

# A year of transition and transformation

*"The staff has seen something in me that I didn't see in myself. They gave me hope. They help me to see who I am."*



*"I prefer to do things myself. Point me in the right direction and let me handle it. I can do it myself."*



**Opportunity  
House**



Dear Friends,

This year has been a year of transition and transformation at Opportunity House.

Beacon House, apartments were updated with new kitchens, bathrooms, flooring, and paint. It is the first major renovation since it opened in 1992. New HVAC units were installed in our permanent housing on Beech Street.



The Second Street Learning Center served over 207 children this year. We expanded our Pre-K counts program to address the increased need in the community. Our staff received over 400 hours of specialized training to provide high-quality early education to our students.

**207** children enrolled in the Second Street Learning Center



The Shelter renovations expanded our capacity by transforming our basement storage area into added beds for clients. The block building, across the street from the shelter, was transformed into storage space and added parking. Renovations of the day

Renovations were a major focus throughout our organization. At



room, bathrooms, and men's dorm will continue through 2023.

**1 m**  
pounds  
diverted  
landfills

## THANK YOU TO OUR MAJOR DONORS 2023

Reflects donations from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022.

### A Special Note of Appreciation

We've done our utmost to ensure that all of our supporters are acknowledged in this report. If you find that your name or contribution has been inadvertently left off the list, please know that it was unintentional and in no way diminishes the value of your support. We deeply regret any oversight and would be grateful if you could bring it to our attention so we can correct it. Thank you for being an essential part of our community!

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**295** Veterans served through our programs



101,583

meals served  
in the shelter



Our expanded case management team and clinical counselor provided the structure, support, and stability clients need to succeed. Our kitchen manager invites clients into the kitchen to learn basic cooking skills, job skills, and teamwork in addition to reducing food costs and food waste at the shelter.

Our OppShop and the Reuse and Recycle Program experienced significant growth. Thanks to our generous donors and community partnerships,



million

of goods  
from



we diverted over 1 million pounds from landfills through our thrift store sales and recycling efforts.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization. Thanks to countless volunteers and attendees who made the Souper Bowl, Wine, Women, and Shoes, and the Golf Tournament sold-out events. The master gardeners and community volunteers provided a bountiful harvest of vegetables throughout the summer. Cooking groups continue to be the stalwarts of Opportunity

56  
people  
served  
the sh

110

people receiving  
aftercare



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62  
people  
served in  
shelter

House as they faithfully prepare and serve meals at the shelter.

As we look to 2024, our 40th anniversary, we are thankful to the generous donors who have supported and sustained us and our mission to empower people to improve their lives. We hope you'll join us in 2024 to reflect on our achievements and look forward to creating a legacy for years to come.

Sincerely,

*Modesto D. Fiume*

Modesto D. Fiume, President

Souper Bowl, January 2023



Wine Women & Shoes, May 2023



Golf Tournament, June 2023



989  
active  
volunteers

- Mickey and Lou Ann Doughty
- Brian and Suzanne Engelhardt
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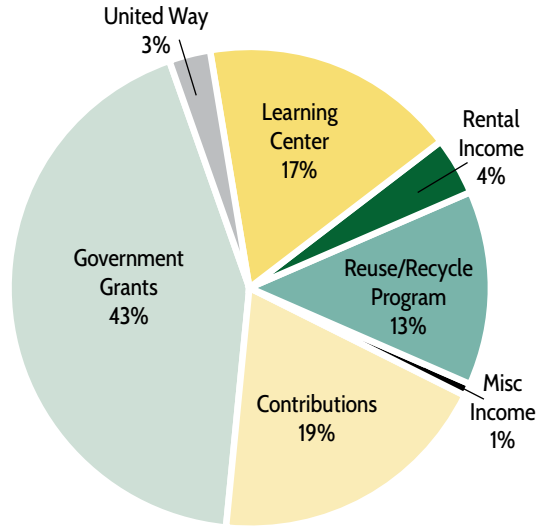


81  
people  
stably housed

## 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

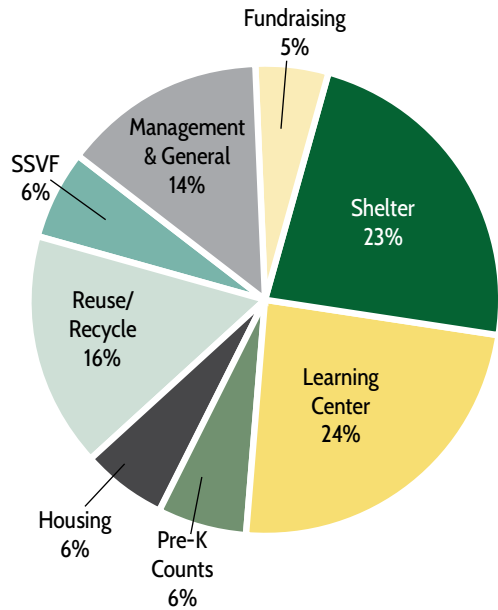
### Revenue

Contributions	\$ 1,489,152
Government Grants	3,373,916
United Way of Berks County	266,968
Learning Center	1,250,623
Rental Income	251,773
Reuse/Recycle Program	985,118
Miscellaneous Income	63,813
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,759,043</b>



### Expenses

Shelter	\$ 1,426,648
Learning Center	1,506,521
Pre-K Counts	362,785
Housing	371,375
Supportive Services for Veteran Families	357,419
Reuse/Recycle Program	1,004,126
Management & General	919,275
Fundraising	303,591
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,252,601</b>



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of service to our community.

**SOUper BOWL**

Monday, February 5, 2024  
*Penn State Berks*

**WINE, WOMEN AND SHOES**

Thursday, June 6, 2024  
*The Double Tree, Reading*

**GOLF OUTING**

Monday, June 26, 2024  
*Berkshire Country Club*

**40TH ANNIVERSARY**

**CELEBRATION:**  
Thursday, November 14, 2024  
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