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A Safe World and a Better Future for Refugees



ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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Message From The Executive Director



FRANCISCO VIDAL
*Executive Director,
Sojourn House*

As the new Executive Director, I am honored to be part of an organization with such a rich legacy. I want to begin by recognizing the legacy of our previous Executive Director, Debbie-Hill Corrigan, whose dedication, and leadership have been instrumental in shaping Sojourn House into the beacon of hope it is today.

I also want to commend our staff, management, and particularly our senior management team – Dan, Moneca, Drita – for making the ED transition a smooth one – but also for their unwavering commitment and the significant impact they have made on our clients. Your hard work and dedication are deeply appreciated and has not gone unnoticed.

Reflecting on the past year, 2023 was indeed a challenging year for refugees: in 2023, Canada received approximately 143,680 refugee claimants, a 50% increase from 2022. Ontario received 47% of all asylum claims, the bulk of which were lodged in Toronto. As a result, City of Toronto-run shelters were overwhelmed with refugee claimants due to the lack of affordable housing. By mid-summer, full shelters were turning away refugee claimants and some were forced to sleep on the street. By Dec 2023, 6 out of 10 shelter residents were refugee claimants. In 2023 we also saw the tragic deaths of two refugee

claimants who were left outside to the elements. Despite these challenges, we remained steadfast in our commitment to providing a haven for those seeking refuge in our city.

Looking ahead, we recognize that the influx of refugees will not cease in 2024. This reality underscores the urgency of our mission and the need for us to do more. Including, changing the narrative that refugee claimants are a burden to Canada, and leveraging our refugee care model in advocating for a national strategy to build refugee claimant reception centers. We are committed to meeting this challenge head-on, with optimism and determination.

Under the new leadership, we will focus on advancing the mission of Sojourn House. Our strategic direction will be geared towards addressing the increasing demand for shelter for refugee claimants in Toronto. We will strive to expand our shelter capacity and improve the working conditions of our staff. These initiatives will enable us to better serve our community and ensure that we continue to provide a safe and welcoming environment for those in need.

We are excited about the journey ahead and are confident that, together, we can make a significant impact. Thank you for your continued support and belief in our mission.

Message From The President

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2023 started as a year of trepidation for Sojourn House as the Executive Director transition was announced and underway. Happily it ended as a year of celebration, recognition, and new beginnings: paying homage to Debbie, elevating Dan and welcoming Francisco.

The year was marked by two opposing forces: the need for transition and the desire to protect and preserve the organization's people and culture. In all of this chaos came about a rebirth, a fresh new way to approach its challenges, and a graduation in leadership from founder to successor.

Transitions occur often in the corporate world with mixed results. To do a transition right, the incoming person needs to have their own vision for the organization while also having the willingness integrate it with and appreciate the existing path that it is on.

Francisco's willingness to learn everything he could and meet everyone during the 2-month transition from the outgoing Executive Director was a monumental step forward in this direction.

The Board is also going through its own natural transition with 4 new joiners and 2 who entered a new phase in life. Dr. Vanessa Reddit gave birth in January to a boy, Emil, and Michelle Bissada, Board Treasurer, gave birth to Stevie, also a boy, in December. Both have given so much of their valuable time and expertise to Sojourn House and I would like to thank them immensely on behalf of the Board.

This is also my last year on the Board as I have reached my 6 year term limit. I would like to thank the Board of Directors, the Sojourn House staff, and the senior management team for their support and confidence in the Board and for providing me with the opportunity to serve an organization that is so close to my heart.



JAMIL KARIM
*President of the
Board of Directors*

Shelter Program

Since its inception in 1987, Sojourn House's 24/7 Shelter Program has provided emergency shelter, settlement, housing and outreach services to our clients. The Shelter program's services are provided from two locations: 101 Ontario Street (The main building), and 250 Queen Street East- the satellite building. With a capacity of 94 beds, we provide services to single adult men, women, and youth, who make up 30% of our clients. At pre-COVID pandemic in 2019, we served 313 refugee claimants from all over the world with the majority coming from Continental Africa. However, in 2023, with less COVID-19 restrictions, there was an influx of refugee claimants looking for shelter and other basic needs but unfortunately, there were no beds in the Refugees Shelter system, including at Sojourn House.

In 2023, therefore, we served relatively fewer clients compared to pre-pandemic years. Sojourn House provided services to 166 clients. However, there were more than twice as many refugee claimants on our wait list looking for a spot in the Shelter program than we admitted. There were many challenges that slowed down our clients from moving out of the Shelter program into the community. Lack of affordable housing was the main challenge, followed by delays in the immigration process (as many public service workers were working from their homes) which affected our clients when attempting to secure identification to access housing support. Lastly, the Canada Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) - a rent top up that assist clients financially in securing housing - was issued spatially and hence many of our clients were not able to move out. Statistically, many of our clients were in their prime ages, 70% of (166) were under the age of 45 years. Following the long stay in the shelter, our clients were supported by staff in their settlement

process and as a result, 59% of our clients were engaged in schooling, 23% were involved in training while 18% were employed before they left the shelter.

In general, Sojourn House served as a one-stop shop for the refugee claimants' needs, as they receive holistic, supportive, and specialized services (Counselling, Housing, Medical support, Outreach, workshops, library services, and community mapping). These services were provided through a coordinated Case management by our dedicated IPAC Lead, Settlement Counsellors, Outreach/Housing Social Worker, Housing Social Workers, Housing Worker, In-House Doctor, and Nursing Practitioner, and our community partners. Sojourn House' specialized services assisted our clients in navigating through the complex immigration, settlement, and health care systems. With all these services, many of our clients seemed to have attained a certain level of stability in their refugee-related trauma, in addition to more permanent housing, and gradually on their ways to being integrated into the larger society.

DURING 2023 WE SERVED



166
CLIENTS

30%

Youth under
25 years



70%

Under 45
years



59% SCHOOLING



23% TRAINING



18% EMPLOYED



A Refugee Journey for a Separated Youth



I come from Ethiopia and arrived in Canada on February 3, 2023, seeking refuge from the political turmoil and ethnic discrimination plaguing my homeland. The decision to flee wasn't easy, but ensuring the safety of my family and myself became paramount. Upon landing in Canada, the initial shock came not just from the biting cold but also from the stark absence of familiar faces and the struggle to secure basic necessities. As a 17-year-old navigating these challenges alone, I found myself in a native men's shelter, an environment vastly different from what I was accustomed to, which posed its own set of difficulties. Yet, amidst the hardships, there emerged a glimmer of hope. My first step towards stability came through the Children's Aid Society of Toronto, guiding me back onto the path of education and providing the opportunity to transition to Sojourn House, amidst a supportive community, I found the foundation upon which to rebuild my life.

Sojourn House not only offered a safe haven, but also tailored assistance through dedicated workers who helped me navigate the intricacies of settling in a new country. The provision of a temporary shelter, free from financial burdens, allowed me to concentrate solely on my studies, fostering an environment conducive to academic growth. Moreover, the availability of a private space for studying granted me the solitude necessary to excel. As a result of this, I gained an admission into a university. Beyond mere accommodation, Sojourn House became a nurturing space, offering invaluable programs ranging from financial literacy to culinary skills, each contributing to my holistic development. Through their unwavering support and encouragement, I found the strength to persevere, transforming adversity into opportunity on my journey towards success.

Family Shelter Program

Sojourn House Family program came in to existence at the height of the refugee influx in 2018. The shelter has grown to a capacity of 79 rooms housing on average a total population of 230 to 250 depending on the family composition. Adhering to Sojourn House values of inclusivity and diversity, the family program receives families of different backgrounds and orientations referred through Central Intake and provides temporary shelter as well as comprehensive case management.

One of the primary objective of the shelter is to ensure all children are registered and attend schools of their choice within the catchment area. Most of the elementary school students attend school at Ryerson Elementary school which is one of our main

community partners. Most of our high school students attend their education at Central Tech high school and at the Harbord Collegiate Academy. We have also excellent working relationship with daycare providers such as Alexander Early learning centre, St. Stephen community house and others were most of the daycare aged children attend programming.

The family program also collaborates with other community partners such as Scadding Court Community Centre to provide youth programming as well as programming for parents. We also work very closely with Toronto Public library through their community librarian program providing on site library related services once a week. This has been an excellent initiative making access to library services barrier free.

DURING 2023 WE SERVED



123
FAMILIES
368 RESIDENTS

10

RESIDENT MEETINGS

14

SHELTER EVENTS

11

INFORMATION SESSIONS

5

SHELTER TRIPS



Our story begins on August 11, 2022, when I decided to go to Canada with my 7-year-old son and seek safety due to the situation in Mexico. When I decided to make that decision I didn't know what awaited me because I don't speak English, but I was determined to fight for our mental, physical and economic health despite all the challenges I knew were ahead.

Upon arrival to Canada we were assisted by friendly Red Cross staff who were able to fortunately find a shelter for me and my son. The Red Cross gave my son a stuffed animal, gave me groceries and paid for the taxi that would take us to what was going to be our home for the next 8 months.

I remember arriving at Sojourn House with a small suitcase and at the entrance of the shelter the staff received us very kindly. We were tested for COVID-19 while completing the intake process and then assigned to Room 615. Staff took us upstairs to show us the room and I started crying. The staff asked if something was wrong and my answer was, "NO, everything is perfect, thank you for having us".

We woke up the next morning in our new home. The friendly staff gave us a Gift Card to buy groceries and I was introduced to my Settlement Counselor, Brigitte. She became our guide to navigate our settlement in Canada. We felt safe because staff were available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Brigitte and the staff assisted us to start the Refugee Determination Process in a manner that valued our dignity and safety. Sojourn House assisted us to get resources in regards to education, immigration, mental health, employment, housing and community connections. Brigitte had meetings with me whereby we created short term and long term goals for me and my son. At times I felt overwhelmed but knowing that staff were always available made me feel surrounded by hope and the promise of fulfilling our full potential.

Personally, I always did my best to keep my home clean, the room was really cozy; We had a refrigerator and kitchen inside the room it was wonderful to be able to cook Mexican food, we had our own bathroom and bathtub, I know it may sound simple but not all people here in Canada have that privilege that Sojourn House gave us as clients.

In the shelter I met those who today I recognize as my family in Canada. Sojourn House became a home and not a shelter for my family and it was an excellent

starting point for me as a "newcomer". It was our nest where we were provided support, skills and information to be a part of Canadian society. Little by little we settled in and me and my son started school. I also started volunteering to sharpen my language skills and also contribute to a country that had given us a second chance.

My sincere gratitude to Pearl and Mervin who prepared us for moving out into the community. From the start, the Housing Team prepared us for our housing search by supporting us with budgeting and housing applications. We were finally able to move by April 2023 to our totally renovated one bedroom apartment located close to a school for my son.

It was bittersweet to leave the shelter. I missed feeling protected and safe all the time, I missed the check in calls that Brigitte made to me every day, but my son loved our new home and soon my friends from the shelter (my family) moved into the same building and this provided huge emotional support for me.

By June 2023 I started my volunteering where I would eventually get a full time job as a receptionist at a legal clinic.

On October 2023 we had our IRB Hearing and we received a positive outcome and officially became welcomed to Canada. To add more good news to our family, my mother was able to join me in Canada and now she helps me to raise my son. I know that my story in this country is not over yet, it is being a really rewarding experience to write this story and see all the progress we have had as a family. By May 2024 we will be moving into a two-bedroom apartment, again, with the support of Sojourn House.

I want to thank Sojourn House for being a safe place for us from day one and their continued support to my family as we strive to contribute to a country that has given us so much.

I know that it is not easy to immigrate to a new country, to get to know new cultures, values and languages, but the only thing I am sure of is that if you do things with purpose, knowing your objectives and seeking support, doors will open for you and your family to achieve your goals. Since I arrived, my motivation to be able to push myself was: "I ALREADY HAVE A NO, I WILL GO AND LOOK FOR THE YES".

Transitional Housing Program

The Transitional Housing Program at Sojourn House is a subsidized and RGI supportive housing program that extends over two years. This program helps refugees facing settlement challenges and those that require longer-term support, to integrate into the wider community. Sojourn House Transitional Housing Program collaborates with shelter and social service partners in the community to identify suitable candidates for program admission. These candidates may include families, single-parent households, single adults, and separated youth.

The Transitional Housing Program provides 52 furnished apartments. These apartments are grouped into 26 bachelor units for single occupants, 12 double bachelor units for single parents of one, and 14 two-bedroom units for families of three or more. For 2023, the average length of stay was 1.6 years.

In 2023, the Transitional Housing Program provided a secure haven for 135 clients from 28 countries who had faced traumatic and life-threatening situations.

Currently, the program offers various services to help these individuals and families integrate into the community through one-on-one case management, settlement counselling, housing assistance, referrals for daycare and schools, urgent physical and mental health care, guidance through the immigration process, and connections to community partners.

The Transitional Housing Program prioritizes trauma-informed care to establish a secure setting and provide children with various activities such as tutoring, movie nights, drop-in programming, and educational workshops focusing on settlement matters. In 2023, our team aimed to aid clients integrate into the Toronto community by organizing outings to popular attractions such as the Science Centre, Niagara Falls, Chudleigh's Apple Farm, Centre Island, and UofT Science Rendezvous. At Sojourn House, our primary objective is to continue to offer our clients a secure and hospitable environment throughout their two-year tenancy.

DURING 2023 WE SERVED

71

**HOUSEHOLDS
SERVED**



31
FAMILY 2+

56
CHILDREN

30
YOUTH

135 RESIDENTS

10
ADULTS

12
LGBTQ+



**FROM
28 DIFFERENT
COUNTRIES**



Makita's Story

My name is Makita. In 2022, I left the Bahamas in pursuit of safety for my family and me. Braving the uncertain journey, we fled our home and arrived in Canada as refugees. Upon arrival, we were processed at the airport and shortly after were discharged into a shelter hotel program for two weeks.

The transition has been difficult for us; there have been many days that I spent isolated as I mourned the loss of our home, family & friends. However, I was extremely thankful to be in a safe place free from targeted violence.

After our two weeks in the hotel, we were transferred to Red Door Shelter. They worked hard trying to provide us with housing, food, immigration support, and counselling. Eventually we arrived at the Transitional Housing Program at Sojourn House and since then our quality of life has significantly improved. Having secure housing, supportive workers, and in-house programming here at Sojourn House has given the kids and myself an opportunity to heal and feel optimistic about the future.

Currently, I am attending school in a PSW program and I hope to pursue a nursing degree in the future. My oldest son is exploring his artistic talents and attending college. My daughter is engaging with peers her age, which is boosting her confidence, and my youngest has resumed enjoying his childhood. My hearing was a success. However, the journey does not end there for my family. Settling into our new home continues to be a challenge due to the trauma we have experienced paired with the many changes in our lives. Although it may seem daunting at times, I am grateful to live at Sojourn House; a peaceful and supportive safe haven led by amazing staff.



Skills For Life Program

The Skills for Life program is a program for youth ages 16-24, who fled to Canada with no family or support. An experiential life skills program that employs one Social Worker and one Settlement Counsellor. Together they organize weekly activities and workshops for youth to attend in support of their settlement. There were 169 programming events for youth this year with a total attendance of 1725, which included workshops on topics such as mental health, budgeting, financial literacy, Canadian politics, body image and time management. Benefits of the program include creating friendships while staff encourage peer-to-peer learning and networking. Workshops are available to clients in our shelter, and those is the GTA.

Both the Social Worker and Settlement Counsellor are available to meet on an individual basis for counselling and support. Staff act as and speak about issues their clients may be facing; or act as a support for them in school, with Ontario Works and at medical appointments. There were 1733 one-on-one meetings with youth this reporting year, which includes counselling, immigration support, academic planning and employment support. In 2023, 10 youth moved out of the program, with 9 accessed market rent housing. All of these exiting youth were working full-time or on their way to post-secondary education. Additionally, 373 applications and permits were completed. These permits included work/study, permanent residency, citizenship, OSAP and legal aid.

This year Sojourn House collaborated with Covenant House to provide weekly

support for refugee youth in their shelter and drop-in spaces. Staff attended two days a week and provided immigration support including refugee applications, legal aid support and various permit application support.

Skills for Life also facilitates a girls' club, which encourages a safe space designed to empower and support young refugee girls. Our Girls Club typically offer a range of activities and support services aimed at addressing the unique challenges faced by refugee girls. These challenges include access to education, healthcare, and psychosocial support. We aim to provide a platform for young girls to develop confidence, skills, and a sense of agency in their lives. By participating in various activities, workshops, and discussions, they can explore their interests, talents, and aspirations. Many topics we covered in our workshops were resume writing, interview skills, financial literacy, debate skills, communication skills and much more. Girls Clubs often offer informal education programs, tutoring, and literacy classes to help bridge this gap and ensure that girls have the opportunity to learn and develop academically. We do many outings such as picnics, going to the rec room, movies, and much more. Girls Clubs provide a sense of belonging and community where girls can form friendships, share experiences, and support one another through difficult times.

Overall, Girls Clubs play a crucial role in addressing the specific needs and vulnerabilities of young refugee girls, helping them rebuild their lives with dignity, hope, and resilience.



Asias's Story

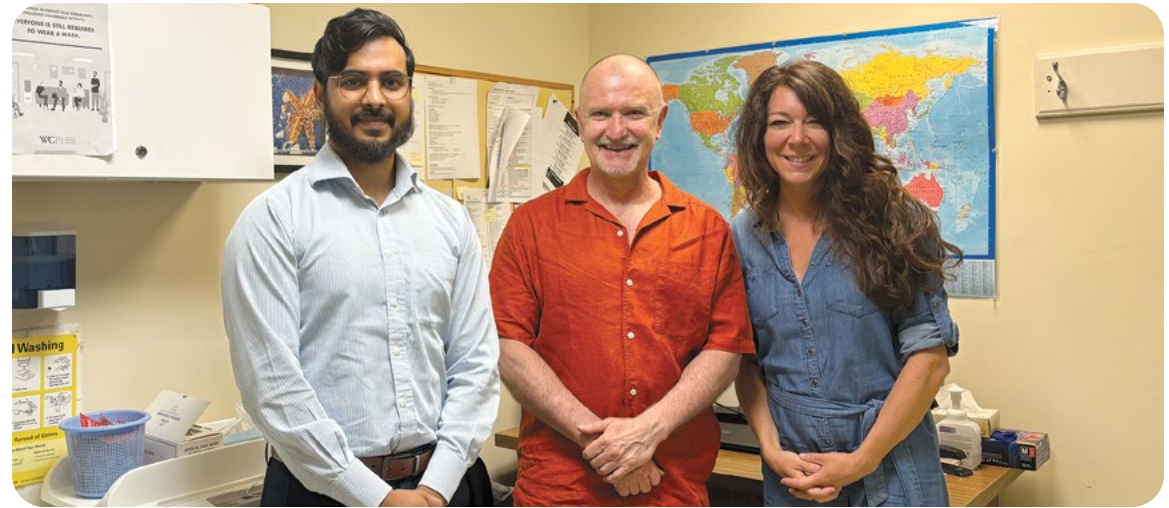


My name is Asia Kyendigamba, a refugee from Uganda. I arrived to Canada in 2021 and I stayed at Sojourn house from September 2021 until January 2023. I was afraid when I arrived to Canada. I did not know anyone or have any family in the country. However, Sojourn House showed me what true family meant. Sojourn House made sure I felt safe. I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the

support I got from the team especially from my Social Worker, Thurkka. My life was falling apart by the time I moved in, but Sojourn house was always there for me in every moment that I needed them. Thank you for being a team that not only worked together but also uplifted and supported me in my new journey here in Canada.

Your unwavering commitment has made a positive impact in my life. I completed my PSW training while I was in the Transitional Housing Program and I got employment. I had a hard journey with immigration as my hearing was initially cancelled, but after getting so much support from Sojourn House staff, I got a positive decision for my refugee claim and I also returned to school to pursue my dream career in nursing. I received housing support and now live in permanent housing and many more achievements. I made many new friends in Canada and at Sojourn House. I was able to experience many fun things that I was not able to do in Uganda. Canada has given me the freedom to live my life and given me the protection. Sojourn House's support, encouragement and collaborative spirit have propelled me to new heights. Thank you so much!

Health Clinic



The rising numbers of refugee claimants to Canada in 2023 reminds us of the essential part primary care has in settlement services. We are so grateful to be part of a team at Sojourn House that recognizes early access to primary care provides opportunities for timely intervention and disease prevention. In doing so, we can focus on health promotion, illness and injury prevention and diagnosis and treatment of illness and injury.

The Sojourn House clinic addresses reported barriers to health care including interpretation services, organizational service integration, geographic access (a clinic within a shelter!), health education, and provides repeated visits with clients to build patient-provider relationships. Importantly, all clients seen at the Sojourn House clinic are also clients of the Crossroads Clinic at Women's College Hospital and some also become clients of Regent Park Community Health Centre. Both health organizations offer a host of added clinical and speciality supports that are often required for many Sojourn House clients.

The benefits of inter-sectoral collaboration between health and settlement have demonstrated decreased primary care wait times while settlement services are simultaneously received. Within the Sojourn House clinic, approximately 960 clinic visits have been conducted during 2023. Much of this coordinated care is the thoughtful and innovative support of Mashfiq Sabit, Sojourn Houses' inaugural IPAC lead (infection, prevention, and control) and clinical administrative support. This is a demonstration of true cross-sector collaboration between health and social services and one that needs to be showcased throughout our region. The seamless integration of health and settlement services at Sojourn House is one that we are very proud of and provides the essential and necessary focus on health as a human right. Together we are advancing the health of refugees.

Condensed Financial Statements 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 2,540,596	\$ 1,916,891
Designated Cash	\$ 1,575,636	\$ 1,065,024
Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 173,864	\$ 722,421
Designated Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 551,936	\$ 872,021
Amounts Receivable	\$ 44,425	\$ 50,081
Due from City of Toronto	\$ 37,579	\$ 43,788
HST Rebate Recoverable	\$ 140,986	\$ 40,428
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 351,109	\$ 347,287
Total Current Assets	\$ 5,416,131	\$ 5,057,941
Capital Assets:	\$ 8,255,292	\$ 8,562,179
TOTAL CURRENT AND FIXED ASSETS	\$ 13,671,423	\$ 13,620,120
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$ 1,025,486	\$ 991,718
Due to City of Toronto	\$ -	\$ 21,782
Current Portion of Mortgages Payable	\$ 182,444	\$ 177,811
Deferred Contributions	\$ 334,812	\$ 358,849
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 1,542,742	\$ 1,550,160
Long-Term Liabilities:		
Long-Term Portion of Mortgages Payable	\$ 5,285,463	\$ 5,467,914
Deferred Capital Grant	\$ 1,878,980	\$ 1,967,980
Deferred Capital Donations	\$ 201,266	\$ 210,654
Deferred City of Toronto (HPS)	\$ 90,004	\$ 145,733
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 8,998,455	\$ 9,342,441
Net Assets:		
Designated		
Contingency	\$ 713,056	\$ 713,056
Internally Restricted Reserve	\$ 2,127,572	\$ 1,937,045
Invested in Capital Assets	\$ 617,135	\$ 592,087
Unrestricted	\$ 1,215,205	\$ 1,035,491
Total Net Assets	\$ 4,672,968	\$ 4,277,679
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:	\$ 13,671,423	\$ 13,620,120

Complete Financial Statements Audited by Pennylegion|Chung LLP Chartered Accountants are available upon request from Sojourn House.



Condensed Financial Statements 2023

Years ended December 31

2023

2022

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

REVENUE:

Government Funding	\$ 10,469,425	\$ 9,297,129
Donations and Other Revenue	\$ 493,905	\$ 531,143
Total Revenues	\$ 10,963,330	\$ 9,828,272

EXPENSES:

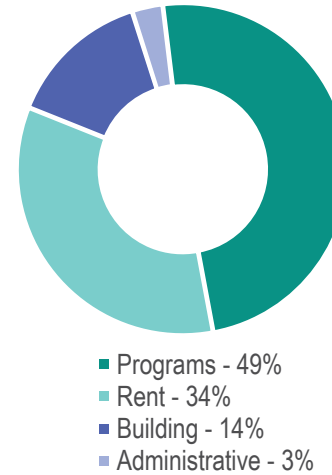
Programs	\$ 5,237,348	\$ 4,963,543
Rent	\$ 3,552,564	\$ 3,348,510
Building	\$ 1,482,651	\$ 774,159
Administration	\$ 304,106	\$ 317,918
Total Expenses	\$ 10,576,669	\$ 9,404,130

Excess of revenue over expenses before non-operating revenues and expenses \$ 386,661 \$ 424,142

Non-operating revenues and expenses:

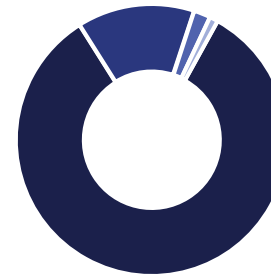
SCPI capital grant recognized	\$ 89,000	\$ 89,000
Investment income	\$ 226,515	\$ 64,487
Amortization	\$ (306,887)	\$ (306,887)

EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR \$ 395,289 \$ 270,742



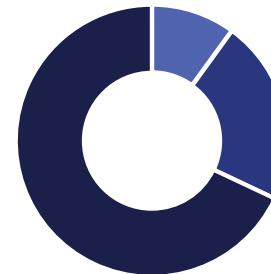
TOTAL EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	\$ 4,342,766
Rent	\$ 3,552,564
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 1,013,484
Food	\$ 750,536
Utilities	\$ 318,992
Office and General	\$ 177,321
Interest	\$ 150,175
Refugee Support	\$ 132,248
Consultants	\$ 53,534
Telephone	\$ 43,853
Professional Fees	\$ 29,398
Transportation	\$ 11,798



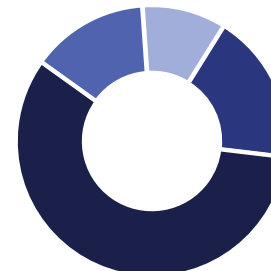
PROGRAMS EXPENSES - \$5,237,348

Salaries and Benefits	83%
Food	14%
Refugee Support	2%
Transportation	1%



BUILDING EXPENSES - \$1,482,651

Repairs and Maintenance	68%
Utilities	22%
Interest	10%



ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES - \$304,106

Office and General	58%
Consultants	18%
Telephone	14%
Professional Fees	10%

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Getting involved

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