

# Impact Report 2022

#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

# **Dear friends** of HONOR,

As we reflect on the past year, it is evident that the challenges we have faced are only dwarfed by the resilience and strength of the individuals we serve. At HONOR, our mission is clear: to inspire lasting independence for those affected by homelessness and poverty. The unwavering support from our community, coupled with the dedication of our exceptional team, significantly enhances our ability to pave the way towards housing stability and selfsufficiency for those who need it most.

The support we have received from all our resources-public, private, and philanthropic-has been nothing



short of remarkable. United, we have generated over \$7 million in revenue, allowing us to serve 3,583 people. This collective effort demonstrates the strength of our community.

I am also thrilled to share that we recently completed \$3.6 million in renovations to the Middletown Adult and Family Shelter, creating sensory spaces and living rooms for our residents. I want to express our deepest gratitude to our generous donors, including M&T Charitable Fund, LegoLand NY, Merlin's Magic Wand Foundation, and many others who have continued to support our cause. Your contributions make a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve.

Thank you for your unwavering support as we work together to build a stronger, more compassionate community. Your belief in our mission is what drives us forward.

With gratitude,

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# **Food Pantry Expansion**

Under the Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP) grant award, HONOR was able to expand their food pantry inventory and in-person shopping. The grant also provides the exciting opportunity to purchase food for the pantry via Nourish New York, a State initiative to reroute surplus agricultural products to individuals who need it most.

### \$3.6m Renovations to Middletown Adult & **Family Shelter**

The New York State Homeless Housing and Assistance Corporation (HHAC) awarded HONOR with \$3.6m for needed renovations to Honor's Middletown Adult & Family Shelter. Residents are now enjoying a safe home with a new roof and restrooms.

# What's new at HONOR in 2022

# **Established Safe Options** Support (SOS) Team

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The SOS Team provides connections to services that address immediate needs and support during the transition from street homelessness to stable housing. Their outreach efforts utilize a multidisciplinary approach with a Critical Time Intervention (CTI)-based Model—a time-limited, evidencebased service that helps vulnerable individuals during periods of transition.

Homeless shelters are challenging for individuals and families trying to achieve a sense of normalcy. HONOR's commitment to rebuilding self-esteem and dignity led them to create living rooms for residents that mimic a home environment as closely as possible. Residents can sign out a living room for a defined amount of time and enjoy it peacefully without the interruption of others. Individuals and families can watch a football game, play a board game, or just enjoy some quiet time together. These living rooms are there to provide a sense of normalcy and dignity to all our residents.

HONOR was awarded the Safe Options Support (SOS) Program: CTI Teams grant from New York State Office of Mental Health for Orange and Dutchess County. The award amount is \$4,950,240 and will be administered over a five year

# Living Rooms for Residents



#### SENSORY EXPERIENCES FOR TEENS

We are especially conscious of the social and emotional needs of residents at our youth shelter, many of whom are experiencing the turbulence of adolescence as well as coping with new life circumstances.

At A Friend's House, residents are encouraged to connect with one another and to express their emotions by participating in recreational activities such as painting, drawing, and working on jigsaw puzzles.

HONOR always aims to provide guests with the safest space possible. While our living spaces have always been physically safe, we knew we could do more to address the emotional needs of all our guests, but especially those of our young residents, who tend to experience shock and anxiety about their new circumstances.

This year, we created the first sensory room in New York State at a living shelter.

This new, state-of-the-art space provides a calming environment where children can reduce their sensory overload while enjoying specially selected tools and toys.

# What is a sensory room?

Our entire experience of life is constructed through our complex sensory system. The senses play a fundamental role in our ability to regulate emotions, mood and behavior.

Sensory rooms are purposefully designed spaces that stimulate and engage the senses to elicit therapeutic outcomes. First designed in the 1970s, sensory rooms are now used in a wide range of health and social settings.



We are grateful to our community partners for helping HONOR's sensory room dream become a reality for our young residents:

#### SUNY ORANGE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Students helped plan the sensory room by designing a floor plan, creating sensory zones, and recommending sensory items to purchase.

### HUDSON VALLEY LIGHT IT UP BLUE

Donated \$13,500 to help equip the sensory room with needed supplies and equipment.

THINK DIFFERENTLY ORANGE COUNTY & PEDIATRIC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SOLUTIONS

Provided expertise on the benefits of sensory rooms and consulted on design.

# HONOR's Impact by the Numbers **\* 131,076** In 2022, we provided residential services for \* 64.91 individuals, including children and Management $\mathbf{48}$ families. ×

### A Friend's House

80% of 148 residents staying at our youth shelter were between the ages of 15–17 AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY



\* <mark>22</mark>2

individuals who were living unsheltered received outreach and engagement services, including 26 who were permanently housed

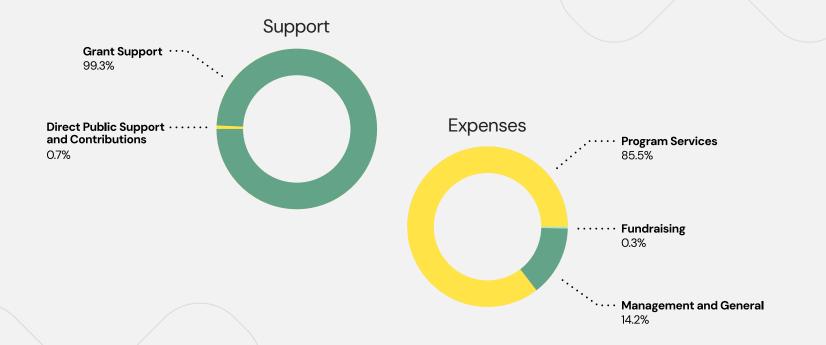


meals prepared and served for the adult and family shelters, and our youth shelter, A Friend's House.

individuals received Health Homes Care

calls handled by our help line for housing and transportation to housing

# **Financial Highlights**



### Meet Our Board

Martin Harnick (President) Art Gloeckler (Vice President) Daniel McMann (Treasurer) Janet Davis (Secretary) Jim Lawler Martha Host

Jim Bopp Frank Dias Karen Fitzpatrick Dhanu Sannesy Dale Clausen

# **Summary of Financial** Activity

### **REVENUE AND SUPPORT**

Direct Public Support and Contributions \$44,395 Rental Income \$179,919 Program Service Revenue \$288,537 Grant Support \$6,289,107 \$671,990 **Employee Retention Credit** Net Gains/Losses \$(56,395) Total Revenue and Support \$7,417,553

### **EXPENSES**

**Program Services** 

Management and General

Fundraising

**Total Expenses** 

#### 2022

\$6,611,970 \$1,101,360 \$21,921 \$7,735,251



#### Donations at a glance Corporate & Foundation Donors 61.2% Individual . . . . . \$906 19 30 Donors 38.8% individuals businesses & average gift foundations size



# Thank you

We are deeply grateful for the contributions of the following donors who helped us continue our work of providing hope through hospitality in 2022.

### Individual Donors

Martin Harnick
Pat Claiborne
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# **Spotlight Donors**



### **M&T** Bank



### **MERLIN'S MAGIC SPACE**

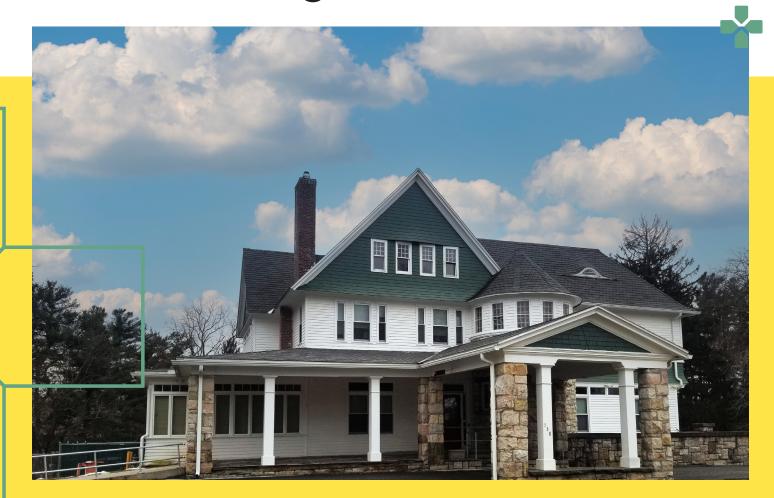
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**HOW TO GIVE** 

# Help HONOR provide hope for the hopeless of the Hudson Valley



With your help, HONOR can continue to provide all Hudson Valley residents in need with a safe environment that is committed to rebuilding the self-esteem and dignity of all those we are blessed to serve.

### HONORHELPINGOTHERS.ORG/DONATE

100% of your donation goes directly to those in need.