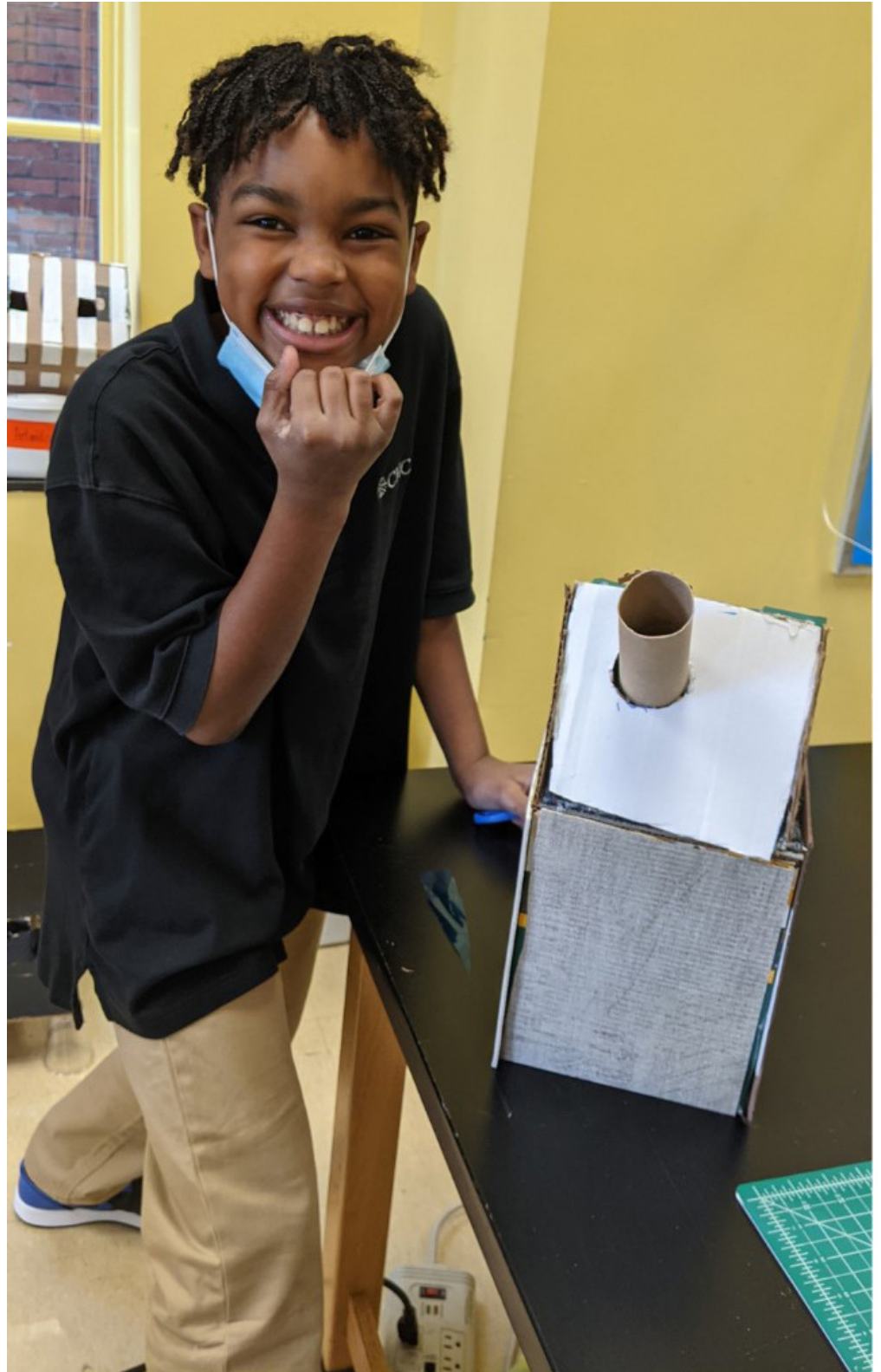


ANNUAL REPORT



# MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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2021 was another wonderful year for the organization. It's hard to believe that we worked through another year of a pandemic keeping us on our toes. The AFC is lucky to have so many individuals that see these challenges as opportunities and routes toward a more successful future. This past year revealed so many opportunities for our programming and I can't wait to see what comes from all of the behind-the-scenes work.

Design LAB saw the most change: a smaller group of participants; a shorter program to allow for schools to go back and forth between in-person and virtual learning; videos to help supplement the instructional first-half of the program; flexible model sizes; and additional volunteers to help with the second half of the program. We chose Dwellings as the theme since we had all been spending so much time in our own dwellings: learning about all of their limitations and opportunities. We figured young minds were probably dreaming about what their own dwellings could be. Based on the models that had been submitted, it was apparent they were more concerned about how other people were living - many groups created new living quarters for elderly individuals (mostly grandparents) or at-risk families. We also saw a lot of homes that had been updated for people to be able to live together while needing to quarantine, through innovations like window-walls in the middle of living rooms. While the impact the virus had on students was apparent, we knew it was important to offer them an outlet for creativity and problem-solving.

The final exhibit was held virtually through Facebook, but we did celebrate in-person at Fountain Square, where every project was highlighted on the LED board above the Square. Students were delighted to see their hard work on display for so many people. With having a virtual exhibit, we were happy to be able to offer such a great awards ceremony to our very deserving students.

Other programs were impacted less: we were able to bring back construction tours to their former glory and tour some awesome projects. The new Cincinnati Ballet building, ICON, Newport on the Levee, the Foundry, and UC's College of Law were all incredible projects to get an inside look at. We also partnered with Green Umbrella and Esoteric Brewing to host a sustainability-focused edition of Seek Cincy in Walnut Hills.

The most exciting program change that we implemented was Dine with Design: a refresh of our beloved Apple Awards Gala. We kept with tradition in honoring an individual with the Apple Award: Britney Ruby Miller accepted the award on behalf of the Ohio Restaurant Association, who represented all of the wonderful restaurants we have in our community. Their strength, resiliency, and service to the Greater Cincinnati area throughout the pandemic rightfully made them the obvious choice for 2021's Apple Award.

The event started by everyone gathering on Fountain Square for cocktails, opening remarks, and the Apple Award Ceremony. After that, we took over the Central Business District with five groups of fifty people traveling through three different restaurants from downtown up to Over the Rhine, eventually meeting back together on the porch at Washington Park for dessert and an after-party concert by Push Play.

I can't give away too much else of what we worked on in 2021. Keep an eye out for what we are doing in 2022 - we have some great things up our sleeves! It's going to be an exciting year that sets us up for success moving forward.

We are so appreciative of the support, passion, and dedication of our members, corporate sponsors, program sponsors, and donors. They are the reason the AFC will be able to continue to expand on our mission to create appreciation, awareness, and education of the built environment.

Sincerely,



Christen Lubbers

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# 2021

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for year ending December 31, 2021

#### ACTIVITIES

#### SUPPORT AND REVENUES

Events/programs	\$ 4,519
Memberships	\$ 6,100
Corporate Partnerships	\$ 63,000
Board Gifts	\$ 13,500
Grants	\$ 15,000
SBA Loan	\$ 17,000

TOTAL S&R \$133,085

#### EXPENSES

Events/programs	\$ 2,938
Education	\$ 3,008
Administration	\$ 88,344
Development	\$ 20,000
Operations	\$ 7,910
Communications	\$ 10,656

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 129,918

#### FINANCIAL POSITION

Current assets	\$ 135,951
Current liabilities	\$ 10,601
Net Income	\$ 34,102

Compiled from statements prepared by Loftus & Loftus, CPA.

### GRANTS

The Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati was the recipient of financial support for one or more of its programs from the following foundation:

- First Financial provided a grant to support Design LAB: Learn And Build in the amount of \$15,000.

### 2021 DINE WITH DESIGN

As 2020 unfolded and fundraising events had to be cancelled while grant programs were cancelled, our dedicated board understood the peril our organization faced. They all asked their organization to pledge what they typically would on an event to the AFC to help us make it through the year. They were able to collectively raise 20,000.

### CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

The following organizations were Corporate Partners of the Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati in 2019:

#### Platinum Level (\$5,000)

- GBBN Architects
- Hixson Architecture Engineering Interiors
- Megen Construction
- Eagle Realty Group
- SHP Leading Design
- J.S. Held
- The Kleingers Group

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- CMTA Consulting Engineers
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- Messer Construction
- Pioneer Cladding & Glazing Systems
- Skanska
- Taft, Stettinius, and Hollister LLP
- Turner Construction

#### Silver Level (\$1,500)

- Graydon
- Nelson Stark Co

### CORPORATE SUPPORTER SPONSORSHIPS

The following organizations provided financial support to the AFC at the \$1,000 level:

- CR Architecture + Design
- Enriching Spaces
- K4 Architecture
- North American Properties
- Peck Hannaford & Briggs Co

### CONTRIBUTIONS

The following organizations provided contributions to specific programs or activities of the AFC:

#### Design LAB: Learn And Build

- GBBN Architects
- Pelican Studio Architect

### IN-KIND DONATIONS

The following organizations provided in-kind donations to support our programming:

- Curbell Plastics
- First Financial Bank
- SHP Leading Design
- HGC Construction
- GBBN Architects

### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Additional support for the AFC was provided by the following individuals:

- MEMBER (\$75)
  - Denis Back
  - Zoe Gizara
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## PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

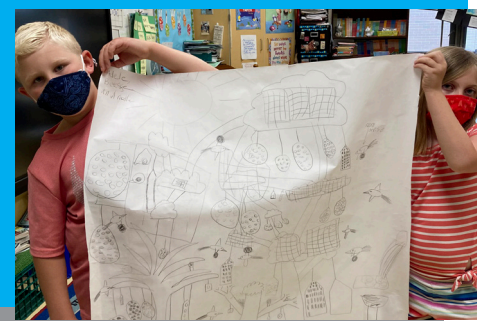
### Design LAB: Learn And Build

Design LAB: Learn And Build had a successful year, despite setbacks and challenges. We used what we learned in 2020 to make the program as incredible as it could be. With a smaller group of about 700 students, we made videos to supplement volunteer time and amped up the amount of volunteers working with our students on the back half of the program where they build their models. Since so many of our students were stuck at home, we stuck with DWELLINGS as our theme.

They learned how historic figures lived, how houses are built differently around the world due to culture and climate, and about extreme dwellings right here in Cincinnati. They even learned about how to build homes to help our wild animal friends who have been victims of climate change. The results were incredible: many of our students showed how incredible their hearts are by building better living quarters for people like their grandparents or students they knew who were immuno-compromised. They even got creative with updates to homes - one resulted in the ability to live right next to someone who was quarantining thanks to a room-length, floor-to-ceiling window through the middle of the living room.

The Design LAB Exhibit was virtual, but we were able to celebrate our students in style and in-person at Fountain Square and we had all of their models on display on the LED Board above the Square. It was great to give them the formal Awards Ceremony they were all so deserving of.

The 2022 Design LAB program is underway. The theme is Learning Spaces and we are excited to see how our students' concepts of the places they learn have changed over the past 5 years. We are also back up to a larger group and are so excited to see if they can outdo themselves again!



Students showing off their drawings



Students presenting their Dwelling



Students at the Awards Ceremony



Attendees at the Awards Ceremony

### PROGRAMS & TOURS

The AFC offered 12t programs, events, and tours in 2021

- February 25th-27th we hosted a material drive for the Design LAB program, to ensure all participating students have equal access to building materials, while diverting those materials from the landfill.
- March 25th we hosted a construction tour of the Newport on the Levee Remodel that was hosted by North American Properties, JS Held, and Turner Construction
- May 9th-22nd was the virtual Design LAB Exhibit
- May 18th we brought people through the new Cincinnati Ballet building during its construction process, the tour was hosted by Messer Constrction & GBBN Architects
- May 23 we hosted the Design LAB Awards Ceremony on Fountain Square
- June 28th we did a construction tour of ICON: the Andrew J Brady Music Center that was hosted by GBBN & Messer Construction
- August 18th we did a construction tour of the Foundry (formerly Macy's) that was hosted by GBBN & Messer Construction
- September 9th we hosted Dine with Design, our annual fundraiser
- October 21st we cohosted Green Drinks: Seek Cincy in collaboration with Green Umbrella
- November 9th & 10th we invited our Design LAB Educators & Volunteers to an orientation for the 2021 program year
- November 14th we did a construction tour at UC's College of Law that was hosted by Skanska
- December 20th we announced our 2021 Gingerbread Building Challenge winners



The Design LAB Board celebrating a successful year



Dine with Design guests enjoying the event with the AFC's Executive Director



Dine with Design guests enjoying the event



Skanska presenting a construction tour at University of Cincinnati

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