

The Ripple Effect
OF SMALL IMPACTS TO BIG CHANGE



IN THE DENVER METRO REGION

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Vision

A community in which everyone has a safe place to call home and the resources they need to thrive.

Mission

We strengthen communities and provide pathways to economic and personal opportunity through affordable housing, educational programs and support services.



YEAR IN REVIEW

Home, Opportunity & Community

We are so pleased to report on the progress we've experienced in the last year. It is clear to us that the work Hope Communities does across the Front Range has never been more relevant.

As the environmental, social, political and economic challenges in the world impact our communities – and particularly those farthest from resources – the commitment and capacity of our organization to flex programs and services to best respond to those challenges is vital.

We know that our unique, holistic program model is effective and impactful, which motivates us to keep moving forward – even as staff fights the sense that as much as we accomplish, we cannot ever fully meet the need. This report will highlight the accomplishments of the last year – with full awareness that there is so much more to be done.

Our model, that spans well beyond housing, to offer curated programs, services and resources has resulted in 12% growth in the numbers of people served in the last year – after an unprecedented growth of 75% the prior year. The types of programs, offered in a culturally appropriate manner, and offered by staff who speak 23 languages, sets Hope apart and is an active calling card to bringing new clients in. The fact that the team is exceptional at tackling even the toughest obstacles is another driver, that led to the team helping 3,655 individuals last year.

You will read more about the transformational work of Hope Communities in this report, but some interesting highlights include:

- Food insecurity grew through the year and staff provided fresh, healthy, culturally appropriate food for more than 80,000 meals.
- 1,225 clients received assistance to find and maintain stable housing.
- Hope provided more than \$80,000 in emergency rent funds and helped clients secure another \$89,988 in emergency rent.
- As daunting as the real estate environment is in Colorado, 16 client families left affordable housing to purchase their own homes.
- Hope provided more than 200 youth-focused activities to support academic, social-emotional, and physical development.
- Hope served 2,828 refugee, asylee, or immigrant clients with a full array of services to support successful community integration and economic excellence. Staff also assisted hundreds of migrants

who arrived in Colorado without full documentation or public support. Beyond basic needs, staff facilitated 43 immigration clinics connecting 496 clients to legal assistance.

Please read through the report to see the many other aspects of Hope's work. We are incredibly proud of what has been accomplished in the last year, and are thankful for the foundations, donors, corporate giving programs, faith-based organizations and government contract supporters who provide funding to fuel these essential programs. Hope provides an exceptional return on investment and offers stellar stewardship for all the program-directed funds.

We could accomplish even more with additional funds, so please remember us when you have the opportunity to make decisions about investments in additional affordable housing development and social services. We would be happy to have a conversation or provide tours of the programs if you would like to learn more.

We wish you a very happy and healthy 2024. All the best,



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We are extremely grateful for the service provided by five exceptional directors who left the board at the end of the year, after being term-limited. Many thanks to Maggie Bolden, Kenneth Floyd, Kelly Kaminskas, Adam Riddle, and Jenica Shippy. They were instrumental in supporting the phenomenal growth and transformation of Hope Communities over their tenure. We are pleased to welcome four new directors for 2024, including Thomas Bryan, Colorado Housing and Finance Authority; Charlie Cummings, Innovate Commercial Real Estate; Masouda Omar, Momentus Capital; and Greg Shields, First Bank.

First Time Voting

2023 saw several of our clients obtain their United States Citizenship! It also just happened to be an election year in Denver for the Mayoral race. The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan organization that seeks to educate people on the voting process and encourage participation, joined Hope staff at Hidden Brook for a training on how to recognize different parts of the ballot, what different races and ballot questions meant, where to sign - and they even brought a secure Red Box ballot drop for community members to easily drop off ballots!

Hope strives to encourage people to feel responsible and experience a sense of empowerment and self-advocacy over their community, and while hundreds participated in ongoing community safety meetings, not all of them had the privilege of voting. The ones who gained citizenship and voted for the first time took their duties seriously and did so with an inspiring reverence to their responsibility.



Meet Habi



Habi is an Ethiopian refugee navigating the complexities of resettlement in the United States as a single parent alongside his teenage son. Habi's introduction to Hope Communities stemmed from a referral by Tribe Recovery Homes, one of Hope's community partnerships.

Once connected with Hope Communities, Habi met with Amber, the Manager of Housing Stability and Employment, who took his unique needs and goals into account while drawing up a long-term plan.

The organization first prioritized Habi's immediate needs, facilitating the acquisition of stable housing at The Gardens.

Recognizing the impact of employment in fostering long-term stability, Hope Communities worked with Habi as he transitioned from working as a contract employee to securing a full-time position. Habi also recently became a US citizen, securing a long-term future for himself and his son in the US. For individuals like Habi, fostering pathways to stability and opportunity amidst the challenges of resettlement can be life-changing.

2023 Hope for the Future



Hope for the Future: One World Together, held at Skylight on Santa Fe on August 24, honored Atim Oti, Director of the Denver Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, for her extraordinary efforts to support equity and inclusion across the Denver Metro. The event was catered by Pirate Chef, Zin Zin's Burmese Cuisine, Momo Dumplings, and Delice Afro-Caribbean Cuisine.

We highlighted several of our program areas, with a focus on the immigrant and refugee experience, as well as clients who have found success after living at a Hope Communities property. We measure success how each individual sees it: for some, that's homeownership, and for others, that's being in a safe, clean environment where they feel supported and cared for.

For Shabnam's family, that was arriving in the United States safely, learning English, her father finding steady employment where he felt he could make a difference, and finally for the whole family becoming citizens.

For Phyllis, being able to give back to the neighborhood in NE Park Hill where generations of her family lived and still live by helping to create a Girl Scout Troop is incredibly important to her. After meeting her husband and finding financial success through her beloved work as an LPN, they were able to purchase a home.

For Shwe Ye, coming to America led to love, and 3 beautiful, smart, and creative girls. After 8 years, they had obtained citizenship and were able to purchase a home.

And, for Darryl - he and his wife found stability at The Gardens, as well as friendships. After his wife passed, he was supported by neighbors, but his success now includes moving to Seattle to be near his son and grandkids.

We raised money to continue the programming that has impacted so many lives, realizing that when we work with one person in a family, the impact is felt for generations.

Part of the impact of early intervention was on display for our first Impact Award, which was presented to Atim Oti for her tireless work helping to resettle thousands of refugees and immigrants through her work as the Director of the Denver Office of Refugee and Immigrant Affairs. Atim is the daughter of refugees from Northern Uganda and her parents' sacrifices enabled her to excel in her studies and career, first getting her law license to do immigration legal work, and then with her position with the City.



She deserved to be recognized for what amounts to so much work being done behind closed doors and out of sight of most people - but our clients knew the impact she had on their ability to identify and work towards success.

That evening, through the generous sponsorships and donations, we raised

\$104,000

to help support the vital work that our programs and services offer. Through events like Hope for the Future: One World Together, we can continue to offer hope and opportunities for empowerment for those seeking a better future.

Special thanks to our event sponsors on following page.

*Top left: Director of the Denver Office of Immigrant Refugee Affairs (DOIRA), Atim Oti.
Below Left: Sharon Knight presenting a collage of photos to Atim, surrounded by "thank you" written in different languages
Below: Sharon Knight speaking about Hope's impact to an enthralled audience*



Special thanks to the sponsors of Hope For The Future 2023. We couldn't have had a successful event without your support:



- Kephart
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We hope that you will consider joining us for this year's event which will take place on September 12 at Upper Larimer. Follow us on social media and sign up for email updates to know when tickets go on sale!

Remembering Ari



Ari Harms came to Hope Communities with a breadth and depth of knowledge of the immigrant experience as well as a talent for finding housing in even the most difficult circumstances. He was beloved by every single person who had the good fortune to meet him. Ari went missing on the Colorado River while doing what he loved: kayaking. He will forever be missed and his contributions to the community will always be remembered & appreciated.

- \$171,099**
Value of Time of Volunteers from 318 Volunteers
- 80,312**
Meals that could be made with all the food we've given away. (57% more than 2022)
- 200+**
Youth-focused events and activities with more than 250 participants.
- 2,318**
Volunteer Hours

A Taste of Hidden Brook

Taste of Hidden Brook has always been a celebration of the special places our residents and community members originally called home...

A Taste of Hidden Brook is a celebratory event the community in East Colfax looks forward to every year. Members of the diverse community dress in traditional clothing, share traditional foods and ceremonies, and showcase talents, like dancing and singing, that come from their home countries.

A beautiful, sunny Saturday in September 2023 provided the perfect backdrop for a multi-ethnic showcase and neighborhood gathering with 12 community partners.

We ordered food from refugee-owned businesses, including Golden Sky Sushi, a food stall opened in Mango House by former resident, Htwe Htwe Aung; and community resident and wife of Afghan Navigator Muhammad, Fouzia Anbari, who cooked some amazing Afghan dishes to share. Our resident, Shitaye Habteyes, shared a traditional Ethiopian coffee ceremony with the adults. Everything was incredible!

Sponsorship, which covered the purchase of food, was provided by Denver’s Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs. They prioritize the support they provide to organizations bringing together newcomers to our community, with long time residents.

Street Fraternity team member, Jibreel, provided DJ services to include music from around the world, and the kids in attendance started their own dance party ahead of the community talent show. We were treated to beautiful traditional Ethiopian and Burmese dances, and a K-pop rap, followed by an all-inclusive Zumba lesson.

Taste of Hidden Brook has always been a celebration of the special places our residents and community members originally called home, and has highlighted the incredible fortitude of individuals who have left the place they love - for reasons completely outside their control - to start over. Being in a community of people who may not speak the same language or share customs, but who so intrinsically understand the journey, helps to knit the fabric of a diverse community together and empowers people to continue on their progress to personal success while paving the way for future generations to build from that foundation.



*Top: Menu for Taste of Hidden Brook
Above: Burmese Dancer
Middle: Zumba Lessons
Left: K-pop rapper entertaining the crowd
Far Left: Ethiopian Dancer*

Community Safety Meeting

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In 2023, we held quarterly community safety meetings at our Hidden Brook location to address public safety concerns we were hearing and seeing around the community. The meetings started many years ago as a way to bring law enforcement and the community together to address crime in the East Colfax corridor, although there was a necessary pause during the pandemic. 251 people actively participated in those 4 meetings, along with representatives from 16 city agencies and community partners. The chief of Denver Police Department (DPD), Chief Thomas, and several of his leadership team showed commitment to our East Colfax Community by attending those community safety meetings as well as additional monthly meetings between Hope, city agency partners and other nonprofits. Given all that has been happening across our city, this was an expansive commitment. Not only did the police and Sheriff Department actively participate in meetings, but they went out of their way to show their dedication through volunteer efforts prior to the meetings by assisting to give out food or just be present to help answer questions of community members; these one-on-one conversations grew more frequent over time as community members recognized the faces of our law enforcement professionals, and grew to trust that they were truly there to help.

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Another meeting focused on the DPD's new commitment to language justice. So often, police would try to respond to an incident only to find out there was no common language. This resulted in underreporting, misreporting, or even using children to help interpret for their parents, oftentimes for situations where children should be shielded from the incident, not brought into it. The US Department of Justice announced this change and is working to implement it across the US, with community input on the most needed languages for them. We currently have flyers, produced by the DPD, in about 8 different languages. There will also be a dedicated language line so that adults and officers can communicate through the language line rather than rely on children, who often don't fully comprehend a situation or even know the appropriate word to use when translating.

The relationship with the police and all the communities we serve has seen a drastic improvement, with a noticeable increase in participation during our safety meetings. Residents and community members alike have witnessed the changes they requested during the early days of the meetings, which started again in 2022 after having to take time off during the pandemic, and they feel empowered to continue to speak up - they are being listened to and respected, and that makes all the difference in feeling like you are truly a part of a community, and have a responsibility to it.


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Below: Representatives from the Department of Justice attend a community safety meeting.

Bottom: Residents participate during a community safety meeting.




251
Meeting participants at by 16 City Agencies Including the Police



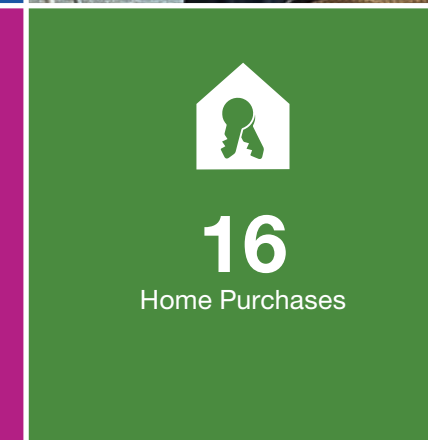
3,655
Supported with Housing, Programs & Services (12% increase from 2022)




162
PACES (Pathways to Change, Empowerment & Stability) Program Participants



16
Home Purchases




258
Employment Services & Resources



659
Accessing Essential Social Benefits



Food Distribution

2023 proved to be yet another difficult year for food security. Since 2020, when the pandemic took hold of the world and just getting outside and into a grocery store was a nearly insurmountable challenge, Hope has provided fresh, healthy food to those who need it.

In 2022, we provided enough food to prepare 46,414 meals. In 2023, we nearly doubled that with enough food given away to prepare 80,312 meals.

\$43,819

Hope spent in grant money on food

\$213,000

In-kind food donated through community partners

While we anticipated more food distribution participants in 2023, we had no idea the magnitude of that increase. Part of the increase was due to social programs being reduced or discontinued. During the pandemic, governments paused the income verification requirements for the SNAP program, or food stamps. Each family received the maximum allowed assistance based on family size, not income. During this time, we worked with families receiving this benefit and not once did we observe any sort of abuse of the system: families used their SNAP benefits to make sure everyone was fed, just as the program is intended. In March 2023, the guidelines under the pandemic response were lifted and the income adjustment was back in effect. One particular family, a mother with two tween boys, had been receiving almost \$1,000 a month for food. After the guidelines were changed, however, it dropped to \$230 per month - an unbelievable (and unrealistic) amount. Suddenly, people who had managed to stock their pantries and refrigerators were finding themselves staring at empty shelves. These are the families that came to Hope for the first time in 2023, seeking nourishment and help.



Top: Volunteer Julie & Hope staff member Candice at We Don't Waste

Above: Clients lining up for food distribution

Right: Volunteers and staff giving out food

Refugee/Migrant Experience

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Hope. Home. Opportunity. These are not just words for the thousands of refugees, asylees, immigrants and humanitarian parolees who have entered the US and Colorado in the last several years. Many have escaped unimaginable atrocities in their home countries, and even though they are sad to leave the place they grew up in, the loved ones who cannot travel, their customs and belongings, they know they need to leave – in order to survive.

Hope Communities has long been a resource for newcomers to Colorado. The very nature of our work – embodying in the values of respect, empowerment, inclusiveness, equity, integrity and collaboration – offers a foundation for a welcoming, customized approach to help each individual be successful in attaining their goals. Hope has had specialized programming for community integration for newcomers for many years, fueled with support from foundations, individuals and the Colorado Refugee Services Program (a state office that only provides funding for refugees & asylees in the country less than five years, and who have legal documentation). We have worked with over 2,800 individuals with these classifications in the last year.

About eight months ago, Hope began seeing a new kind of client. Migrants, from Venezuela, Mauritania, Haiti, Cuba, Sudan and other countries, began showing up at our program offices and food distribution programs. We began seeing Afghans without documentation who had long been on a list to become an asylee because of the support they offered the US, and had to leave their homeland as the Taliban hunted them down for those efforts. Some of them simply didn’t believe they could hold out any longer, and fearing death, made the trek to the US another way. Many of these newcomers to Colorado’s front range flocked to Hope – because of the programs we offered, the welcoming environment we offered, and also the fact that we have staff who speak 23 languages – that align with the new migrant groups. We have been working with hundreds of clients from around the world, desperate for assistance.

The city experienced a flood of nearly 40,000 Venezuelan migrants that were bussed from Texas. Many of them were families, offered short-term shelter, but then released to encampments on the streets. Our Spanish-speaking navigators worked with some of those families, and the other eight navigators worked with hundreds of migrants from Mauritania and other countries. Readers may not understand that state and federal agencies do not provide funding for care, and these families are not eligible for any public subsidies. Undocumented individuals are not allowed to legally work, which makes securing housing and supporting a family independently almost impossible.

Regardless of your opinion about migrants being in our area without documentation, we could not fathom being on the street – particularly the children. Having said that, the work is difficult and funding the needs of these clients is well beyond our budget. Work with migrants is highly regulated. At this point, we are allowed to provide food, basic needs, navigation and appointments with immigration attorneys. If we can locate housing that will accept undocumented families, and secure the funding to pay for rent, we will do that.

Paying for the staff and resources to respond appropriately is extremely challenging. We are seeking assistance from foundations, corporate giving programs and individuals for the work.

We seek support from our readers so we can do what we believe is the right thing, to help children and families in our community to thrive, and to help every client family – regardless of immigration status – to experience a safe place to call home and then access the skills and resources they need to advance towards their goals and support themselves independently. We ask, also, that readers help us to advocate for work to change federal policy and encourage more imaginative local policy to provide work authorization for families. There are jobs that migrants could work, that would fill a significant need in our community while allowing them to support their families without charitable intervention.

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Why us? There are many capable nonprofits and agencies in our community, but we have a passion for this work. We have shown a unique and effective model in supporting newcomers to this country. There is certainly a strong return on investment on any grants and contributions to fuel this work. Please let us know if you would like to learn more about our approach, strategies and impact.

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|  <p>496 Immigration and Legal Services and 43 Immigration Clinics</p> | <p>Languages Spoken by Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amharic • Arabic • Bengali • Burmese • Dari • English • Farsi • French • Fulani • Hindi • Indonesian • Japanese • Kachin • Karen • Malay • Masalit • Pashto • Persian • Pulaar • Rohingya • Spanish • Swahili • Urdu • Walou |  <p>2,828 Individuals Served from Outside the US, Representing 77% of Total Clients</p> |
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EXPLORE, NEW SKILLS & IDENTIFY HOBBIES

Youth Programming

Youth that Hope staff work with often come to us having lived through some tough experiences.

The Gardens of Hope Communities offers after-school youth programs as well as intensive camps during out-of-school times and specialty youth activities, such as Girl Scouts and BOYZ in the Gardens. The after-school program provided youth with homework assistance, healthy snacks, games (board games & outside fun) and other activities (art, science, crafts, sports and community service). Youth were thrilled to have the chance to explore the community, learn new skills and identify hobbies with field trips throughout the year.

The program serves youth 6-12 from The Gardens and surrounding community.



Alyssa cooking during summer camp at The Gardens



Trying fresh veggies at Ekar Farms

Hidden Brook youth programming:

Over the summer months at Hidden Brook, youth were encouraged to participate in 7 different team building activities, 2 art groups & 2 planned physical activities to stimulate social and emotional development. About 30 youth participated throughout the summer, and displayed significant emotional growth.

Our youth programming manager reported that at the start of the summer, kids were a bit uneasy to socialize with each other, and there were behaviors that needed to be addressed and corrected. By the end of the summer, the kids had formed incredible bonds, behaviors improved significantly, and the kids were always so excited to see Ms. Yemi and find out what she had planned for the day.

We also pioneered programming specifically for high schoolers - a “self-discovery” journey where they were able to visit different professional settings to see if anything piqued an interest for a future career. They visited MI Engineering, Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design, and the police academy. The feedback, often tempered from our older youth, was resoundingly positive. Many of them said being able to visit professional settings to learn of different careers was “very useful.”



Broncos Training Day



Colorado Rapids Camp



Colorado Rapids Camp

Kids from both properties were given the opportunity to not only attend a Broncos’ training camp, but to get out on the pitch with the Colorado Rapids! Meeting the players from both teams was a huge highlight of the summer, and the kids felt really special to be able to experience both events.

Part of youth programming that we focus on is social and emotional well-being, which includes mental health and resiliency. Youth that Hope staff work with often come to us having lived through some tough experiences, or come from a family that has generational trauma. Hope Farms, located in Elizabeth, CO, runs a therapy clinic that is designed around the calming nature of animals. Hope staff and residents spent the day at the Farm, in the peace and quiet of the county, and talked through the stressors of life while incorporating animal therapy. Everyone who attended felt more at peace upon leaving, and took the lessons learned home to use as tools to help manage anxiety and stress.



Kids enjoying the animals at Hope Farms

Volunteer and Partner Organizations

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Throughout the year, Hope was able to enjoy the support of various individuals and agencies in a volunteer capacity. 318 volunteers spent a total of 2,318 hours volunteering, which amounted to a total value of \$171,099.

They did everything from getting and distributing food, cleaning up the garden, painting hallways at one of our properties, putting together special gift bags for new babies and kids who had birthdays, as well as senior bags for our older residents to have a little something for themselves.

Kalamuna, an organization based in California that specializes in developing websites for nonprofits, contacted Hope in early Spring and adopted the organization at their annual conference to collect 250 socks and 250 gloves to give to our clients. As winter weather rolled into Denver, we noticed that many of our clients had threadbare socks and no gloves. This donation was exceptionally well received and appreciated by everyone who received a pair of warm, brand new items.

DaVita, a kidney disease and dialysis center, created gift bags for seniors, making sure there were activity books, a pair of socks from Kalamuna, and personal hygiene products. Our volunteer coordinator, Candace, has a special relationship with DaVita as she underwent dialysis many years prior with the clinic. It was especially impactful for her to be able to work with them again in a different capacity for an organization she cares deeply about.

For another year, Charles Schwab staff donated a full day of volunteer work in the hot sun. This relationship had been established over a decade ago, and each year when the lottery of places to volunteer opens, Hope is usually booked up within minutes! In 2023, we identified a painting & cleaning project at Welton Homes at The Point. All exterior and interior hallways were painted on both our residents' side and the owner's side. Additionally exterior walls were pressure washed and old planter boxes removed so that by the end of the day, everything looked as good as new!

Tolin Mechanical was a new partner in 2023, nurtured by a relationship by our Manager of Career Programs and Community Impact, Martina. The entire office staff came to do a food distribution, including picking up food from We Don't Waste, setting up tables, popping popcorn as a special treat for clients, and distributing food. They worked at both properties that day. They did all the heavy lifting and gave staff a little break. They were so impressed with our dedication to providing fresh, healthy foods for people (and doing so while keeping in mind cultural preferences), and how thankful clients were to be able to get ingredients to cook meals for their family, they awarded Hope with a small grant to help continue purchasing food that wasn't donated.



Volunteers with Tolin Mechanical prepare for food distribution



Davita volunteers putting together senior bags & including socks from Kalamuna



Volunteers giving donated socks from Kalamuna during food distribution

Volunteers from Charles Schwab



Tribe Recovery continued to be an integral partner to Hope throughout 2023. Many of our clients have dealt with substance abuse issues, and Tribe is uniquely situated to provide sober-living homes as well as counseling. We worked together with several clients to transition out of the sober-living homes and into a stable situation in a new apartment. This not only helps the individual receiving counseling, but impacts their entire family. Many clients were reunited with children and spouses, giving them all a new lease on life and the support to continue making positive changes.

The Denver Sheriff Department, specifically the Black Sheriff's Protective Association, an affinity group within the department, continued their commitment to Hope as well as the community at large. For each food distribution, and several events throughout the year, members of the Sheriff's Department or BSPA joined Hope staff and made phenomenal efforts to get to know the

community. These simple, yet effective, visits went a long way in helping to foster trust between community members and officers. The more often community members see officers as part of the community, rather than as outsiders, the more there is a willingness to work alongside rather than against the people who are charged with protecting and serving. We presented the Sheriff Department with our Second Impact Award for their continued dedication to our work and communities.

The Girl Scouts and Boyz In The Garden, organizations that originated at The Gardens in an effort to instill positive influences in the lives of our younger generations, continued to meet but also give back to the start out the new school year and on the path to educational success.



High five to all our Volunteer and Partner Organizations! We couldn't do it without you.



Above/Middle Top: Girl Scouts and Boyz in the Garden putting together backpacks



Middle Bottom: Volunteers from Tolin Mechanical helping with food distribution



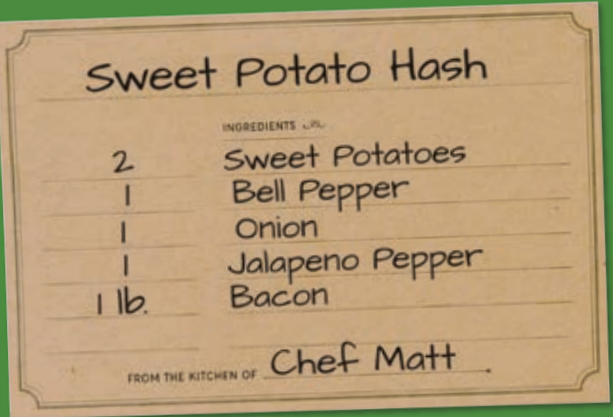
Far Right: Sgt. Lang accepts the Hope Communities Impact Award on behalf of the Denver Sheriff Department



Knowing how to prepare healthy dishes creates life-long impacts toward better health & wellness.

Our amazing food partners, We Don't Waste, Ekar Farms & Aurora Interfaith, came through for our community in huge ways in 2023, donating over \$213,000 worth of food to give to our clients. Along with food staples that Hope purchased through grants from The Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger via the Trailhead Institute and the Emergency Food and Shelter Program, they also introduced foods that people weren't familiar with, but were interested in trying. Chef Matt was inspired to host cooking demonstrations at several of our food distributions after hearing of this interest. Using ingredients commonly found at our distributions but also some ingredients that weren't as familiar to people, he demonstrated some delicious recipes to show how these ingredients could be used. He also provided samples and recipe cards for people to take home and try themselves!

See below for "Matt's Sweet Potato Hash" recipe - which was a huge hit with our residents at The Gardens!



Dice all ingredients and roast at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Salt and pepper content in bacon can vary, so season to taste after roasting. For extra flavor, add crushed red pepper or Chinese 5 spice.

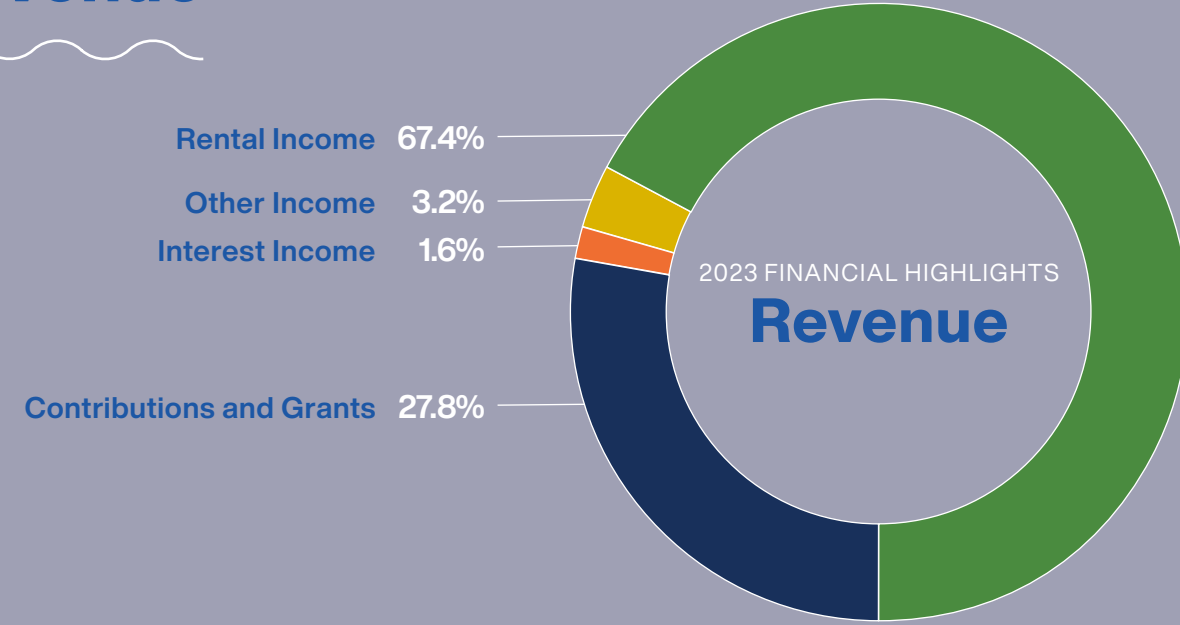


Residents enjoying the afternoon sun, camaraderie, and a snack by Chef Matt

Below: Chef Matt preparing Sweet Potato Hash



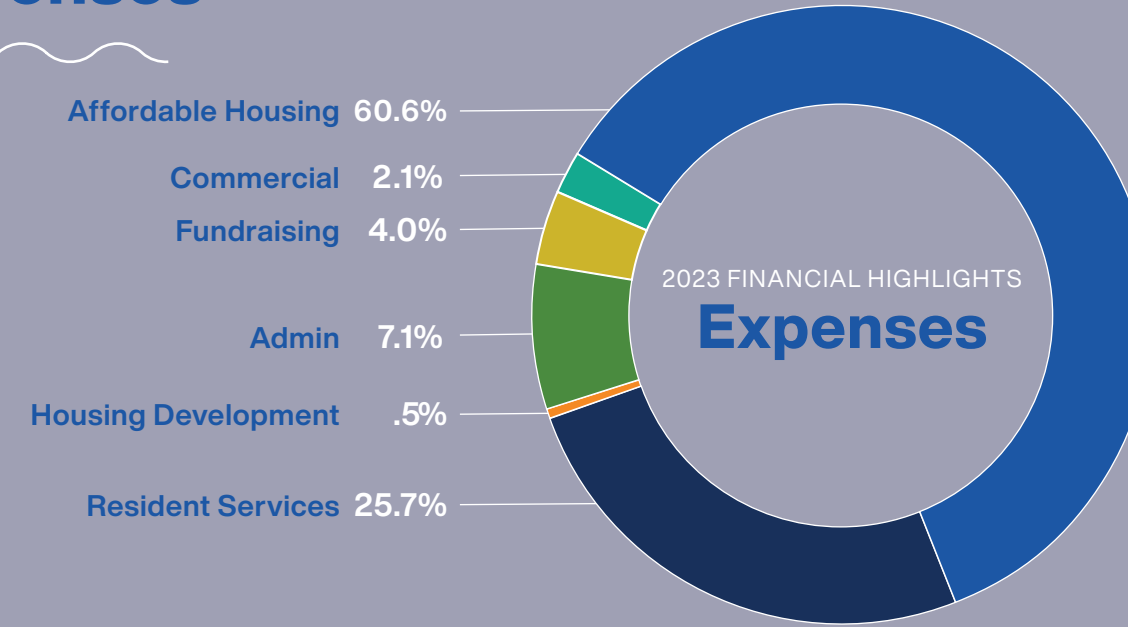
2023 Revenue



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| Rental Income | \$3,146,263.00 |
| Contributions and Grants | \$1,296,667.00 |
| Interest Income | \$72,729.00 |
| Other Income | \$150,471.00 |
| Total Revenue | \$4,666,130.00 |

2023 Expenses



2023 Expenses

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Programs | |
| Affordable Housing | \$3,402,568.00 |
| Resident Services | \$1,441,547.00 |
| Housing Development | \$30,159.00 |
| Supporting Services | |
| Administrative | \$396,615.00 |
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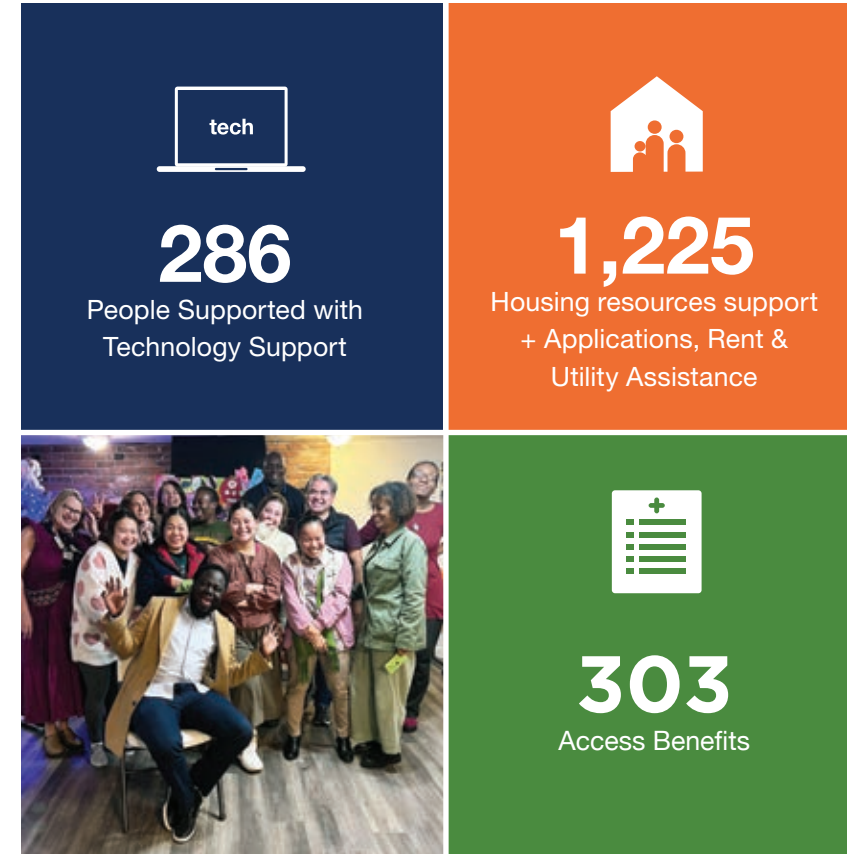
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Meet Shenell



@KatyTartakoff

Shenell lives at The Gardens with her 3 sons and grandson. She is a small business owner of a cleaning company. She is a contractor for The Gardens, cleaning units when residents move out.

She has received a lot of support from Hope Communities, like housing, utility assistance, food, diapers, and other resources which help her family remain stable. She is grateful for all of the support she has received from Hope Communities and is a valued resident.

Portraits



Famed photographer Katy Tartakoff first learned of Hope Communities during our Hope For The Future 2023 event, which she attended with Board Member Laurie Zeller. Impressed by the work of Hope, she wanted to get involved and use her talents to help not just tell the visual

stories of families, but provide these families with a keepsake, framed & autographed portrait to cherish for generations. Over 2 sessions, she sat with some of Hope's families, learning about their history, their dreams, and yes – their hopes for the future.

On behalf of Hope and the families that were fortunate to sit in front of Katy's camera, this was truly an invaluable gift that we are so grateful to have received.

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