



2022 ANNUAL REPORT



SISTERS
PLACE



EMPOWERMENT



HOUSING

WELLNESS



ADVANCEMENT



Dear Friends,

Picture this scene, right before Christmas, a parent in the Supportive Housing Program holds a book reverently by the Christmas tree. She told us about her experience in foster care with a woman who read the book to her. She explained that not all her foster experiences were positive and that this woman had given her some extraordinarily memorable ones – including this book. She left that day with the book in her arms and a smile.

Clients like this one demonstrate resiliency that is inspiring. We provide safe support services through a harm-reduction lens for those in the housing program and the community. For our neighbors, as a part of our Safe Space Program, we hope to mitigate risk by bridging resource gaps in homelessness prevention. We welcome those with all matters of housing insecurity across the spectrum to connect them with opportunities they may not realize are available.

For nearly 30 years, we have provided housing for those experiencing homelessness. We are also working to prevent it for as many community members as possible. Thank you for being a part of our efforts in 2022. There is no us without you!

With gratitude,

Melissa Ferraro
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CEO

Damian M. Gilliard
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Board President



2022 PROGRAM OUTCOMES



Healthy Home & Housekeeping:
151 visits scheduled



Supportive Housing clients received:
Household safety kits
Housekeeping/cleaning supply kits



A Family on the Streets

Keishia, her partner and their two children, after facing serious financial hardships, found themselves in a homeless situation when it became too expensive to afford their rent. The father went to live with family and Keishia and the children went into an emergency shelter where they only were able to stay for 30 days. This proved to be very problematic for the family, as Keishia was also pregnant and trying to care for 2 other young children. She found that it was difficult to secure housing in that 30-day time frame and she was facing a life on the streets.

Next Steps

Fortunately, the united family found their way to Sisters Place. They welcomed their 3rd child only four months after entering the program. During that time, the parents decided that it was best for the family if the father secured his own independent housing, and Keishia became a single mother of three, though the father remained in the children's lives and is still part of Keisha's support system. Two years later, she welcomed her fourth child into the family. Throughout it all, she retained full time employment at Brightside Academy, where she has been an amazing caretaker and teacher for 8 years! She works with the toddlers in the morning and helps them get ready for Pre-K, and in the afternoon, she teaches the school aged children. Her own children are thriving, with one in 4th grade, one in 1st grade, and one about to enter Kindergarten. The baby accompanies mom to work every day, which is a blessing. Keishia is enrolled and excited to begin working on a BA in Education at Penn West and one of her goals is to obtain a driver's license and vehicle soon. We continue to cheer on her perseverance and resilience!



Supportive Housing average length of stay:
11 months



Safe Space at Sisters Place: **400+ visits**
from housing and community clients
(resources, referrals, and support)



Community Partner Spotlight

“Working with Sisters Place has been a rewarding experience for the families Hilltop Family Care Connection as well as our staff. The supports that families can access independently strengthen their ability to parent, encourage their community engagement and bolster their ability to maintain positive growth. These aspects of Sisters Place were seen in the Art Expression program that we were fortunate enough to be a part of. The families that participated reflected that they were exposed to a variety of art mediums, approaches to dealing with challenging behavioral health concerns in safe and age appropriate ways as well as making time to connect with their kids and nurture their relationship. We look forward to the coming year and all the amazing things that Sister’s Place brings to the Hilltop community.”

Kelly Cavanaugh, Program Coordinator, UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, Hilltop Family Care Connection @ Mt. Oliver



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2023!

May 13th

Highmark Walk at Acrisure Stadium

June 26th

Golf Outing at Montour Heights Country Club

August 1st

Mad Mex Dinner at Shadyside location

October 13th

Setting a Place to Call Home Fall event at Carnegie Science Center

November 19th

30th Anniversary dinner at the LeMont

Make a Gift

Yes, I want to help Sisters Place offer safe support services and bridge resources gaps.

ENCLOSED IS MY GIFT OF:

\$1,000

\$500

\$250

\$100

\$50

\$25

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Financial Report

Statement of Activities

for the year ended December 31, 2022, unaudited

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	\$ 629,787
Contributions and Grants	403,749
Special Events	169,820
Program Income	26,175
Investment Income & Miscellaneous	2,845
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	102,190

Total Unrestricted Revenue & Support **1,334,566**

Expenses

HUD Permanent Housing	—
HUD Sunrise Housing	1,026,915
Empowerment Housing	46,361
Sip and Shop	—
General & Administrative	232,799
Fund Raising	300,823

Total Expenses **1,606,898**

Loss on Assets Held for Sale **—**

Decrease in Unrestricted Net Assets **(272,332)**

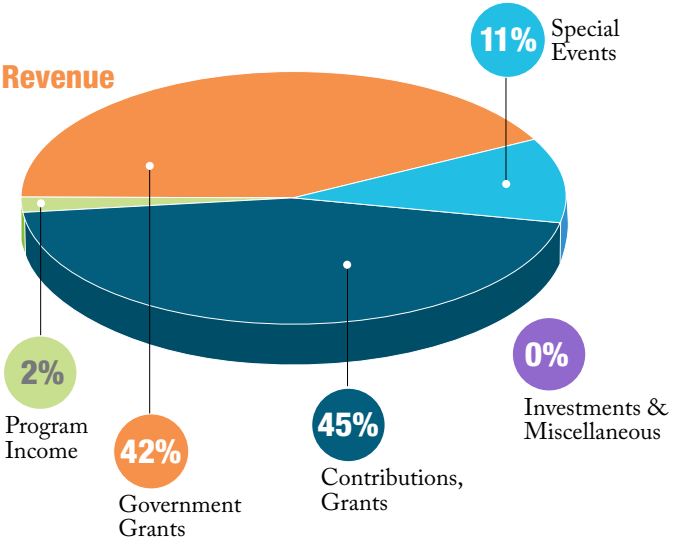
NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Contributions	270,515
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	(102,190)
Change — Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	168,325
Change in Net Assets	(104,007)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	1,165,610

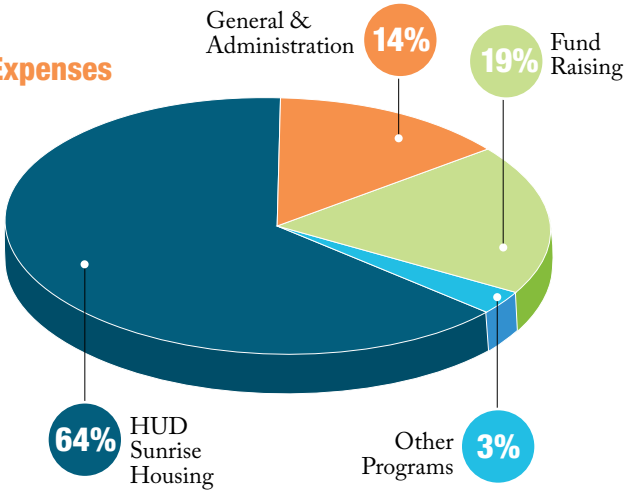
Net Assets at End of Year **\$ 1,061,603**

2022 Financial Charts

Revenue



Expenses



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GOD BLESS YOU!



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

In memory of these special volunteers and supporters of Sisters Place:

Alice Kulikowski—Emeritus Board

Sr. Mary Ellen Rufft, CDP—Emeritus Board

Mary Ann Smith—dedicated volunteer

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