

2018
2019



ANNUAL REPORT



PARTNERSHIPS



City of Fall River
United Neighbors of Fall River
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Fall River School Department
Family Service Association
Citizen for Citizen Family Planning
SSTAR
Partners for a Healthier Community
School and Community Partnership
Fall River Youth Violence Prevention
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Fall River Housing Authority
Fall River Heritage State Park
Bank Street Neighborhood Association
Fall River Youth Services
Youth Court
Youth Connections
Mass Department of Conservation & Recreation
Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School
Fall River Holiday Parade Committee
Massachusetts Department of Public Health
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Youth Build
United Way of Greater Fall River
Community Tennis Association of Fall River
Battleship Cove
YMCA
Boy's & Girl's Club
Fall River Police and Fire Departments
Bristol County District Attorney's Office
Bristol County Sheriff's Department
Massachusetts Parole Board
Health First
Citizens for Citizens Foster Grandparent
Program
Positive Action Against Chemical Addiction
(PAACA)
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Child & Family Services
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We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.

~ Winston Churchill



A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greater Fall River RE-CREATION continues to provide essential programs and services throughout the year to help instill confidence, self-awareness, and understanding to the youth in our community. RE-CREATION's staff takes pride in providing a safe and nurturing environment to many youth, especially the at-risk population and the socio-economically disadvantaged.

Greater Fall River RE-CREATION has made great strides in renovating its facility. Our goal is to have the Greater Fall River RE-CREATION Community and Wellness Center in full operation by 2020. No matter the space or location, we continue providing multi-generational programs as well as strive to meet the ever-changing needs of the citizens of Great Fall River. As always, we continue to demonstrate a commitment to the mission our agency was founded on.

RE-CREATION continues to find innovative and accessible ways to meet the needs of our community. This past year, we provided direct services to over 1500 individuals and over 30,000 people participated in our free special events. Our Summer Lunch in the Park program served over 48,000 lunches last year to youth 18 years and younger. We recognize the enormous need for these programs through our increasing numbers year after year.

RE-CREATION's Outreach Program provided services to over 150 at-risk youth. Through this program, high risk and proven risk youth have access to HiSET classes, employment opportunities, mental health services as well as life-skill trainings. These services proved to make the youth more productive individuals in our community.

RE-CREATION recognizes the importance of partnerships and thanks the many agencies, organizations and businesses for their continued support and willingness to collaborate on many projects and programs. Without the support of many, we would not be able to continue offering the needed services we provide for the community and its youth. Together we can strive to ensure that our young people live a productive and healthy lifestyle. We are always "One Community, One Future"!



*Alone we can
do so little.
Together we can
do so much
~ Helen Keller ~*

Grace Gerling
Executive Director

Greg O'Donnell
President



ABOUT RE-CREATION

MISSION

Greater Fall River RE-CREATION improves lives by providing programs and services for residents of all ages to thrive, with a focus on socially and economically disadvantaged, and at-risk youths.

VISION

Greater Fall River RE-CREATION envisions all individuals in our Community with the resources they need to be healthy, safe, and successful. With our new facility we will also strive to be a catalyst for economic growth in our city by revitalizing our building, housing several public and private organizations, and becoming a premier center for events.

VALUES

We are committed to delivering all programs, services and events in a safe and nurturing environment so that all residents of Greater Fall River can build self-confidence and reach their potential.

Greater Fall River RE-CREATION, formerly known as "CD-REC", is a non-profit recreation and prevention based organization that provides educational and developmental programs to the residents in the Greater Fall River area, emphasizing economically disadvantaged youths.

In the Fall of 1970, a group of young, local professionals began to discuss the lack of recreational and cultural opportunities available to Fall River's youth. They came to the conclusion that it was time to "RE-CREATE" the spirit of community involvement. They committed themselves to enhancing the quality of life in Fall River. Thus, "Greater Fall River RE-CREATION Committee Inc." was formed.

Since our first day in 1971, we have been one of the leading providers of community events and services to people of all walks of life. We strive to provide diverse programs and unique opportunities to our community's residents.

We believe that every man, woman, and child deserves the opportunity to develop their talents and self-esteem. Our services benefit a diverse group of members who deserve a safe and nurturing environment to develop their skills and self-esteem.

At Greater Fall River RE-CREATION, we strive to provide year-round recreational, educational, and developmental programs to Greater Fall River area residents.

We offer a variety of programs ranging from arts & crafts, sports, dance, fitness classes and other programs economically disadvantaged citizens would otherwise not be able to afford or participate in. Our programs rely on funding and donations to survive, please support our cause!

Due to our dedicated employees and continuous support, we are able to create positive partnerships between our agency and the community in our new Community & Wellness Center! It's because of these successful collaborations that we're able to provide affordable programs that are designed to instill the proper mental and moral values in our youth.



*Community is where
humility and glory touch.
~ Henri J. M. Nouwen ~*

DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAMS

Everyone in our community deserves the opportunity to develop their talents and self-esteem doing what they love best. For some that's a fitness class, for others it's getting involved with our HiSET program. Regardless, we strive to make sure our services benefit a diverse group of members who deserve a safe and nurturing environment to develop their skills and self-esteem, no matter what that may be.

YOUTH OUTREACH

The Youth Outreach Program (YOP), made available by Greater Fall River RE-CREATION, provides services to at-risk youth in the City of Fall River including youth violence and gang activity prevention and intervention. These services include assistance with counseling services, education, employment, and pro-social activities. The goal of the YOP is to provide a safe alternative for the youth to make positive changes in their lives.

The Youth Outreach Program works in collaboration with numerous partner organizations to build long-term relationships, provide services, and help families.

Our Youth Outreach workers aim to build strong long-term relationships with youth most at-risk for violence and gang activity to build mentoring relationships and to identify strengths and areas of need.

Youth Outreach workers are skilled in linking our youth to pro-social services, activities, and at linking youth and their families to appropriate services that provide positive alternatives to

HiSET

Whether you want to pursue a career or attend college, earning a high school equivalency credential is more important than ever. The HiSET exam is an assessment of skills and knowledge comparable to those of a high school graduate and it is an alternative for those who, for a variety of reasons, are unable to finish high school.

These classes are for individuals who are not currently enrolled in high school or have not received their high school diploma and would like to take steps to complete their education. We're here to assist under-educated adults to improve the academic and communication skills related to their work and family lives. Those who take and pass all five sections of the HiSET earn a Massachusetts High School Equivalency Diploma.



SUPPORTED BY:
UNITED WAY OF GREATER
FALL RIVER
AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
HEALTH - Youth At Risk Grant



COMMUNITY WELLNESS CENTER

Greater Fall River RE-CREATION began its capital improvements and continued to update its facility at 45 Rock Street.

Our organization's focus is to provide seasonal and after-school programs to our community's socio-economically disadvantaged youth in a safe and nurturing environment.

Our facility, a historic old district court house built in 1908, is located in the heart of Downtown Fall River.

We are extremely grateful to the many businesses and individuals that assisted our agency with its capital improvements, which brings us closer to accommodating all our programs under one roof.



*The greatness of a community is most accurately measured
by the compassionate actions of its members.*
~ Coretta Scott King

COMMUNITY



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Greater Fall River RE-CREATION is a very active organization that continues to meet the ever-changing needs of our city residents. We take pride in being one of the few places in the Greater Fall River area that provide as many free community events as we do!

Every year, we celebrate:

- The Kick-Off to Summer event
- Our Annual Soap Box Race
- Various events at our Summer Lunch in the Park programs
- Our Annual Halloween Celebration
- Our Annual Christmas Celebration

Along with our direct services, cultural events, and family festivals, RE-CREATION also provides a summer park and lunch program.

We also successfully collaborate with many community agencies to provide affordable programs that are designed to instill the proper mental and moral values in our youth.

We collaborate with the Fall River Holiday Parade Committee each year to help contribute what we can to make sure that our community gets a great event that's fun for the whole family!

RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

Greater Fall River RE-CREATION prides itself in providing affordable programs in collaboration with many community agencies that are designed to instill the proper mental and moral values in our youth.

Our programs help combat delinquency and risk behaviors by providing after school, evening, and weekend programs that keep our children and young adults active and off the streets. RE-CREATION continues to be a member agency of the United Way of Greater Fall River, United States Tennis Association, Massachusetts Park, and Recreation Association and Partners for a Healthier Community, Inc

Programs we offered our community members in the 2018-2019 year are:

- Arts & Crafts
- Ballet
- Basketball
- Baton
- Cheerleading
- Dance: Hip Hop
- Dance: Street Jazz

- Judo
- Ladies' Soccer
- Sailing
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Tumblers





HEALTH & FITNESS

FITNESS & WELLNESS PROGRAMS

We love being the place where many community members begin their health journey, no matter their ability or fitness level! We want to help our community make fitness a way of life by providing our fitness center members with a comfortable and clean environment with a variety of gym equipment.

The RE-CREATION Fitness Center offers a variety of cardiovascular and weight machines, allowing our members to create their own individual workout programs, so everyone can achieve their goals.

In addition to our fitness center, we offer a variety of year-round fitness classes community members can get involved in at a fraction of the cost of traditional gyms. Members can join our community to meet other like-minded individuals while working to achieve their fitness goals.

Our talented instructors aid members on their path to a healthier life. RE-CREATION is where you will find camaraderie among positive, inspiring men and women who are working hard every day to make their bodies (and lives) better.

GREATER FALL RIVER FITNESS CHALLENGE

Each year, RE-CREATION teams up with some of the area's biggest fitness and wellness programs to offer the Greater Fall River Fitness Challenge. The Fitness Challenge is designed to help community members lose weight in a social setting. Programs vary from gym discounts, group fitness classes, nutrition classes, and workshops.

SPONSORS

Saint Anne's Hospital
Southcoast Health
GFR Partners for a Healthier Community
Greater Fall River
RE-CREATION
Burn Boot Camp
CAT Studio
Davol Groves
Fall River YMCA
Fitness Fusion
SALT Fitness
Stoico/FIRSTFED YMCA
Swansea Total Fitness
Tabi's Transformations

RESULTS

350 Participants
828 lbs. lost

Individual Winners:

1st Place: Lost 14%
2nd Place: Lost 12.95%
3rd Place: Lost 12.13%

Team

Total Team Lost 7.4%
(with 5 members on the team)

The Bill DaPonte
Excellence Award
Marcia Picard



COMBINED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the year ended June 30, 2019

REVENUE	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTAL
CDBG Grant	\$ 268,833	\$ -	\$ 268,833
Program Income	135,256	-	135,256
United Way Allocations	-	28,358	28,358
Grant Income	681,808	192,748	874,556
Fund Raiser Income	4,000	-	4,000
Donations	-	133,041	133,041
Interest Income	45	-	45
Miscellaneous Income	74,746	-	74,746
Rental Income	61,077	-	61,077
re-Creation	28,006	-	28,006
TOTAL REVENUE	1,253,771	354,147	1,607,918
EXPENSES			
Program Services			
Community Development Recreation	1,014,776	-	1,014,776
Other Programs	366,322	-	366,322
Fundraising	2,451	-	2,451
Supporting Services			
General and Administrative	37,804	313	38,117
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,421,353	313	1,421,666
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	360,708	(360,708)	-
Changes in Net Assets	193,126	(6,874)	186,252
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	833,306	47,449	880,755
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-
Net Assets, End of Year	\$1,026,432	\$40,575	\$1,067,007



COMBINED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the year ended June 30, 2019

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash	\$	265,857
Cash - with Donor Restrictions		36,742
Accounts Receivable		181,029
Prepaid Expense		1,441

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		485,069
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Property, Plant and Equipment

Building, Land & Equipment - without Donor Restrictions		1,452,457
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		(227,714)
Equipment - with Donor Restrictions		42,162
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		(38,329)

Net Property, Plant and Equipment		1,228,576
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$	1,713,645
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$	37,356
BayCoast Bank - Line of Credit		60,119
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt		14,908

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		112,383
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Long-Term Liabilities

Loan		60,000
Bank Loan		489,163
Less: Current Portion of Long-Term Debt		(14,908)

TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		534,255
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TOTAL LIABILITIES		646,638
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New Assets

Without Donor Restrictions		1,026,432
With Donor Restrictions		40,575

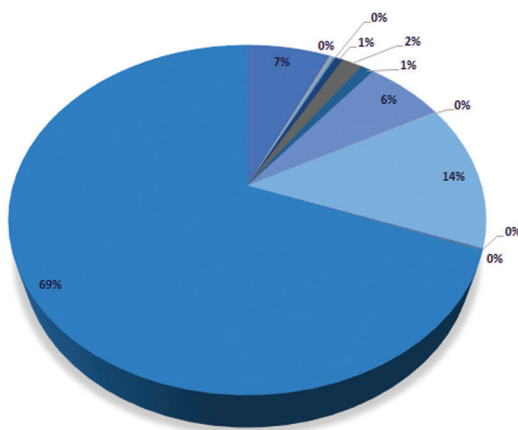
TOTAL NET ASSETS		1,067,007
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	1,713,645
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SERVICE STATISTICS

From June 1, 2018 - July 31, 2019

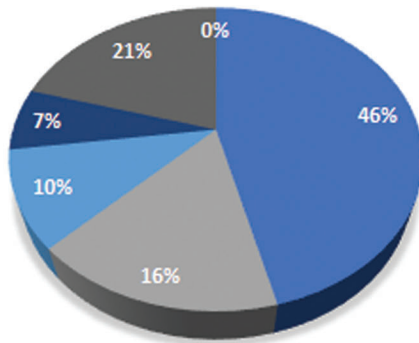
ENROLLMENT BY ETHNICITY



African American & White
 Arab
 Black/African American
 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
 American Indian & Black
 Asian
 Brazilian
 Other
 American Indian/Alaska Native
 Asian & White
 Hispanic
 White

Race	Total
African American & White	104
American Indian & Black	4
American Indian/Alaska Native	3
Arab	10
Asian	25
Asian & White	16
Black/African American	98
Brazilian	1
Hispanic	206
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1
Other	1
White	1053
Total	1522

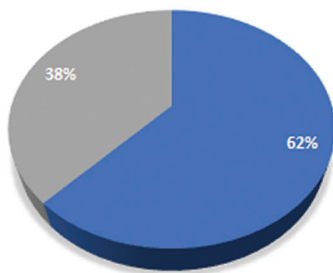
INCOME LEVEL



Extremely Low High Low Other Low Very Low (Blank)

Income Level	Count
Extremely Low	701
High	251
Low	157
Other Low	101
Very Low	312
(Blank)	0
Total	1522

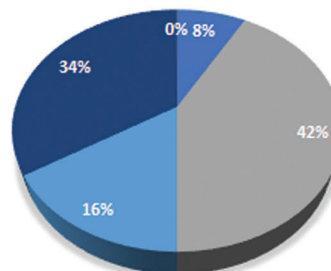
GENDER



Female Male

Gender	Count
Female	944
Male	578
Total	1522

AGE GROUP SUMMARY



Itsy Bitsy Youth Teen Adult Unknown

Age Group	Count
Itsy Bitsy	124
Youth	637
Teen	245
Adult	515
Unknown	1
Total	1522

OUR PARTNERS



FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION

Family Service Association has been awarded a contract from the Department of Children & Families (DCF) and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) to provide a Family Resource Center for the Greater Fall River Community. The Family Resource Center is a community-based, culturally competent program that provides evidence-based parent education groups, information and referral, mentoring, educational support, and other opportunities for children and families.

Family Resource Centers also provide services specific to Children Requiring Assistance (CRA) who are having serious problems at home and at school, including runaways, truants, and sexually exploited children.



Old Colony YMCA YouthBuild Fall River is a comprehensive youth development program that allows young people between the ages of 16 and 24 who have not been successful in school or the workplace an opportunity to plot a new course for their lives. Students alternate weeks between an academic setting and a vocational one.

They are working toward the attainment of their GED while learning vocational skills that will prepare them for future employment. The students will complete the construction of new single family "green-built" home that will be sold to a low income, first-time homeowner.



*Coming together is a
Beginning
Staying Together is
Progress
and working together is
Success
~ Henry Ford ~*



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT



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