



Dear Friends of Mainstay

When I think about the past couple of years, one word comes to mind: **resiliency**. I've seen it in the faces of the people we support and the actions of our entire staff as we've dealt with many new challenges.

Resiliency is defined as, "an ability to recover from or adjust easily to adversity or change." How fitting for our organization as we've continued to grow and adapt to the changes that have impacted our society during the pandemic. Our employees have led the way, continuing to guide the people we support with the same love and care as ever, while helping our organization to expand.

Despite the ongoing pandemic, I can see silver linings everywhere. We want to highlight some of them, and the exceptional work our team has been able to accomplish in fiscal year 2020-21. Our strategic priorities: **Grow Our Services**, **Grow Our Resources**, and **Grow Our Talent** have been our North Star.

While we reflect on some of the achievements outlined in this Annual Report, we look forward with great optimism and with the same resilience shown everyday by those who are part of the Mainstay family. Our successes would not be possible without you.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your help in carrying out our mission of providing life-long, high-quality support services, ensuring that people with developmental disabilities lead fulfilling lives and realize their vision of a desirable future.

Looking forward to another great year!

Kim Sonafelt

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Grow Dur Services

REACHING MORE PEOPLE IN MORE PLACES

Despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, "Grow our Services" remains a Mainstay Strategic Priority, as we strive to reach more people in more places.

In the two decades since Mainstay opened our first specialized home supporting people with Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS), we have continued to add residential services for individuals in Allegheny County. With a solid model in place, our team is excited to be actively expanding into new counties. We opened two new homes for people with PWS – including our first location in Washington County.

Zach

One of those people is Zach. One of Zach's biggest dreams was to one day live on his own. To help him achieve his dream, Zach worked with Dennis Zellers, our Clinical Supervisor of Behavioral Supports. Through their meetings together, Dennis was able to gain an understanding of the supports Zach needed and how Mainstay could best meet those needs. Zach is now living his dream.



As we all continue to rely more heavily on technology, Mainstay has leaned into the many ways technology can help us better support people with disabilities, regardless of location, to lead healthy, independent, and joyful lives. Conventional and more specialized technologies have become instrumental in supporting inclusion, community integration, employment and independence in the home and community.

In 2021, Mainstay became the first Pennsylvania provider to receive the **Technology First** accreditation from Shift. As part of our "Technology First" pledge, Shift's professional curriculum and online learning community is helping the people we support get more



opportunities to achieve amazing outcomes using technology.

Collaborations with **StationMD** and **Wellbridge Health** have been key to Mainstay's early efforts to close gaps in care and support. Through a secure video-conferencing system and a connected care management tool, Mainstay Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) facilitate real-time medical aid and health maintenance to avoid unnecessary trauma and cost associated with a trip to the emergency room. StationMD now supports 40+ people in Mainstay's residential programs, and Wellbridge Health connects more than 25 people to health coaches.

As we continue to move forward and expand into new places, Mainstay is excited to be a leader in our field with a **commitment to harnessing the power of technology** to help us provide innovative supports to the people we serve.







Grow Our Desources RECORD-BREAKING FUNDRAISING

Held at The Club at Nevillewood on June 28, 2021, Mainstay's 14th Annual Charlie Ross Memorial Charity Invitational Golf Outing raised a record-breaking \$72,500!

The proceeds will ensure we can continue to be a leading care provider for people with developmental disabilities. We extend a special thank you to our participants and sponsors for helping to make this the **BEST golf outing yet**. Please save the date for this year's event at Nevillewood on June 27, 2022.

Grow Dur Talent

CELEBRATING AN AWARD-WINNING TEAM

Our employees are truly our greatest asset.

Through these uncertain times, every member of our staff has served as a beacon of hope for the people we support. Nearly two years into the pandemic, Mainstay employees have continued to adjust to our new reality safely and effectively, taking every precaution in stride as they provide the highest level of care to the people we support.

Due to the nature of our work, our dedicated employees are often in situations where people in their care cannot consistently use masks or where they cannot avoid coming into close contact with others. Therefore, screening, care coordination and vaccination efforts continue to be essential. As a leader in the field of Human Services, we've adopted precautions above and beyond the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and PA Department of Health, including:

- Mandating the vaccine for all current and new employees
- Requiring masks at all our locations
- Increasing safety protocols for entering properties, including sign-in sheets and screening questions

Thanks to the dedication and resolve of our staff, we were honored with a Top Workplace Award in Pittsburgh and ranked within the top ten of mid-size employers for the seventh consecutive

year. Our staff is also the sole reason that – for the first time ever – Mainstay was named a national top workplace by Top Workplaces USA.





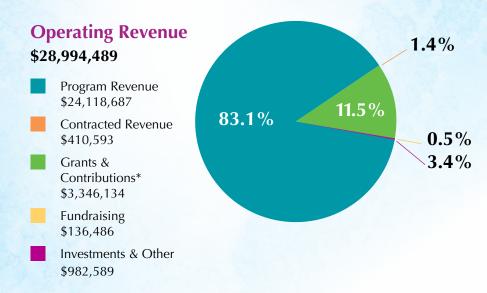
As we continue to strategically build our team, we were thrilled to introduce a new inclusive onboarding experience for all new hires that integrates Mainstay's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) goals and values into new hire orientation. This ensures that from day one, new employees are comfortable talking about diversity and related matters in the workplace.

Mainstay has partnered with Diaz Inclusion Consulting to bring multiple DEI workshops to our executive and leadership staff. These workshops have begun to expand our DEI knowledge with topics like understanding implicit bias, bias awareness, leading through diversity, and addressing conflict while creating an engaging culture.

While we are excited about our progress thus far, we know that there is still much more work to be done. Our plans include strengthening internal DEI resources to provide development opportunities to all staff to support the growth and expansion of our teams.



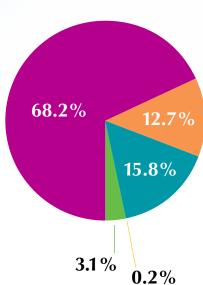
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