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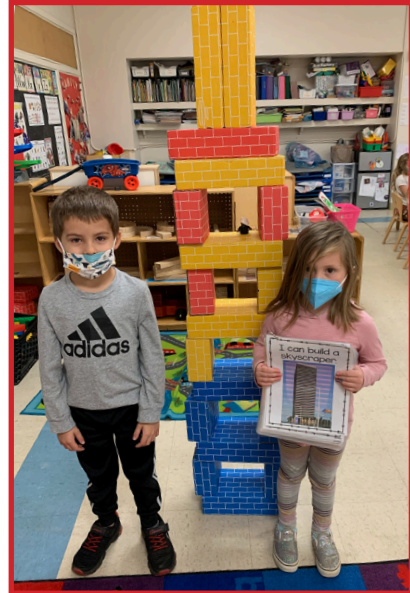
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of-the-art air-filter system is being installed to make the center as safe as possible for all within its walls. We've used funds from the 2020 CARES Act to support our staff, for frequent deep cleaning of the building, to purchase new supplies that make learning fun, including blocks! And, staff and children celebrated Thanksgiving the old-fashioned way, making pumpkin pies from scratch.



Happily, some things are unchanged. First and foremost, devotion to our mission of service to children and families, the first-rate instruction and exceptional loving care our center is known for, our talented, caring staff, who've provided stability in what has proved to be a very unstable world for most American children. We are proud to be an area

leader in early childhood education, and in recognition of the high quality of our program SDC has once again been certified as a Tier II provider by the WV Division of Early Care and Education.

Unchanging too is our gratitude to you, our friends, for your exceptional generosity and your confidence in our mission, and for helping make SDC the vibrant, thriving institution it is today. As we enter our 48th year of service, the sky seems limitless.

Wishing you all the best for 2022!

Patty Martineau  
 President, SDC Board of Directors

"Thank you for the amazing work you have done over the last year. Helping to teach our children and keep us all going strong is invaluable to this community. You are really appreciated!"  
 --The McDade family

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## A Message from the Board President

A year ago, SDC was firmly in the grip of the pandemic. Our enrollment was trending downward, reflecting the country's economic malaise. SDC kids soon got used to seeing their classroom teachers wearing masks, to social distancing, frequent hand washing and temperature taking. A strict "no visitors" policy that included parents was in place. No matter the temperature, windows in our classrooms were open wide, regardless of the weather, to keep the air circulating and fresh as possible. Despite carefully following safety protocols, we were forced to close the center several times as the virus struck children, parents and staff.



When Jefferson County schools closed, we were suddenly faced with the reality of "remote learning" for our school-agers, who were scattered around our downstairs lobby on makeshift seating, "zooming" their classes, and art, gym, music and library sessions, and dealing with our spotty internet. Adding to the list of woes, summer camp



activities were strictly curtailed. There was no Hallowe'en parade through town, no traditional family-style Thanksgiving celebration, and until the Shepherdstown Fire Department appeared, there was even a threat of no Santa Claus! Board meetings were held via Zoom. Our 14th Annual Wine Auction was virtual.



What a difference a year makes! To borrow a phrase, we are "building back better." Major milestones include extending Wi-Fi through the thick brick walls of our old building; with it, and Shepherdstown Rotary's generous gift of inventive folding desks, we can create an instant pre-K classroom. As I write this, a state-

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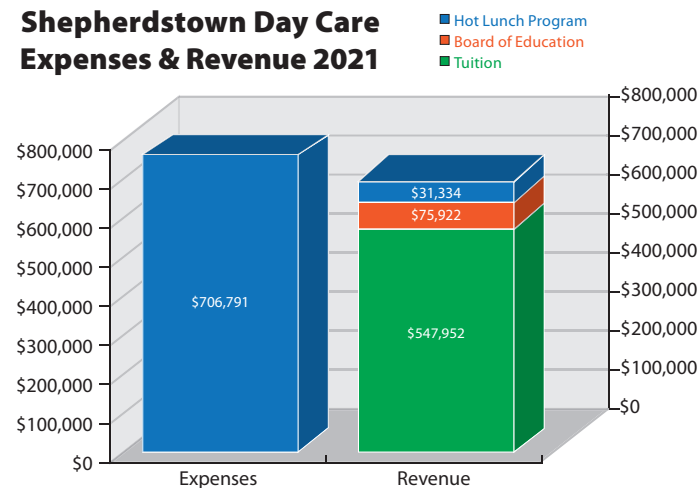
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