



St. Francis House

Creating New Futures

for homeless women and families with children

## 2021 Annual Report





## 2021 IN REVIEW

"Be willing to change because life won't stay the same."

Although we did not anticipate still being in a pandemic in 2021, we were fortunate enough to remain able to safely provide shelter and housing services to families and children in need. Throughout 2021, our priority was ensuring the health and safety of all of our guests, staff, and community partners. St. Francis House maintained COVID safety protocols for our overnight shelter guests and continued to safely provide meals and case management services to our outside clients. While we all hope that these times of uncertainty are almost over, we know that with your support we will continue to be able to provide the necessary services needed for the homeless in our community.



*St. Francis House staff at GACAR's Bowling Fundraiser*

### Our 2021 Reasons for Gratitude

- 🏠 We assisted a total of 1,071 people
- 🏠 934 adults received case management services
- 🏠 98 families and 137 children were housed
- 🏠 60 families received help through our Home, Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Programs
- 🏠 95% remain in permanent housing today
- 🏠 Overall community support increased by 34.5% and individual donations increased by 27%
- 🏠 Foundation and trust contributions increased by 125%
- 🏠 *The Amazing Give* – On April 22, we participated in the Amazing Give, and in less than a day, we raised over \$30,000!
- 🏠 *GACAR's Annual Fundraiser* – We were honored to be chosen as Gainesville-Alachua Association of Realtors' (GACAR) annual charity for their fundraising event in 2021. Over \$17,000 was raised through this fun bowling event that helped renovate and update the playgrounds at St. Francis House & Arbor House. Thank you to everyone at GACAR!
- 🏠 *Rock Paper Scissors Tournament* – In October, we had the opportunity to hold our Rock Paper Scissors Fundraising Tournament at First Magnitude Brewing Company. The event was sponsored by Haile Title Company with further support from Adrienne Fletcher Photography, Elio Piedra Entertainment, Short Media Group, Darr Schackow Insurance, The Best Restoration, Daughtry Tree Service, Suda's FitFoot, Halo Health CBD, Sapphire Solutions, Jennings Row, Fabulous Faces Entertainment, The Chameleon Food Truck & Tropical Smoothie Café. Thank you all!



*Rock Paper Scissors Event*

### Our 2021 COVID New Initiatives

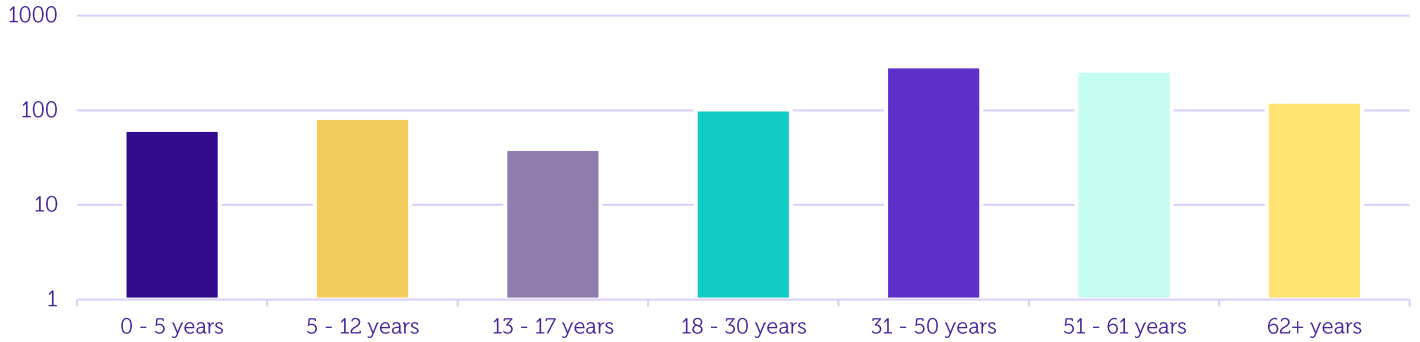
- 🏠 Home & Prevention Programs – for families who are at the risk of losing their housing
- 🏠 Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Program – for homeless individuals who qualify for housing assistance
- 🏠 Through these programs, St. Francis House received one-time grants to assist those experiencing homelessness, which enabled several families and individuals to secure reliable housing

**While 2021 brought more new changes to St. Francis House than we expected, we are forever thankful for you and your support. The flexibility and understanding shown by the community have been overwhelming.**

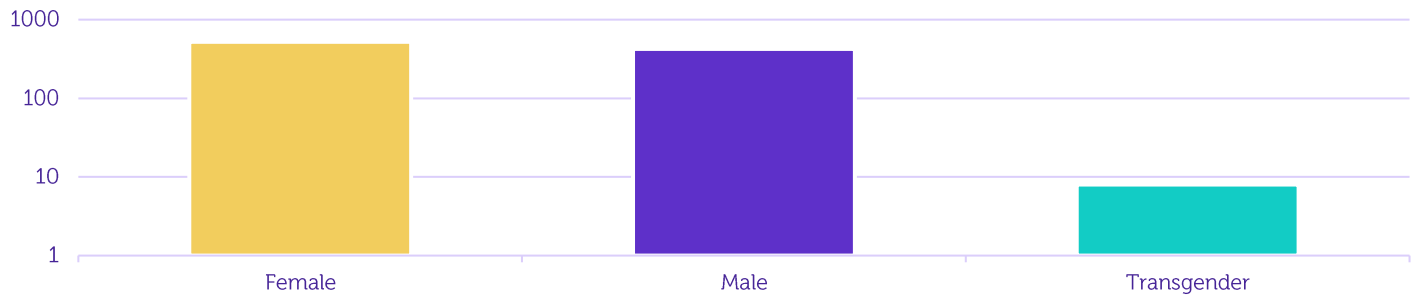


# HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY

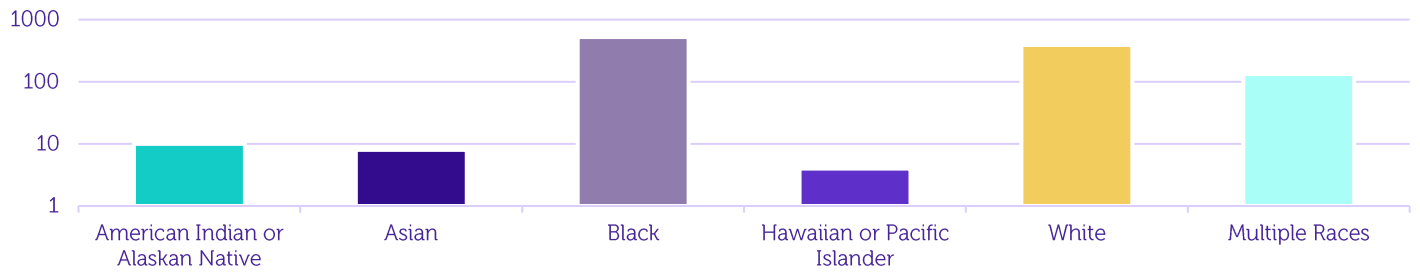
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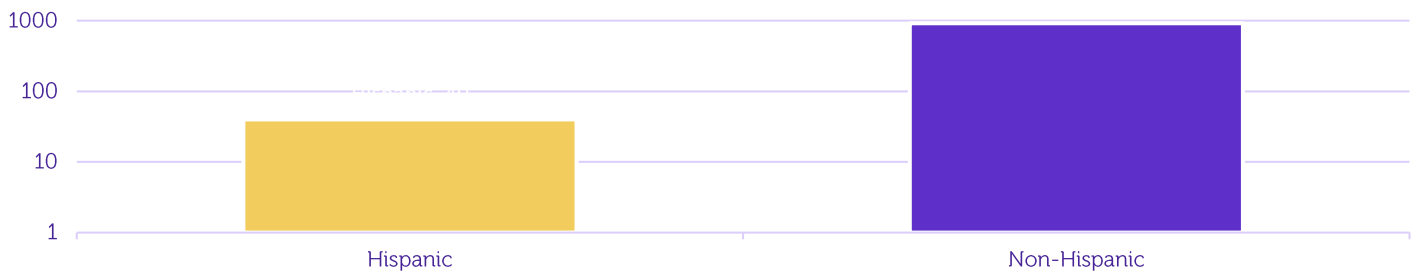
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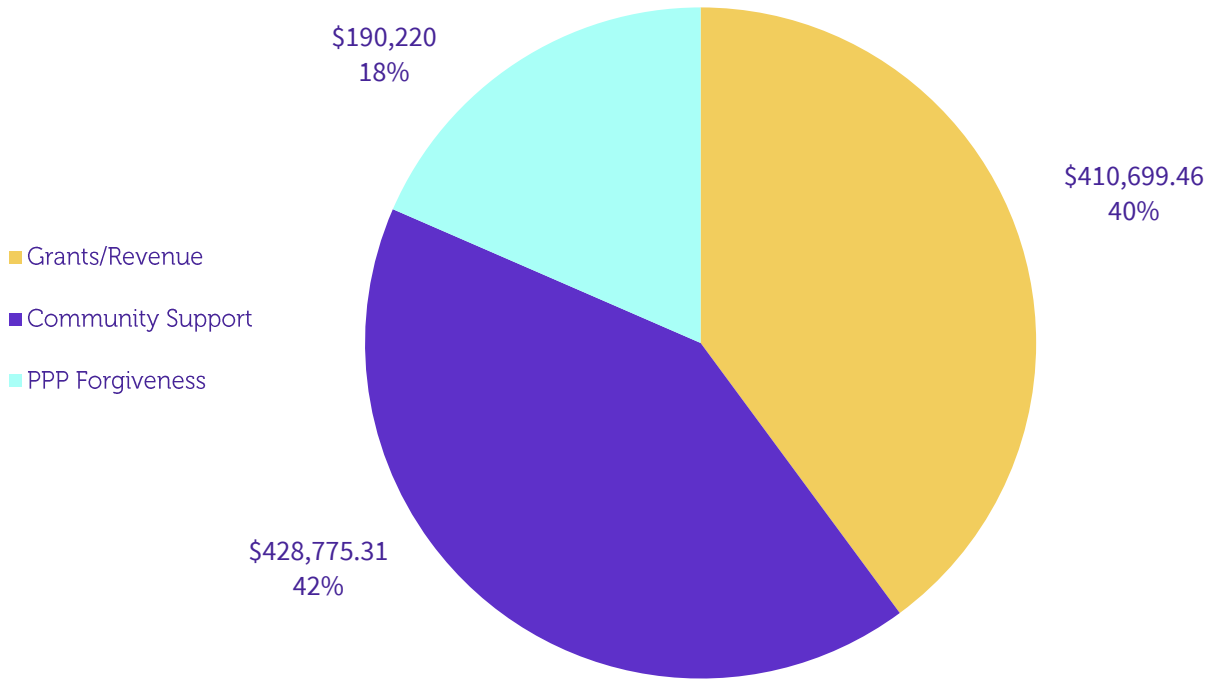


\*based on guests served by St. Francis House in 2021

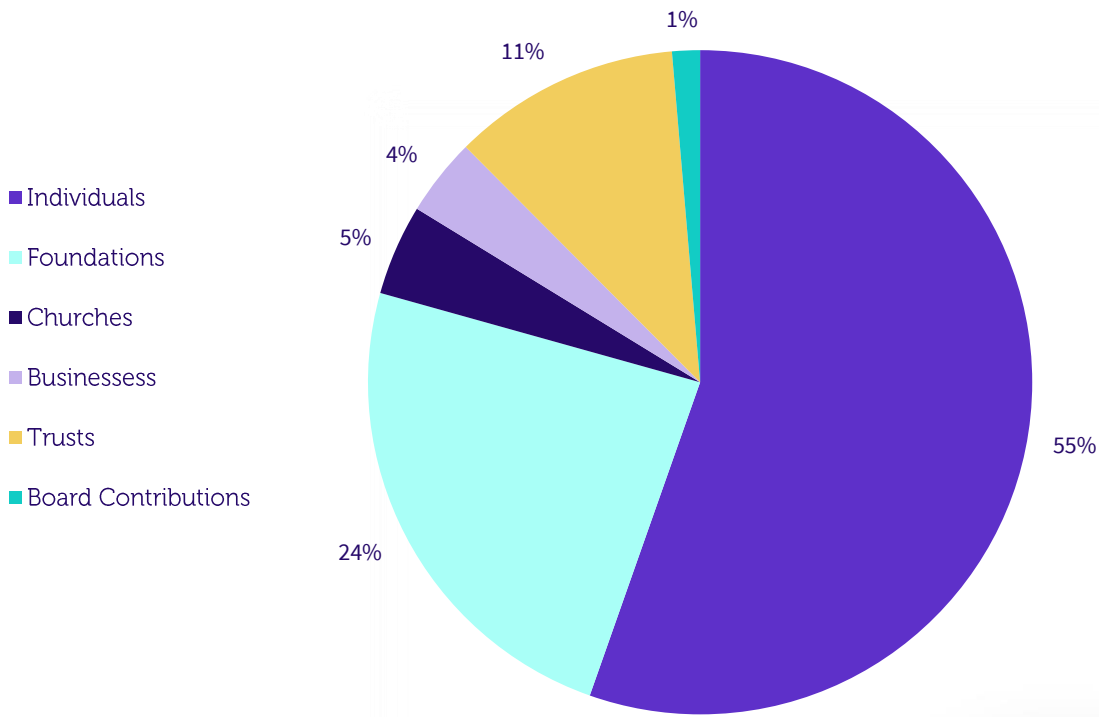


# FINANCIALS

## Total Revenue

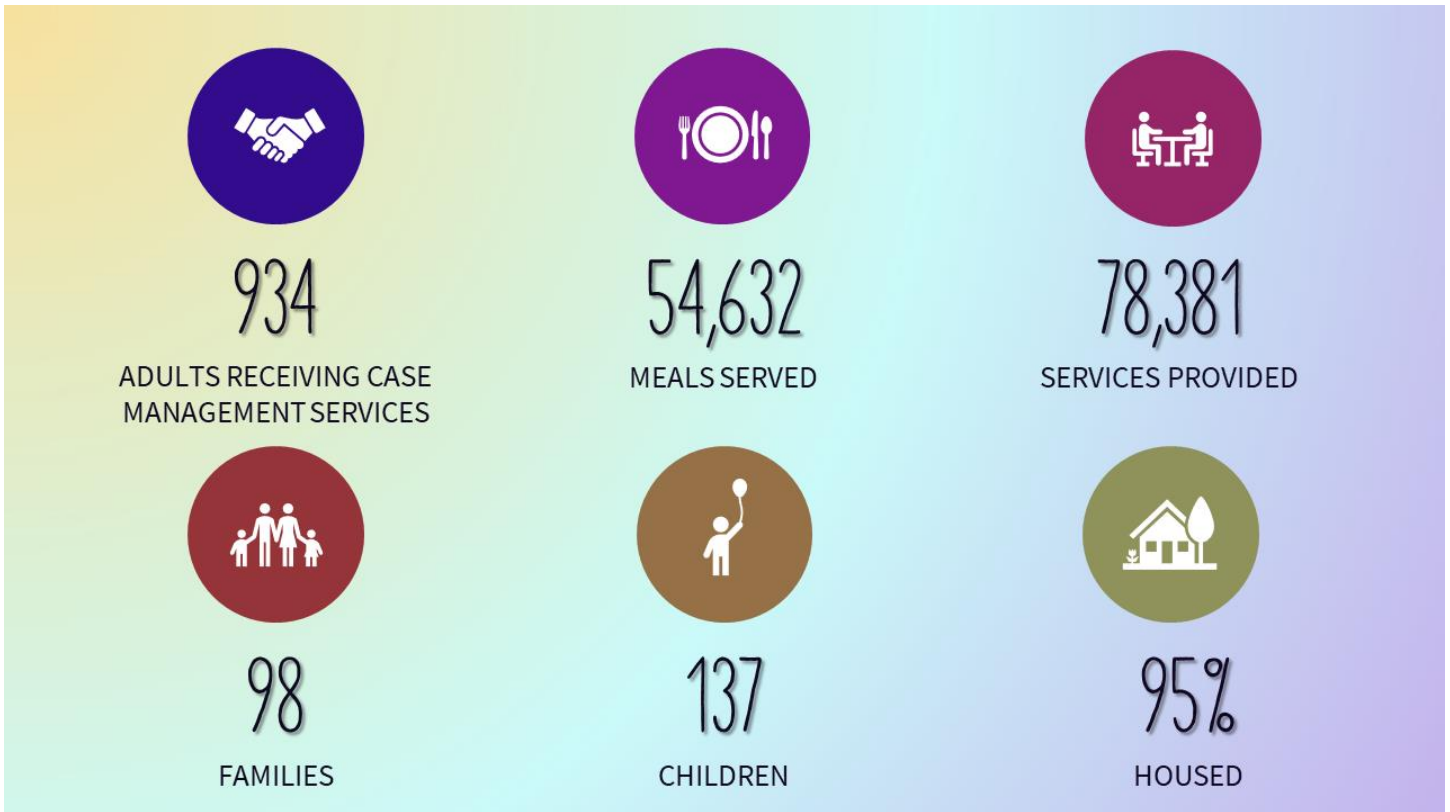


## Direct Community Support





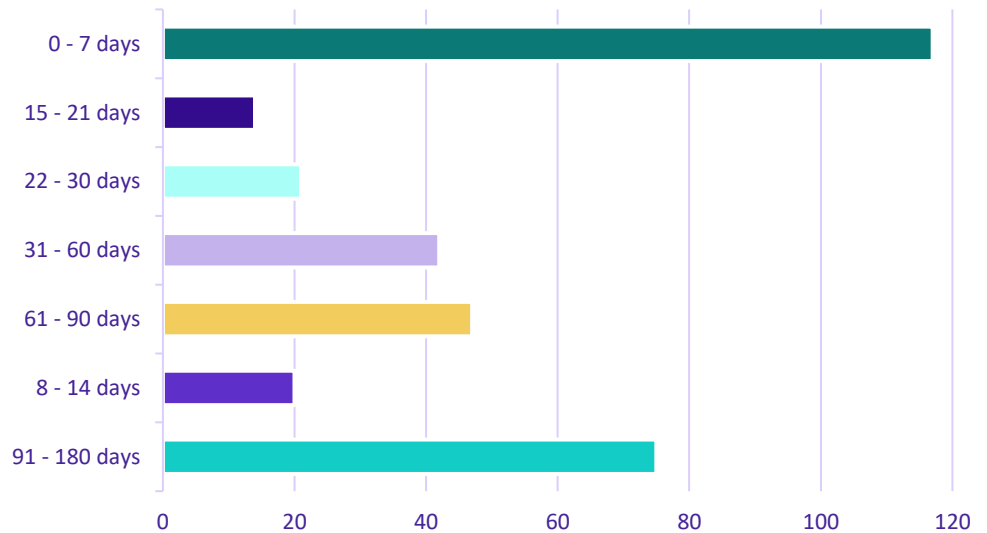
## COMMUNITY IMPACT



### DID YOU KNOW?

Families with children are the fastest-growing segment of the homeless population; and also, one of the hardest groups of people to see, let alone count. Though the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) conducts an annual Point-in-Time count of the homeless, including homeless families, its methodology has been criticized for under-reporting the number of homeless families, since homeless families do not readily admit that they are experiencing homelessness due to fear of judgment and losing their children.

Families who stayed at St. Francis House moved into permanent housing within:





## SUCCESS STORIES

Jasmine came into our shelter after being in an abusive relationship. I was so amazed by her courage and eagerness to change. The first day we set down to implement a case plan, she was willing to get out and tackle each goal without hesitation. Jasmine came in without employment and obtained a full-time job within her first two weeks of staying at St. Francis House. Because of her hard work and dedication, she achieved permanent and stable housing within 30 days.

~ **Tavia Sumpter, Director of Shelter Services**



My first clients as Case Manager at St. Francis House were Pam and her teenage daughter, Rebecca. The mother had a domestic violence past, and she did not give up seeking safe shelter for her and her daughter. Pam was having difficulties finding a steady job to support her and her family. Within a month of staying at St. Francis House, Pam had secured two jobs. Pam and her daughter were then able to move into permanent housing and are happy in their new home.

~ **Tena Smith, Case Manager**

Jenny, the mother of a large family, had been doubled-up with another family for over a year, unable to secure their own home. She was finally able to achieve safe and stable housing for her family through our Prevention Program. Jenny's children are now established and excelling in school, thanks to the newfound stability in their lives. Jenny has been overjoyed and has reached out multiple times to express her gratitude for the assistance and her family's new future.

~ **Cindy Wolinski, Director of Housing**



*\*all names are fictional*



## 2021 AT ST. FRANCIS HOUSE



*Volunteers helping clean up outside*



*Volunteers and staff serving Thanksgiving meals*



*Suda'sFitFoot donating shoes to a family*



*Christmas gifts from the community*



*Fiore Tax Services donating school supplies*



*GEICO donating school & hygiene supplies*



## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2022...

St. Francis House is continuing to follow the local, state, and federal procedures concerning COVID-19, therefore the suspension of in-house volunteer opportunities has been extended until it is safe to resume again. Please make sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (@sfhgnv) and on our website ([stfranchishousegnv.com](http://stfranchishousegnv.com)) for the latest updates concerning volunteers and donations.

If you are interested in providing an evening meal to our overnight shelter guests, please contact Kristen Hickmon at [kristenh@stfranchishousegnv.com](mailto:kristenh@stfranchishousegnv.com) or 352-378-9079 x316 for more information.



## THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



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