

ANNUAL REPORT

A SILVER LINING FOUNDATION

2021



Reflections from the CEO

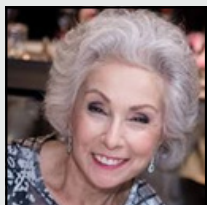
As we ended 2020 with cautious optimism and hope for better days ahead this was not to be. 2021 was another difficult year. The effects of an unrelenting pandemic contributed to an increased need in the vulnerable communities we serve. The challenges of operating a small nonprofit amidst ongoing economic and pandemic uncertainty persisted. We are grateful to have been able to meet these challenges and serve the needs of the marginalized communities that rely on ASLF for access to breast health testing.

We are humbled by the generous support of our individual donors, corporate supporters and grantors. We are grateful for our network of community and hospital partners. We are thankful for our friends who spread the word about our mission. We are blessed with a professional staff team that is unflappable. In 2021, ASLF served more than 1,300 women and funded nearly 1,700 breast health tests. Together, we are making a difference.

As we close 2021, we reflect on the year past but also look forward to the year ahead. We remain vigilant and prepared to do what it takes to serve our communities in need, knowing that the impacts of the past two years remain. There is a lot of work to be done. So long as there is need, we will be there to ensure no one goes without potentially life-saving breast health testing.

2022 marks ASLF's 20th anniversary! We are humbled to reach this milestone and look forward to honoring and celebrating this journey with you. This anniversary is a testament to what can be achieved with a little grit and a tremendous network of support.

In everything we do, we never lose sight of our guiding principle: everyone deserves a chance to survive.



Dr. Sandy

Dr. Sandy Goldberg
Co-founder and CEO

MISSION

To provide respectful and equal access to cost-free breast health testing through a network of partnerships with community, advocacy and healthcare organizations

VISION

To ensure that socioeconomic status does not affect an individual's ability to obtain timely breast health testing

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FOUNDATION

Our Impact

The *Buy A Mom A Mammogram® (BAMAM)* program funds cost-free breast health testing for those who are uninsured, underinsured and/or ineligible for other testing programs. As best known, ASLF is the only organization in Illinois that funds screening and diagnostic testing based solely on need. In 2021, 50 percent of BAMAM-funded tests were diagnostic. The cost of diagnostic testing is two to 11 times higher than screening mammography. The diagnosis rate for women tested through BAMAM is five times the national average.

1,316

WOMEN SERVED

1,674

TESTS FUNDED

INSURANCE STATUS

Uninsured.....	98%
Underinsured.....	2%

ETHNIC DIVERSITY

Hispanic.....	72%
Black	12%
Caucasian.....	10%
Eastern European.....	1%
Asian.....	3%
Arab.....	2%
Immigrant.....	73%

AGE

Under 29.....	1%
30-39.....	5%
40-49.....	45%
50-59.....	33%
60 and older.....	16%

GEOGRAPHIC REACH

Zip Codes Served.....	219
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TESTS FUNDED

Screening Mammograms.....	830
Diagnostic Mammograms.....	388
Ultrasounds.....	371
MRIs.....	22
Biopsies.....	63

OUTCOMES

Diagnoses.....	18
Peace of Mind.....	1,290+
Rate of Return Testing*	38%

** Women who previously received testing through BAMAM and continue to do so*

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the voucher for my breast biopsy. After losing my job and insurance I was devastated. You gave me hope and perspective in life. There are good people out there. Thank you...I'll make sure I pay it forward someday."

Our Partners

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

ASLF is grateful for the support of community partners that hosted events to benefit the foundation's breast health testing programs.

Beth-Anne Residences 5th Annual Walk ~ Chicago Wolves Breast Cancer Awareness Night ~ Darien Women's Club ~ Maria Castro's 10 for 10 Birthday Walk ~ Peninsula Chicago's Peninsula in Pink ~ Vaunt Fitness 2nd Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Event



HOSPITAL PARTNERS

ASLF's partner hospitals ensure that individuals tested through the BAMAM program will receive cost-free treatment via public programs or the hospital's charity care program if breast cancer is diagnosed.

Advocate Christ Medical Center
Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center

AMITA Health Holy Family Hospital
AMITA Health Saint Francis Hospital
AMITA Health Saint Joseph Hospital
Holy Cross Hospital
Ingalls Health System
Mercyhealth
Mount Sinai Hospital
Roseland Community Hospital
Saint Anthony Hospital
South Shore Hospital
Swedish Hospital
UI Health
West Suburban Medical Center

CHICAGOLAND CANCER INFORMATION COALITION

The CCIC program comprises advocacy groups, social service, voluntary and community-based health organizations as well as city and county departments dedicated in the fight against cancer. On average, 60 percent of women in the BAMAM program are referred by a CCIC organization.

311 City Services
Access Community Health Network
American Cancer Society
Aunt Martha's
Chicago Family Health
Gilda's Club Chicago
Helping Her Live
Lawndale Christian Health Center
Mile Square Health Center
Old Irving Park Community Clinic
PCC Salud Family Health Center
Second Act
Sharsheret
Wellness House
Winfield Moody

Who We Serve

EXPANDED OUTREACH

In August, ASLF launched a revamped website. Among the updates was a new feature allowing those seeking help to reach out directly from the [homepage](#). Requests came quickly and continue to do so.

“I had physical last Thursday and my concern was [a] lump on left breast. My doctor felt that and found another lump on right breast and put in [an] order for mammogram and ultrasound. I do not have insurance and would like some help getting these tests done asap. I have four kids 14 and under. Thank you.

“I am requesting a mammogram appointment on behalf of my mom. She was referred by her doctor but we are having trouble finding somewhere that would help. We got two numbers that would work with uninsured patients, but neither answer and we were told it have (sic) to be in a two week time frame in order for the referral to not be canceled.

“Hello, my mom has a high deductible and is unable to pay for her test. This is very stressful time for her because she needs ultrasound biopsy on right side which is scary and very expensive. Phone number listed is mine ... because she doesn't speak English very well. We are asking if there you could help her with the biopsy. Thank you so much.

“I am uninsured due to the loss of employment but do need my annual mammogram. There is a history of breast cancer in my family. My last screening was on March of 2020.

“I need help with funding for a mammogram. I don't have health insurance and I fund all my doctor's visits. Medical expenses add up really fast and I need help. Thank you.

INEQUITABLE ACCESS

For too many people, access to breast health testing - and affordable testing - is complex and inequitable.

Most qualified non-citizens (e.g., lawful permanent residents) have a 5-year waiting period for Medicaid eligibility

If you earn more than \$18,755 a year (or \$25,268 for a family of two; \$31,782 for a family of three; or \$38,295 for a family of four), you exceed the maximum income level to qualify for Medicaid in Illinois

If you need diagnostic testing, it is subject to deductible, and nearly half of the insured have high deductible plans to reduce monthly premium costs

If you're under 40, insurance won't cover the cost of a mammogram, even if there is family history

Our Fundraisers

Fundraising events are a vital revenue source for ASLF. Proceeds support the foundation's breast health testing programs. Creativity, resourcefulness and a tremendous community of support ensured a successful year of fundraising events despite the ongoing pandemic-related challenges.



Top: Host Brent Carstensen welcomes guests from the DIRT Environmental Solutions showroom.

VIRTUAL TASTING STARS June 19, 2021

This premier tasting event was virtual again and impactful as ever. For the 11th consecutive year, the Tasting Stars family fundraised to benefit ASLF's *Buy A Mom A Mammogram* program. [Watch it here!](#)

Bottom: Emcee Paul Lisnek of WGN-TV raises his glass to another successful event.



A STERLING EVENT GALA October 3, 2021

ASLF was thrilled to return to an in-person gala. With safety protocols in place, guests dined, danced and fundraised to support ASLF's breast health testing programs.



Left: Sisters Adiat Baker and Iya Bakare arrive at the gala. Right: Gala Sponsors and Dinner Chairs Pam and Al Capitanini arrive at the gala.



Left: Dr. Sandy thanks guests. Middle: Thumbs up from ASLF Board President Ben Solding. Right: Barbara Bradford and Bob Sherman, gala underwriters for the 16th consecutive year.



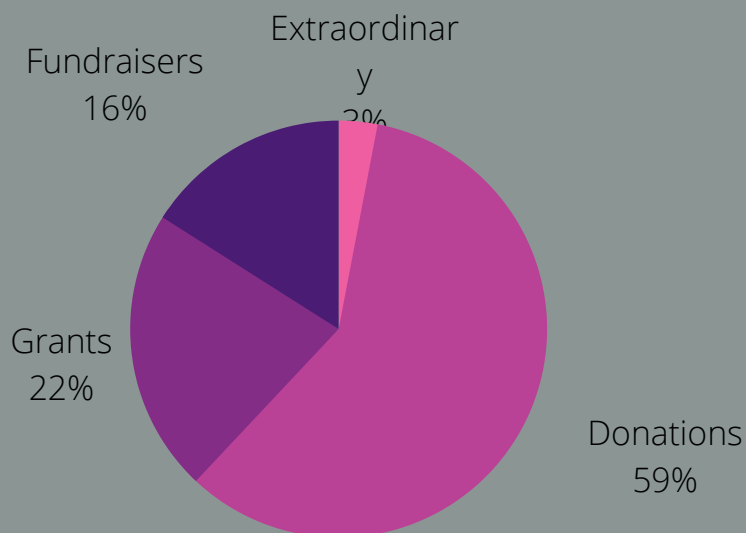
Nancy Amicangelo's family celebrates her legacy as she posthumously receives the Evy Award for her dedication to breast cancer awareness and her indelible impact during her ASLF tenure.



Finances

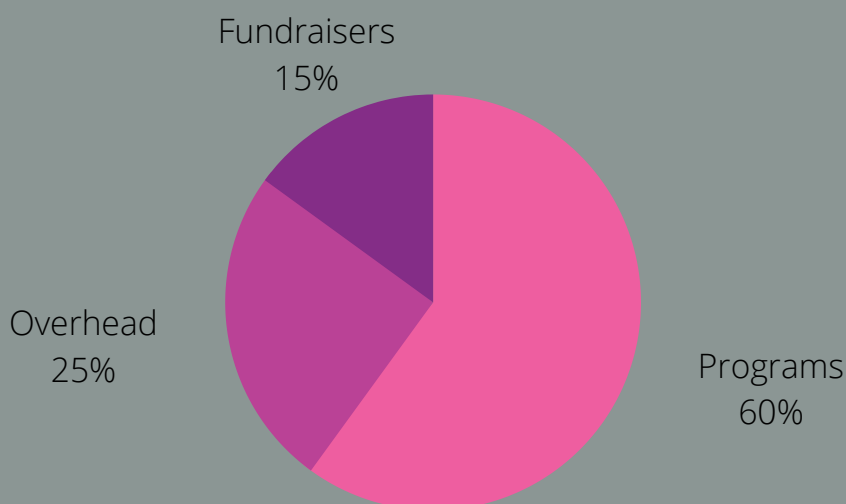
REVENUE

\$1,168,438



EXPENSE

\$1,032,288



Finances reflect 2021 calendar year revenue and expense

A GENEROUS SPIRIT

We are grateful for the support of our generous individual donors, corporate sponsors and grantors and ensure that their valuable contributions are used to further ASLF's mission.

***"I continue to support
A Silver Lining Foundation
because they turn
no one away"***

- Perry S. McKay

A LASTING LEGACY

2021 was another year of change and loss. Sadly, ASLF was not immune.

We are grateful to the families of those we lost for choosing to establish memorial funds benefiting ASLF and creating a lasting legacy for their loved ones.

NANCY AMICANGELO

ASLF Team Member and
Breast Cancer Advocate

AUDREY ELROD LAKIN

Friend and Donor

LINDA GOLDBERG

Dr. Sandy's and Greg's
beloved sister

In 2021, these donations collectively contributed more than \$115,000 to support ASLF's mission, now and in the future.