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BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Report

Vear Supporter,

2022 brought a period of unexpected leadership change and transition. Despite these challenges, Brookside is grateful for the ongoing support and guidance provided by our partners as we continue working to stabilize our internal operations. Through it all, our team has closely aligned and collaborated with our partners to better address the immediate needs of Brookside CDC and Brookside Community Church.

We recognize that our work is critical and that our community depends on us to provide compassionate and effective services. We are proud that during this challenging transition, our programming continued to run uninterrupted. We showed resiliency as an organization and maintained our commitment to serving our community. Here are some specific things that we did to ensure that our programming didn't stop during the leadership change:

- Everyone in the organization understood and was committed to a clear mission and vision.
- Our team of dedicated staff were willing to go the extra mile.
- We stayed flexible and adaptable, and made changes as needed.
- We stayed motivated, knowing we had the support of our community and partners.

Through the grace of God and taking these steps, Brookside was able to weather this change in leadership without compromising our ability to serve the community. And today, Brookside is becoming stronger than ever.

To help us step into a better tomorrow for our organization, we are currently engaged with a team of consultants who have expertise in assisting organizations in recovering and thriving following adverse events. Their support will ensure a smooth and efficient transition to our next executive leader's tenure.

We appreciate your patient support as we reestablish our goals and stay focused on our mission to provide opportunities for transformation and renewal to the vulnerable residents in the Brookside community. We are excited about the future of our organization and the positive impact we can make in the lives of others.

Through Grace,

Brookside Leadership

WE'RE HERE TO WALK ALONGSIDE OUR COMMUNITY UNTIL ALL ARE RESTORCO.



VISION

For all Brookside neighbors experiencing the chaos of generational poverty to belong to a supportive community that walks alongside them on their journey of transformation.

MISSION

Creating opportunities of renewal and transformation in the lives of people residing in the Brookside neighborhood through the areas of reentry, youth development, housing, and job creation.



WE BEGIN BY SEEING EACH PERSON AS AN INDIVIDUAL,

NOT AS A STATISTIC. As we learn each person's story, we are able to look past the labels and stigma associated with their background. Brookside Reentry supports people in their reentry journey as they face not only barriers that are emotional and spiritual but barriers in transportation, employment, and housing.

100% EMPLOYMENT

FOR ALL OF ISAIAH HOUSE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

NEW ISAIAH HOUSE

OPENED AT DEARBORN STREET, EXPANDING OUR CAPACITY TO SERVE 27 INDIVIDUALS

134 PARTICIPANTS ENROLLED

IN 2022 (THE MOST WE'VE EVER ENROLLED)

6% RECIDIVISM RATE

IN OUR PROGRAM COMPARED WITH A 36% RECIDIVISM RATE ON AVERAGE IN OUR AREA

DENTAL SERVICES

FOR OUR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



MEET TC

Tim (a.k.a. "TC"), a Brookside Community Reentry resident, felt hopeless after losing his wife to cancer. He turned to alcohol, leading to legal trouble and housing issues. He felt isolated and alone and didn't know where to turn.

One day, a friend told him about Brookside. At first, he hesitated but decided to try it. The staff and other residents immediately welcomed him. He found a community of people who understood what he was going through and began to feel like he belonged.

TC has made progress in overcoming his addiction and getting his life back on track with the help of Brookside. He is committed to helping others who struggle with addiction. He says, "I know what it's like to feel lost and alone. I want to let others know that there is hope. There is a community of people who care about you and want to help you get back on your feet."

TC is grateful for second chances and is committed to paying it forward. He says, "I want to be a light in the darkness for others. I want to show them that there is hope, even in the darkest of times."





Our work in YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

WE HELP KIDS MOVE PAST TRAUMA AND PREPARE FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE. Brookside Community Play helps children & youth overcome the real-life issues of trauma through play-based programs that open up pathways of opportunity.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

334 CHILDREN SERVED

IN BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY PLAY IN 2022

70 CHILDREN

ATTENDED INDY SUMMER LEARNING LABS
(IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MIND TRUST)

804 CHILDREN

ATTENDED SUMMER PLAY IN 2022

12 STUDENTS SERVED

IN OUR EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT ACADEMY IN 2022

2 UNIVERSITY VISITS

TO EXPOSE & INSPIRE ACADEMY STUDENTS TOWARD PURSUING HIGHER ED

15 GUEST SPEAKERS

SHARED ABOUT THEIR CAREERS FROM A VARIETY
OF EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUNDS



88% RETENTION
OF ACADEMY STUDENTS IN 2022

30% GROWTH

IN ACADEMY ENROLLMENT BETWEEN SEMESTERS

MEET ANNABELLE

After attending a children's opera at Brookside, Annabelle was completely taken by "The Monon Town Musicians". The Indianapolis Opera's Resident Artists had been preparing for weeks to share their passion for music and theater with young ones, and the experience profoundly impacted Annabelle. She found herself relating to the animal characters in the story, who learned the power of working together. The opera reminded her of an experience with bullying in school, and she felt especially connected to the character of Cat.

Despite the difficult memories it brought up, the show also made Annabelle feel strong. The music and performances of the Rabbit and the Robin moved her, inspiring her to pursue her dreams of becoming a music and art teacher. She wants to share her love of those subjects with others.

Thanks to Brookside Community
Play's programs, young people like
Annabelle can express themselves
through art. She felt understood and
inspired and now has a clear vision
for her future.





WE PROVIDE SAFE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES THROUGH A COMMUNITY-CENTRIC APPROACH. Brookside Housing provides dignity, stability, and accountability to both individuals and families that struggle with inconsistent and unreliable housing.



34 FAMILIES SERVED

BY BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY HOUSING IN 2022

167 INDIVIDUALS SERVED

THROUGH BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY HOUSING SINCE 2017



5 YEARS STABILITY

ACHIEVED FOR TWO FAMILIES IN OUR PROGRAM

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

FOR FAMILIES IN OUR PROGRAM

48 HOUSING APPLICANTS

IN 2022, SHOWING THE CONTINUED NEED FOR HOUSING IN OUR IMPACT AREA

MEET PAM

Pam was devastated after losing her husband to heart failure. She didn't know how to move forward. She sold her house and moved in with friends, but that environment was hostile towards her. One day, the situation escalated into a serious altercation. She knew she had to seek change.

She turned to Brookside Community Housing, which quickly found her temporary housing. She then moved into affordable housing and has lived there since 2021. Pam is grateful for the community support at Brookside and says that they "make things happen very well. They help all kinds of people that need help, homeless, prison, or whatever"

Today, Pam serves as Brookside's receptionist, welcoming and directing the many people who enter. She also volunteers, helping with cleaning and other tasks. Pam says, "I like to help people. I help them with whatever they need. Now I am a part of Brookside; I'm here to do whatever needs to be done."

Pam faced a difficult situation, but with the help of Brookside Community Housing, she was able to rebuild her life. She is now a thriving community member, and her infectious joy and cheerful demeanor brighten the lives of everyone she meets.







JOB CREATION

WE HELP HIGH-RISK INDIVIDUALS MOVE BEYOND THEIR PAST AND WORK OUT EMPLOYABILITY FOR A MORE

SUSTAINABLE FUTURE. Brookside Construction employs individuals from our programming and community that are facing barriers to employment. Through this employment, individuals receive job training in a variety of construction skills that help them to be more marketable in the workforce. In addition, it also provides a sense of accomplishment and pride that will help boost their self-esteem and confidence while providing a supportive community around them.

32 EMPLOYEES

98 TOTAL RENOVATION PROJECTS

45 TOTAL DEMOLITION PROJECTS

MEET BRANDON

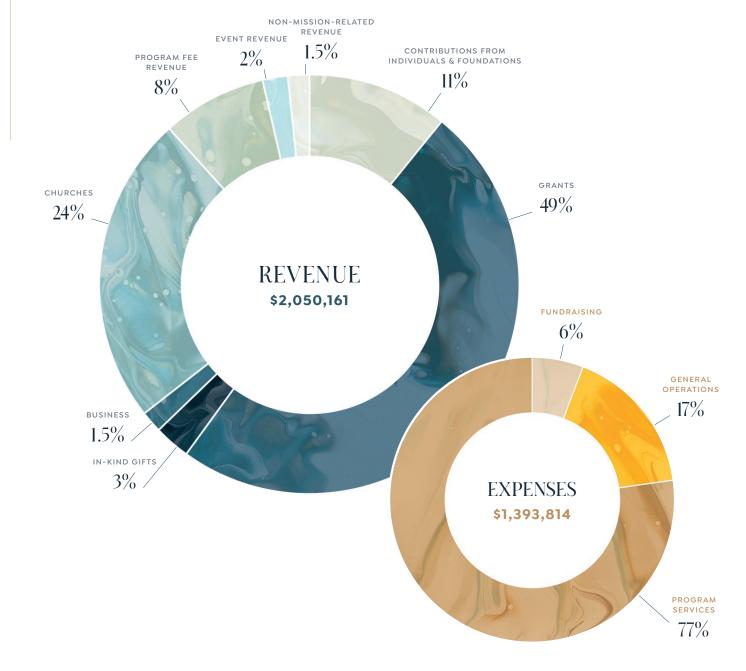
When Brandon arrived at Brookside CDC, he had hit rock bottom. Homeless and without hope, he'd already faced many hurdles, including addiction and incarceration. He was lost and struggling to rebuild his life, not knowing where to turn.

But at Brookside, Brandon discovered a community of people willing to help him recover. He became a participant and resident of Reentry's Isaiah House, a program designed to help former inmates, addicts, and people experiencing homelessness reintegrate into society. He began working at Brookside Construction and through this program, he learned valuable skills and gained confidence in his abilities.

Brandon found the support and resources he needed to turn his life around through the wraparound programming offered at Brookside. He is now a productive member of society with a bright future ahead of him. He is grateful for the second chance he has been given and is determined to make the most of it.

Brandon's story is a powerful example of how restoration through grace can change lives. With the right support, anyone can overcome challenges and achieve their dreams.





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