

2-YEAR IMPACT REPORT



HOMEWOOD
CHILDREN'S  VILLAGE

2021-2023

It takes a village.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

Throughout 2021-2022, the ongoing pandemic presented the most significant challenges. In-depth engagement with students, families, and partners remained limited. Participants preferred in-person opportunities, which was not always possible based on infection rates and closures. Feeling drained and disinterested, participants were less likely to engage virtually, decreasing program participation and interaction.

COVID-19 also tremendously impacted the mental wellness of youth, families, and staff. With community violence on the rise, particularly involving youth, students dealt with increased levels of trauma, and schools dealt with more behavioral challenges.

Family and school connectedness decreased. Parents, educators, youth workers, and care providers also experienced mental health issues. Stressed and unable to be fully present with those in their care, they were less able to positively impact youth like before.

Despite these challenges, HCV continued to provide holistic support and programs to youth and families in an ever-changing environment. We **expanded our youth development programming to combat learning loss**, grew and **strengthened our partnerships** across the cradle-to-career pipeline, and **increased community engagement**. However, it is only with the collective and continued support of our partners and dedicated team that we can continue our work and maximize efforts to achieve greater impact and improved outcomes for Homewood.

Our work is far from done. As we continue to build and strengthen our programs and services post-pandemic,

we need a village of support committed to improving the lives of Homewood's children and families. Your support is vital. Our work hinges on the dedication and generosity of our community.

How can you help?

Pledge. When you take our pledge, you become a committed and active member of Homewood Children's Village, helping us fulfill our mission to improve the lives of Homewood's children and simultaneously reweave the fabric of the community in which they live Children's Village.

To take our pledge, visit: hcvpgh.org/join

Volunteer. A little time can make a big difference. Help further our work by donating your time, talent, or resources.

To volunteer, visit: hcvpgh.org/get-involved/volunteer/

Donate. No matter how big or small, every amount makes an impact. Visit our website to make a one-time donation or to set up a monthly recurring donation. We also accept contributions by check. All donations are tax-deductible.

To donate, visit: hcvpgh.org/get-involved/donate/

Lastly, I want to thank our partners, funders, donors, volunteers, board of directors, team members, and our families. Your generosity, commitment, wisdom, and continued support of our organization are an inspiration.

With gratitude,



Walter Lewis
President & CEO

BY THE NUMBERS

IMPACT & INSIGHTS

Together, with a strong village of support, we are transforming Homewood, creating a community of opportunity—a place where families thrive and children succeed.

We serve children, families, and the community by breaking down the social and economic barriers to success.

Total Service Hours:

2021-2022: **18,711.15**

2022-2023: **21,157**

17.7% Increase in the number of individuals served and **13%** increase in service hours.



2021-2022 2022-2023

1213 1447

196 212

1409 1649



By the end of our fiscal year 2023, which also aligns with the end of the 2023 school year, HCV students reached the following milestones:



73%

had over 90% attendance rate



70%

maintained or improved grades



92%

graduation rate

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Providing Ongoing Holistic Support

During the pandemic, in predominantly Black communities like Homewood, individuals were more likely to get sick with COVID-19 and more likely to lose work. Additionally, basic needs support increased as access to food and technology decreased.

Advocates are HCV team members who provide ongoing holistic support to students and their families, connecting them to high-quality programs and services. Their primary role is to provide youth with the tools and resources to help them succeed in school and life. Advocates also take a comprehensive approach to supporting the families of the students they serve. By connecting them to programs, services, and resources, Advocates prioritize families' holistic health and well-being, understanding that children are more likely to succeed when families thrive.

Youth Served by Advocates:

2021-2022: **341**

2022-2023: **256**



In **2021-2022**, HCV was still in pandemic-response mode. Our Advocates had a higher volume of children receiving services because we were more holistically supporting families by providing and/or connecting students and their families to basic needs support, helping families dealing with food and housing insecurity and those who needed rental assistance and employment services.

By **2022-2023**, COVID-19, as the National Health Emergency was ending, basic needs support had significantly decreased, which is reflected by the number of youth served. However, this shift allowed us to embrace the “deeper with fewer approach” to supporting our youth and families more holistically but with very targeted interventions to improve outcomes.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

AmeriCorps

HCV AmeriCorps Members provide 10,000+ hours of in-school and after-school support to Homewood youth to help build academic and social-emotional skills. Members also contribute to the broader school community through service projects.

2021-2023: **414 Students Served**



Learn & Earn

Learn & Earn is a summer youth employment program offered in partnership with Parner4Work; youth ages 14-21 are placed with community-based organizations and assigned to a worksite for the summer.

2021-22: **169 Students Served**

2022-23: **177 Students Served**

As in-person programs resumed, the number of students increased by **4.7%**

COMMUNITY

FOOD & BASIC NEEDS

During the pandemic, in predominantly Black communities like Homewood, individuals were more likely to get sick with COVID-19 and more likely to lose work. Additionally, basic needs support increased as access to food and technology decreased.



25,412
Prepared meals



229 lbs.
pantry goods



697
Gift Cards



1,016 lbs.
of Produce



67
Laptops



97 stipends
totalling \$14,805

2022-2023

Exclusively through the Faison K-5 and Westinghouse Academy food pantries, 186 children received 1,448 lbs of food.



PARTNERSHIPS

Strong partnerships help improve outcomes for our youth and families. We continue to advance our mission by strengthening and growing partnerships, which include our community, Community Schools, Homewood Community Development Collaborative (HCDC), and institutional and corporate partners.



2021-2022:

71 Community Partners

1,191+ total individuals were served by HCV's partners

945 Referrals received by HCV program staff

10 Community Partners shared data with HCV

Due to the pandemic and an uptick in providing basic needs support, we collaborated with many new partners to support our youth and families. Our partnerships allowed us to meet the urgent needs of our community, and in turn, we served more youth than we initially planned.

2022-2023:

58 Actively engaged Community Partners

896 Students served by our Community Partners

16 Community Partners shared data



As we emerged from the pandemic, we focused on youth programs and partnerships that allowed us to address learning loss and mental health issues that were on the rise. Additionally, the increase in multi-partner funding proposals also furthered our work.

THE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Leadership Institute (TLI), has provided tools and resources to empower residents to lead and effect change in their community for the past nine years.



Through TLI, participants develop a deeper understanding of how social determinants of health intersect with neighborhood concerns, enabling them to take action. Through experiential learning, residents gain skills in navigating influential systems, understanding the built environment, and engaging with public policy. We provide our cohort members with the tools, resources, and opportunities they need to become effective community advocates and drive meaningful change, understanding that we all have a role in creating a more prosperous, equitable, and sustainable world.



59 residents have participated over the past two years.

HIGHLIGHTS

PRIORITIZING COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLNESS

In 2021-2022, our partners came together to administer COVID-19 vaccine boosters to 460 individuals in the Homewood Community as an ongoing effort to improve community health by providing access to high-quality health care and services.

2021-2022

COVID 19 VACCINE PARTNERS

Allegheny County Health Dept.
A Second Chance
Black Equity Coalition
Gateway Health
Healthy Start
Macedonia FACE
MEE University of Pittsburgh
Mt. Ararat Community Activity Center (MACAC)
Primary Care Health Services (PCHS)
TRAC Neighborhood Resilience Project (NRP)
UPMC
Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh
YMCA
Age-Friendly Greater Pittsburgh United
Way of Southwestern PA
Vintage Senior Center



ADDRESSING OUR CHALLENGES

New Programs Combat Learning Loss, Address Mental Health Issues, Increase Community Engagement, and Strengthen Partnerships

BAG Challenge: The B.A.G. Challenge began in 2021 to incentivize our students for their in-school success by improving and maintaining good Behavior, Attendance, and Grades. When students accept the challenge, they must show progress to get rewarded for their achievements. When they meet the challenge, eligible students can enter to win prizes such as Beats headphones, an Xbox, iPad, Nintendo Switch, a PlayStation, or gift cards.

By 2023, **1,210 students** were enrolled in the **BAG** Challenge across all 3 Homewood Community Schools (Faison K-5, Lincoln PreK-5, Westinghouse Academy 6-12).



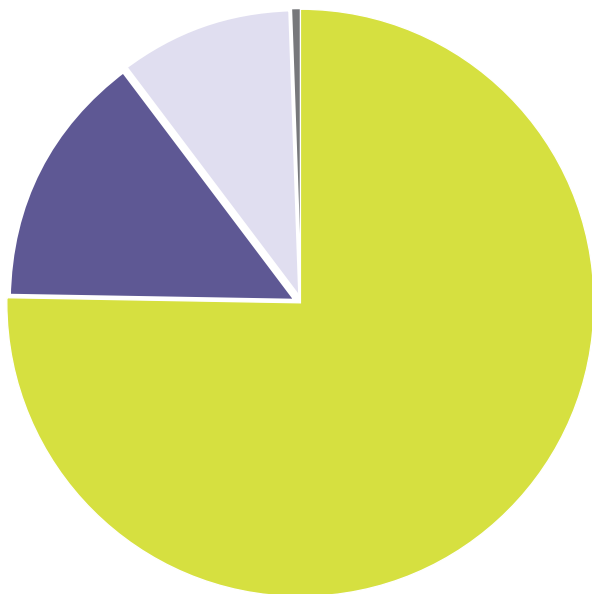
The Bulldog Academy (middle school) and the **College & Career Success Academy** (high school) were two new OST programs that launched in 2022-2023 that provide safe and engaging spaces to receive academic, postsecondary, social-emotional support and enrichment activities, improving participant outcomes. These programs helped students maintain or improve grades, explore interests, develop positive relationships, express healthy behavior, and build confidence.

Family Nights; a monthly program (now weekly) brings together families for fun, education, information, and support.

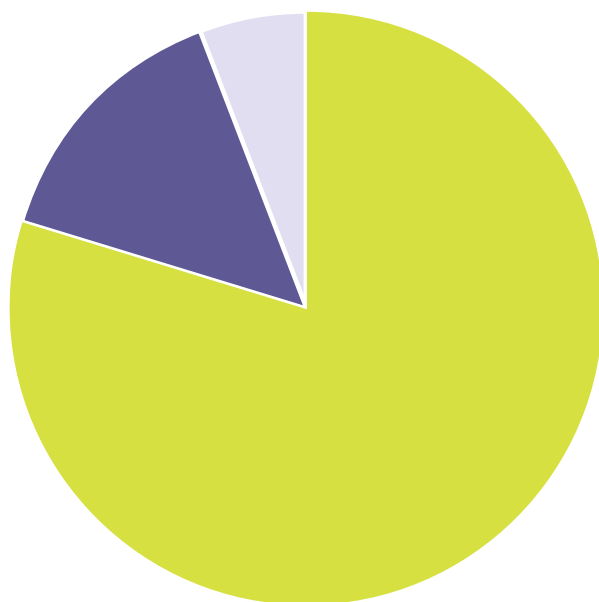
Mindful Connections: A 12-week program where participants learn how to support each other in the unique challenges facing Black families and youth and the best practices to deal with difficult emotions.



2021-2022 FINANCIALS



REVENUE



EXPENSES



Revenue - Total \$3,022,478

- Foundation & Government Grants 75.3%
- Programs & Services Contracts 14.6%
- Individuals & Corporate Donations 9.7%
- In-Kind and Other Support .4%

Expenses - Total \$3,122,488

- Programs 78.8%
- Management and General 14.5%
- Fundraising 5.7%

Total Net Assets: \$2,334,037

2022-2023 FINANCIALS

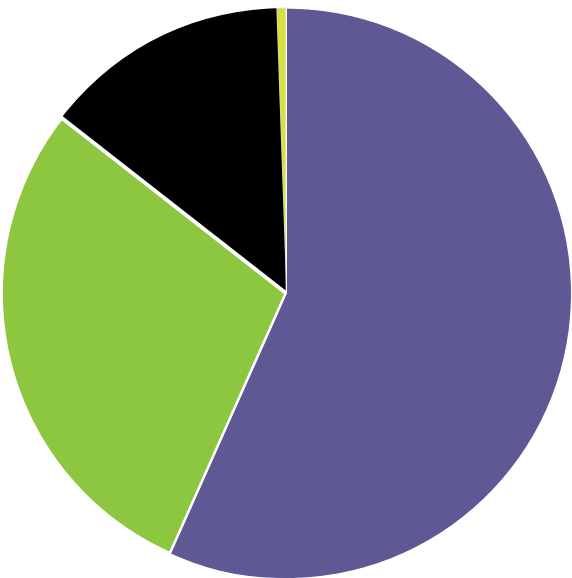
Revenue - Total \$2,745,939

- Foundation & Government Grants 56.9%
- Programs & Services Contracts 28.9%
- Individuals & Corporate Donations 13.8%
- In-Kind and Other Support 4%

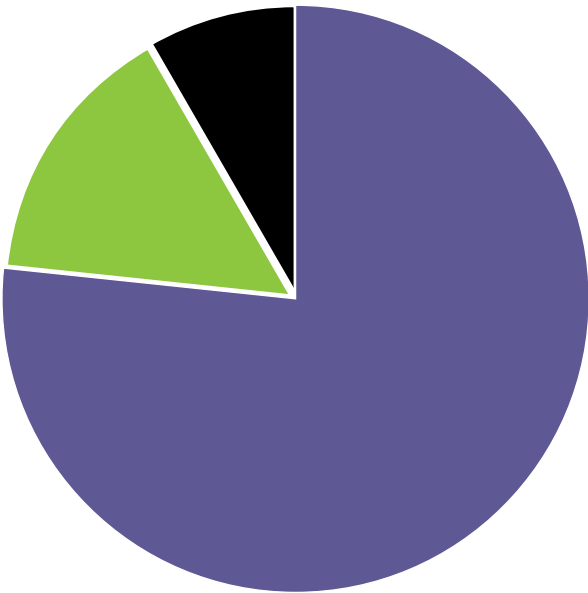
Expenses - Total \$3,423,541

- Programs 76.8%
- Management and General 15.1%
- Fundraising 8.1%

Total Net Assets: \$1,656,435



REVENUE



EXPENSES

THANK YOU!

To all partners, leaders, funders, supporters, team members, donors, volunteers, champions, and friends—you are all members of our village.

Allegheny County Department of
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McElhattan Foundation

Neighborhood Allies
Operation Better Block
Partner4Work
PennServe
Pitt Community Engagement Center Homewood
Pittsburgh Public Schools
POISE
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RAND Corporation
Remake Learning
Richard King Mellon Foundation

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