



Supported Shelters

Annual Report

FY 2022-2023





Our Mission

Helping the unhoused rebuild their lives through intentional community.

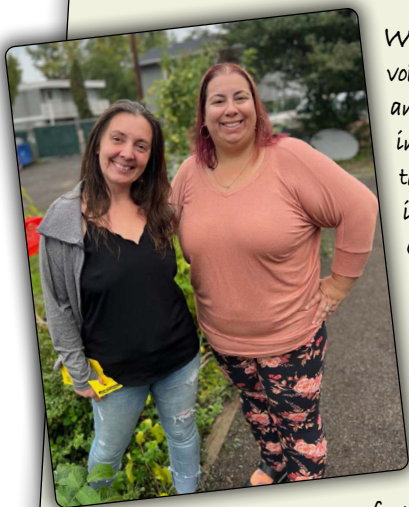
Our Core Values



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As we celebrate a decade of Community Supported Shelters in 2023, we reflect on the significance of returning to our origins. Our fundamental mission remains unchanged: helping the unhoused rebuild their lives through intentional community. Emphasizing the importance of nurturing the Communities and the individuals we shelter, we empower our clients to embark on a journey toward better health, stability, and a sense of purpose.

As our clients start to stabilize and heal, we offer them opportunities to be involved with our CSS Team. We've expanded our client volunteer opportunities, starting with a few hours a week, with the potential of leading to full-time jobs. We're thrilled that some of our clients have joined our Maintenance and Service Teams as staff members this year!



We take pride in amplifying client voices within our organization. Former and present clients provide valuable insights based on lived experiences, taking roles on our Board of Directors, in management positions, and on the Client Action Committee.

Staying true to our roots as a client-centered organization, we look forward to sharing more stories of client growth in the coming months. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the larger community for their unwavering support, enabling the existence of over 140 shelter beds in our community. Thank you for being an integral part of this incredible journey with us.

CSS Co-Directors
Tabitha & Heather



“CSS gave me a life.”

Zech Boesman spent five years on the streets of Eugene before he got a spot in CSS’s Expressway Community a little more than two years ago. “I wasn’t really living; I was surviving,” he says. “I was comfortable living on the streets because I didn’t think I deserved anything better.”

Now, Zech is a paid staff member of the CSS Maintenance Crew and is living in a Hut in the ReBoot Community.

“CSS was so patient, showing us that it was OK to make mistakes but you have to own them and continue on,” he says. “CSS gave me a life. I don’t think about suicide anymore. It’s not perfect, but it’s better. I’m so grateful to CSS for the love and grace that has been shown to me.”



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Measuring Success

CLIENTS SERVED

JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023

213

77%

EXPERIENCED
INCREASED
SAFETY

85%

DECREASED
INTERACTION
WITH POLICE

90%

HAD NO
INCREASE IN
DRUG USE

28

Have pets

75

Over age 55

132

Chronically
homeless

81

Experienced
domestic violence

20

Veterans

136

Reported mental
health disorders

Cost Effective Shelter Support

Average Cost
to Taxpayers of a
Person Experiencing
Homelessness*



\$40,000/yr

or

Cost to Support
1 CSS Client



\$7000/yr

*United States Interagency Council on
Homelessness, 2017

The Journey of CSS

2014

Opened a Safe Spot Community for Veterans



2013

CSS incorporated as a nonprofit and opened its first Safe Spot Community



2012

The beginning of the de Buhr's Conestoga Hut vision



2017

Built the first wheelchair-accessible Hut



2020

Opened five new Safe Spot Communities to address the needs of the unhoused during the COVID crisis



2022

Added shower and laundry programs



2023

CSS has grown to over 33 dedicated staff members, 14 Safe Spot Communities, and 252 Conestoga Huts



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Learning to Smile Again

Tera Sprague, a CSS Support Worker, remembers a client who was addicted to meth: "She never smiled. She was depressed all the time." Now, that woman is in treatment and volunteers for CSS. "She gets up to go to her appointments and rides her bike to do her volunteer work." And she smiles.

"I just love working with them," Tera says of CSS clients. Tera has been unhoused and was a drug and alcohol addict but is now more than seven years sober. "I'm able to show them that I've changed my life and plant those seeds in them."

Compassion is key to CSS success, she says. "Every person is so different. We're able to see people where they're at and help them and show them that we truly care. I feel good about that."

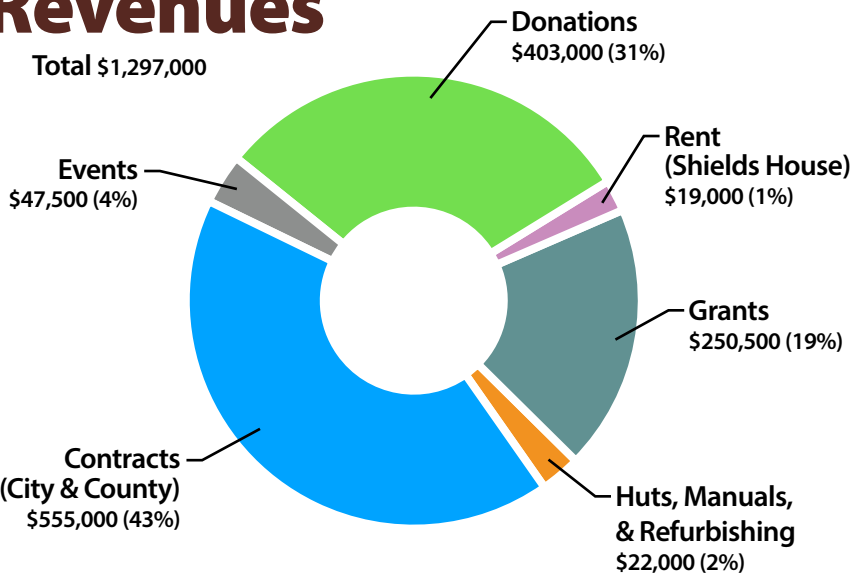


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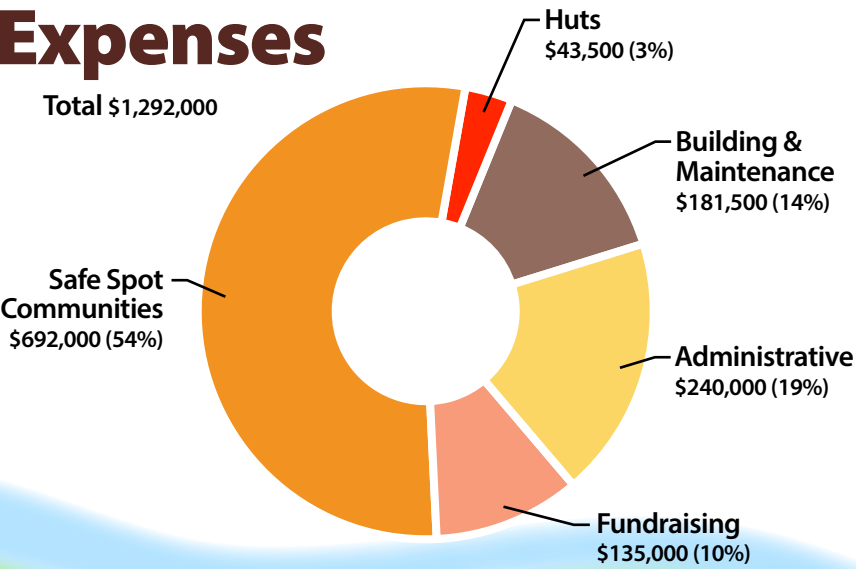
Revenues

Total \$1,297,000



Expenses

Total \$1,292,000

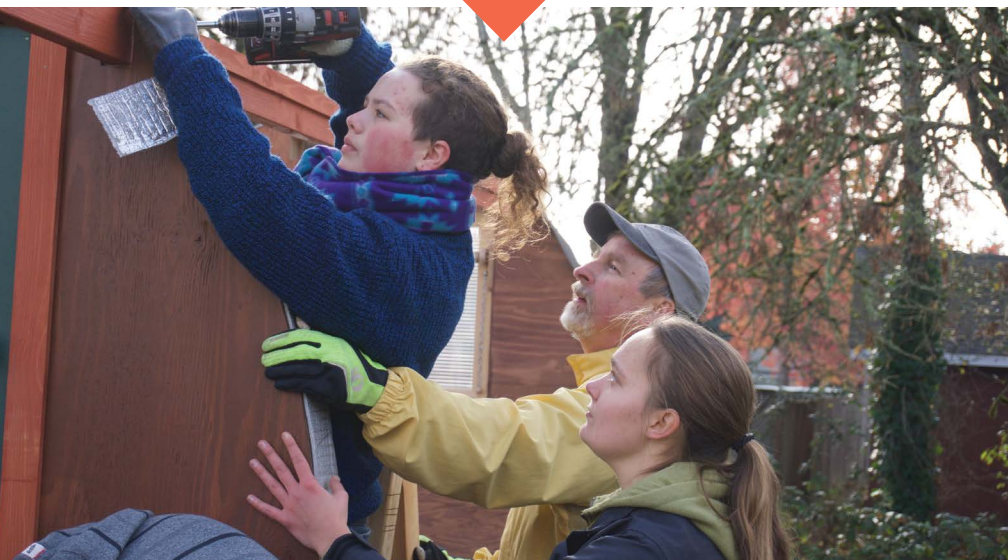




Ways to Get Involved

VOLUNTEER

Our volunteers have built Conestoga Huts, prepared food for fundraising events, put on musical performances for clients, and more.



JOIN OUR BOARD

We're seeking diverse, energized professionals to serve on our Board of Directors. Responsibilities include attending monthly meetings, attending fundraising events, and 3-year board terms.



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STAY INFORMED



Subscribe to our newsletter to stay connected with our growing community of supporters and partners. You can also follow us on social media to get the scoop on all of our latest news and upcoming events.



TAKE A TOUR

Visit one of our Safe Spot Communities in Eugene, Oregon, for an opportunity to see what we do firsthand, step into a Conestoga Hut, and speak with staff and current clients.

BECOME A BUSINESS PARTNER

From hosting a fundraising event to becoming a CSS sponsor, there are many partnership opportunities.

To learn more about opportunities to get involved, visit communitysupportedshelters.org/get-involved