



Affiliate of Community Housing Advocates, Inc.

# OPENING DOORS TO HOPE

**FISCAL YEAR  
2023 ANNUAL  
REPORT**







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THANK YOU

# DEAR FRIENDS



Hope is a virtue that keeps people going even in the darkest of times. It is something that we at My Sisters' Place see every day. Those we serve hope for a safe and stable place to live, a job that will lead to independence, their child to succeed in school and in life, and a better future for themselves and their family.

The programs and services we provide at My Sisters' Place take the hopes of our participants and turn them into actions. As a result, our participants live in their own homes, many for the first time in their lives. They work hard to access, and sustain, gainful employment. Their children reach academic and social milestones and join in enriching activities they may not have experienced without My Sisters' Place. They find that living in a high-opportunity town can become a reality.

All of this would be impossible without you, our generous donors and community partners. Your support keeps their hope alive, and we could not be more grateful. The results of your stewardship are highlighted in this report, and as you will see...**you are making a difference.**

Thank you for your commitment to supporting independence and transforming lives!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kara A. Capone". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**KARA A. CAPONE, MA, MPH**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
**COMMUNITY HOUSING ADVOCATES**

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# YOUR STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Your support makes a difference in the lives of the individuals and families My Sisters' Place serves. Here are some of the ways you helped during the 2023 fiscal year:



**191 households** in Greater Hartford were assisted with permanent supportive housing and residential supports, helping them have a place to call home.



**278 households** in Greater Hartford were provided with rental and security deposit assistance to ensure they could achieve safe and stable housing.



**73 children** were provided with supports through our youth education and enrichment program:

- **51 children participated in social and enrichment activities**
- **27 children participated in tutoring**

All had access to basic needs, such as clothes, food, and referrals for behavioral healthcare.



**54 households** served by our Housing Mobility Program were able to move to thriving communities.



# IF WALLS COULD TALK

If the walls of 102 Pliny Street could talk, they have the feeling they would tell you a long and captivating history of supporting those coming out of homelessness. Once a factory, 102 Pliny Street was renovated into 18 apartments to hold My Sisters' Place's Transitional Living Program, which opened in 1991. The program served women and their children, who could live in a one-to-four bedroom unit for up to two years. During that time, they received services such as life skills programs, education, support groups and case management.

The walls of 102 Pliny Street would share 26 years of success stories from those who walked through its doors. They would range from women who found the opportunity to continue their education and subsequently gained steady employment, to children improving their social skills and building friendships with others. New journeys would begin as individuals and families moved in and out of 102 Pliny Street, thus adding to the legacy of the building.

The walls of 102 Pliny Street would be silent for a time. The Transitional Living Program ended in April 2017 and the building lay dormant for six years. Depression and disrepair occupied the space where hope and confidence was once renewed. Fortunately, in 2022 My Sisters' Place received the funds to renovate 102 Pliny Street into 24 new units of affordable and supportive housing. There would be new life for a building that had helped thousands realize their lives could change for the better!

If the walls of 102 Pliny Street could talk now, they would be brimming with excitement. Throughout 2023, the building has been gutted and renovated. A ceremonial groundbreaking was held in June 2023 to celebrate this momentous occasion. Soon, 102 Pliny Street will welcome new individuals and families who have experienced homelessness; much like it did 32 years ago. We can't wait to see how their stories will unfold.





# Financial Report

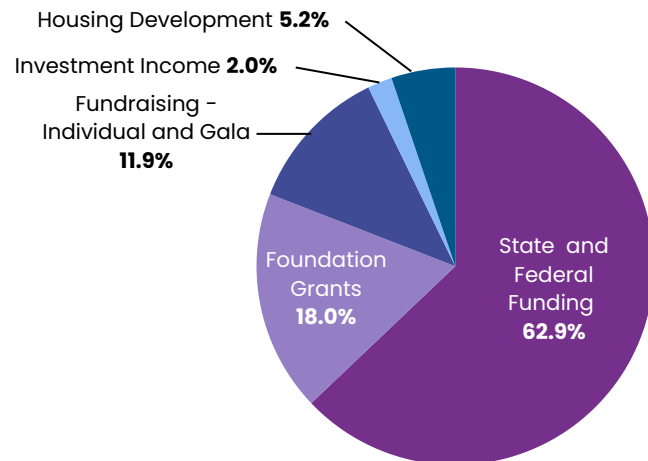
## My Sisters' Place FY 2023

### Income:

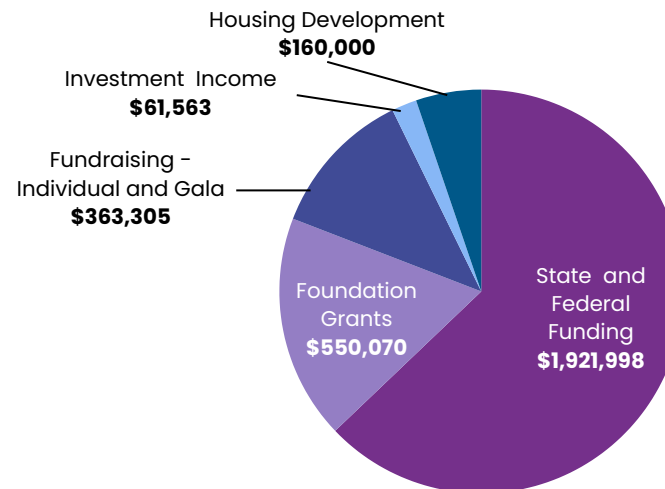
**\$3,056,936**

State and Federal Funding	\$1,921,998	62.9%
Foundation Grants	\$550,070	18.0%
Fundraising - Individual and Gala	\$363,305	11.9%
Investment Income	\$61,563	2.0%
Housing Development	\$160,000	5.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,056,936</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Income By Source %



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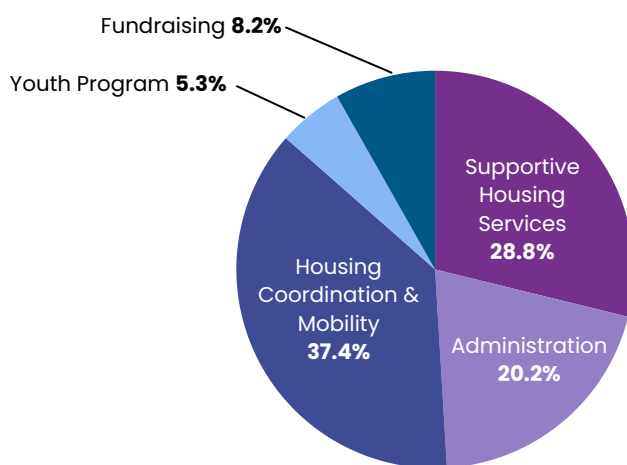


	6/30/2023	6/30/2022	FY 2023 Change
Assets	\$3,358,962	\$3,237,872	\$121,090
Liabilities	\$836,731	\$978,709	(\$141,978)
Net Assets	\$2,522,231	\$2,259,163	\$263,068

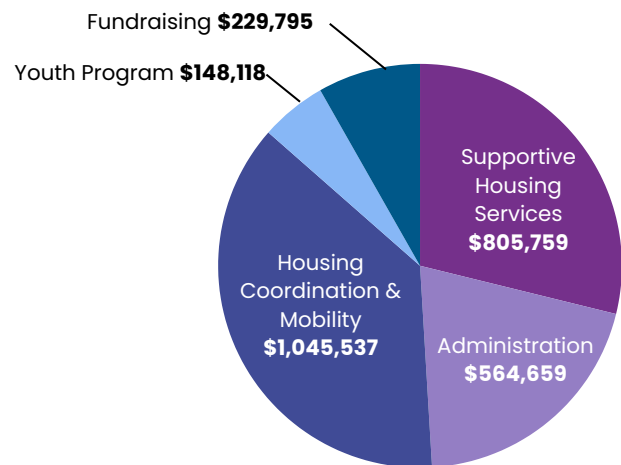
## Expenses: **\$2,793,868**

Supportive Housing Services	\$805,759	28.8%
Administration	\$564,659	20.2%
Housing Coordination & Mobility	\$1,045,537	37.4%
Youth Program	\$148,118	5.3%
Fundraising	\$229,795	8.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,793,868</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Expenses By Category %



### Expenses By Category \$





# THANK YOU!

My Sisters' Place is grateful for the generous support of our individual donors, corporate and private businesses, faith-based communities, and area partners in fulfilling our mission. We would like to highlight the following entities for their contributions this fiscal year:

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The Hartford Financial Services

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*These lists reflect donations received between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. All efforts have been made to ensure accuracy. If we have missed your name in error, we sincerely apologize and ask you to please contact Annette Scheidecker at (860) 808-2044.*

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## Thank You to our Sustainers Circle!

We give special acknowledgement to our Sustainers Circle. These recurring donors contribute regularly, helping to sustain My Sisters' Place with income that we know we can count on. Some donate through our website by selecting the "Recurring" option, while others donate through their workplace giving campaign. In some instances, their employer even matches their donations. We are grateful for these regular donors:

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