



2020 Annual Report

The Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross



We . . . as a Society have . . . principles to fight for. We stand for simplicity in an age of luxury. We stand for prayer, intercession, and thanksgiving in an age of vague conjecture as to the efficacy of prayer. We are united as Companions of the Holy Cross in times when many repudiate the Cross.

Emily Morgan, *Letters*,
Founder of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross





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Directory of Officers

All terms end on December 31 of the year listed, unless otherwise noted.

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Companion-in-Charge of Discerners	Karen D. Banta	2021



A Letter From the Companion-in-Charge

Greetings,

To say that 2020 was not as expected seems a bit trite, but, for the SCHC as an organization, this year was an incredible year in spite of COVID-19.



When the year began, a number of activities were underway—revision of our bylaws was progressing. Plans for two regional conferences, one in Minneapolis and the other Maryland/DC area, as well as plans for our annual Companion Conference at Adelynrood were taking shape. Then COVID-19 hit, bringing much to a halt as we struggled with the difficult decision to not open Adelynrood for the summer. Sadness fell like a pall for a few weeks, but then Companions, Discerners, and our staff picked up and moved forward.

Virtual technology grabbed our attention. Meetings—committees, Annual Meeting with more than 150 attending, and Assembly—all took place. The regional conference planning committees re-tooled their events to a virtual format. The Midwest conference, *Listening to Indigenous Voices: What Do We Need to Hear?* enlightened us to the ways the European settlers of this continent tried to desecrate the customs, spiritual practices, and ways of life of the people already living here. We also learned from their descendants about ways they are seeking to relearn and bring back their ancestors' ancient practices and spirituality today.

The Mid-Atlantic Conference, *Liberating Love through Prayer and Action*, helped us discover the “specks in our eyes” regarding racism that is so embedded in us. Ruby Sales, who began her fight against this plague as a young girl in Mississippi, spoke of her experience but, mostly and movingly, she spoke about the power of love.

The Companion Conference planned for 2020 will be held in 2021 with the title *Courage to Risk, to Love, to Act*. This, too, will be a virtual conference because we have learned that this format opens the doors to all members no matter where they are in the world.

In the meantime, Adelynrood sat empty, but not without activity. The SCHC staff set about using this time to do catch-up on projects that usually take a backseat to activities going on when Companions, Discerners, and guests gather. Lots of cleanup and maintenance work took place, both inside and outside the house. Office files were reorganized and normal day-to-day financial, publication, and office activities continued. Our staff stood steadfast.

Of course, for members of the Society, having Adelynrood closed has been sad, but we've learned that we can still pray together through virtual noonday services of intercession five days a week. We have learned how to use virtual technology to gather as chapters, and to enlighten each other in programs and meetings. Even more important, we have learned that technology and praying can go together to connect us and may even strengthen our bonds of community.

Yes, the year was not as we ever imagined, but this Society of strong women continues as a healthy, active, praying organization. For that I give thanks!
Peace and blessings,

Edwina

Edwina M. Simpson
Companion-in-Charge

Connecting with Nature



Dear Lord, we pray for our fragile and hurting world
that we may become as one worldwide family
with total unity and justice for all God's people...

Kay Claiborn, SCHC
April, 2021 IP

Report from the General Manager

Dear Companions, Discerners, and Friends,

This past year we adopted new ways to stay connected during this challenging time. From small in-person staff meetings to large Zoom conferences, we shared personal stories and found joy in small moments while we learned more about one another. This year's adversity seems to have brought us closer together in many ways.



Knowing that we would not be opening for visitors, the staff pitched in and cleaned offices, worked on the grounds, did improvement projects throughout the house, created new instructional manuals, updated databases, organized old files, and took on projects that we never seemed to have the time to do during the busy summer season. Companion gardeners tended to the flowerbeds and kept Adelynrood cheerful and inviting for the staff and our neighbors, who enjoyed contemplative time while walking the property and the labyrinth.

To keep Adelynrood and the SCHC in the minds of our local community members while we were closed, we continued to attend local chamber meetings, conduct meetings outside with potential visiting groups at the picnic tables, and collaborated with other non-profits using Zoom. We collected non-perishables for a Newbury church and our chef worked in a local soup kitchen once a week feeding the homeless.

During the past year what we missed the most was the connection that you all bring to Adelynrood. We missed your warm hugs and your smiling faces. We missed the smell of warm baked lemon sassy cookies and the excitement of guessing what was going to be on the menu. We missed the voices in the chapel and the laughs of friendly conversations. We missed the energy of the Live-In team, who made us excited about opening the house, and the many of you that always had a kind word to share with us.

When you return you will see so many new things: a pathway to the grassy area leading from the parking lot, a beautiful new Great Cross, sturdy constructed stairs on the back of the house, improved water drainage, newly painted cottages, rust-free picnic tables, shiny exposed wood floors, carpeting in St. Clare, and a freshly painted kitchen.

Although we will not be together this upcoming season, we will continue to be good stewards of the property and support the mission of the organization. We so look forward to seeing you again.

Warm Regards,

Kimm

Kimm Wilkinson
General Manager 2020



Adelynrood follows COVID-19 protocols for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. While there will be no indoor events scheduled for the Summer of 2021, please contact us to hold your outdoor event on the beautiful and spacious grounds of Adelynrood.

Your event deserves the inspiration a setting like Adelynrood offers.

Contact us to share your vision!

SCHCGeneralManager@Adelynrood.org or call 978-462-6721 x11
Wireless internet access on site.



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Appreciating the Little Things in Life

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Events Held at Adelynrood in 2020

Attendees 327
25 Events

Adelynrood Programs—Virtual

School for Spiritual Direction, June
School for Spiritual Direction, Aug
SCHC Companion Conference
SCHC Mid-Atlantic Conference
SCHC Midwest Regional Conference

Visiting Groups—Outdoors

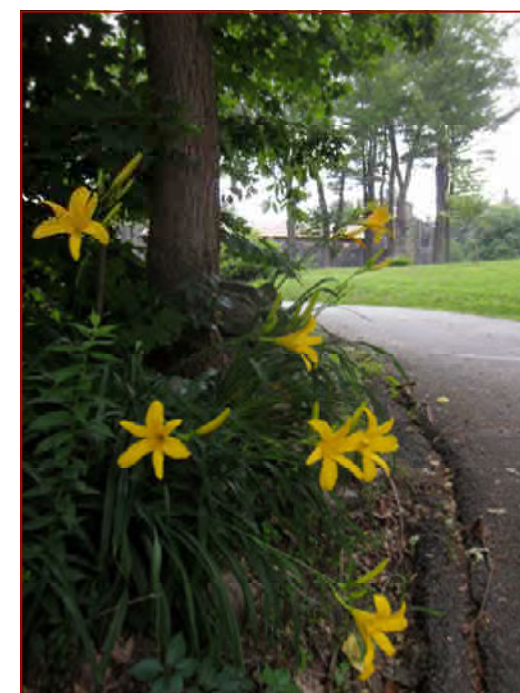
Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center
Kim Greene
Red Wheel Weiser Group
Theater in the Open

SCHC Meetings—Virtual

Adelynrood Board. May
Adelynrood Board. September
Adelynrood Budget Committee
SCHC Administrative Council, May
SCHC Administrative Council, August
SCHC Communication Committee
Friends of Adelynrood Committee
SCHC Financial Oversight Committee
SCHC Development Committee
SCHC Annual Meeting and Assembly
SCHC Annual Meeting—Deeper Conversation
SCHC Budget Committee
SCHC Outreach Committee
SCHC Program Committee. March
SCHC Program Committee. August
SCHC Worship Committee

Outreach Groups

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Adelynrood was unable to sponsor outreach groups in 2020.



GOING FORWARD IN A TIME OF COVID-19:

Living in a Virtual World

School for Spiritual Direction



The Adelynrood School for Spiritual Direction met by Zoom in June and August 2020, with 17 students attending.

Thanks to excellent tech support, it all went smoothly from mini-retreats to graduation, including break out groups, spiritual direction practice, prayer times and social hours. Students who find it hard to travel to Adelynrood for the in-person school were delighted to be able to attend virtually. Our Zoom gathering was both surprising and pleasing – a mixed blessing.



Noonday Intercessions

A group of Companions thought that gathering for virtual noonday intercessions would help us to stay connected during our time of COVID isolation. Zoom intercessions are now held five times a week. About 20-25 women from across the Companionship participate each day, and about 40 consider themselves as regulars. Chapters take turns planning prayers, so the variety of voices, styles, and topics keep noonday intercessions interesting and relevant. All are welcome to join!



Midwest Regional Conference – *Listening to Indigenous Voices: What Do We Need to Hear?*

This four-day virtual conference attracted nearly 100 people who came to learn about the current realities of Native American peoples from Native American presenters. We experienced spirituality from the cultural lens of Native nations in the Midwest region, heard the historical account of the Doctrine of Discovery, and received a taste of language, story telling, traditional food sources, basket weaving, and art. The conference provided insight and inspiration to all participants.



We have...
found new ways to connect
through the use of virtual tools.
We are thankful for Zoom and for our
SCHC Technology Team!

Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference – *Liberating Love through Prayer and Action*

Over 70 participants from across the country listened to presenters Ruby Sales and Peter and Rhondesia Jarrett-Schell talk about confronting injustice and racism in our society by engaging in the work of listening more and speaking less. In Zoom breakout sessions, prayers were written to process and gain deeper understanding from the presentations. Virtual worship grounded us in prayer and all were energized by Ana Hernandez's virtual sing-along.



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In thanksgiving for Adelynrood.
Jane White-Hassler *

In thanksgiving for the Adelynrood Community.
Susan M. Murphy *

In honor of Deb Baker, NH Chapter.
Steve Baker #

In gratitude for the lives of May Belle Ball and Helen White.
Sarah H. Fisher

In memory of Elisabeth Lloyd, May Belle Ball,

Ruth Strang, and Sheila Cherian.
Alinda C. Stanley

In memory of Mary Craighill, May Belle Ball.
Treva A. McLaughlin

In memory of and in thanksgiving for knowing May Belle Ball.
Barbara Parry Allen

In memory of May Belle Ball.
Melissa Buckingham
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Miriam M. Stanton #

2020 Gifts Made in Memory, Honor, or Thanksgiving

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In memory of May Belle Ball by friends of her daughter.
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In thanksgiving for the life of May Belle Ball.
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In honor of and thanksgiving for Karen Banta.
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In memory of Margaret Beaven.
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In thanksgiving for Monica Beck.
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In memory of Marilyn Berthelette.
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In thanksgiving for Louise Bessire
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In thanksgiving for Melba Boynton.
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In thanksgiving for Sarah Braik who served as our AC-in-C for the past 6 years.
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In memory of Susan Butler.
Deborah Smith Douglas
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In memory of Evelyn Chamberlain.
Jane E. (Beth) Chamberlain

In thanksgiving for Chapel Volunteers.
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Anne Homme

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Anonymous

In thanksgiving for the Charles River Chapter.
Lynne P. Kozlowski

In thanksgiving for our children.
Karen Lynne Sisk

In thanksgiving for the life of Sally Churchill, who died on July 22, 2020.
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In memory of Nan Clarkson and Jo Gillespie.
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In memory of Nan Clarkson.
Annette Gottschalk van Hilst

In thanksgiving for Nan Clarkson.
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In thanksgiving for the life of Elisabeth (Nan) Clarkson.
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In Thanksgiving for Companions.
Anonymous

In thanksgiving for 25 years of Companionship.
Kathryn V. Romain

In thanksgiving for our Companionship.
Mary H. Grant
Karen D. Banta
SCHC - Philadelphia Chapter

In memory of Kirby Dahman, and for his loving and devoted wife, Laurie Weckel, SCHC.
Janice Adell Melin

In thanksgiving for Kirby Dahman.
Anonymous

In honor of Anne Davis' 90th birthday.
Sarah Bates #

In thanksgiving for the life of Joan Davis, who died on March 3, 2020.
SCHC - Ann Arbor Chapter

Thanksgiving for my Sponsor, Evie Day.
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Donation from a grateful heart.
Marcie Kennedy #

In honor of and thanksgiving for Laura C. Drum.
Elizabeth T. Drum *

In memory of Mary Durham.
Bonnie Anderson

In thanksgiving for a loving family in this time of pandemic.
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Thanksgiving for family and the Companions.
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In memory of Jane C. A. Foster.
Carole C. Foster

In thanksgiving for Mooydeen Frees.
Christine D. Beran †

In honor and memory of Joanna Gillespie.
Ann Gillespie
Isabel R. McGraw
Amanda Wick Bowen #

In thanksgiving for my Sponsor Jo Gillespie.
Laurie Weckel

In thanksgiving for my grandmothers.
Jennifer Hoenig *

In gratitude.
Waite Maclin *

In memory of Sarsh Hanke.

Elizabeth Musgrave

In thanksgiving for Sarsh Hanke.

Adrian Stair

In memory of Dr. Dabney Hart.

Lynnsay Buehler

In memory of Carolyn Hatcher.

Mary Ellen J. Baird

In thanksgiving for all the doctors and nurses who gave their time to help.

Lavinia Fineanganofa

In thanksgiving for all those working hard to keep others safe and healthy!

Mary Casey *

In honor and appreciation of Phebe Hethcock.

SCHC - New Haven Chapter

In memory of Hilda and Paul.

Charlotte Tannheimer *

In honor and thanksgiving for the Rt. Rev. Robert Hirschfeld and his pastoral care of the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire.

Marti A. Hunt

In loving memory of Ruth F. Hooke.

Ruthanna Brinton Hooke *

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In memory of Christina Huggins.

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In thanksgiving for the *Intercession Papers* which keep us on our spiritual path.

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In thanksgiving for Nancy Krusell.

Carole W. Findley *

In thanksgiving for Nancy Lau and Grams Gutknecht - retiring NC officers.

Chris P. Graebner

In thanksgiving for Nancy Lau, departing officer of the North Carolina Chapter.

Margaret S. Lewis

In thanksgiving for retiring NC officers Nancy Lau, AC-in-C; Gram Gutknecht, Treasurer;

Nancy Allison, Chaplain.

Barbara Platt-Hendren

In memory of Julie Ann Lentz.

Meredith Lentz Tipton

In loving memory of Elisabeth J.C. Lloyd.

SCHC - New York Chapter

In memory of Elisabeth and John Lloyd, faithful Christians and very dear friends.

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In memory of Elisabeth Lloyd.

Louise H. Bessire

Helen F. Goodkin

In thanksgiving for the life of Companion Elisabeth Lloyd.

Alinda C. Stanley

In memory of Helen D. Loring.

Richard T. Loring #

In thanksgiving for my Sponsor Marion Elizabeth Loweth.

Barbara A. Forbes

In thanksgiving for Treva McLaughlin's service as our AC-in-C. Collected by individuals.

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In thanksgiving for the Minnesota Chapter.

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Nancey Turnage Scott

In memory of my mother, Mary Frances Ponder.

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Josie Queneau

In thanksgiving for Jeanette Renouf.

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In memory of Gloria Richardson.

Catherine R. McGeary

Charles Joseph Curti *

In thanksgiving for NC Chapter outgoing officers--Nancy Lau and Grams Gutknecht.

Sarah H. Fisher

In thanksgiving to the Society's response to Covid-19.

Jean C. Barker

In memory of my niece, Pearl May Shaw, died March 11, 2020.

Violet Adassa Lyon

In thanksgiving for Edwina Simpson.

Alinda C. Stanley

Thanksgiving for the leadership of Edwina Simpson, our C-in-C.

Karen D. Banta

In thanksgiving for The Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross.

Laura C. Drum

In thanksgiving for being sponsored by Louise and Bet.

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Ellen Stanley#

In thanksgiving for Alinda Stanley.

Nancy S. Lowers

In thanksgiving for the hospitality of Alinda and Bevan Stanley last fall when I was auditing a course in New Haven.

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Elizabeth Gosselin

In loving memory of our dear friend and Companion "on the journey."

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In memory of Ruth Strang. Her accomplishments for our Chapter and the whole Society would take far more than a letter. Her contribution to God's Kingdom through her profession as a physician and as a priest mark her forever as a gift to the world.

SCHC - Ann Arbor Chapter

In thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Ruth Strang.

Katharine C. Evans

In thanksgiving for the life of Companion Ruth Strang.

Alinda C. Stanley



In memory of Melantha Sudmann.

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In Thanksgiving

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In memory of Elizabeth (Beth) Verssen.

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In thanksgiving for Companion Elizabeth Verssen.

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In memory of Jini Vockel.

Andrea Cardarelli *

In memory of Martha Waldron.

Veronica M. Chapman

Helen E. Drake #

In memory of Annalyn Watt.

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In thanksgiving for Robert Knapp Weldy.

Meredith Lentz Tipton

In thanksgiving for Barb Whitehair - so inspiring!

Mady Upham *

In memory of and thanksgiving for Nance Foules Wier.

Enid W. McNiece

In memory of my mother,

Ruth Hygema Wilson.

T. Sammie Wakefield

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Marcia K. Stone

In thanksgiving for Alex Woody.

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In memory of Irma Wyman.

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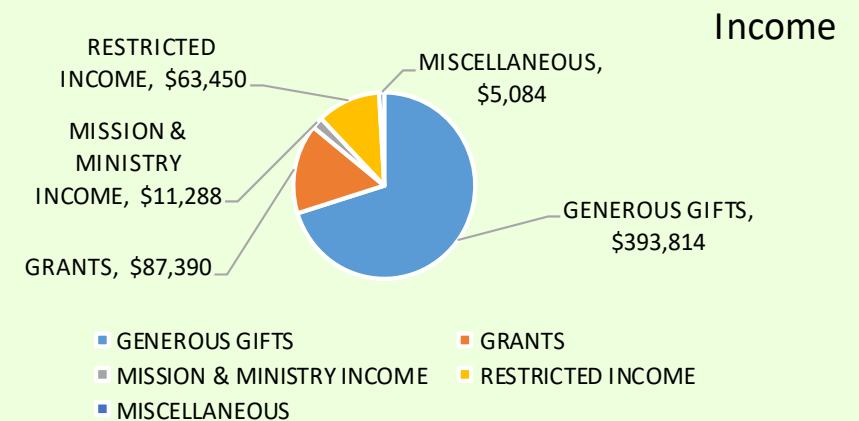
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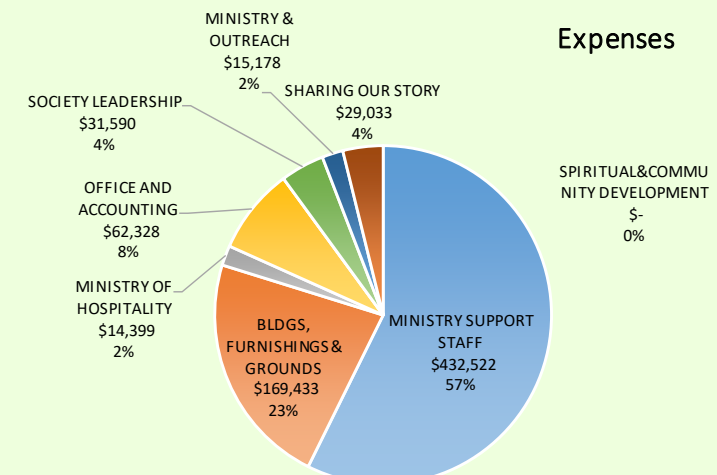
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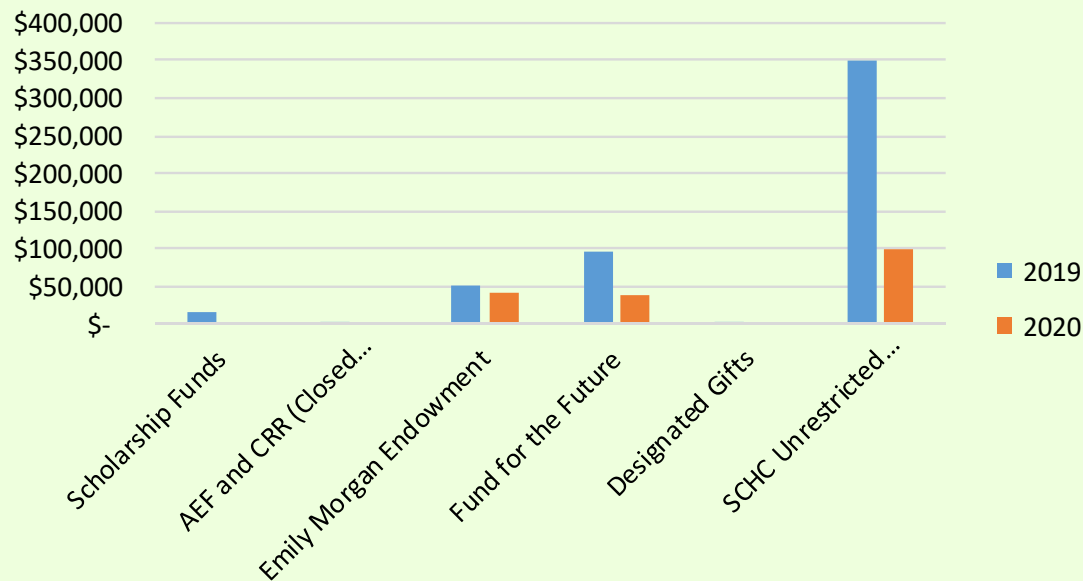
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Invested Funds	\$	5,560,907	
Held in Reserve	\$	309,262	Sapp, FFF, Designated
Total Investments	\$	5,870,169	
Investments Used for Expenses		2019	2020
Scholarship Funds	\$	15,852	\$ -
AEF and CRR (Closed Accounts)	\$	1,024	\$ -
Emily Morgan Endowment	\$	50,259	\$ 42,259
Fund for the Future	\$	97,162	\$ 37,089
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	\$	517,936	\$ 181,368

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