



**ARDEN SHORE**  
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

*Rebuilding Children's Lives Since 1898*



# **2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

Dear Friends,

In 2021, when we returned to the office the world did not look quite like before. Our family preservation and behavioral health services are increasingly vital to the communities of Lake County as we leave the pandemic behind and move into recovery. Staff are fiercely adaptive, creative, and above all, passionate about ensuring children and families received the support and resources they need to thrive.

Arden Shore is grateful for its growing family of supporters who understand that a child can never have too many people who love them--making it possible to change the lives of 1,600 children and families last year.

Where there is family, there is love. With gratitude in our hearts and you in our family, we are looking forward to the opportunities that 2022 brings for our community!



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**About.** Arden Shore Child and Family Services envisions a future free of abuse and neglect, and full of opportunity--where our community is a healthy place to live, work, and play. Formed in 1898 Arden Shore began as a summer respite camp for mothers and children. Over the years, the facility and location have changed, but the driving force has always been to build the well-being of children and families so that everyone can reach their full potential.

The root causes of childhood trauma and maltreatment are complex. That is why Arden Shore worked hard to secure multiple certifications in mental health, substance abuse, and foster care and maintains strong collaborative relationships with other community service organizations — working to provide the resources families need to stay healthy and together, ensuring home is a place where everyone can thrive. In fiscal year 2021, Arden Shore provided expert care and resources to 1,600 children and adults.

# Donor Recognition

Gifts made for the 12 month period of July 1, 2020– June 30, 2021

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## Fiscal Year 2021 Financials

July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021

| Operating Revenue               |                          | Expenses                        |                        |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Public Support                  | \$ 341,440.00            | Program Expenses                | \$ 5,011,886.00        |
| Program Revenue                 | \$ 5,886,544.00          | Management & General            | \$ 926,387.00          |
| Investment Income (net of fees) | \$ 56,016.00             | Fundraising                     | \$ 49,977.00           |
| Investment Gain/(Loss)          | \$ 578,692.00            | <b>Total Operating Expenses</b> | <b>\$ 5,988,250.00</b> |
| Irrevocable Trust Gain/(Loss)   | \$ 477,001.00            | <b>Net Assets</b>               |                        |
| Other                           | \$ 283,271.00            | Beginning of year               | \$ 6,055,669.00        |
| <b>Total Operating Revenue</b>  | <b>\$ \$7,622,964.00</b> | End of year                     | \$ 7,690,383.00        |
|                                 |                          | <b>Change in Net Assets</b>     | <b>\$ 1,634,714.00</b> |

Audited financial statements will be available upon request.



# PROGRAMS

## Waukegan Group Home

Arden Shore's group home is a safe and caring environment for youth whose needs extend beyond the traditional foster care setting, providing 24/7 therapeutic support the children need to grow into healthy adults. The programming provides youth with opportunities to develop the skills necessary to live on their own, build resiliency, and overcome the effect of early childhood trauma. Arden Shore's group home is designed to support youth's positive transition toward independence. Serving nine youth this year, five boys transitioned from the group home to more independent environments.



"As someone who is adopted, being able to engage with families and give back to the community gives me peace of mind knowing that I could be any one of my clients and experience their struggles. None of us are alone. We all can lean on each other."

-Matt Ameel,  
Foster Care Case Manager

## Behavioral Health and Support Services

Therapeutic professionals work with adults, children and families to make sure they have the tools they need to heal from difficult situations like trauma, domestic violence, or substance abuse. Highly trained professionals provided individual and family therapy, substance abuse counseling, mental health assessments, and trauma-informed parenting groups to 350 individuals in 2021.

Arden Shore also continues to strengthen the Lake County Mental Health Workforce through its robust internship program, hosting 85 interns from 19 college and university programs since the launch of the program in 2018. "Working at Arden Shore has reaffirmed my passion for helping people, creating mental health awareness, and breaking down stigmatization in my community," shared one intern.

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## In loving memory of Mr. Ken Rzeszutko



Arden Shore's community lost a true friend in 2021. It has been said that you have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you. Since the 1980s, Ken dedicated his time and energy as an ambassador, philanthropist, and advocate and will be remembered for the unwavering compassion he extended to thousands of children and families.

*(Pictured: Ken and Dottie Rzeszutko)*

## Intact Family Preservation

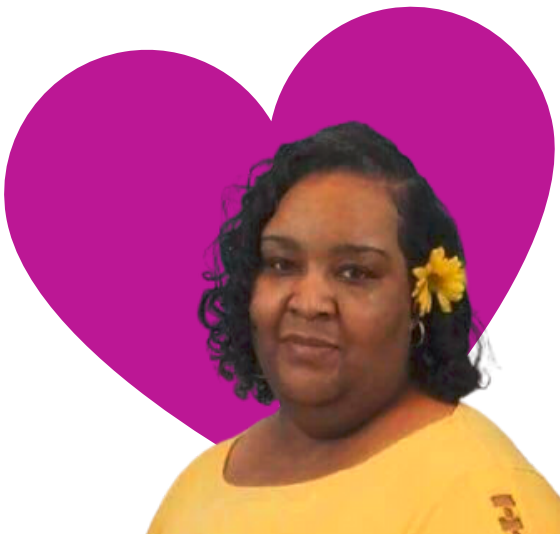
Intact Family Preservation Services keep families together. This year, Arden Shore's staff partnered with over 950 family members, with over 60% of families successfully completing their goals. Staff work with families who may be at risk of disruption or separation, providing parenting skills education, family advocacy, and support in the family's home. Families choose to participate in these services voluntarily, with the goal to stay healthy, together, and thrive at school, at work, and other areas of their life.

"Arden Shore is passionate about families and passionate about families staying together." -Ana Perez, Intact Case Manager

## Foster Care Services

Foster Care Services help to keep children safe and strengthen families so kids can return home. Arden Shore works closely with foster families to provide a nurturing home and stable environment while providing parents with resources, skills, and opportunity necessary for reunification. This year, Arden Shore's professional staff served 495 children and families and remain passionate about making sure children are in homes that provide the necessary stability and love we all need to reach our full potential.

## Foster Parent of the Year



**Lisa Johnson-Barker**

Arden Shore is honored to recognize Mrs. Lisa Johnson-Barker as this year's Foster Parent of the Year. Lisa gives children a safe place to call home, creating a loving, structured, judgement-free environment for children who may not have experienced it before.

Keen to recognize how past trauma can be expressed in children, Lisa knows how to support children through their complex feelings, even during the most difficult times. She welcomes children with a safe space and an open heart. Lisa is Arden Shore's mission in action and has well earned the title of the Foster Parent of the Year. Ms. Lisa Johnson-Barker is *Rebuilding Children's Lives*.

To learn more about becoming a foster parent, please call Arden Shore at (847) 623-1730.

"I have always wanted to give back to an organization that once was an integral part of my childhood. As a former foster child, I want to pave the way for other children that come from very similar upbringings and demonstrate that possibilities are real even when faced with adversity. Most importantly, I am looking forward to making a significant impact that withstands future longevity within our community."

-Alyssa Torres,  
Board of Directors 2021



#### MISSION

Arden Shore is committed to rebuilding lives affected by trauma and abuse in a caring community through foster care, family support, behavioral health services, and residential programs.

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