

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Lee's Place



Dear Friends of Lee's Place,

Like all of you, Lee's Place experienced many changes and challenges in 2020. New guidelines for safety and sanitizing along with establishing new payment methods and rearranging therapy rooms to allow for safe distances to name a few. Throughout it all we maintained a positive attitude and were able to serve over 300 clients with no incidents of exposure or illness. Grief and loss remain a constant regardless of pandemics or other factors of the world around us and the need for our services has not waned. Anxiety and depression are affecting so many during this time of isolation and uncertainty and Lee's Place therapists are glad to be able to help.

We are so grateful to our incredible donors who supported us during a particularly tough year. While our Jubilee fundraiser changed from a large in-person event to a virtual event with some new twists, we were able to raise some funds and the end of year gifts from all of you were a huge help in maintaining our financial needs to continue to serve this community we all treasure.

As this new year brings hope with vaccinations and lower rates of both transmission and deaths from Covid, we will continue to provide the highest quality care and compassion to all in need.

Overall our 2020 Annual Report is one of sustainability and gratitude and that is thanks to each of you.

With best wishes for health and safety –

Brenda

2020 marked 20 years of Lee's Place service to the community.

We were not able to hold the celebrations we had hoped, but it makes us no less proud.

Here are some numbers to be proud of and celebrate.

- 20 years ago, Lee's mother, Brenda, started Lee's Place. Now in 2020 we celebrate 20 years of helping people who have lived through something similar. 20 years of service to the community by Lee's Place therapists and staff. We celebrate over 5000 people who have come to Lee's Place.
- We celebrate \$1,500,00 in grants over 20 years.
- We celebrate 97% approval from past clients in a post therapy evaluation of how helpful the therapy was, and how helpful the sliding fee scale was, and that they will come back if needed.
- Named for a beloved son who inspired. Named by a devoted mother and therapist who refused to stop living, and decided to help others live. Grown from pain into a place of respite, healing, and gentle strength for 20 years of service to Tallahassee.
- We are proud to celebrate Lee's legacy in 2020 as we celebrate his life, and the life of Lee's Place where hundreds come each year for therapy after their own life changing event.
- We celebrate the hundreds of lives we have changed for the better. We celebrate every board member and volunteer. We celebrate donors and grantors. We celebrate the success of a program that grew from the ashes of grief into a beacon of hope and help.



2020 BOARD

Brenda Rabalais, *President*
 Danielle Kosberg, *Treasurer*
 Carin Butler, *Secretary*
 Kristin Whitaker, *Chair*
 Donovan Brown
 Jeanne Kimball
 Rita Taylor
 Kayla Twogood
 Harriet Williams

The Lee's Place board has been meeting monthly via Zoom for the last year for safety. We are very grateful for the continued dedication of this great group of volunteers.

From the 2005 archives:



A RECENT EDITION

Thanks to the generosity of artist, Amanda Karioth-Thompson and sponsor, Janet Thompson, the front door of Lee's Place now features a beautiful custom-made stained-glass window complete with our logo

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KRISTIN WHITAKER ... MY TIME ON THE BOARD

Spending four years on the Lee's Place board of directors, including two as chair, has been an amazing experience. When the previous board chair, Jeanne Kimball, asked me to join the board she knew we had mutual friends and that I have long been involved in local charity work. What she did not know is that I have a personal connection to this organization. Lee Rabalais, the inspiration behind his mother, Brenda's, decision to launch Lee's Place, was a childhood friend of mine.

Moving cities as a child is hard, especially in middle school. My family moved to Tallahassee when I was in the seventh grade and Lee was one of the first friends I made. He had recently completed a battle with bone cancer. During that battle he had one of his legs amputated. Rather than complaining or feeling sorry for himself Lee continued being the same quick witted and hilarious friend we loved. With a prosthetic leg Lee learned to do the things he'd always loved like playing sports and skiing black diamond slopes. Uncharacteristically of any middle school kid I have known, let alone one who had to have a leg amputated, Lee never complained. He was an inspiration and I am so grateful for the impact he made in my life.

Lee's cancer returned during our eighth-grade year. Even during the toughest parts of his battle, as we sat with him for hours on end, he maintained a positive outlook and continued to surprise us with witty comments. I was mesmerized and inspired by Lee's courage and peace in the midst of such trying times. His attitude and approach during his battle are things that I have personally leaned on during some of the most difficult times in my life.

Serving on the Lee's Place board has been an honor and an opportunity to advance the legacy of a dear friend. There was no question of whether I would serve on the board, but only a question of how I could make my time on this board impactful enough to do my friend's legacy the justice it deserves.

During my time on this board, our community has endured and experienced so much. The coronavirus pandemic has forced us to rethink our normal and daily routines. At a national level, our country has become more divisive. Beneath it all, often unseen by many, mental health and suicide rates surge. Yet Lee's Place continues to help people in our community with grief and trauma therapy. Seeing firsthand the difference Brenda and her team make in our community has brought so much joy to my heart and shown me just how much Lee's life continues to make this world a better place.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION December 31, 2020

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 147,681
Accounts Receivable	4013
Total Current Assets	<u>151,694</u>
Property and equipment, net	426,616
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 578,310</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	<u>578,310</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 578,310</u>

*Slight variations may occur after accountant finalization of Form 990

Lee's Place 2020 Contributors

IN KIND INDIVIDUALS

Davison, Judi
Rabalais, Brenda Dr
Rees, Jonathan
Tedio, Elizabeth

BUSINESS INKIND

ABC Liquors
Anheuser-Busch
Aquafeatures
Boundary Waters Resort
and Marina
Brasstown Valley Resort
and Spa
Chunky Gal Stables
Disney World
Ink Pot of Tallahassee
Kool Beanz Cafe
Silver Digital Media
12 Oaks of the Nantahala
Uptown Café and Catering

2020 BUSINESS CONTRIBUTORS

AmazonSmile Foundation
American Academy of
Matrimonial Lawyers
Foundation
American International
Group
Anheuser Busch
Associated Industries Ins Co
Benevity Fund
Halsey Beshears
Capital City Bank
Cardenas Partners
Firman Fund
Florida Commerce
Credit Union
FSU School of Education
Harvest Printing
Hopping Green & Sams, PA
Ink Pot of Tallahassee
Leon County Board of
Commissioners
McNicholas & Associates
Minuteman Press
Network for Good
Paypal Giving Fund
Redwire LLC
Riley Palmer Construction
Rosanne Wood Campaign
RoyOMartin Foundation
Tallahassee Action Grants
Tallahassee Memorial
Healthcare
United Way of Big Bend, Inc

INDIVIDUALS

Aldrich, Suzanne
Arnold, Melody and Will
Barrett, Thomas & Jeannie
Bayliss, Sara
Beggs, David
Benfield, Valerie
Beshears, Halsey
Bevis, Brewster
Bizic, Holly
Blanco-Allewelt, Rebecca
Boland, Connie
Brandt, K
Brandt, William and Nolia
Brumbley, Tristan
Burlleson, Bradley
Burlleson, Laurie
Bush, Lee
Butler, Carin
Butler, Pamela
Cain, Joseph
Campbell, Krista
Case, Grete
Champion, Van
Charlton, Angel
Chiles, Harry
Cliburn, Brian
Coffey, Shawn
Conte, Sue
Cordell, Joe
Cordero, Mary
Crawford, Jessica
Crawford, Nancy
Davey, Linda
Davis, Jim
Davison, Judi
De La Fuente, Lee
DeBruyen, Linda

Doffek, Pam
Draper Twogood, Kayla
Drummond, Nancy
Elliott, Jody
Evans, Ann
Farish, Elizabeth
Ferfort, Tina
Flood, Kelly
Frazee, Jack & Cassie
Frazee, Ted and Haley
Garcia, Reginald
Gargiulo, Mark
Gilberg, Mitchell & Jacque
Gonzalez, Jose and Angela
Grant, JW
Green, Benson
Green, Patricia
Gressel, Linda
Guy, James & Linda
Hankinson, Allison
Harrell, Lori and Gregory
Harris, Nicole
Hinkle, Lee
Holt, Judy
Iarossi, Nicholas
Ireland, Buzz
Jablon, Bill and Ellen
Jacobs, Matt & Sara Britton
Johnson, Barrett
Jones, Andrea
Jones, Julia
Jones, Laurie L
Kane, Lauren
Keller, Steve & Toy
Keshen, Jan
Kimball, Jeanne
Kittle, Lyn
Kosberg, Danielle
Larson, Marilyn S
Lay, Joel & Barbara

Leitman, Melanie
Lesh, Kimberly
Lewis, Josh
LoGiudice, Mary
Mackie, Coleman and Tucker
Maloney, Michael
Mandel, Jeffery
Manning, Judith
Mattice, Bill & Lori
McCall, Eleanor
McNeil, Gloria and Walt
Mead, BF & CJ
Meffert, Wellington H.
Mitchell, Corlyn
Nelson, Linda
Oglesby, Brad
Oglesby, David & Tana
Orr, Marsha
Padalia, Mansukhlal & Nila
Parrish, Patricia
Paschal, John and Margaret
Portman, Jacqueline
Potter, Susan Martin
Randall, Jason
Rees, Jon
Reeves, Richard
Reister, Rob
Robinson, Temple
Rockwood, Elisabeth
Roffes, Sharon
Safron, Sanford
Scott, Abby
Seery, Elizabeth
Shamis, Mark & Missy
Shiver, Paige and Stephen
Shoultz, Cathy
Smith, Alicia
Smith, Linda Martin
Smith, William and Sophie
Smith, Walter

Snyder, Kristen
Speights, Lo
Stoner, Janet
Tabah, Edward
Tanner, Brenda
Taylor, Rita
Tedio, Elizabeth
Tedio, Fred
Thibodeaux, William E. &
Joyce
Thompson, Matt and Lindsey
Thompson, Robin
Tuell, Spencer
Ulrich, Cameron and Kyle
Veal, Carolyn
Walker, Claude and Lauren
Watts, Aura Bowen
Weinberg, Troy
Weiss, Robert & Kathryn
Westfall, Lucy
Wheeler, Patti A
Whitaker, Kristin
Whitehurst, William & Mary
Whittington, Sara
Wiles, Debbie
Wiles, Doug
Wiles, Annette
Williams, Edith B.
Williams, Harriet
Zimmerman, Lisa

Jubilee 2020

In 2019 the Lee's Place board made the decision to focus all energies on one major fundraiser – Jubilee. This event has been a fun, outdoor, dinner and music and entertainment get together with about 150 people for the previous 5 years, that raised money and brought people together to learn more about what Lee's Place does and the people we serve.

We all know what happened after that in 2020. No big person to person events. However, the chair of Jubilee for 2020, Jonathan Rees, was mostly undaunted and he quickly moved into action. Working closely with our Director of Development, Beth Tedio, they created a virtual event that was tons of fun. While the same level of donations was not met as in previous years, it was still a great success in terms of reaching people, having fun, sharing our mission, and raising money to continue supporting the community when it needs us the most.



APRIL 2021

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From April to December 2020 – once the world was in lock down – LEE'S PLACE PROVIDED:

303
video
therapy
sessions

93
phone
sessions

583
in
person
sessions

LEE'S PLACE MISSION

To provide quality therapy to adults, children and families regardless of their financial circumstances, who are coping with loss, trauma and life changing experiences while offering specialized training and education to the community.