

# LIVING ON THE LEARNING EDGE

From in-person...

to in-ternet





# Annual Report Fiscal Year 2020

(July 1,2019–June 30, 2020)

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"Anything with WholeHeart has been phenomenal." Nancy R.

## **Executive Director's Report**



We knew 2020 would call on vision, perspective and new lenses. We learnedthat we are more than people in a pandemic, we are interconnected circles of community committed to leading with love.

Gratitude to everyone who contributed presence, strategic questions, participation and financial support to weave a web of wholehearted community beyond the borders

of what we could have imagined.

This year we embodied our tagline: "living on the learning edge." We have all been stretched in new directions and have been asked to expand engagement on the inside and out. Nate Millarhouse joined us as Operations Director to manage behind the scenes logistics and strategies. Our small and mighty Board of Directions dove into deeper engagement. The fall Intergenerational Leadership Exchange, Leading with Love, set the stage for standing shoulder to shoulder in stormy times. Natanya and Jason Vanderlaan stepped in as co-facilitators that grew throughout the year. We found ground, steadied the ship, and kept our hearts open during the pandemic. Core values of listening, connecting, and love led the way. Here's as sampling of our work:

#### Equity:

We supported the Vermont Principals Network's Equity Practitioner's Network pilot year by providing a team of equity coaches. Equity is a long journey, and providing a listening approach to individual and peer coaching sessions planted seeds and skills for communicating across differences.

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#### Listening:

The Art of Listening also requires long-term commitment. Listening to understand and connect is hard work. We convened monthly sessions in Richmond, VT, offered virtual 6-part series on Living Courage and Listening Calls to cultivate skills and practice in small groups, and launched a series amplifying BIPOC artists. Practicing generous listening strengthens our listening muscles needed in all areas of personal, professional, and political lives.

#### Connecting:

We completed the 20th year of the Vermont Courage Cohort, a year-long seasonal Circle of Trust<sup>©</sup> based on the work of Parker Palmer and the Center for Courage &

Renewal. On March 26th, we launched weekly virtual Wellness Calls, expanding welcome beyond the borders of our state and country. Each



week dozens of people from across the country, Europe, and the Middle East connected to weave a deep sense of shared community from one home, one heart, to another.

Thank you for being a part of this community of practice. We are learning, growing, and grateful for all the connections.

We welcome you to continue to walk alongside us as we all find our way,

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Holly Wilkinson Executive Director

## Fiscal Report - FY20

Thank you for being a part of this work. Our intention is to extend welcome to cultivate connection. Our task is to sustain – individuals, communities and the organization to make it possible. We are grateful to everyone who values our work and shows up personally and financially.

This year, we followed our fiscal trend of robustly growing contracts and keeping programs steady through the winter months. Revenue and expenses clearly indicate a great deal of community engagement. This confirms the demand for our work and our focus on expanding our circle of staff and facilitators.

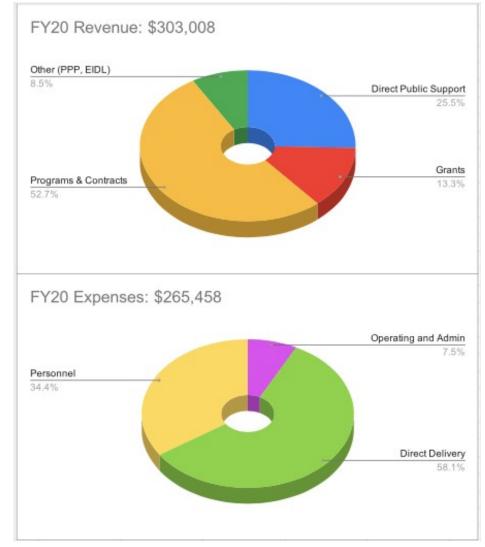
Direct Public Support increased by \$20,000 from the previous year, thanks, in part, to monthly donors, a generous match for our annual scholarhsip fundraiser and an on-target annual appeal. Each contribution, small and large, provided an essential aspect of sustainability.

Annual appeal: 57 donors

Scholarhip Fund: 41 donors

Monthly Recurring: 12 donors

Federal relief helped us navigate a sharp decrease in program income and move into FY 21 with staff in place to respond to the call for opportunities to connect in meaningful ways in these uncertain times.



"In these circles I feel like no matter how scattered my life feels in the press of the day, that I am exactly where I need to be." Jonathan F. "I experience the power of community and power of getting to know new and different people. It feels refreshing to know that humans are all struggling and holding tensions in their hearts. If I can see the value and love in others, it helps me to feel it for myself." Julie R. "It has been wonderful to discover the potential that open-heartedness and Zooming can complement each other!" Dell W. "This spacious offering leaves me feeling a deeper connection every time." Emily S.

### FY 2020 Offerings & Contracts

#### **In-person Offerings:**

- Fall & Winter Art of Listening
- Fall Intergenerational Leadership Exchange
- Winter Wonder Circle of Trust®
- Vermont Courage Cohort Fall & Winter

#### **Virtual Offerings:**

- Weekly Wellness Calls
- Spring Seeds Circle of Trust<sup>©</sup>
- Art of Listening Series
- Hope Reimagined
- Earth Courage: 101 Days of Practice
- Vermont Courage Cohort Spring & Summer
- Living Courage Calls (6 months)
- Listening Calls (3 months)

#### Contracts:

- Health Policy Research Scholars
- Vermont Principal's Association
- The Vermont Network
- Orleans Supervisory Union
- Leadership Coaching with Individuals

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#### Gratitude to Partner Organizations:

The Center for Courage & Renewal Rock Point Center Green Mountain Monastery

#### Board:

Trish Alley, President Marissa Colston, Secretary Marianne O'Neil, Treasurer Newcomb Greenleaf, Board Member Marie Vea, Board Member Jeanie Phillips, Board Member & Listening Coach Cameron Russell, Board Member

#### Staff:

Holly Wilkinson, Executive Director Nathaniel Millarhouse, Operations Director Natanya Vanderlaan, Development & Community Engagement Director

#### **Facilitators:**

Carol Egan, Courage & Listening Facilitator Marissa Barbieri, Equity Facilitator & Coach Ally Oswald, Equity Coach & Courage Apprentice Kathleen Brinegar, Equity Coach Amanda Garces, Equity Coach Michael Eppolito, Equity Coach Mary Hill, Listening Facilitator Molly Matteson, Listening Facilitator Aurora Davidson, Listening Facilitator Jen Peterson, Listening Facilitator Jason Vanderlaan, Leadership Facilitator