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## ***Navigating the Mountains and Valleys of Philanthropy in an Ever-Changing Donor Landscape***

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Jay Biere, CEO/President

*Plymouth  
Place*  
Senior Living

*2023 CHHSM Annual Gathering: Together through Mountains and Valleys »*

# Premise

*“Not-for-Profits, having proved themselves as leaders in their community during the COVID-19 pandemic, can continue to lead in transforming the age-old paradigms that exist in our society, in partnership with donors and their families.”*



# Celebrated our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019



# ***Plymouth Place – Our Story***

- Founded on D-Day 1944 by 50 area Churches, mainly Congregationalists
- Located in the southwest suburbs of Chicago
- Standalone Life Plan Community
- Governed by a 16-member Board of Directors
- In partnership with a robust Resident Council
- Senior Leadership Team under CEO



# Mission Areas



*Invest in  
your future,  
while you  
invest in others.*

## EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Plymouth Place has awarded over  
**\$283,402** in scholarships since 2020.

Apply TODAY for the 2023  
Scholarship Program!  
Contact People Services at  
(708) 588-6921 for more  
information.



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*"We believe in  
you and  
your future."  
Jay Biere,  
CEO/President*



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# Mission Areas







# Where were you on March 11, 2020?





# March 11, 2020



- St. Patrick's Celebration
- Fear of Unknown
- Pending mask mandate

# Philanthropy during COVID-19





# Donor Investment in New Technology

- Bi-Polar-Air-Ionization
- Accushield Temp Checks



# Stewarding Donor Trust





# Externally Communicating Our Story

- Daily & Weekly CEO email updates
- Town Halls
- Monthly Newsletter Updates
- Launch of Philanthropy's *Monarch Magazine*
- Individual Donor Meetings
- Fireside Chats with CEO
- New Dedicated Philanthropy Website
- Video Testimonials
- Knowing your elevator pitch- what's yours?

# It Takes a Village – Communicating the message With Pride and Passion!

- Board- Key role of CEO
- Emeriti
- Key Stakeholders
- Consumers
- Donors and their families
- Wider community



# Internally

- Knowing your Donors
- Understanding the area of need
- Integrating philanthropy within the teams
- Understanding the Donor Cycle
- Implementing Solid Fundraising Systems
- LAI vs LIA







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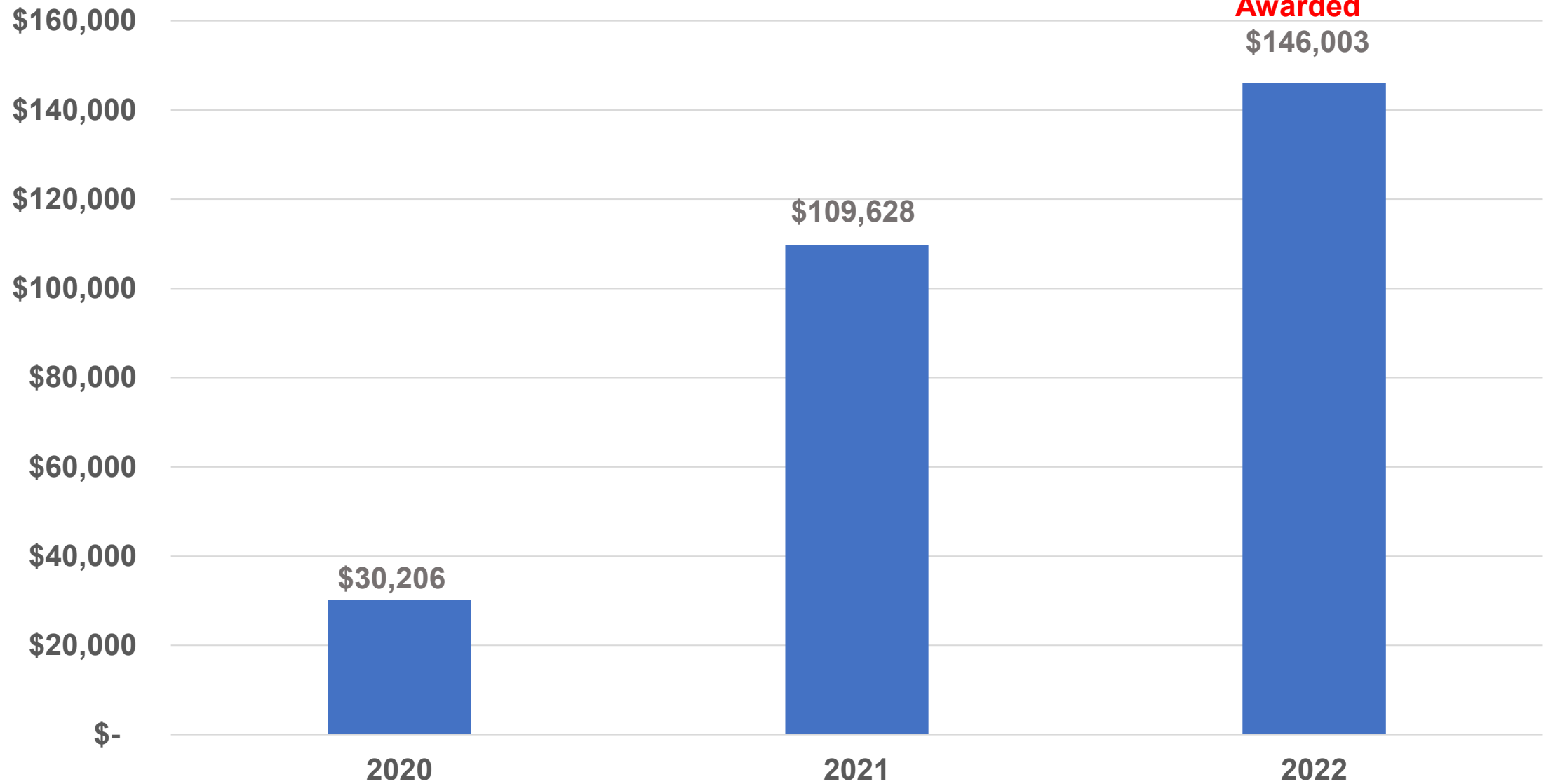




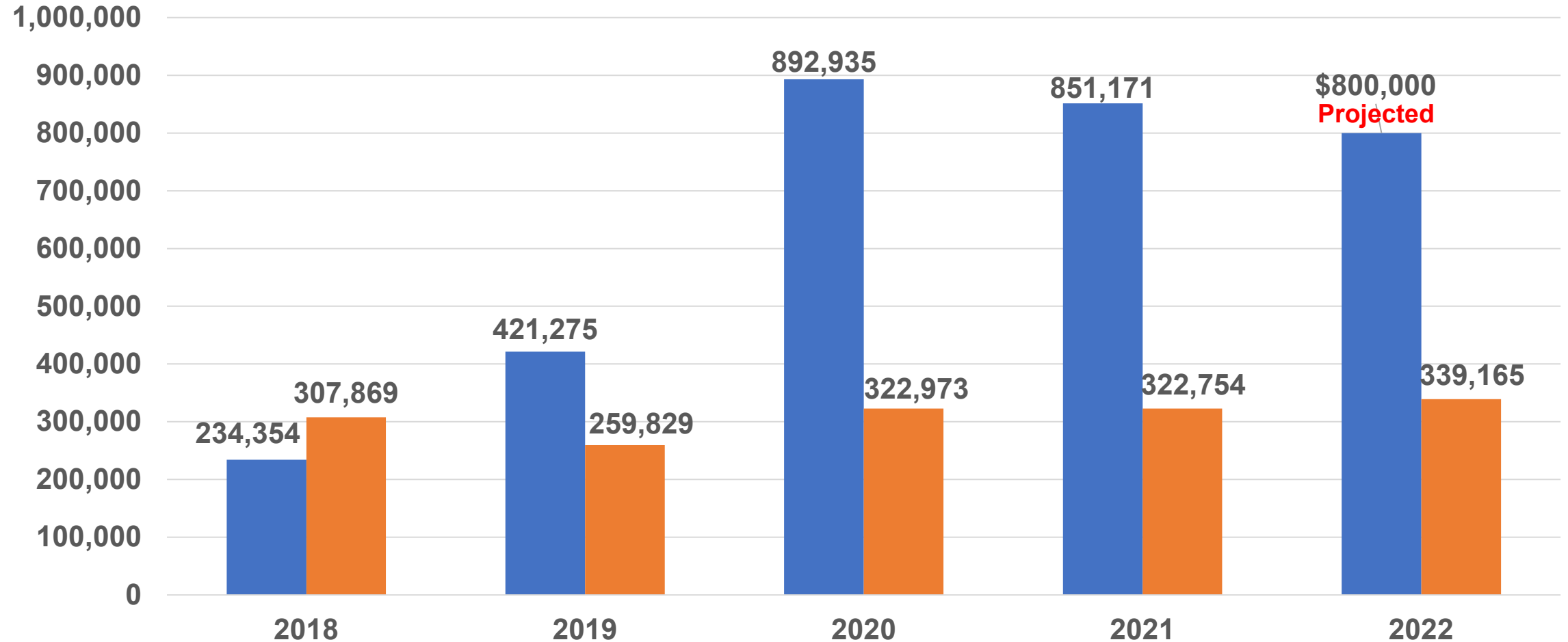
*Fundraising is  
The **right** person asking  
the **right** prospect  
for the **right** gift  
for the **right** program  
at the **right** time  
in the **right** way*

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# Scholarships Granted



# Annual Giving with Dole Trust





# Naomi Bonnell Giving Societies

