported Seven Hills Neighborhood House food pantry and Price Hill Recreation Center, whose staff distributed groceries to residents monthly. In April 2020, our commitment to observing safety protocols in food distribution was highlighted in a news story by WCPO. The Community Food Program is an inspiring example of community support in action!

AGENTS OF CHANGE



Agents of Change youth stayed connected online to celebrate milestones together, including birthdays and graduations. During their virtual summer program, Agents met for weekly book groups and social change activities. They continued to meet remotely in the fall to discuss current events and community issues including Ohio's Stand Your Ground law, "cancel culture," and art as activism. Twenty students participated this year.



Peaslee designed and produced a more polished prototype of The Movement, the educational cooperative card game that was created by our Agents of Change. We are excited for final testing, and look forward to professional production so we can share the game as one of our Social Justice Education offerings.

SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION



Residents of Over-the-Rhine and Price Hill, among other communities, continued serving as Community Mentors co-teaching in Peaslee's junior seminar for Miami University's Urban Cohort program. 2020's lessons on structural injustice and social change were delivered virtually, with the help of laptops from Peaslee's device lending library.

Groups seeking to learn about issues of race and class in the community continued to rely on Peaslee to facilitate Affordable Housing Simulations, Community Journey walking tours, and service learning reflections. Despite the pandemic, Peaslee educated and engaged over 400 people around these vital community issues.

EDUCATION-BASED ORGANIZING

Peaslee also worked in coalition to develop a website and public presence for the Communities Act Now (CAN) action platform. CAN provides a critical road map to improve development practices in Cincinnati by addressing our city's well-documented equity problems. It consists of four impactful and actionable public policy initiatives, including our own Equitable Development Rubric.

Public support for and use of the Equitable Development Rubric has grown across residents, councils, and organizations. Our ongoing education and support has evolved to include a Community Council guidebook and toolkit for the Rubric; it will soon be available for neighborhood groups.

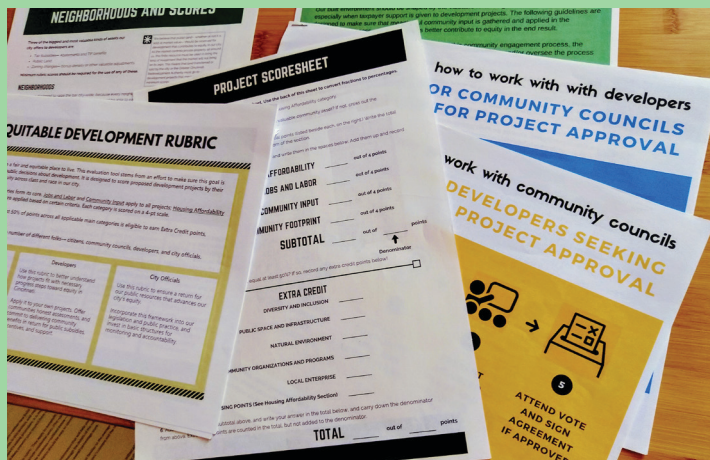


Learn More and Take Action at CincyCan.Org

"If we are serious about building a fair and inclusive Cincinnati, we must make change in the area of equitable development now."
-CAN Platform

Founding members of the Communities Act Now Coalition...

					
Jenn Arens Peaslee Neighborhood Center	Joele Newman Peaslee Neighborhood Center	Michelle Dillingham Cincinnati Federation of Teachers	Marche Gendrew Cincinnati Educational Justice Coalition	Mona Jenkins Mass Action for Black Liberation	Amanda Lynne Barker Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless



In November, Peaslee and other partners in the Keep Our Courts coalition hosted a trick-or-treat walk through the space at Main and Schiller to further engage residents in imagining how this public land could be developed in a way that is responsive to community needs.



PIANO

Our piano program served 17 students ages 7-13 in 2020. Despite a pause of in-person lessons and events, our students continued to practice and progress at home with online flashcards, music books from Peaslee's lending library, and virtual lessons. During the summer they submitted video performances for a virtual recital on social media, and had the opportunity to earn prizes by participating in a practice challenge! This year Peaslee also introduced group lessons and office hours outside of formal lesson time.

In July, we were heartbroken when our former piano teacher Atarah Jablonsky ("Mrs. J") passed away at age 92. With her thoughtful encouragement, good humor, and depth of knowledge as a teacher, she enriched the lives of her students, their families, and everyone who had the privilege of working with her. Atarah is dearly missed, but her legacy lives on whenever the sound of music floats through the hallways of Peaslee. The music lending library we established in 2020 is dedicated in her memory.



In loving memory of Atarah Jablonsky

WRITING

When in-person after-school programs at local schools were closed due to Covid, our young writers were sent journals in the mail so they could continue writing with inspiration from our poems and prompts. Some of their writing was published on social media to celebrate National Poetry Month. Also, during this difficult time, participants in the Justice Seekers Women's Writing Circle were especially grateful for this safe and sacred (virtual) space to give voice to what's on their hearts and affirm one another's words.

Fear is Over

*We can overcome a fear that's scary to us by whistling.
Whistling helps us by distracting us from our fear.
Also by taking deep breaths.
It helps by relaxing your body.*

—LeiAden Simmons-Ghee, 5th grade

2020 INCOME AND EXPENSES

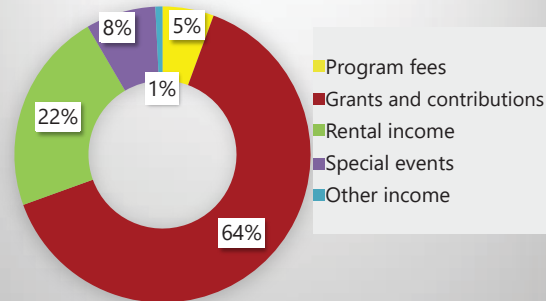
Income

Program fees	23,970
Contributions and grants	272,535
Rental income	94,310
Special events	32,666
Other income	3,290
Total Income	426,771

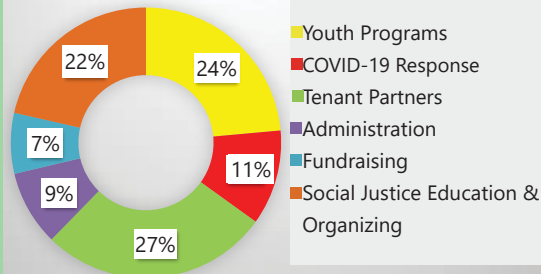
Expense

Direct program	15,696
Personnel	248,107
Professional fees	8,028
Occupancy	48,800
Office	6,134
Outside services	2,165
Training and development	3,844
Special events	635
Other	665
Depreciation	14,857
Total Expense	348,931

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Students in Miami's Urban Cohort during their February retreat at Peaslee

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Agents of Change show off their Mardi Gras masks



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