



HOURLASS  
**2020-2021 Annual Report**

**Hourglass provides local, reliable information  
to Lancaster County, ensuring informed  
decisions, and making Lancaster a better place  
to live and work.**

### **Our Mission: Addressing Community Issues**

In a rapidly changing world we cannot count on effective problem solving from national or state governments. Communities need to take ownership of their own future, imagining better paths, and relentlessly pursuing solutions that take advantage of reliable information and innovative ideas.

Hourglass creates awareness of emerging issues and works to inspire and guide elected officials, community leaders, and engaged citizens to better address these important issues that affect quality of life in Lancaster County.

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# Year In Review

## Looking Back and Looking Forward

Dear Friends of Hourglass,

Hourglass was founded in 1997 to inform decision-makers so that Lancaster County can experience growth and economic prosperity without losing its unique character and quality of life. Hourglass focuses on a wide range of complex, legacy issues that impact our community both now and for years to come. We function as an independent entity, providing objective information and fresh ideas, conducting research and analysis, and encouraging collaboration among local governments and organizations to help them better meet the challenges of a changing world. And it is certainly a changing world in which we live.

Last fall, after a national search, we welcomed Diana Martin as our organization's new executive director. Diana brings a wealth of nonprofit experience to Hourglass. She previously served as the Director of Communications & Marketing at Rodale Institute, a national leader in sustainable agriculture, and as the Communications Manager at the Lancaster County Community Foundation. We're thrilled to have her onboard.

Over the past year, thanks to your support, we've held forums, written publications, and conducted interviews on a wide range of topics impacting Lancaster County including affordable housing, broadband internet, the Chesapeake Bay, child care, workforce development, air pollution, homelessness, community policing, farmland preservation, smart growth and more. We've hosted community conversations with our county commissioners, the Lancaster City Mayor, and even held a community forum on food and agriculture.

Thank you for all your support of our work. Together, we can keep Lancaster County strong and prosperous.



*Susan Eckert*

Susan Eckert  
Fundraising Chair

# Our Resources

## Reliable Information on Lancaster County Issues

Providing trusted, reliable information is a crucial part of how we carry out our mission. Some of the ways we keep Lancaster County informed are:



### **Keeping Lancaster Current**

Bi-Weekly Email Newsletter



### **First Friday Forums**

Monthly discussions on timely issues impacting Lancaster County. These are held in-person and livestreamed virtually.



### **Listening to Lancaster**

Podcast interviews with community leaders



### **Hourglass Quarterly**

Print publication



### **Community Forums**

Inspirational and informative public forums with keynote speakers



### **Quality of Life Surveys**

Designed to help guide decision making.

**You can find an archive of more than 800 of these resources, including video recordings of recent forums, on our website at [HourglassLancaster.org](https://HourglassLancaster.org).**

# First Friday Forums

Recent First Friday Forums include:

May 2022: Closing the Digital Divide in Lancaster County with EDC Lancaster

April 2022: The State of Tourism with Discover Lancaster

March 2022: Affordable Housing in Lancaster with HDC MidAtlantic

February 2022: Lancaster City Mayor Danene Sorace

January 2022: Ask the Commissioners

December 2021: Child Care Challenges in Lancaster County

November 2021: Refugee Resettlement in Lancaster County with Church World Service

October 2021: Fulton Theatre

September 2021: Lancaster City Police Chief John Bey

August 2021: Farmland Preservation in Lancaster with Lancaster Farmland Trust

June 2021: Resiliency in Cities

May 2021: Tenfold

April 2021: Spanish American Civic Association (SACA)

March 2021: Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology

February 2021: Lancaster City Mayor Danene Sorace

January 2021: Lancaster County Commissioners





# Recent Resources

## Listening to Lancaster Interviews & Community Forum

### Recent Listening to Lancaster Interviews Include:

April 2022: The Common Wheel

February 2022: SoWe

January 2022: Lancaster Works

December 2021: F&M Center for Sustained Engagement with Lancaster

November 2021: Lancaster City Alliance Outreach Specialist

October 2021: Lancaster Early Education Center

May 2021: Community Action Partnership

May 2021: Union Community Care

April 2021: 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania



### April 2022 Community Forum: Food for Thought

Hourglass recently hosted a community forum on food and agriculture that included keynote speaker National Geographic photographer George Steinmetz. Find a video recording, and all of Hourglass's resources, at [HourglassLancaster.org](https://HourglassLancaster.org).



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**Thank you for your support! Your investment in Hourglass benefits Lancaster today and for the future.**

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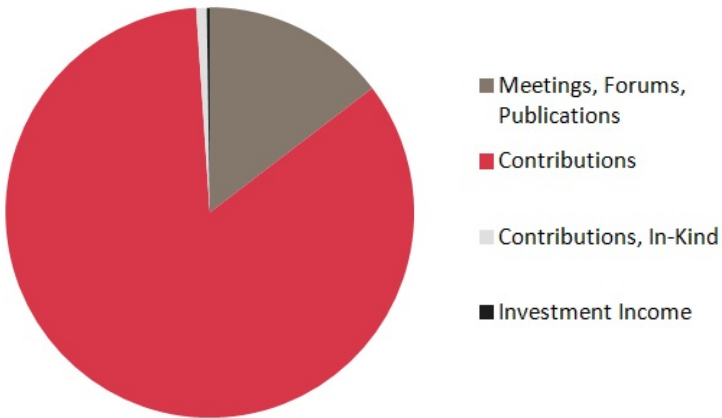
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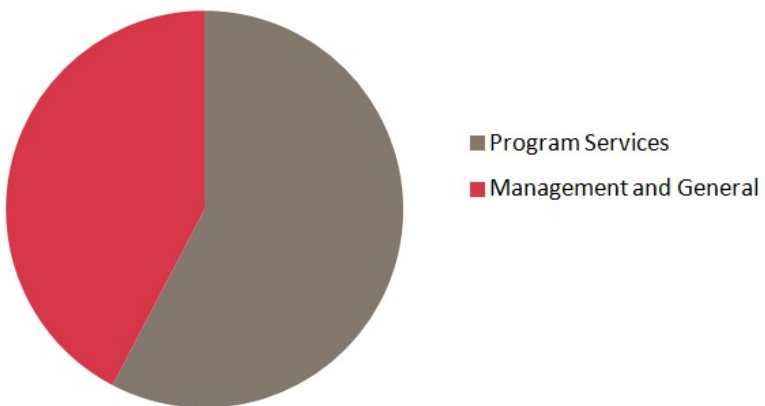
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October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021

## 2020-2021 Support and Revenue: \$157,964



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