



**NORTH STAR
OF CHESTER COUNTY
ANNUAL
REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2022**

OUR MISSION

North Star of Chester County guides Chester County's single working parents with dependent children, who are at risk of homelessness, toward stability and financial independence. We help our participant families remain in affordable housing as they work to secure their future through a structured program of financial assistance, mentoring, and additional supportive services.

Single parents who stay in our program for three full years emerge stable and proudly able to provide for their families.



Staying on the Path



Dear friends,

A path is formed by laying one stone at a time. On the path to self-sufficiency, hardworking families must overcome many challenges, including low wages and a high cost of living. As we made our way through the pandemic, we guided our families through these challenges. When rents went up, we increased our financial aid to maintain our impact. As other COVID-era programs completed, we expanded the depth of services we offer to bridge the gap in benefits. As food and gas prices soared, we introduced targeted support to counter those trends.

Gaining financial independence takes time, dedication, and patience. To create sustainable life changes, our participants form their path to self-sufficiency one goal, one stone, at a time. From building savings, reducing debts, increasing credit scores-- each of these helps them on their journey. We are honored to be a part of it.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donald Neimetz'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light green circular graphic element.

Donald Neimetz
Executive Director

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- Donald Neimetz, Executive Director



A woman with voluminous curly hair is smiling broadly while holding a large cardboard box. The background is a brick wall. A blue semi-transparent overlay covers the middle of the image, containing text.

We moved!

On January 1, 2023
North Star of Chester County
moved into a new home.

Please update your
contact information

**7 N. Five Points Road #3
West Chester, PA 19380**

WHAT WE DO

RENTAL ASSISTANCE

North Star of Chester County provides ongoing monthly rental assistance, to help our families remain stably-housed, while participants work with their case manager to achieve their financial goals.

CASE MANAGEMENT

Case Managers work one-on-one with each North Star participant, setting goals, completing monthly budgets, and providing guidance and mentorship.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Our program benefits the entire family. Additional supportive services include use of our office pantry, financial support for children's programming such as summer camps, gas & grocery gift cards, and more.

WHO WE SERVE

We serve single parent ALICE families living in Chester County. ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed) families work but cannot afford life's essentials including housing, healthcare, childcare, food, and transportation.

SERVICE STATISTICS

Fiscal Year 2022

\$51,450

Rental Assistance

We provided a total of \$51,450 in rental assistance. This financial support kept 24 Chester County families stably-housed throughout the pandemic and beyond.

Case Management

Case managers spent more than 1,200 hours working one-on-one with our participants, guiding them toward self-sufficiency, and helping them achieve their goals.

1,200

\$7,400

Additional Services

We provided additional support for our families including use of our expanded pantry, more than \$7,400 in food and gas gift cards, as well as financial aid for children's programming including summer camps and daycare.

YEAR IN REVIEW

As the world re-opened from the pandemic, North Star of Chester County returned to meeting with participants in our office and holding in-person events, including our annual fall fundraiser and, for the families in our program, our summer picnic & holiday party.

Summer Picnic & School Supplies



WSFS Bank provided school supplies for all school-age children in our program. We delivered them to families during our annual summer picnic at Highland Orchards.

COVID Supplies & Gift Cards



Donors provided COVID supplies, including masks, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, and more, for every family in our program. To help combat the rising cost of gas and groceries, we held an online fundraiser, raising \$4,700 to purchase Wawa and Giant gift cards!

In-office Pantry & Children's Library



We expanded our office pantry to include more non-perishables, cleaning supplies, hygiene supplies, and non-SNAP items. We also built a children's library, with a supply of new books in English and Spanish. Families may take what they need when they meet with their case manager. We partnered with the West Chester Food Cupboard and the Justamere Foundation to resupply these offerings.

Children's Programs & Baby Supplies



To support all the members of our families, we provided financial aid for children's programs, including summer camp fees, daycare costs, and afterschool activities. We also worked with our corporate partners, including Chicco, to provide baby essentials for expecting mothers including car seats and changing tables.

Graduate Homeownership



Owning their own home is the ultimate goal for many North Star parents. In Spring 2022, a North Star mom graduated from our program when she moved into her own home! We created a referral partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Chester County to fast-track qualified North Star participants to their program.

Annual Fall Fundraiser



We partnered with The General Warren & Wines Til Sold Out when we hosted our fall fundraiser, an Evening of Fine Dining & Wine Pairings. Generous sponsors, donors, and attendees helped us raise more than \$30,000 to support the hardworking families in our program.

Ways to Give

Donate

Make a secure one-time or recurring donation at: www.northstarofcc.org/donate

Planned & Legacy Giving

Learn more about our Endowment Fund with the Chester County Community Foundation www.chescocf.org/fund/north-star-of-chester-county-endowment-fund

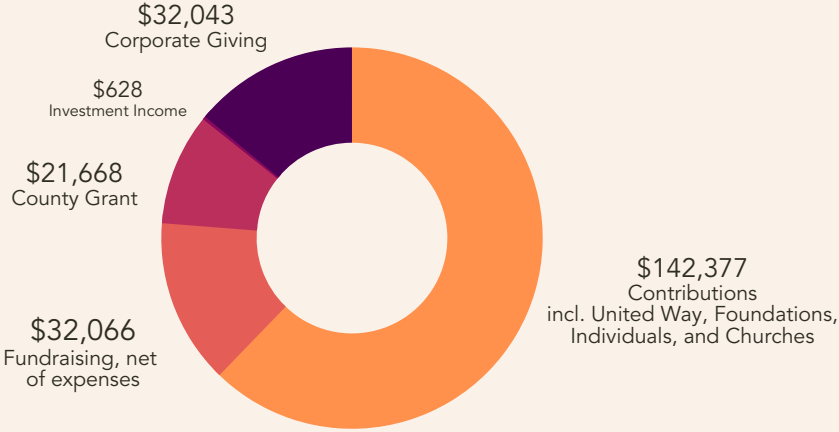
We invest nearly \$5,000 a year to keep a family stably-housed and parents on the path to self-sufficiency.

Intervening before an eviction is a more cost-effective method of preventing homelessness, compared to the expense of housing families in shelters and providing financial aid to relocate.

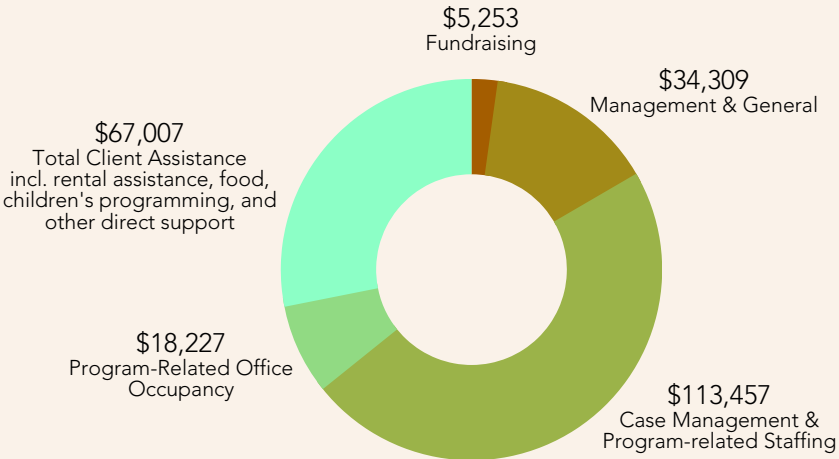


FINANCIAL RESULTS

REVENUE SOURCES: \$228,782



FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES: \$238,253



BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash.	\$207,504
Promises to give, current.	\$22,500
Prepaid Expenses.	\$5,003
Prepaid Rent.	\$3,305
Total assets	\$238,312

Liabilities

Accounts payable.	\$2,132
Accrued expenses.	\$10,599
Total current liabilities.	\$12,731

Net Assets

Without donor restrictions	\$191,866
With donor restrictions.	\$33,715
Total net assets.	\$225,581

Total Liabilities and Net Assets
\$238,312



THANK YOU

Thank you to our volunteers,
donors, families, and
community partners.

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