



St. Francis House

Creating New Futures

for homeless women and families with children



2023 Annual Report



## 2023: IN REVIEW

"A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees."

~ Amelia Earhart

In a year that continued to challenge the most vulnerable in our community, St. Francis House provided essential support, encouragement, safety, and a pathway to a brighter future for women and families with children experiencing homelessness.

### Our 2023 Reasons for Gratitude

- We had the honor of hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Appreciation Breakfast at **The Woolly Event Hall** in July. Thank you to our event sponsors **AXIS Training Studio, Dayton Heating & Air, En.Light Energy, First Federal Bank, Jonesville Business Group, Renasant Bank** and **Truist Bank**.
- In December, we held our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "A Night for the Future" Jazz Gala fundraiser at the **Cade Museum for Creativity & Invention**. A special thank you to our event sponsors - signature sponsor, **Clarity Wealth**, venue sponsors, **Wayne Smith & Mitzi Austin**, and station sponsors **AMSOIL - Suwannee Oil Company, First Magnitude Brewing, Kerry Ward, Magnolia Lane Studios, My CBS4, My IT Masters, Our Town Magazine, Philip Marcel Photography, Short Media Group, The Best Restoration, TOSH Event Group, Tri Eagle Sales, WUFT, and Yale Freeman**.
- **YOU!!!** We are forever thankful for you and your support. The generosity of our community is why we can continue to **Create New Futures** for homeless women and families with children!



Former St. Francis House guests in their new home

### St. Francis House 2023 Board Members

#### **President:**

Charles (Al) Cockrell, Jr.

#### **Vice President:**

Robert Atwood

#### **Secretary/Treasurer:**

John (Jack) Mecholsky, Jr. PhD

#### **Board Members:**

Betsy Suda

Brenda Cesar-Banales

Eric Ligman

Kyler Burk

Pam Worsham

Roland Denault

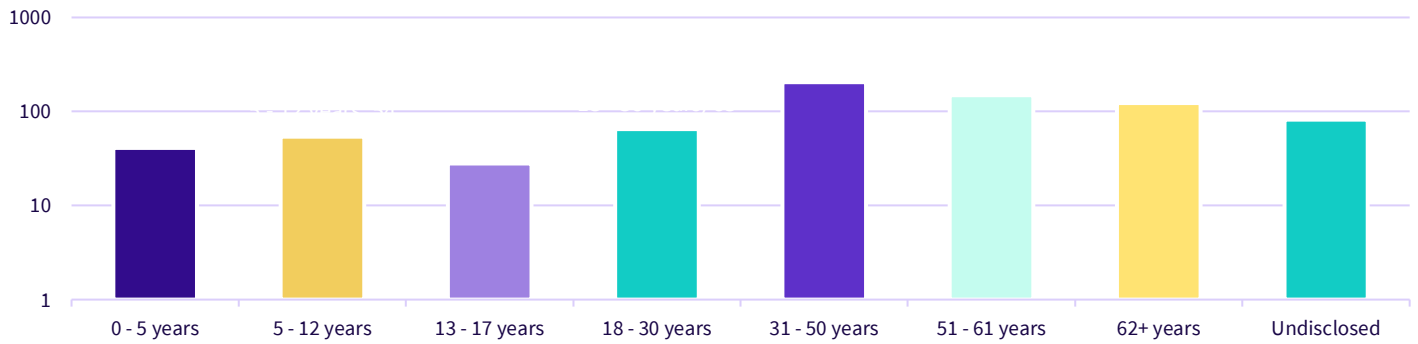
Walter (Tony) Rosenbaum



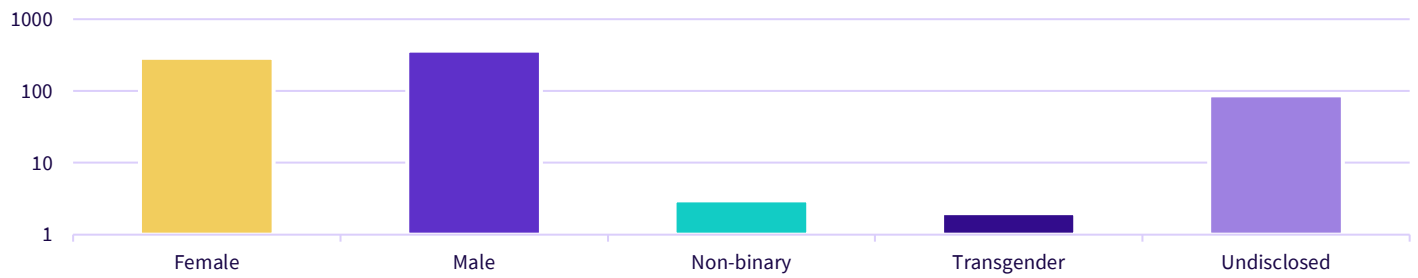
Stephen Crawford & Charles "Al" Cockrell with Clarity Wealth and event emcee, Charles Rickie, at the "A Night for the Future" Jazz Gala

# HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY

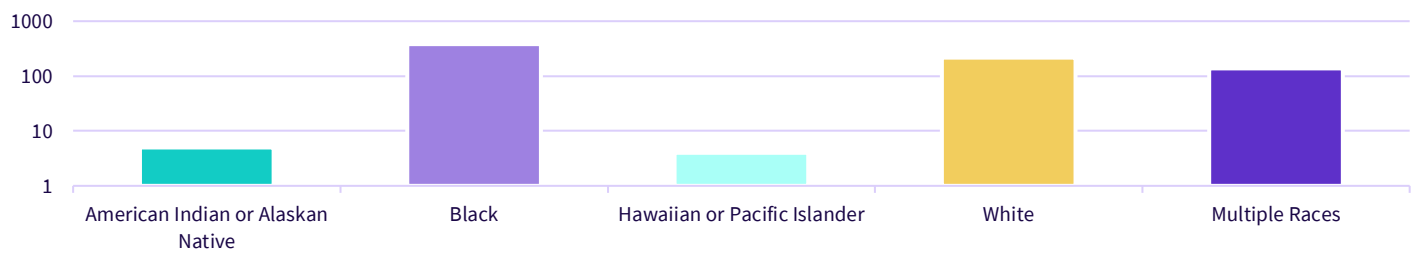
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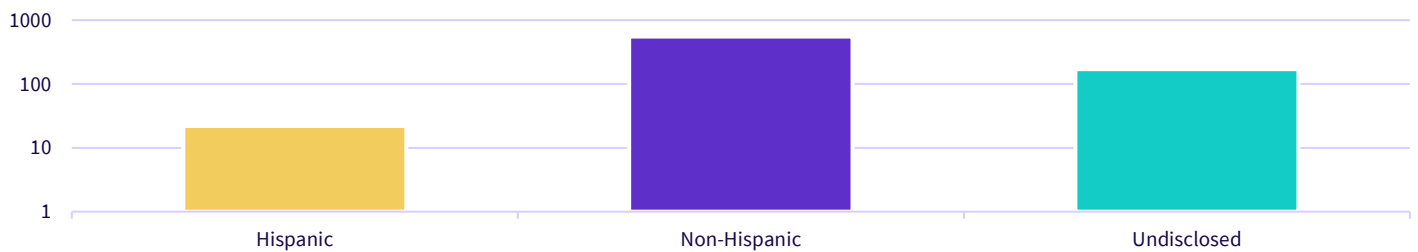
## Gender



## Race



## Ethnicity

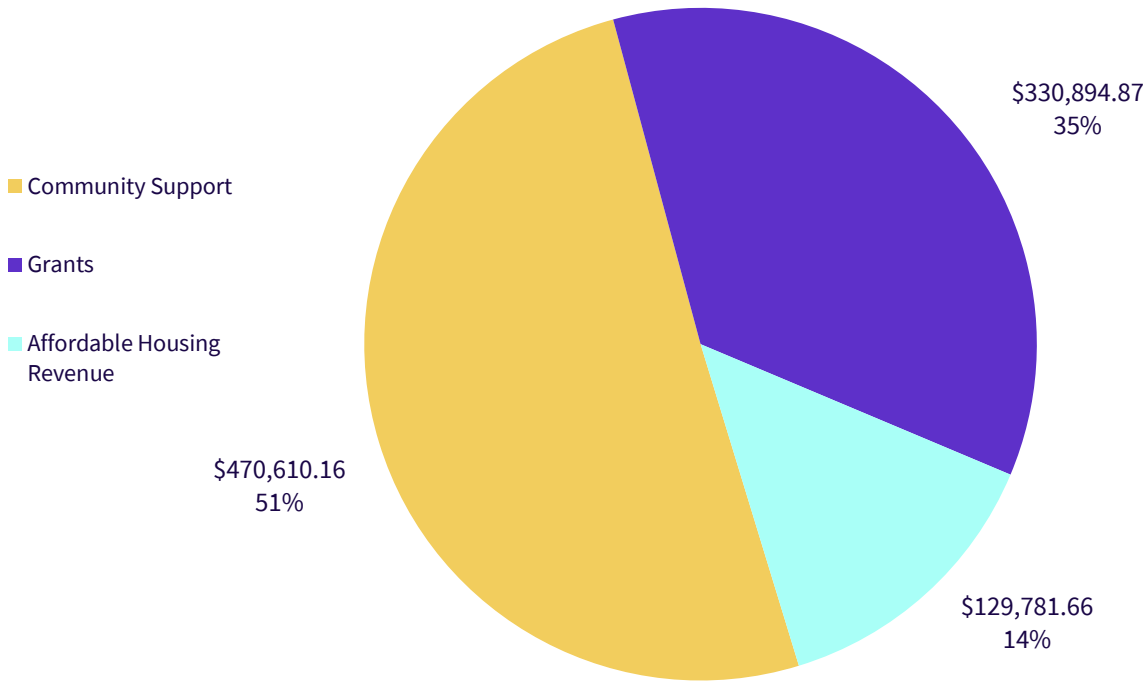


*\*based on clients & guests served by St. Francis House in 2023*

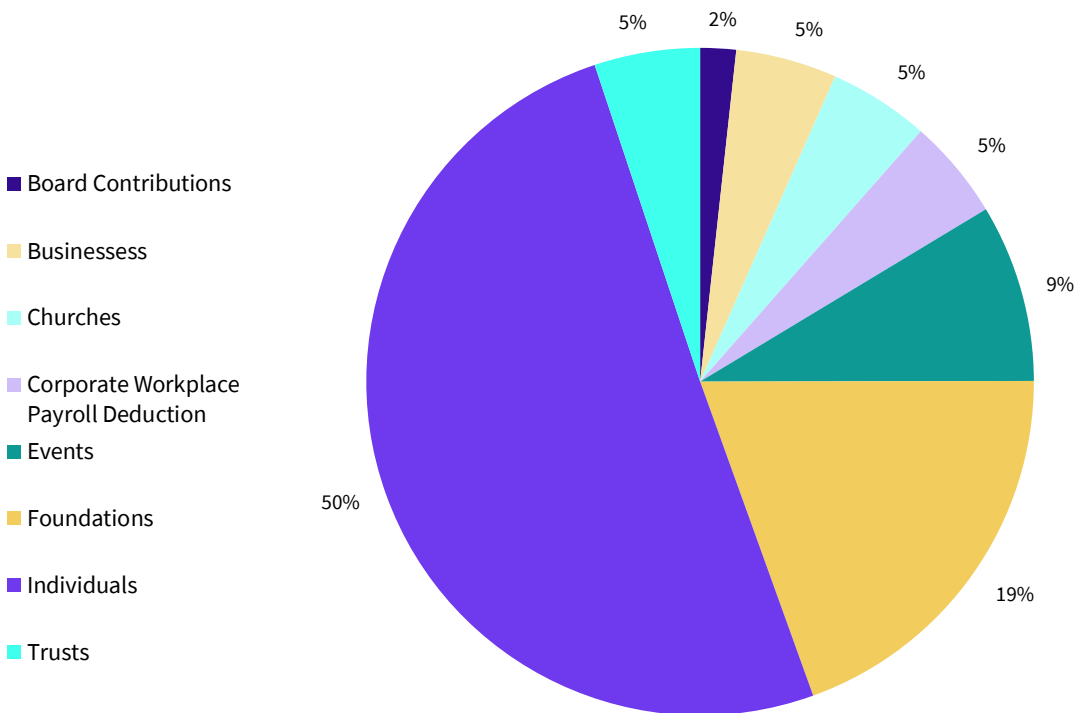


# FINANCIALS

## Total Revenue



## Community Support





## COMMUNITY IMPACT



**626  
ADULTS**

received case management services and essential needs support



**200 PEOPLE  
IN FAMILIES**

connected with community resources and housing opportunities



**91%  
OF FAMILIES**

remain in permanent housing more than a year after program participation



**68,370  
MEALS**

served to shelter guests and the hungry and homeless in the community

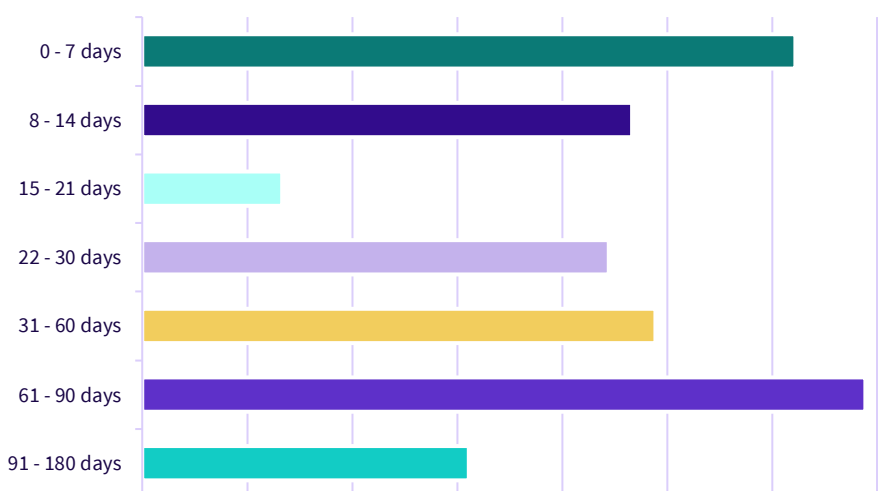
### DID YOU KNOW?

National studies show that...

- A typical homeless family is comprised of a single mother with her two young children
- **84%** of families experiencing homelessness are female-headed
- An estimated **171,670** people in families experienced homelessness on a single night
- Adults and children in families make up more than **30% of the total homeless population**

*(HUD & Nation Alliance to End Homelessness)*

Families who stayed at St. Francis House obtained secure housing within:





## SUCCESS STORIES



Lisa and her granddaughter, Mandy, found themselves at St. Francis House during a challenging period. They had no other place to turn, especially after Lisa recently ended a 37-year marriage. Lisa, facing the additional obstacle of near-blindness, recognized the importance of securing stable housing before undergoing the necessary surgery to address her vision issues. Collaborating closely with our dedicated case managers, Lisa exerted tremendous effort to identify a residence that would meet their specific needs. The compassionate staff at St. Francis House supported Lisa and Mandy throughout this challenging period. We are delighted to announce that Lisa and Mandy have successfully transitioned into their new home, marking a significant and positive turn in their lives. The entire St. Francis House team is honored to have been part of this transformative journey. We are excited about the promising future that lies ahead for Lisa and Mandy.

Veronica, a resilient 74-year-old female veteran, sought refuge at our shelter after undergoing a challenging two-month hospital stay for a hip replacement. Discharged and faced with the unsettling reality of homelessness, Veronica turned to St. Francis House for support. Throughout her stay, she not only prioritized her recovery but also became a beacon of inspiration for fellow residents, showcasing an unwavering positive spirit. Our case managers worked with Veronica to secure specialized assistance and counseling services tailored to her situation. The collaborative efforts paid off. We are delighted to announce that Veronica has successfully secured an affordable living arrangement that meets her accessibility requirements and ensure a smooth transition from St. Francis House to her new home.

*\*all names are fictional*





# ST. FRANCIS HOUSE IN 2023



KITCHEN STAFF & VOLUNTEER SERVING BRUNCH



FLORIDA VICTORIOUS x UF STUDENT ATHLETE ACTIVITIES



COMPUTER DONATION FROM TDGI, INC.



STAFF & SHELTER GUESTS AT JAZZ GALA



SFH TEAM MEMBER BUILDING ACTIVITY



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH



# 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!

### CREATORS



### INNOVATORS



### BELIEVERS







## MORE TO COME IN 2024...

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 X/Twitter (@sfhgnv) and on our website ([stfrancishousegnv.com](http://stfrancishousegnv.com)).



THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS





# St. Francis House

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*I'm very grateful for my  
time here, you guys  
helped save my life.*

FORMER SHELTER GUEST

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