



CAMP HILL SOLTANE

Community Annual Report

2019-2020

*Cultivating and strengthening inclusive communities
by advocating alongside people with disabilities.*

Dear Soltane Community,

Every fall Camphill Soltane publishes an annual report, reflecting on the accomplishments and challenges of the year gone by. Our 2019-2020 fiscal year was certainly one to remember, and can best be understood in two distinct parts: pre-pandemic and post-pandemic. We began the year last fall with a hugely successful and well-attended Above Par golf event. Soltane hosted the Montgomery County Poet Laureate's Poetry Festival in October and the Camphill Craft Conference in November. The Craft Conference was a huge success with people from Camphill communities across North America participating.



This was the year that all four of Soltane's Phoenixville enterprises really hit their stride. Sol Kitchen became a known community lunch spot that served thousands of lunches throughout the year to people in need and members of the Soltane

and Parzival community. Community participation through contributions of ingredients, equipment, and other needs, soared. Entwine expanded to Community Arts Phoenixville and hosted more volunteers with and without disabilities than it has in the past four years. Community Arts Phoenixville continued to serve the wider community by bringing art and culture to Phoenixville. In February, gallery show "Home is Where the Heart Is" was born out of a partnership with *Alianzas de Phoenixville*, a nonprofit that welcomes immigrants and connects them with resources. Soltane's horticultural activity was vibrant—we took up the work of animal husbandry again for

the first time since 2006 and our greenhouse began supplying homegrown food to our Phoenixville enterprises. **Most importantly, more people with disabilities benefited from integrated employment, volunteer, and artistic opportunities on campus and in Phoenixville.**



In March this wonderful activity came grinding to a halt. The enterprises closed their doors and we made the difficult decision to cancel our annual Wine & Fine Dining event. **Although the pandemic created significant obstacles, it also introduced opportunities to reach more people virtually as well as in person, and to create meaningful plans for our future with a large team including staff, board members, local service providers and the people they support.** The Soltane community came together to adapt to this new way of life, seeking out new ways to connect people, abate loneliness, and create community. Please read our article, "Weathering the Storm," to learn more!

For over 30 years, Camphill Soltane has been committed to cultivating and strengthening inclusive communities by advocating alongside people with disabilities, and will continue to do so, despite COVID-19. **We're grateful for your support during these challenging times and look forward to the year ahead!**

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How to Support Soltane's Reopening *by Sue Moore*

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REVENUE:

Camphill Soltane & Camphill Soltane Foundation

Contributions	\$766,275
Endowment Distributions	\$726,007
Enterprise Income	\$336,012
Other Income	\$146,827
Total Revenue	\$1,975,121



EXPENSES:

Camphill Soltane & Camphill Soltane Foundation

Program Services	\$1,268,517
Management	\$180,995
Fundraising	\$309,898
Total Expenses	\$1,759,410



** Unaudited. Expected audit completion date: 12/31/20. Revenue and Expenses are combined Camphill Soltane and Camphill Soltane Foundation, a separate 509(a)3 supporting organization.*

Weathering the Storm by Rachel Bowden and Alyssa Scarborough

The 2019-2020 fiscal year was a year of both challenges and accomplishments for Camphill Soltane. Early in the year our businesses were growing and making plans for expansion, and we welcomed new partners in Phoenixville, including **Back to Earth Composting**, **Orion Communities**, and **Phoenixville Area Transition**. Soltane Horticulture began to supply Soltane Café with fresh eggs and produce to be cooked up in quiches, pies, and croissants. Parzival and Soltane came together for enriching experiences and cultural events, such as a Michaelmas potluck on campus, Phoenixville's Firebird Festival, Bell Choir, and a fun Valentine's Day Dance at Community Arts Phoenixville.

In March our area went into lockdown and the need to safely distance impacted our ability to work closely together as a community. Thankfully, our work was not halted completely, and we immediately began to shift our offerings to meet the needs of a community in crisis. We began holding weekly online morning meetings, check-ins, and Soltane Association meetings, even attempting to sing together! Community Arts Phoenixville moved all spring classes and workshops online. Soltane Cafe delivered whole bean coffee and Soltane products door to door. Entwine brought looms to Parzival houses and offered online tutorials so that artists could weave from the safety of their own homes.

Because Soltane Cafe and Sol Kitchen no longer needed fresh produce, Soltane Horticulture found a home for our abundance through new relationships with Phoenixville Area Community Services, an organization that has distributed food to those in need for over 45 years, and **Pennsylvania Horticul-**

tural Society's Harvest 2020, which provided sites for produce and compost donations to pantries and community gardens. We also began offering sales of potted herbs, veggie and flower seedlings for at-home growing, along with our wonderful compost mix and fresh cut flower bouquets, all available through our online shop for contactless local delivery.

Parzival residents adapted to life under quarantine. **We are grateful for Parzival's essential direct supporters** who make it possible for people to stay connected to their families remotely, to go outside for fresh air and exercise, to cook and eat wholesome food, and to participate in the online activities developed to keep our community physically and emotionally healthy.

Camphill Soltane is now slowly and cautiously reopening a few of our enterprises with PPE and social distancing measures in place. Soltane Horticulture was the first to welcome back volunteers in June due to our remoteness and outdoor work. Parzival artists are once again weaving, sculpting, and painting at Community Arts Phoenixville. Our Entwine storefront is open again to the public with limited hours.

Along with the rest of the world, Camphill Soltane faces great uncertainty as we turn to the year ahead, but we are confident that the members of this community are prepared to weather this strange storm, and to think optimistically about the world we will co-create when this phase has ended. **Whatever the future brings, we remain committed to facilitating high quality-supports for people with disabilities.**



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