Uplift’s 2019-2020 program year was like no other – the Covid-19 pandemic changed everything. While services were in-person for the first part of the year, safety measures put into place in March 2020 saw all programming become virtual. The Uplift team worked to meet grieving children and families where they were both physically and mentally, ensuring that their mental health needs were recognized and addressed. We continue to celebrate the courageous, loving, and committed children and families Uplift works with every day.

FAMILY SERVICES GRIEF SUPPORT

Uplift held two cycles of in-person Family Services grief support groups prior to Philadelphia’s stay-at-home orders in March 2020. Beginning April 2020, Uplift offered 24 online groups to caregivers and children, including families new to Uplift as well as families continuing groups from Uplift’s 6 in-person sites.

IN-SCHOOL GRIEF SUPPORT

Philadelphia schools were open September 2019 through mid-March 2020, during which time Uplift held 124 grief support groups at 117 schools. When schools were closed, Uplift continued to provide grief support through virtual programming.

In May 2020, Uplift partnered with the School District of Philadelphia to create the award-winning Philly HopeLine, a free helpline providing mental health services and other referrals for students and families in Philadelphia.

POST-CRISIS GROUPS

The 2019-2020 program year saw Uplift’s post-crisis program support 282 students and 130 staff and faculty at 27 schools. 16 Legacy Groups gave space for 110 students to remember and honor a special friend.

PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS

During the program year, Uplift held 81 in-person and online trainings and trained 2,285 professionals.
FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2020
Individual Giving: $47,032
Foundation: $572,752
Special Events: $342,880
Corporate: $4,469
Government: $425,044
Earned Income: $8,210
Investments: $1,836
Total Income: $1,402,225

Fiscal Year 2019
Individual Giving: $64,963
Foundation: $249,464
Special Events: $407,753
Corporate: $6,564
Government: $461,235
Earned Income: $6,320
Investments: $3,216
Total Income: $1,181,585

Uplift's ability to serve so many of Philadelphia's grieving children, youth, and families during the 2019-20 program year was made possible thanks to the incredible support we receive from a variety of sources. Our heartfelt thanks to each and every volunteer, individual donor, corporate supporter, foundation funder, event attendee, social media post sharer, and all our friends who advocate for our work and mission.

A special thank you to the children and families we work with, for their resilience and dedication that inspires us every day.

From left to right: Uplift staff during 2020 Golf Outing; staff and volunteers meet virtually for a training; live auction at an UPLIFTing evening 2019.

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