



St. Francis House

Creating New Futures

for homeless women and families with children



2022 Annual Report



## 2022: IN REVIEW

"A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

~ Margaret Mead

### Our 2022 Reasons for Gratitude

- 🏠 The end of COVID quarantines allowed for the return of our in-house volunteers!
- 🏠 In July, we had the honor of hosting our first *Donor Appreciation Breakfast* sponsored by **Renasant Bank** and **Jonesville Business Group**, with additional support from **Short Media Group** and **Adrienne Fletcher Photography**.
- 🏠 On December 10, 2022, we held our first ever "A Night for the Future" *Jazz Gala Fundraiser* at the **Cade Museum for Creativity & Invention**. Our event was sponsored by **North Florida Wealth Advisors**, with station sponsorships by **PNC Bank**, **North Central Florida Media (K-Country & Wind-FM)**, **CBS Gainesville**, **Our Town Magazine**, **Tosh Event Group**, **Nationwide**, **The Best Restoration**, **Magnolia Lane Photography Studios**, **Short Media Group**, **Burkhardt Sales & Service**, and **First Magnitude Brewing Company**.
- 🏠 Grant contributions increased by 11%
- 🏠 Overall community support increased by 17%
- 🏠 YOU!!! We are forever thankful for you and your support. The generosity of our community is why we can continue **Creating New Futures** for homeless women and families with children!



A St. Francis House guest in her new home

### St. Francis House Board Members

**President:**

Charles (Al) Cockrell, Jr.

**Vice President:**

Robert Atwood

**Secretary:**

John (Jack) Mecholsky, Jr. PhD

**Treasurer:**

Roland Denault

**Board Members:**

Betsy Suda

Brenda Cesar-Banales

Fr. David Ruchinski

Eric Ligman

Kyler Burk

Pam Worsham

Walter (Tony) Rosenbaum



St. Francis House Donor Appreciation Breakfast

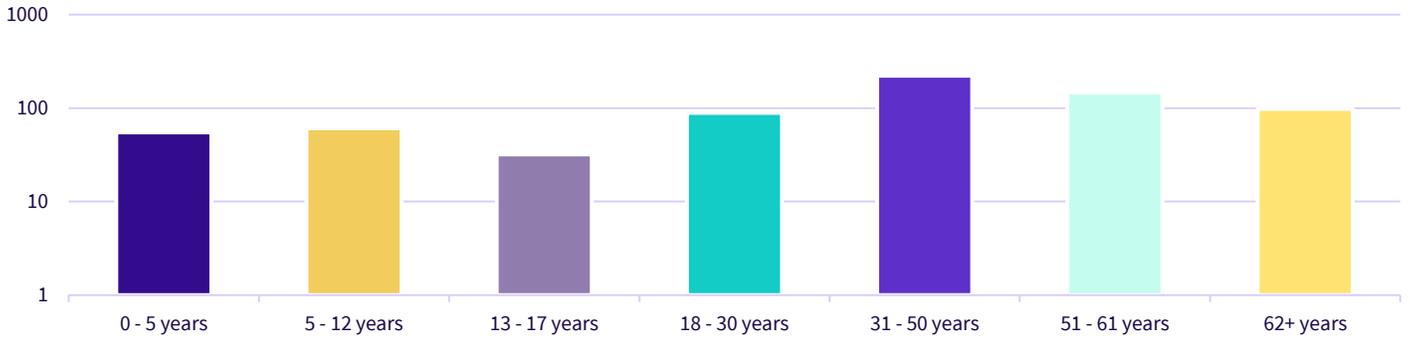


St. Francis House board, staff and committee members at our "A Night for the Future" Jazz Gala Fundraiser



# HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY

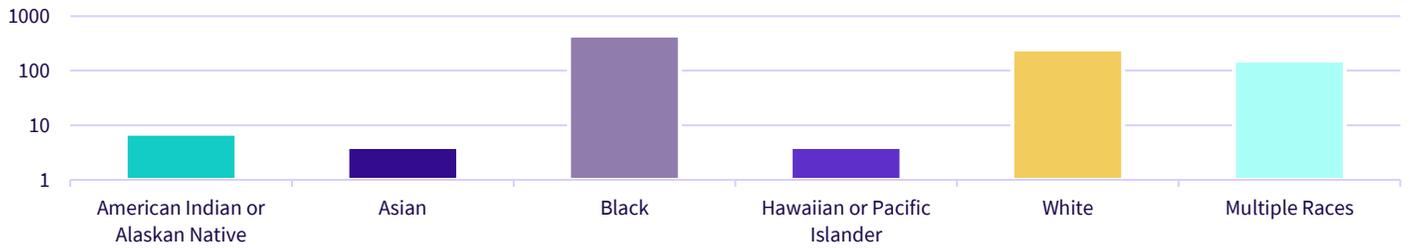
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Gender



Race



Ethnicity

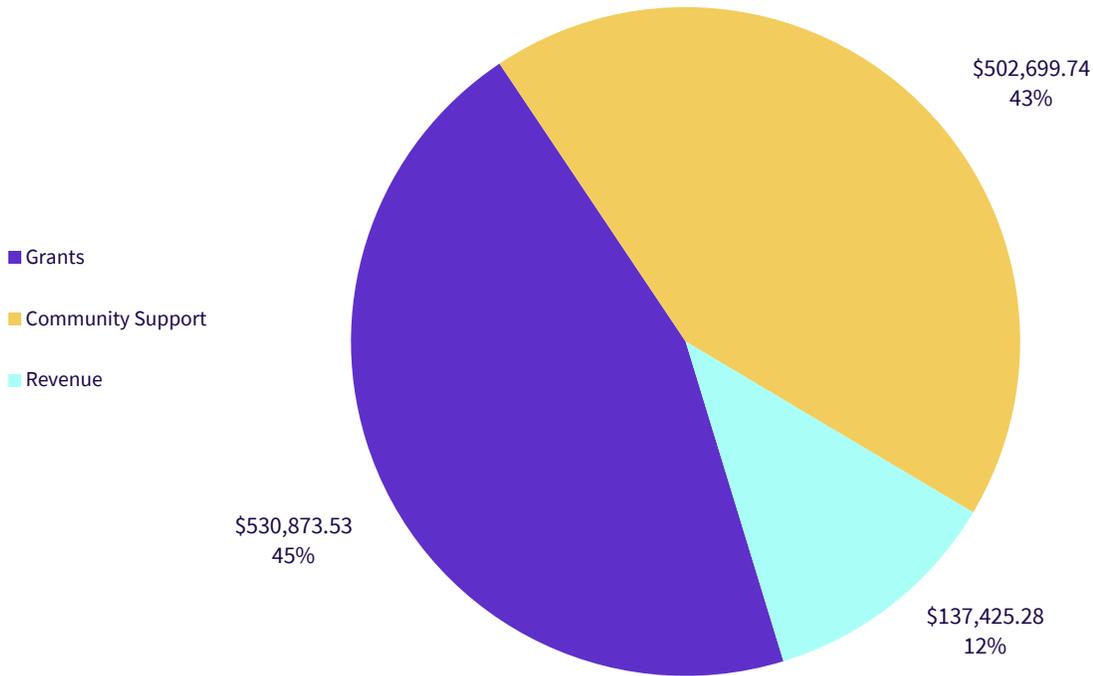


\*based on guests served by St. Francis House in 2022

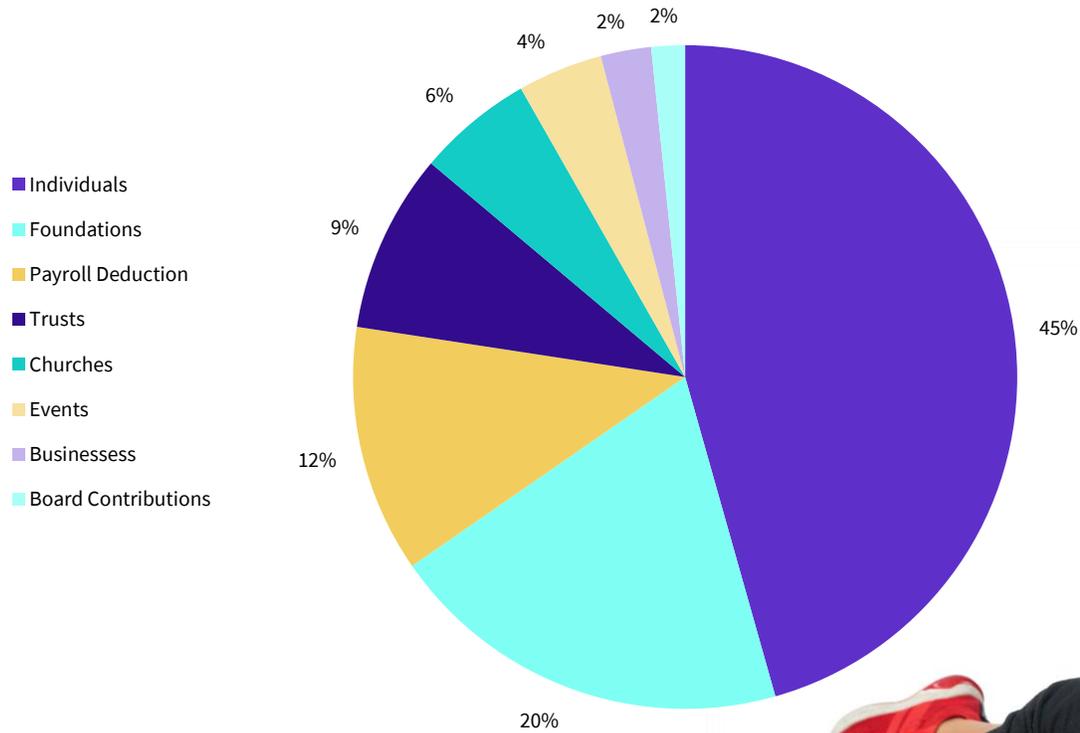


# FINANCIALS

## Total Revenue



## Community Support





## COMMUNITY IMPACT



**706**

ADULTS RECEIVING CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES



**48,174**

MEALS SERVED



**61,227**

SERVICES PROVIDED



**106**

FAMILIES



**148**

CHILDREN



**95%**

REMAIN HOUSED

### DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 in 30 children experience homelessness annually in America; 51% are younger than 5
- More than 2.5 million children are homeless each year in America
- 85% of providers have seen family homelessness increasing in recent years
- Families experiencing homelessness account for 37% of the total homeless population

*(The Bassuk Center on Homeless and Vulnerable Children & Youth)*

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





## SUCCESS STORIES



Amber and Jack spent almost 2 months in the pediatric hospital after their daughter, Charlotte, was born. Charlotte required around-the-clock care, so Amber and Jack needed to stay near the hospital. Due to their circumstances, Amber and Jack found themselves trying to relocate their other three children from the Florida Panhandle during this time. To stay close to Charlotte, both Amber and Jack accepted jobs at the hospital and took turns taking care of their beautiful baby girl. As the family was nearing discharge, they needed to remain near the hospital for Charlotte's ongoing medical treatment. Only one problem, they still had nowhere permanent to stay locally. Amber and Jack's case manager at the hospital reached out to St. Francis House, and one of our staff was able to meet with the family at the hospital. With the help of St. Francis House, Amber, Jack, and their kids now have a reliable place to call home!

Nicole and her young son, Liam, had found themselves living in and out of hotels for over a year after heartbreaking personal setbacks. Before that time, the family had a beautiful and quiet place to call home. An unexpected tragedy occurred and changed the entire family's lives overnight. Sadly, one of Nicole's children passed away and Liam lost his older brother. Unfortunately, combined grief and trauma caused this family to experience homelessness after such a tragic situation. With nowhere else to turn, Nicole reached out to St. Francis House for assistance and support. Nicole works multiple jobs, and through her perseverance and the encouragement of her case manager at St. Francis House, Nicole and Liam have a safe and affordable place where they can begin to heal together and create their new home.

*\*all names are fictional*





## 2022 AT ST. FRANCIS HOUSE



**SANTA FE BLACK STUDENT UNION VOLUNTEERS**



**CATHOLIC GATORS SERVING DINNER**



**BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT**



**FAMILY GAME NIGHT**



**FAST FLORIDA X UF STUDENT ATHLETE ACTIVITIES**



**GARDEN DONATION FROM KIWANIS OF GAINESVILLE**



# AGENTS OF CHANGE



## BECOME AN AGENT OF CHANGE TODAY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Our *Agents of Change* partners are an essential, developing collection of sustaining donors who are integral to helping us meet the ever-growing needs of our community. We have established a comprehensive membership program with different levels of giving, all in support of St. Francis House's mission to *Create New Futures* for homeless women and families with children. Thank you for helping us end and prevent homelessness in our community!



### SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

St. Francis House offers different membership levels with annual pledges, with the convenience of auto-payments and the option to amortize payments monthly. We also recognize the generosity of in-kind donations from your business.



### BELIEVERS

\$600 - \$1199 annually  
or \$800 - \$1399 in-kind

- Recognition on website
- Recognition in annual reports
- Invitations to St. Francis House events



### INNOVATORS

\$1200- \$2399 annually  
or \$1400 - \$2599 in-kind

- Recognition on website
- Recognition in annual reports
- Recognition on social media
- Invitations to St. Francis House events



### CREATORS

\$2400+ annually  
or \$2600+ in-kind

- Recognition on website
- Recognition in annual reports
- Recognition on social media
- Invitations to St. Francis House events
- Recognition on signage at all St. Francis House events

## THANK YOU TO OUR AGENTS OF CHANGE



Haile Title Company



adrienne fletcher photography



... AND SO MANY MORE!



## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023

St. Francis House is forever thankful for the community support we receive throughout the year. Because of you, we are able to make a difference in the lives of those most vulnerable in our community. To stay up to date with our latest information regarding volunteer opportunities, donations, events, and more – please make sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter ([@sfhgnv](#)) and on our website ([stfrancishousegnv.com](http://stfrancishousegnv.com)).



THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



**Gainesville.**  
Citizen centered  
People empowered



St. Francis House



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**SERVING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT ST. FRANCIS HOUSE HAS CHANGED MY LIFE AND MY ENTIRE FAMILY'S LIVES. I AM SO INCREDIBLY THANKFUL TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY AND TEACH MY KIDS HOW BLESSED WE ARE TO BE ABLE TO GIVE BACK TO THOSE MOST IN NEED.**

**~ BRENDA CESAR-BANALES**

VICE PRESIDENT, COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIP MANAGER - TRUIST BANK  
ST. FRANCIS HOUSE BOARD MEMBER



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