



Greenville Area Parkinson Society

We Walk With You.



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2021



Annual Report

Hello & Welcome

2021 was supposed to be a return to normal, but we are realizing there is a new normal. As always, we get our inspiration from our members. Not only do they face a new normal with their diagnoses, but then even more so with the pandemic! This community has learned to adapt with courage, humor, and encouragement for one another. Our programs flip-flopped a good deal throughout 2021, and I want to thank our members for their grace and generosity of spirit as we, the staff, struggled to make the best decisions. As the incoming Executive Director in 2016, we served approximately 300 members. Today, we reach over 4,700 people in our community with education, support, and advocacy, but that is not enough. You can help us fulfill our mission by helping to spread the word about GAPS! Parkinson's Disease is a community-wide challenge that should be on everyone's radar. It is an honor to serve this organization, our community, and our beautiful members! Thank you to our over 300 community partners, our sponsors, our volunteers, our board, and my incredible staff for ensuring that these neighbors are not walking alone.

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GAPS Executive Director

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PROGRAMS

THE PIVOT CONTINUES....

Virtual programming to in-person programming to virtual programming and then a hybrid to include both! COVID continues to keep us on our toes, but we are up to the challenge. Thank you to all our members who are resilient, vigilant, adaptable, and understanding in these ever-changing times. Let us all be grateful for the technological advantages that allow us to continue to have virtual programs and events and for the fortitude of our members and partners who “keep things safe” for the benefit of everyone. GO AWAY COVID! WE DON’T LIKE YOU!



NEW IN 2022!

GAPS Community Education

GAPS Community Education serves the Upstate community by providing informational seminars about the lesser-known facts about Parkinson’s Disease. These educational seminars aid in the increase of early diagnoses and treatments, which serve to improve overall community health. If you would like our Executive Director to provide this seminar for your business, church, or community group, please email at info@gapsonline.org.



Existing Programs (continued in 2021)



New Programs (started in 2021)



FUNDRAISERS



The 2021
GAPS Sole Train
raised over
\$75,000!

GAPS SOLE TRAIN 2021

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GAPS Member Celebration!
and Sole Train Awards



The 2021
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Greenville Area Parkinson Society

VOLUNTEER

GAPS would like to thank all volunteers for their hard work, dedication, and compassion!

Total number of Volunteers in 2021: 267
Total number of Volunteer hours in 2021: 1,495

These hours account for 30 hours of work per week for a 50-week work year!

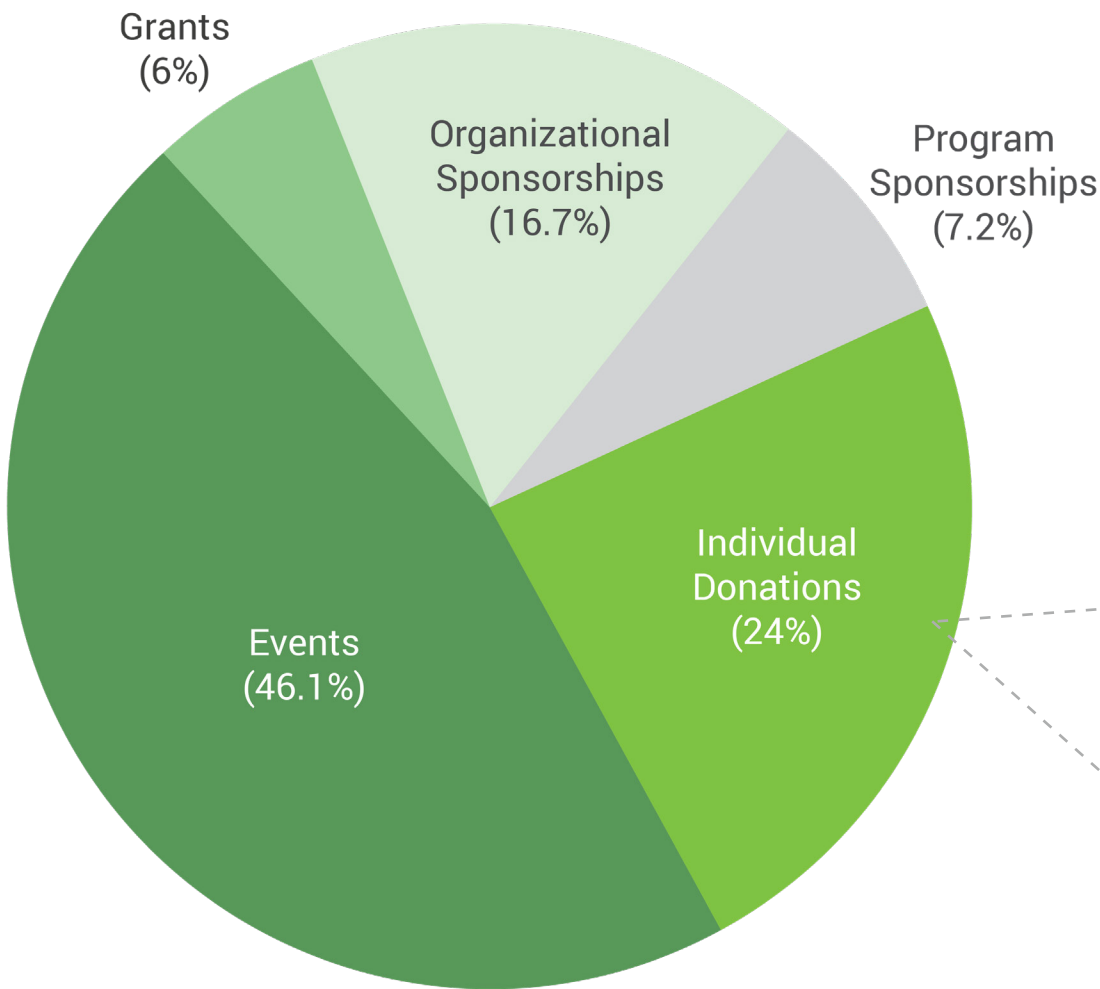
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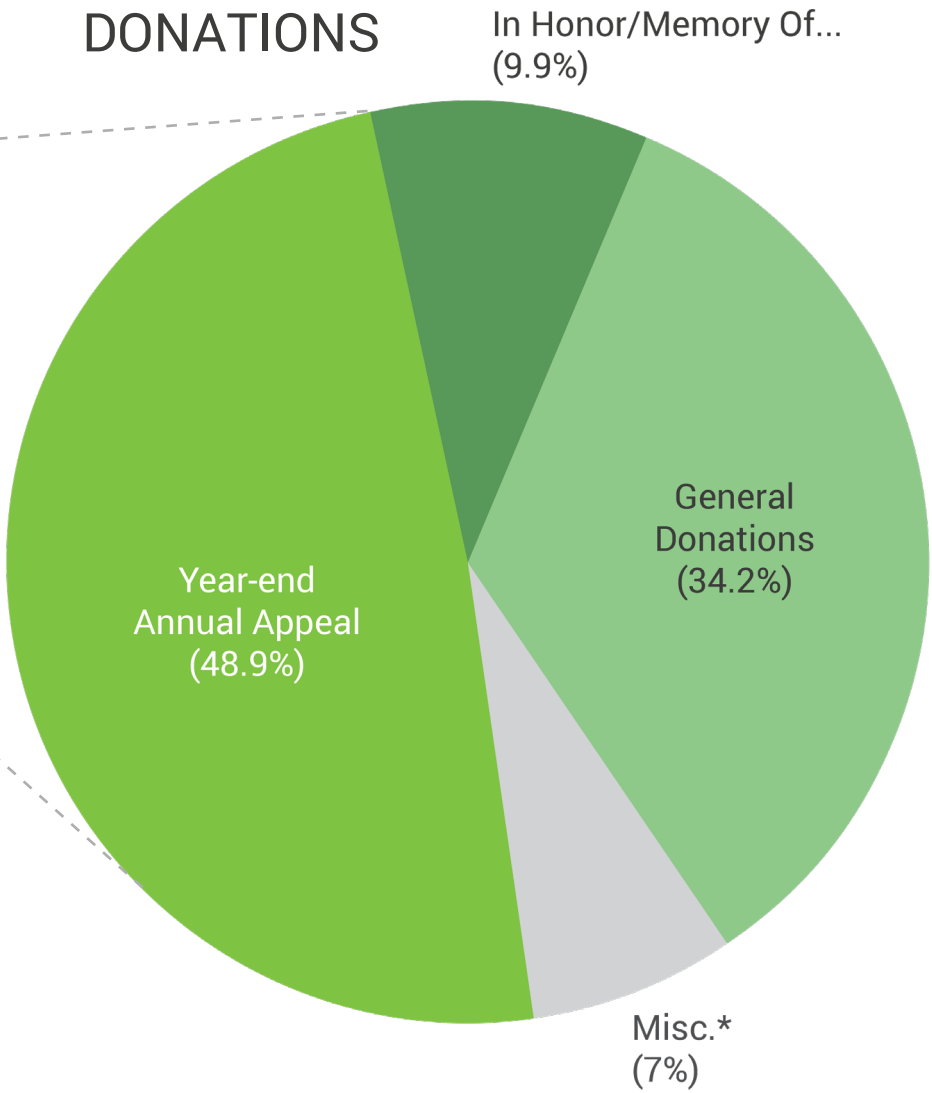
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Where The Money Goes....

Thanks to the support of our 600+ donors in 2021, funds raised enabled GAPS to build robust programs while maintaining both in-person and virtual programming. We trained and managed over 260 volunteers, grew our membership to 4,700, and cultivated new relationships with partners, all at zero cost to our members. With your help, GAPS can continue to spread awareness of Parkinson’s Disease and provide resources to those living with PD.

2021 INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS



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Tribute Giving Program
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GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



GAPS is a locally founded and funded organization. We rely on the generosity and support of businesses and individuals to continue to provide programs, education, and advocacy to our members at no cost to them. GAPS is not affiliated with any other local or national organization.

All the efforts of our staff of four people and your donations stay right here in the Upstate of South Carolina to serve the people who live and deal with Parkinson's Disease every day.



GAPS Tribute Giving Program

A tribute gift is a thoughtful way to remember a loved one or dear friend who has passed with PD, while simultaneously providing resources for future GAPS members. **Honor a tribute today with a minimum annual gift of \$1,000 and make your gift last a lifetime!** When making a Tribute gift, kindly give us the name of the Tribute and the name of a family member or close friend you wish to notify. After you have made your contribution, an acknowledgement letter will be sent to the family member or friend you designate, and a tax receipt will be sent to you. Please know that we will not specify the amount of the donation in the acknowledgement to the family.



Our members are champions who rise and walk despite their challenges.

You can be a champion to a person with Parkinson's or their caregiver. You can support one member or multiple members through a recurring monthly or annual contribution.

Your generous gift is an investment in your own community that stays completely local, supporting families walking with this disease every day.

NOTE: you must make a monthly or annual recurring donation to be in the Champions Club.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



On behalf of the Board of Directors of Greenville Area Parkinson Society, I am pleased to present our 2021 annual report. I love what we do. Although 2021 offered a continuation of COVID challenges, I was amazed at how well our staff continued to pivot to address the needs of our members, their care partners, and their families. Laryn, Kamber, Robyn, and Glenn continue to creatively deepen relationships with our members through one-on-one phone calls and offer a wide range of services through our virtual and in-person programs. We began a program to support Adult Children of People With Parkinson's that we are proud of, and we continued to increase our overall membership. As we begin our 10th year of serving our membership, we are focusing on raising awareness of Parkinson's in the community and continuing to deepen our relationships with our members, their care partners, and their families. We could not do this effort without the unbelievable support from our staff, volunteers, and donors. Your generosity with your time, talent, and financial support has helped us continue to grow. We thank you for your support and thank you for allowing us to walk with you.

Earle Oxner
2022 Board President



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OUR MISSION

The Greenville Area Parkinson Society (GAPS) is a local non-profit organization that offers support, education, and advocacy to people living with Parkinson's Disease, their caregivers, spouses, and families.

“Our vision is to maximize the quality of life for families affected by Parkinson’s Disease.”

GAPS WALKS WITH EVERYONE

Greenville Area Parkinson Society is committed to accepting and celebrating all people regardless of ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status. We seek to create an organizational culture that promotes and values diversity. GAPS strives to make inclusion central to our work of providing education, advocacy, support, and awareness. All members can live a better quality of life with inclusive and equitable practices.



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