

# Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2020

January 1st, 2020- December 31st, 2020



# MOVING FORWARD DURING TRYING TIMES

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As in 2019, 2020 brought a series of new challenges for Circle F. Our financial challenges, though less dire than in 2019, continued, while we struggled, along with rest of the globe, to accommodate the dramatic event that is the COVID 19 pandemic. Both required creativity on the part of the Board of Directors in order to keep Circle F "afloat".

Circle F was served in May with a BC Labour Board complaint from our previous manager; the complaint was settled in July. In order to make the monthly payments agreed to by Circle F in the settlement, we began a bottle drive to raise funds specifically for this purpose. This ensures that people making donations to benefit the herd can be confident that their hard earned dollars do indeed go to the herd!

The pandemic brought at least one benefit to Circle F: a surge in donations! We also experienced an increase in horses surrendered to the rescue and in adoptions of herd members to their forever homes. New volunteers to the Circle F also jumped, with the total number of volunteers exceeding 50! We could not have done without all of your dedicated, hard work!

## **CIRCLE F BOARD**

Elena, Shelagh, Celina, Alex, Gail,  
Heather & Kelsey

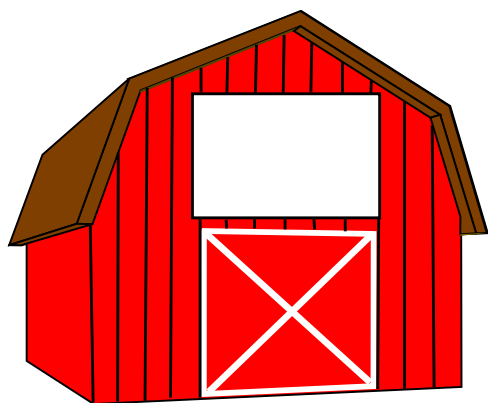
# IMPACT



*19,200*

**Hours Volunteered**

Cleaning/Feeding/Mucking/Grooming/Conditioning/Health/Administrative/Financials/Website/Tours/Non-Profit Governance/Repairs/Photography/Adoptions/Intakes/Fundraising/Events/Social Media/ Supply runs & Ordering



*1*

**Barn**



*50*

**Members & Volunteers**

*3.7K*

**Followers on Social Media**





# OUR MISSION

To take in abused, neglected and unwanted horses. To support owners through horse ownership, and to educate our community on Horse Welfare.



Surrendered	8
Adopted	3
Humanely Euthanized	1

# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

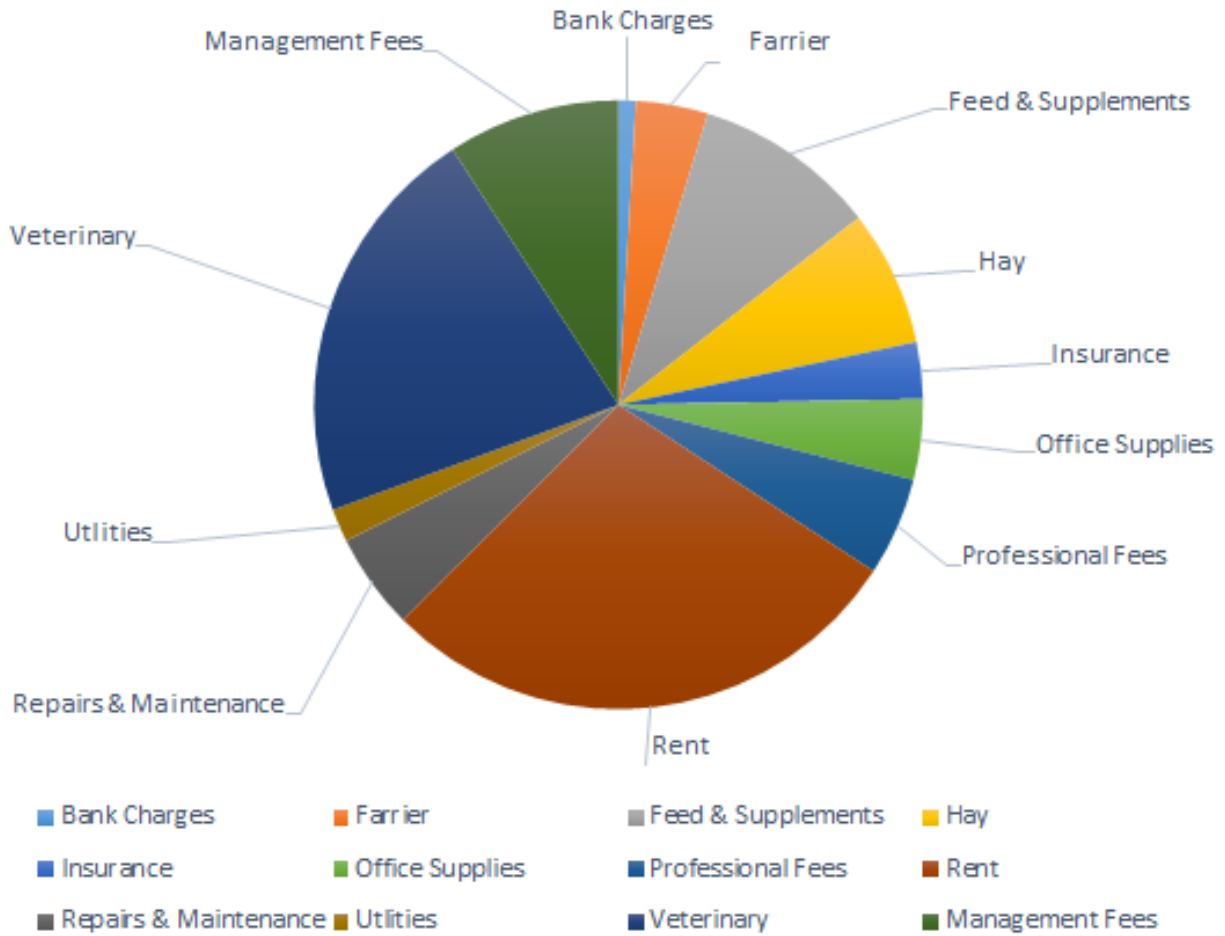
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Our 2020 financials continued to challenge the Board of Directors, although our Gaming Grant from the BC government and the various COVID-related supplements and supports from both the federal and provincial governments helped dramatically, especially during the period of complete shutdown required of us earlier in the pandemic. We were also able during this period to reach out to other organizations and groups and begin the process of re-establishing the good reputation Circle F once had in the community. This, in turn, translated into further donations.

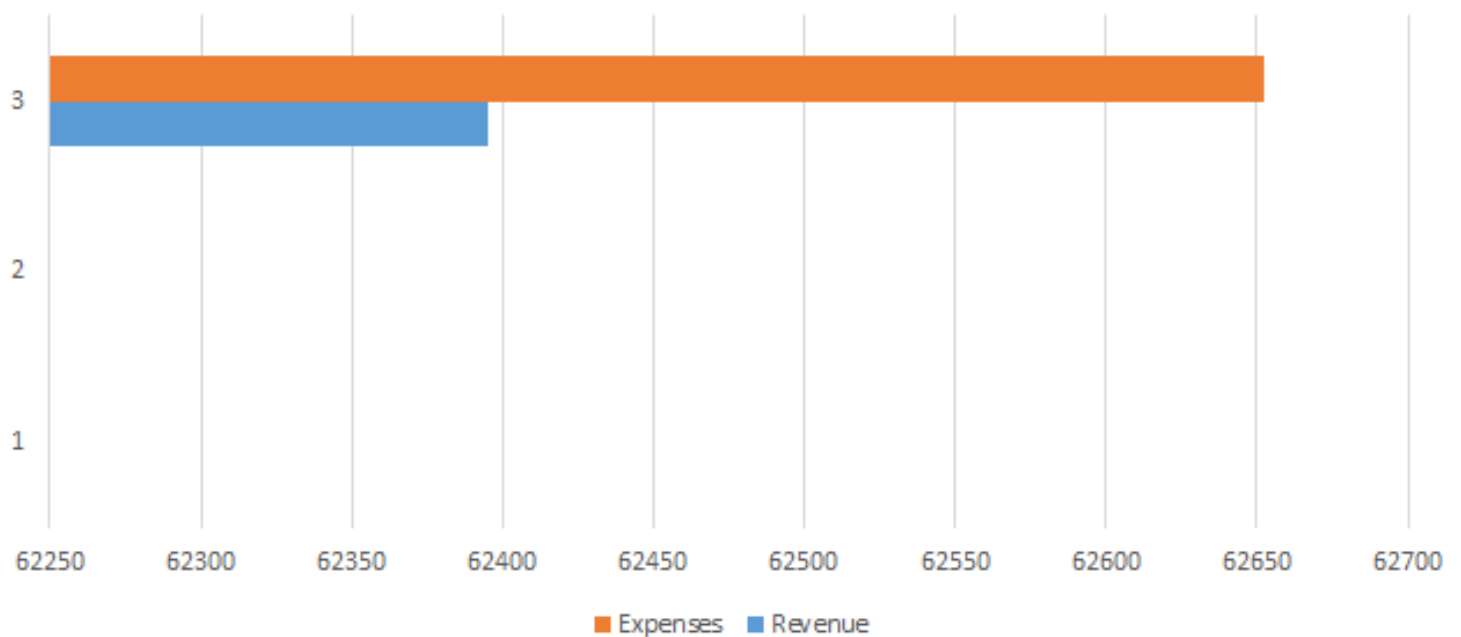
The settlement the Board of Directors reached with the Labour Board requires a total payment of \$26,000, to be paid in monthly installments over the next 3 years. As noted above, the decision was made to initiate a regular bottle fundraiser specifically for the purpose of funding this obligation. We are extremely pleased to say that this fundraiser alone generated over \$3,000 in 2020, and continues to be the main supporter of the monthly Labour Board payments

in 2021. In addition, all donors who do not specifically identify with their donation where they want their funds directed now receive an email from our treasurer to determine whether there is a preference in how those funds are used. If the donor expresses no preference, those funds may be directed to the Labour Board payments.

## 2020 Expenses



## 2020 Revenue & Expenses





# CHANGES WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION

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Circle F has been a non-profit, registered Charity for over 26 years, during which time it has overcome many challenges, and seen its fair share of change. In 2019, Circle F, for the first time, began operating without a paid Barn Manager position. This brought new challenges as the Board looked to split many of the manager's daily tasks and to resume a number of activities which had been discontinued, particularly over the last 5 years.

In 2020, we revamped our organizational teams, which now include Horse, Health, Property Ambassador, Volunteer Mentorship, Rehabilitation, and Social Media. Teamwork and Mentorship are the themes for Circle F going forward, focusing on the importance of working together to better the health of the Circle F herd. Our social media pages have been reconfigured and now include a second Facebook page which highlights Circle F's charitable status and allows Facebook members to make donation to us directly through the page. The Circle F Instagram page has also been resurrected and is now displaying more frequent updates.

While the work never stops, and the going can be challenging at times, Circle F has started the new decade on a positive note, with the future of our organization looking bright, and we are thrilled to share it with you!

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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President: VACANT

Vice- President: Elena Battye

Treasurer: Celina Battye

Secretary: VACANT

Directors:

Kelsey Webb

Alexandra Niblock

Shelagh Niblock

Heather Marsh

Gail Collinson

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Thank You!

We want to graciously thank all our donors over this past year, as without their donations Circle F would not be able to continue finding horses forever homes.