



**Sanctuary  
Night**

**ANNUAL**

**REPORT**

**2023**

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# A SLOWER PACE

**2023 was the year we found ourselves no longer referring to ourselves as a “startup non-profit,” but only with a little trepidation releasing that phrase.**

We launched our capital campaign in 2019 and thought our doors would be open by the end of 2020 and we'd be a 24/7 facility by the end of 2021. Today, this notion makes us laugh a little. We had so much to learn!

In 2023, we saw 5x the number of guests than we anticipated, which translated into more money spent on material goods and staffing hours. We simply had to accept that growth needed to happen at a slower pace.

Instead of being open 80 hours/week at the end of 2023, we are operating 37. In 2024, we don't anticipate being able to add a lot of operating hours.

We're learning to slow down, and grow with stability.

Difficult decisions like this are made as a team, a collaboration between Sanctuary Night staff leadership, and the Board of Directors.

Speaking of which, Sanctuary Night welcomed a new Board Chair in 2023 - Tori McGraw-Rowe, who has been present at every single board meeting in the organization's history. A big thank you to organization co-founder Heather Mohrman for serving in this role for the org's first 3+ years.

A little about Tori:

Tori serves as a Project Manager with VineyardUSA. Her background is in system development, assessment and evaluation, and grant management. She thrives at the intersection of data and spreadsheets and the irreducible complexities of real people, cultures, and communities. She holds a Master of Divinity degree from Yale University and a bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University (Middletown, CT). Tori enjoys gardening and time spent with her family in the backyard of her Near East Side home.

Sanctuary Night is very blessed to have Tori serving in this role!

We also want to thank the following board members who completed terms during the 2023 calendar year:

- Liz Ranade-Janis
- Tina Hennen
- Chris Kauffman
- Vince Sabino



# OUR STORY SO FAR

## OUR MISSION

Sanctuary Night is a sacred space serving vulnerable womxn who are at risk for sexual exploitation. We provide a place to rest, eat, connect and get desired resources. It is a vibrant community led by survivors and champions to promote the flourishing of all who sit at our table.



## OUR CORE VALUES



**Connection:**  
Everyone has a seat at our table, unconditionally



**Autonomy:**  
Everyone chooses what they bring to our table



**Feedback:**  
Everyone has a voice at our table



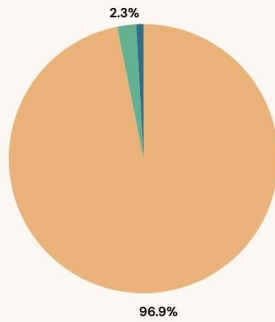
**Curiosity:**  
Everyone is encouraged to ask questions at our table



**Lived Experience:**  
Everyone's expertise is valued at our table.

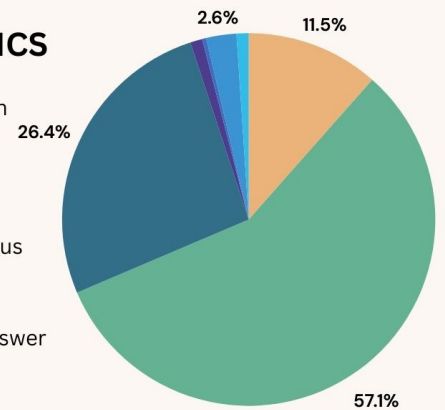
## GENDER DEMOGRAPHICS

- Female
- Transgender
- Nonbinary



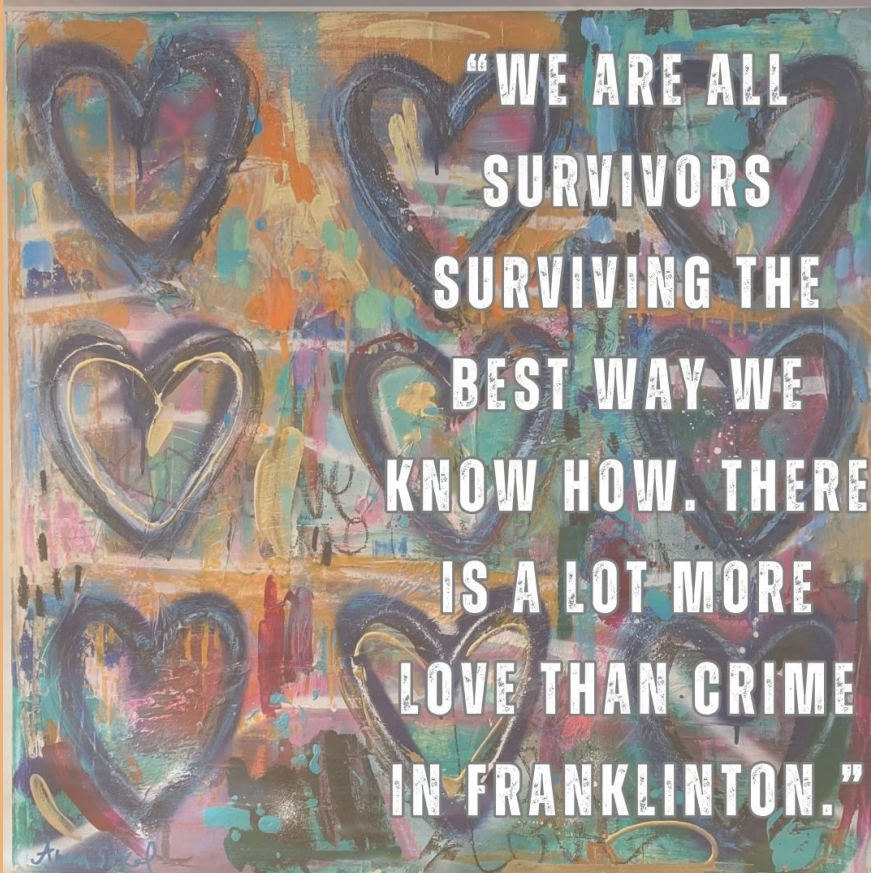
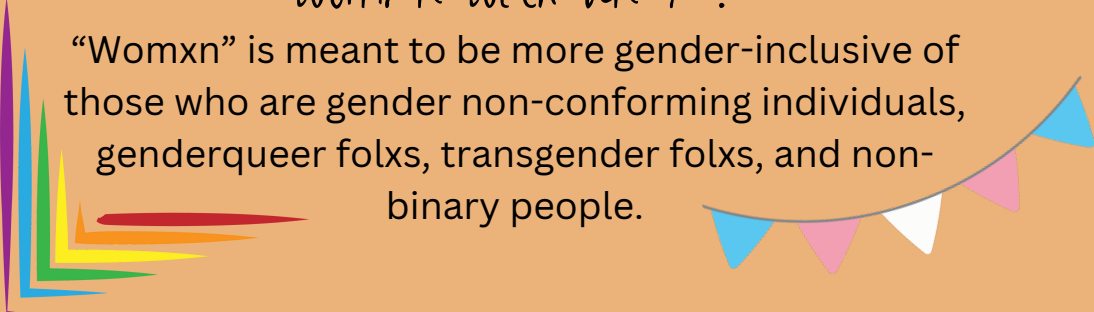
## RACIAL DEMOGRAPHICS

- White/Caucasian
- Black/African
- Mixed Race
- Native/Indigenous
- Hispanic
- Prefer not to answer
- Asian



*Why does Sanctuary Night use womxn with an x?*

“Womxn” is meant to be more gender-inclusive of those who are gender non-conforming individuals, genderqueer folxs, transgender folxs, and non-binary people.



**644**  
WOMXN  
ACCESSED SERVICES  
AT SANCTUARY NIGHT  
IN 2023

# OUR 2023 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

We had a one-time opportunity to present at *Philanthropitch* in its final year in Columbus. We joined forces with beloved partners Lower Lights Ministries and the Hope Resource Center to host *Addiction Academy*, a one-day training for those working in the addiction field. Our generous sponsors made this profitable for us, but mostly it was a fantastic day of equipping our community!

Development Officer Morgan Flinner “ran” her first 5K event, and it was an immediate success that we hope to continue for years to come! And of course, our fourth annual *Seat at the Table* was a great success at a new venue - The Bluestone!

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**Philanthropitch**  
**April 4, 2023**  
**Raised: \$40,524.08**



2

**Addiction Academy\***  
**April 13, 2023**  
**Raised: \$7,500**



3

**Mother's Day 5K\***  
**May 13, 2023**  
**Raised: \$28,076**



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**Seat at the Table**  
**September 14, 2023**  
**Raised: \$103,162**

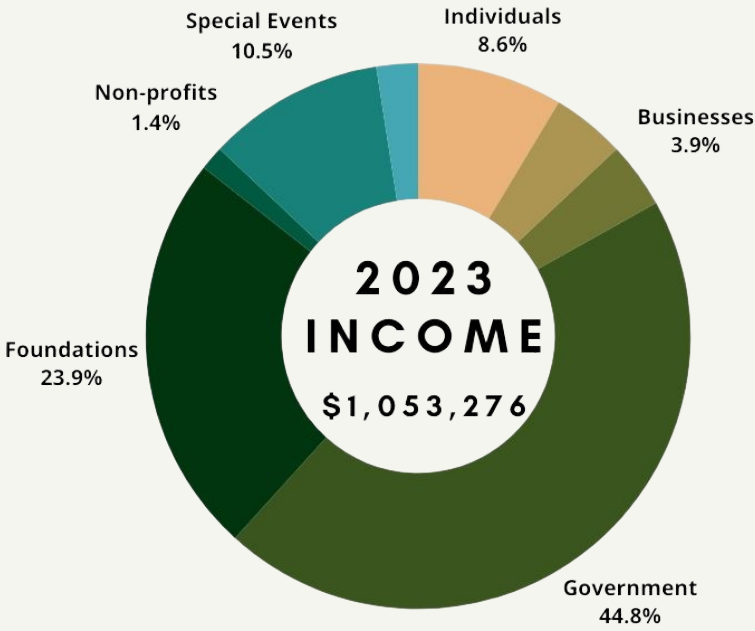


\*New Event in 2023

**“THE GREATNESS OF A COMMUNITY IS MOST ACCURATELY MEASURED BY THE COMPASSIONATE ACTIONS OF ITS MEMBERS.”**

CORETTA SCOTT KING

**DONATE** ❤️



**25**  
Donors committed to giving every month in 2023.

**100%**  
Every Board Member donated to the organization in 2023.

A special thank you to the faith communities that significantly increased their giving to us.

Like any non-profit, we are not able to do our good work without the financial support of the community. Though we have slowed down our initial growth goals, we are grateful for the ways we were sustained this year. We were especially sustained by receiving the 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the State of Ohio, the continued generosity of The Columbus Foundation, the Harry C Moore’s Foundation, and our faithful corporate partners like Big Lots, Anthem, Jeffrey Company, Lower Lights Christian Health Center, and PNC. We are also grateful for each and every \$10 and \$20 donation we receive! 2.5% of our revenue came from Medicaid reimbursement and we look forward to this percentage increasing as we provide more clinical services, establish more contracts, and conduct more assessments with our guests.

# OUR 2023 PILOT PROJECTS

**Our Primary Objective is to grow toward a sustainable 24/7 operation on Sullivant Avenue.**

*And, in 2023, we experimented a bit with some projects. While none of these projects are being carried into 2024, we learned a lot from each of these projects, and believe that a valuable impact was made in every case.*



PROJECTS	DETAILS	OUTCOME
Southside	We partnered with <i>Community Development for All People</i> to provide a "Southside Sanctuary Night" on Tuesday nights.	51 unique womxn dropped in at our Parsons location, and there were a total of 127 duplicated visits.
Linden	We partnered with <i>Circle of Hope Church</i> to provide a Sanctuary Night on Sunday nights.	53 unique womxn dropped in at our Manchester Ave location, and there were a total of 102 duplicated visits.
Cleaner Columbus	We partnered with the Franklinton Board of Trade to employ our guests to pick up trash around Franklinton for \$15/hour.	33 people received PT employment through this program. 2 went on to acquire FT employment with FBOT. 10 gained access to housing, and 7 obtained/maintained sobriety.



# OUR VOLUNTEERS & ALUMNI

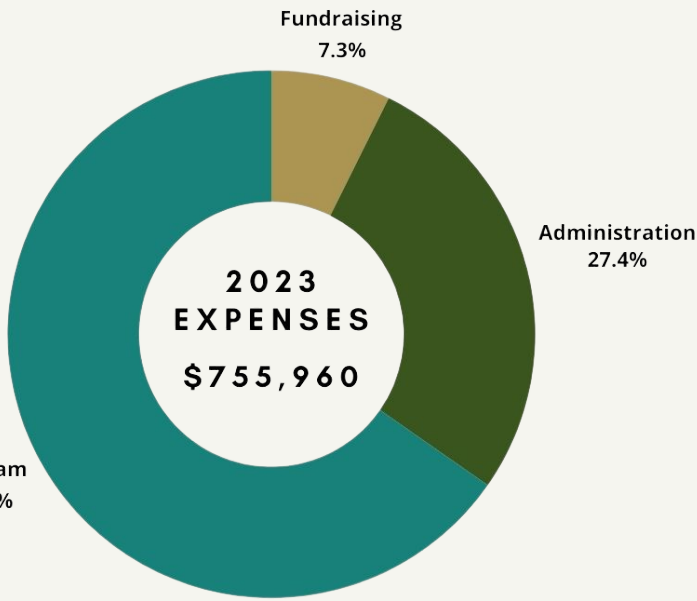
2023

Volunteer of the Year	Pam Murphy
Partner(s) of the Year	Mt. Carmel Street Outreach & Lower Lights Christian Health Center
Staff of the Year	Kristin Waller
Board Member of the Year	Bethany Suchy
Alumni of the Year	Chataun Courts



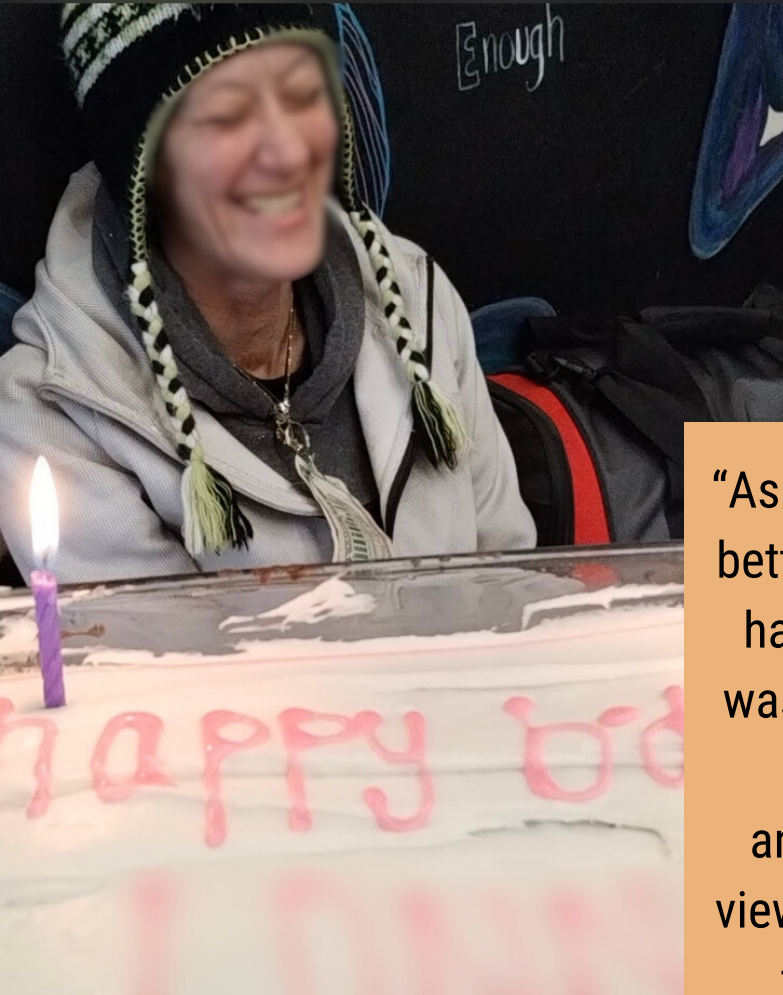
The Sanctuary Night community would not be what it is without its volunteers! Over 50 dedicated volunteers served over 1,000 hours in 2023! We also started offering quarterly volunteer engagement events so that our team of volunteers continues to be well trained and supported!

We also hosted our first ever Alumni Event. 6 out of our 26 alumni joined us to paint at Studio 614!



**64%**  
of money spent on salaries  
went toward staff with  
**LIVED EXPERIENCE**  
highlighting our ongoing and  
deep commitment to invest in  
survivors.

Sanctuary Night is in the people business. We serve our clients of course, *and* we also invest deeply in our survivor leaders. We are proud to provide competitive salaries, a self-care stipend, and ongoing professional development. We hope to expand our tuition reimbursement and benefits programs in 2024.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maybe the most important words we said this year.

“As the recovery system grows and becomes better aware, the concept of a drop-in center has changed for many. The drop-in center was previously viewed as a place to provide basic support and resources. But I believe now they are viewed as a means of empowering people to take control of their own recovery and wellness.



Empowerment is central to drop-in centers. We now realize that drop-in centers have been far ahead of traditional mental health services in embracing the concept of recovery; the idea that people can focus on building better lives rather than simply treating symptoms. By becoming involved in drop-in centers, people can begin to shed the labels and limits that they have experienced and see opportunities.”

~Terry Litteral, Sanctuary Night Alumni,  
written for a school paper

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**Sanctuary Night is  
incredibly grateful for the  
support from everyone who  
has contributed in 2023 -  
with their time, services,  
donated goods, and  
finances.**

**IRS Form 990 is available  
upon request.**

**WE THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN  
SANCTUARY NIGHT**