The Appell Center continued to offer top quality performing arts and education experiences while taking time to plan for a more inclusive future.

Engaging Minds
Performing arts education, the cornerstone of the Appell Center’s mission, pivoted to virtual education programs and expanded its reach across York County to impact 22,392 students in 19 school districts.

Stage the Page, a free literacy program for K-2nd grade students, completed its 16th year serving the county’s youngest learners.

Classrooms utilized virtual performing arts to teach Science and Civil Rights.

Professional Broadway actors piloted a Workshop for high school students

It was hands down one of the best activities for discussion and participation all year. The students loved it and even asked for more! The conversation was appropriate and positive! It was such an awesome way to discuss civil rights!

Bill Baker, York County Educator about Jabari Dreams of Freedom

Celebrating Creativity
Uniting and entertaining our community took a safe, creative approach.

OnStage in the Outfield – a partnership with PeoplesBank Park, safely provided the music of the Eagles and Motown to an eager outdoor audience.

CapComedy moved under the lights of Cherry Lane.

The York Symphony Orchestra utilized our new streaming technology to bring live symphony music to their patrons.

Socially-distanced films featured beloved annual traditions and unique performing arts content.

Strategic and conservative planning curated a robust 2021-2022 season of music, comedy, Broadway and film.

Reimagining The Future
2020 allowed time to re-evaluate and re-imagine the Appell Center’s future.

Mission Statement:
Inspire, educate, and entertain through professional performing arts experiences that bring together York County’s diverse voices.

Education and Community Engagement Plan:
Our 5-year plan envisions expanded k-12 programs, new community partnerships, public programs for all audiences, master classes and the hiring of a new director to guide this initiative.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Committee led efforts to ensure the Appell Center is a performing arts hub that reflects the cross-cultures, ideas, experiences and faces of York County.
Lifeline support ensured the show will go on!

With limited show revenue, the generosity of our community in tandem with difficult cutbacks and State and Federal funding kept the Appell Center in a positive financial position.

CONTRIBUTED INCOME $1,533,141

$748,204 Grants
$536,658 Individual Gifts
$195,350 Sponsorships
$52,929 Endowment Distributions

COVID RELIEF GRANTS $305,927

National Endowment for the Arts
Pennsylvania CARES Act
Pennsylvania Council on the Arts
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY Consolidated P&L

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Net Income $59,341 $8,213 $108,354 $404,853 ($109,265)*

*Conservative budget approved prior to receiving Shuttered Venue Operating Grant