



Open Doors Annual Report FY 22-23



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



We couldn't do it without you!

Thank you for your interest in the work of Open Doors to help low-income families become self-reliant and to free families, especially children, from the threat of abuse and neglect.

We are proud of the work we do and strive to improve the lives of our friends and neighbors for the better. As we work together to remove barriers to poverty and promote safety and stability, everybody is better off; individuals, families, and entire communities become stronger and more resilient.

We invite you to continue to support our efforts to transform our community to help us empower individuals and families to overcome abuse and poverty, and to attain self-reliance.

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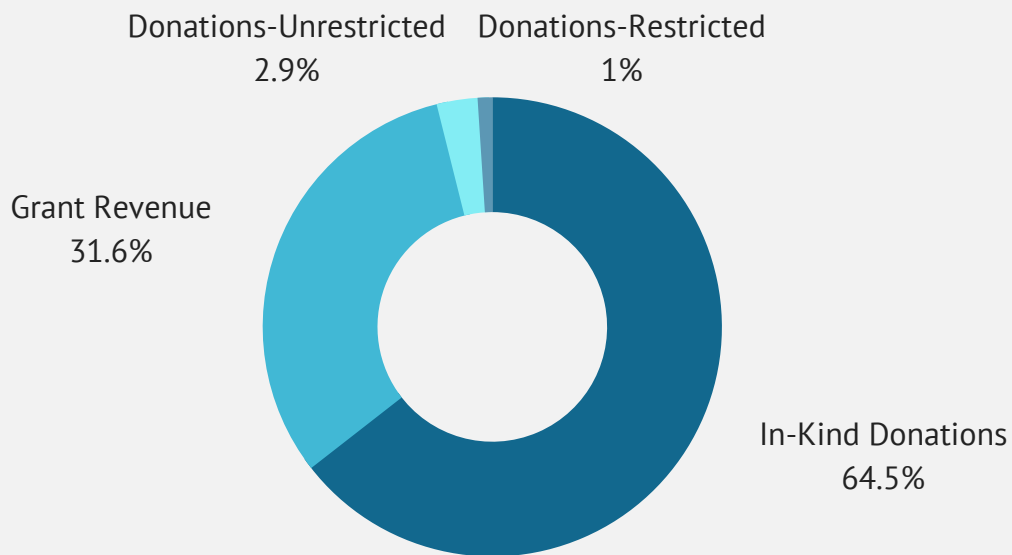
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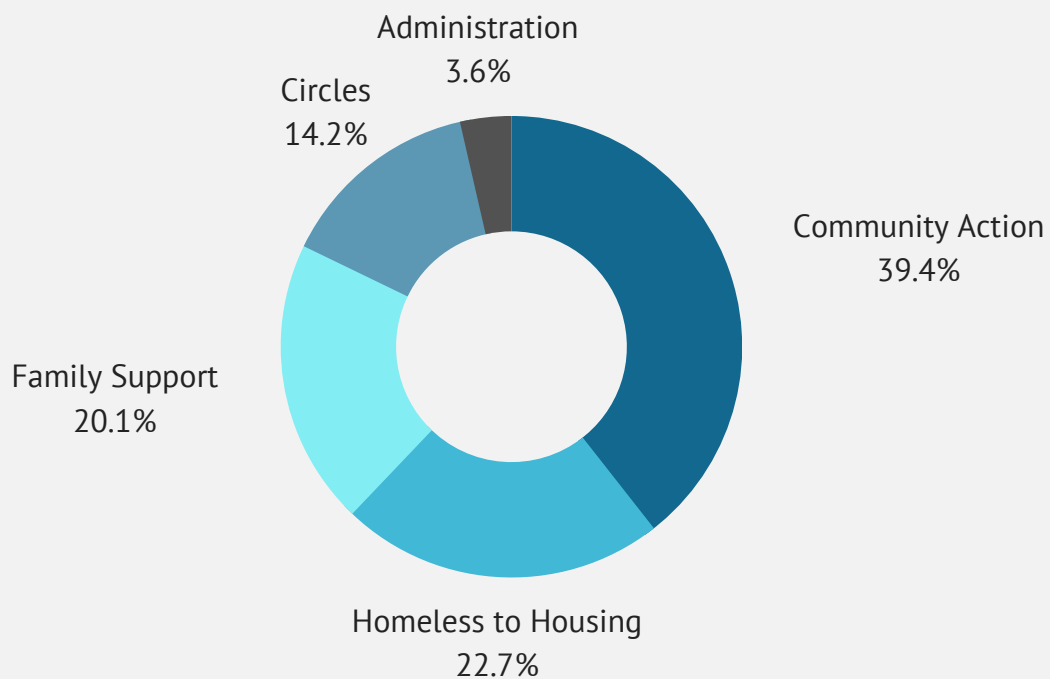
OPENDOORS

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME SOURCES



PROGRAM EXPENSES



OPEN DOORS OVERVIEW

MISSION

To empower families and individuals to overcome abuse and poverty and to attain self-reliance.

5,887

unduplicated individuals served
by Open Doors

6,215

volunteer hours given by the
community to Open Doors

Open Doors' programs are here to help families and individuals find success! It is difficult to overcome poverty and abuse, but it IS possible. This year's report is filled with real success stories of people we have served. All names, except Yakilin's, have been changed for confidentiality.

These people exemplify Open Doors' message: that no matter where you come from and where you are now, you are able!

PROGRAMS

Family Support

Family Support strengthens families to decrease abuse and neglect through a crisis nursery, scheduled respite care that can act as a time-out for parents and children, and parent education.

Circles

Circles builds community to end poverty. Surrounded by people who have landed jobs, negotiated a lease, or managed credit card debt, people experiencing poverty are more equipped to achieve long-term financial stability.

Community Action

Community Action utilizes collective strength to eradicate poverty in Davis and Morgan Counties through a food bank, case management, tax assistance, and seasonal help, like Toys for Tots.

Homeless to Housing (H2H)

H2H utilizes a Rapid Rehousing Model. We help people prepare to maintain stable housing. H2H programs includes street outreach, case management, connection to emergency shelter, and landlord-tenant mediation.

CIRCLES PROGRAM

Success in Circles

When Yakilin joined Circles in 2020 as a recently separated mother, she had no support system in place and was very skeptical about Circles. After completing the required 12-week curriculum and being paired with her Ally, Yakilin began to open up.

With much support from her new Circles family, Yakilin began to thrive even during the pandemic. She now has landed her dream job, and in 2022, Circles USA came to film a training video featuring Yakilin and her story. Soon, Yakilin will be able to become an ally to others who join the Circles program, passing on her success and the lessons she has learned about self-sufficiency.

Learn more about Yakilin's story here: <https://youtu.be/wfU73ZAaRQA>

Circles Results

Circles is a high-impact program for people who really want to change their lives. Here are some of the ways our Circle Leaders have bettered their lives this year:



One Circles leader started his own business, a handyman service! He credits Circles with his biggest accomplishments including improving his relationship with his soon-to-be stepson.



One Circles leader decided she wanted to get more involved in the community and began volunteering in the Clearfield Community Garden. She has since gotten many others involved with gardening and has even helped families start their own gardens at home!



3 Circles leaders went from unemployment to employed. 2 increased their income due to promotions in their current job, and 1 obtained better employment.



1 Circles leader has taken on the responsibility of volunteering within Circles, and has helped other families through research, presentations, and helping them to set and achieve their goals.

18

parents completed the 12-week curriculum to prepare them to escape poverty

107

Circles meetings were held at two sites, Clearfield and Centerville this year

756

volunteer hours given by the community at Circles events this year

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

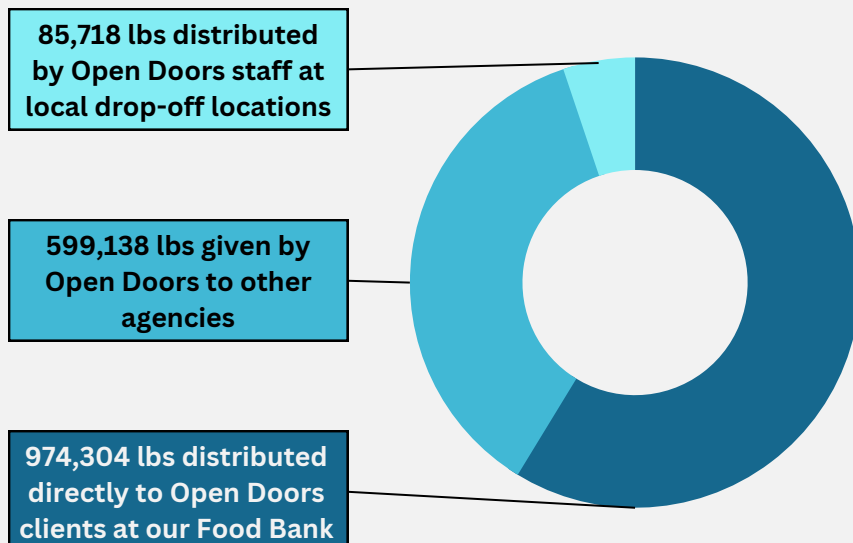
Success in Community Action

Evelyn reached out to Open Doors in crisis. She had been laid off two months prior, and as a single mother, was raising her 2 year-old daughter and two teenage siblings while her own mother was in the hospital fighting cancer. Evelyn had put in hundreds of job applications with no luck. When she came in for case management, she came more than prepared, including with a ledger that detailed the family's finances. She was determined to help her family become financially stable.

Open Doors was able to help with one month of rent and helped Evelyn's mother get on SSI, but it was nowhere near the amount they needed. When Evelyn heard that Open Doors was hiring, she sent in her resume, and after several candidates were interviewed, she was offered the position as the best candidate. She is now able to give back to the community through her job at Open Doors, and is looking to purchase a home so she will no longer need to rent.

Community Action Results

Food distribution through Open Doors Food Bank



5,307

unduplicated individuals served this year. 5,108 received help with food

\$1.02M

1.02 million dollars were returned to community members through the VITA Tax return program

5,132

volunteer hours given by 320 volunteers/volunteer groups

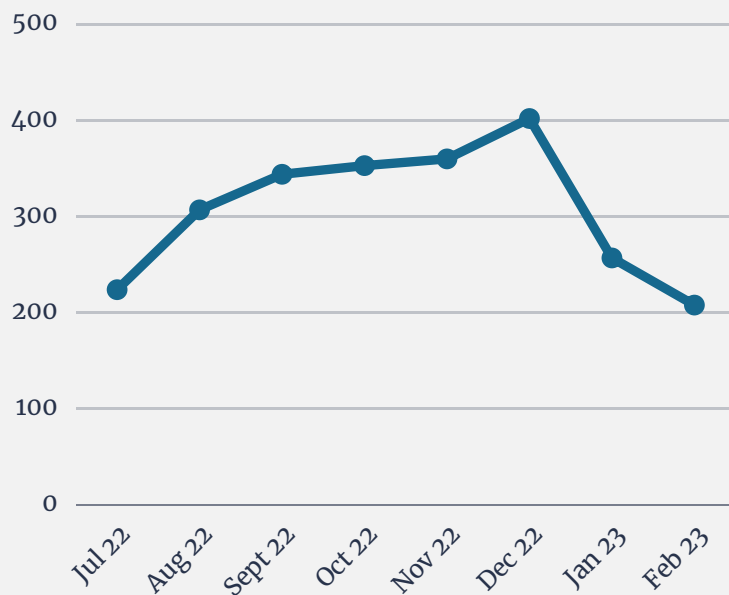
EMERGENCY RENT ASSISTANCE

The End of COVID-19 Funding

Emergency Rent Assistance (ERA) funding was first set aside by the federal government at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic to assist people in need. The funding was designated to help those left unable to pay rent and/or work due to illness, shutdowns, or layoffs.

This year, a government pool of funding was administered by the State. Open Doors' case managers assisted families and individuals through the application process by preparing documents and answering questions about the program, eligibility, and other Open Doors Programs.

FY 22-23 Month-to-Month ERA Inquiry Response



The actual need for rental assistance has not decreased in the way this graph appears to demonstrate; the decline in Emergency Rental Assistance inquiries in this graph includes only those requests our ERA team responded to each month.

This number decreased sharply in the last 2 months of the program as funding was depleted. The ERA program ended in February 2023.

619

Unduplicated Households Assisted in applying for assistance

1,403

Total Unduplicated Inquiries (application updates, eligibility questions, etc.)

2,455

Total ERA Inquiries (application updates, eligibility questions, etc.)

FAMILY SUPPORT

Success in Family Support

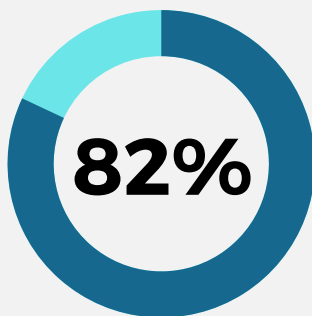
Recently, one of our long-time staff members ran into a parent who had used our respite nursery from 1998 to 2012. That parent later wrote us this message:

"I just wanted to tell you how much I really needed Open Doors. I had no relatives around and really enjoyed being able to run errands and have a little peace each week. Then with another baby 10 years later, you were there for us again! I always remember my kids absolutely loving to go there. They had healthy food choices and many one-on-one experiences with the staff, and always plenty of games and toys to play with. I hope you are able to continue doing this service for many many years for others as you did for our family! I have never forgotten about it."

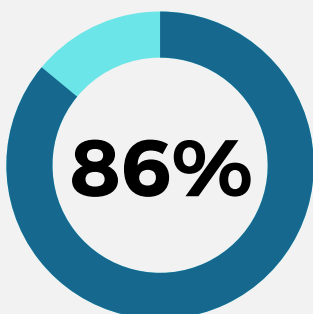
A parent currently using our nursery also had this to say about Open Doors' services:

"The absolute best nursery ever! My daughter asks every night if she can go to the nursery the next day. It has been a huge blessing for me, as I am a stay-at-home mom and college student. I've been able to have comfort in knowing my kids are taken care of and having fun while I study. I love how much my daughter tells me she loves going and how this program has helped me maintain my sanity. I cannot thank and recommend enough!"

Family Support Results



82% of parents report that use of our nursery services helped ease strained relationships.



86% of parents report reduced stress after using our nursery services.

100%

of parents who took Open Doors' parenting classes boosted their AAPI (Parenting Skills) Scores.

2,495

hours of respite, crisis, and supplemental care were given in our nursery.

866

visits to our crisis/respite nursery during FY 22-23.

HOMELESS TO HOUSING

Success in Homeless to Housing

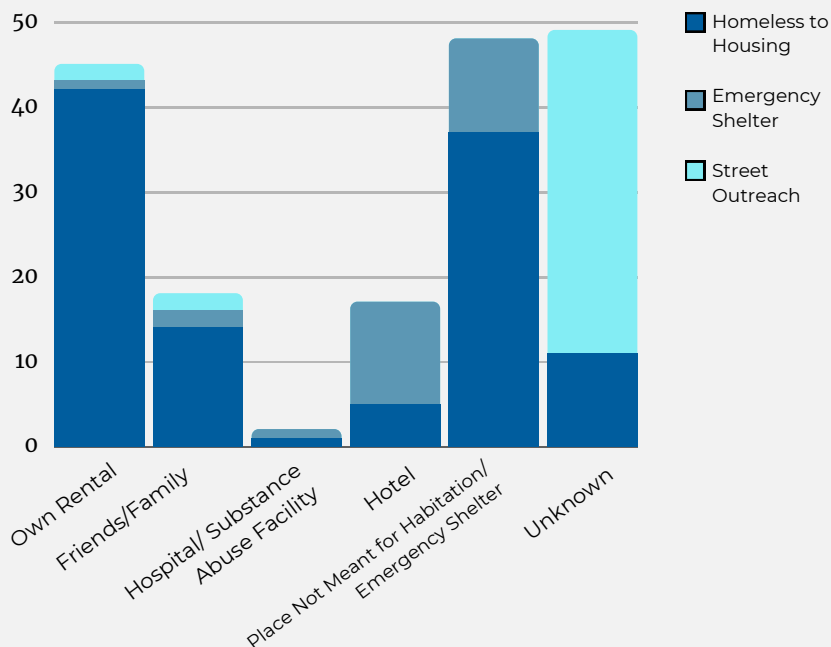
Amelia was literally homeless due to domestic violence, and she was staying outside wherever she could. She no longer had family support or friends she could trust to help her. Her housing situation made it so she was barely holding onto her job. She was also trying to keep her little girl, Hannah, in her life. Hannah had been living with her father while Amelia was only allowed limited contact because she wasn't stably housed.

Once she was enrolled in our Homeless to Housing program, it wasn't long before Amelia got approved for an apartment. She continued to work hard and was eventually able to purchase a vehicle, and was then able to get a better job she could drive to. She was also able to see her daughter more often since she didn't need to rely on the bus.

Over time, Amelia was able to have Hannah with her on the weekends, and eventually almost every night. She is now very involved in her daughter's life and is going back to school. She is slated to receive her GED this fall.

Homeless to Housing Results

Number of Program Exits By Exit Location and by Program



97

of 168 adults in program report that they have experienced domestic violence.

262

individuals joined our Homeless to Housing programs in FY 2022-23.

107

volunteer hours given at the Point-in-Time count by 17 volunteers.