



Stepping Stones

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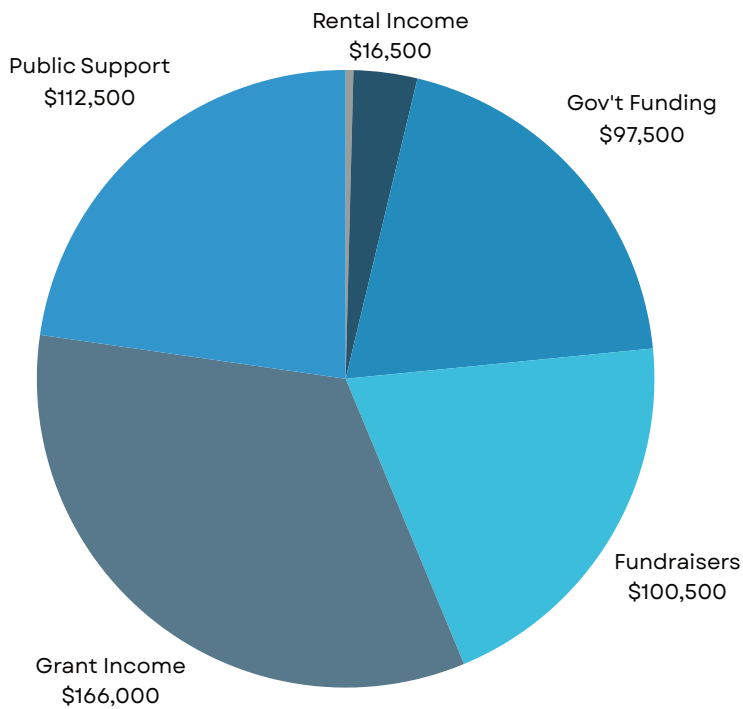
Well, 2023 was quite a busy year for us here at Stepping Stones. We once again flew past our numbers for the previous year - in youth visits, in college students, in jobs, driver's licenses and in youth buying their own vehicles.

Of course, our big news for 2023 was the opening of our independent living program! Over 40 youth have found a safe place to live while learning the skills they need to become successful.

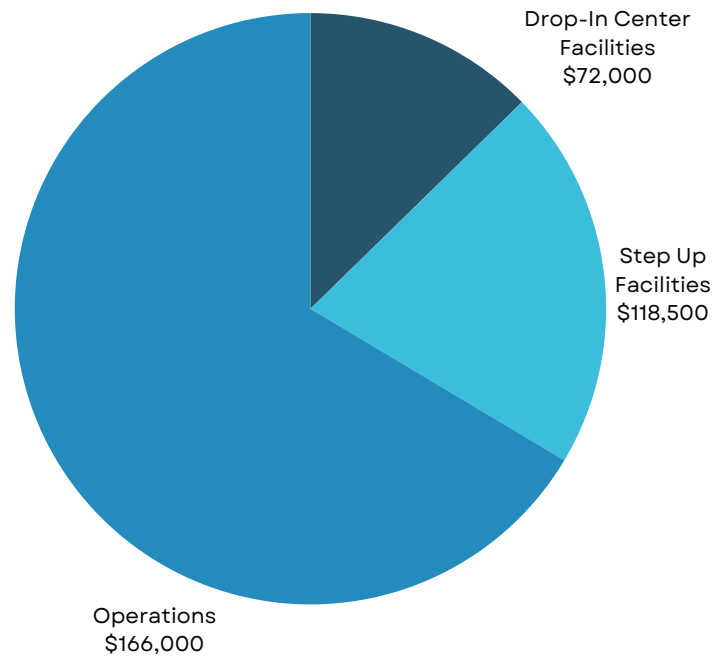
I want to thank you all for your support in helping over 100 homeless youth and young adults move towards independence in 2023. You have made a huge difference in their lives!

KATHY FARLAND
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INCOME



EXPENSES



83

In 2023 we welcomed 83 new youth to the Stepping Stones Community

4028

We had 126 youth visit our drop-in center over four thousand times last year.

43

Since opening our Independent Living Program in May of 2023 we have had 43 youth find a safe place to sleep and start to learn the skills required to be self sufficient adults

3196

The number of nights our youth have spent safely at Step-up.

YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

JONAH'S STORY

Jonah came to us in May of 2023, and immediately started at our Step-up ILP program. He started working on his Hi-Set in June, and, although he struggled with Math, he completed his entire Hi-Set in just 2 months time. When he graduated in August, he immediately set his sights on college. With little prep time, he started at NCC's collision repair program at the end of August. During this time, he was also working part-time at UPS, as well as studying to get his driver's license. In September, he got his driver's license, and in October, bought his own vehicle. He also switched jobs, and found work at a collision repair center. They will be hiring him full-time when he graduates with his certificate in May. It has been a whirlwind 8 months for Jonah, and we couldn't be more proud of him.



HALEY'S STORY

Haley came to Stepping Stones in April of 2023, and started working on her Hi-Set. She really wanted to become an LNA, and knew that she needed her diploma first. She moved into our Step-up program in May. Holly graduated with her Hi-Set in August, and immediately signed up to start LNA training at St. Joseph's hospital. Haley graduated from the program, got her LNA license, and is working in her chosen field. She also got her own apartment in December, and is doing the whole adulting thing with style! We are very proud of Haley, and all the hard work she put in to get to where she is today.



JEFF'S STORY

Jeff came to Stepping Stones shortly after arriving from another country. He is a go-getter and a hard worker, and soon had 2 jobs while saving most of his money to purchase a new vehicle. He has made steady progress at Step-Up, studying for his driver's license while working both jobs. In October, he passed his driving test, and was on the hunt for his first vehicle. He found a vehicle he loved, and is now hoping to start classes for his CDL license. We see great things in store for Jeff!

