



SISTERS  
PLACE

# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



EMPOWERMENT



HOUSING

WELLNESS



ADVANCEMENT



**Dear Friends,**

**In 2021, we made many new friends as we expanded our reach in the community.**

A little boy and his mom visit every week for Free Coffee Friday. He is a preschooler, and he heads straight for the Children's Bookshelf and then off to find the cookies! We also continue to have many friends from over the years and all over the nation. Our Board Vice President moved to Texas but never missed a beat in her service to our mission. We even have friends in California! We (Melissa & Sr. Althea Anne) have our own stories of being connected to Sisters Place at different stages and coming back to continue this critical work.

The mission at Sisters Place impacts our friends in so many ways. Maybe we relate to and recognize the hardships we see in the families at Sisters Place. We all know that it can be hard to stand back up. Fortunately, we also know that recovery and advancement are possible.

We do not know why Sisters Place is important to you, but we do know that your support makes this work possible.

With thanks,

*Melissa Ferraro*  
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Chief Executive Officer

*Sr. Althea Anne Spencer, OSF*  
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Board President

**SAVE THE DATE!**

***Setting a Place Luncheon***

**Fri., Oct. 7th, 11:30 am | Carnegie Science Center**

## 2021 PROGRAM OUTCOMES



**32**

Covid Care packages were delivered:



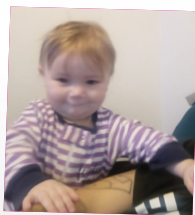
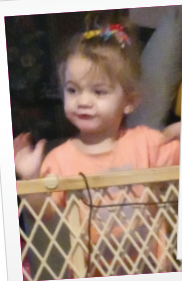
Pantry Food  
Care Package



Fresh Meat/  
Protein Care  
Package



Summer  
Fun Care  
Package



## A Hand Up

“Your daughter has Pediatric Parkinson’s disease”. The diagnosis came as a shock to “Ed” and “Jenna”\*, who had noticed that their youngest daughter, “Katie” – age 1, was having hand and eye coordination issues. They never even considered such a serious illness, nor did they even know much about it.

Since that time, though, they have both united in giving their daughter the best care possible. Which would have seemed impossible just two years prior when they were living on the streets and Jenna was pregnant with their first child, “April”. They had been living with family, but when that family was evicted from their home, the couple felt that they had no other options. Until they heard about Sisters Place. They moved into their housing in September 2019 and Jenna had April in March of 2020.

Jenna and Ed are no strangers to adversity, having both battled addiction and Jenna had domestic violence in her past, but they are determined to give their children the best care that they can. Both parents have put jobs on hold while they manage doctor appointments and childcare, though they continue to plan for their futures. Ed has laborer skills and picks up odd jobs here and there, often volunteering to help at Sisters Place, and Jenna hopes to go back to school at some point.



**194** Bus Tickets



56 Birthdays  
Cakes



10 Itty Bitty  
Cheer Baby  
Care Packages

## Resilience

Ms. Tammie, their Wellness Counselor, shares that the family is on a “healing journey” and has a resiliency to persevere. Both parents are committed to sticking through the hard stuff and spending quality time interacting with the children, often on the giant car mat rug set up in their living room! Both are striving to do what’s right for the children - keeping up with their recovery, maintaining their neat and comfortable household, participating in the Sisters Place program and being good neighbors.

Their journey is not over, and there are still some challenges and barriers that they must endure, but they continue to progress, working with doctors to help Katie manage her disease, connecting with our collaborative partners for their personal needs and focusing on a stable and secure future for their children.



*\*Names have been changed to protect the anonymity of the family*

“I have had the opportunity to see first-hand the **great work Sisters Place carries out year-in and year-out**. It has been an eye-opening experience to see the difference they make in the lives of the families in their program. I was so impressed to see how Sisters Place adapted during the pandemic. Although their model is “high-touch,” like many organizations they completely reinvented how they provided services, and made sure their families had everything they needed during an extremely difficult time. Although the word “transformative” is often overused, it certainly applies here—the caring staff delivers 110% every day to ensure that families have the supports they need to build stable futures. It’s remarkable, and it’s why my wife, Kathy, and I are proud to support Sisters Place. ”

Mark J. Lynch  
*Managing Director, Carter*



**384** Utility Bills



Gas



Electric



Water

# Financial Report

## Statement of Activities

for the year ended December 31, 2021

*A copy of the official registration and financial information of Sisters Place, Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999.*

*Registration does not imply endorsement.*

### NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS

#### Revenue

Government Grants	\$ 481,744
Contributions and Grants	607,602
Special Events	153,216
Program Income	31,944
Investment Income & Miscellaneous	186,323
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	144,360

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<b>Total Unrestricted Revenue &amp; Support</b>	<b>1,605,189</b>
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#### Expenses

HUD Sunrise Housing	1,017,763
Empowerment Housing	57,188
Sip and Shop	42,634
General & Administrative	444,106
Fund Raising	239,803

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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,801,494</b>
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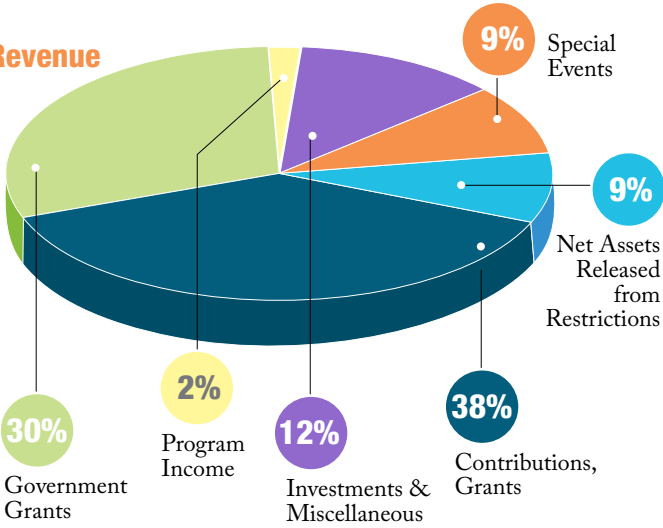
<b>Decrease in Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	<b>(196,305)</b>
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### NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

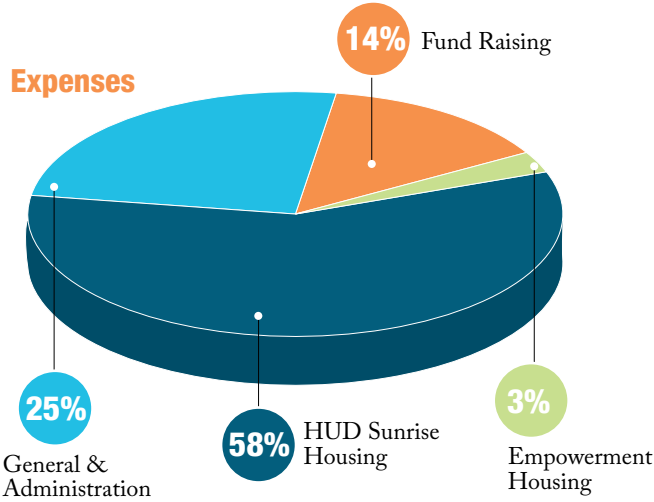
Contributions	102,190
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	(144,360)
Change — Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	(42,170)
Change in Net Assets	(238,475)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	1,404,085
<b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 1,165,610</b>

# 2021 Financial Charts

## Revenue



## Expenses



## Thank you!

Sisters Place sincerely thanks Sr. Althea Anne Spencer, OSF for 9 years of Board service, including the last 4 years as President. We appreciate her tireless leadership as we maneuvered through a relocation and a pandemic!

## Make a Gift

*Yes, I want to help the families  
who are experiencing  
homelessness at Sisters Place.*

### ENCLOSED IS MY GIFT OF:

☐

**\$1,000**

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**\$500**

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**\$250**

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**\$100**

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**\$50**

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**\$25**

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**other:** \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY/STATE/ZIP

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Credit card donations are accepted online at [www.sistersplace.org](http://www.sistersplace.org). Contact 412-233-3903 for information regarding recurring gifts, employer matching gifts, event sponsorship and other gift arrangements.

**We are so grateful to all of our donors and wish  
we could print every name and tribute in our report.  
All of our donors and honorees are listed on our website at  
[www.SistersPlace.org/publications](http://www.SistersPlace.org/publications). God bless you!**

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will donate when you shop.

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CHOICE #936537**

# Gift Designation

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**In honor of:**

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**In memory of:**

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**Occasion, if applicable:**

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Please send acknowledgment card to:

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CITY/STATE/ZIP



Sisters Place faithfully provides opportunities for **families and individuals** to overcome poverty and homelessness through **empowerment, housing, wellness, personal and professional advancement services.**



*This Annual Report is dedicated to the memory of Dianne Tima. Thank you for your friendship, humor and tireless hours of volunteer work. We tip our hats to you – you will be missed.*

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