



Annual Report 2023

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*We served
more than
20,800
youth and
families
last year!*



We believe that:

- All people deserve the opportunity to reach their full potential.
- Families belong together whenever possible.
- We should celebrate diversity and its power to enrich us all.
- The presence of at least one caring, committed adult is a non-negotiable requirement for a child's success.
- Housing should be safe, beautiful, and affordable.
- A high-quality education empowers children to create a brighter future.
- Trusting our youth and families to guide our work is critical.

Letter from our Chair and President

Dear Friend,

Thank you for supporting The Children's Village (CV). Together, we are helping thousands of young people and families find love, belonging, stability, and opportunity. We are fortunate to partner with young people, families, and staff who have experienced the systems of child welfare, juvenile justice, and immigration. Working with and alongside them helps us identify innovative and effective solutions because those closest to the problem are also closest to the solution.

In a year of many achievements, a few highlights stand out:

- While asylum seekers continue to overwhelm the NYC shelter system and politicians and policies dominate the headlines, our Legal Support and Relocation efforts continue strong. We are helping hundreds of families with their legal paperwork and relocations to their destinations. Our compassionate team is led by those who have experienced the immigration journey themselves. They provide the safety and authenticity that is required when helping families who are new to the USA.
- Our safety net for teen victims of human trafficking is expanding from Westchester into NYC. This life changing program provides safety and clinical support, helping teens rebuild their self-esteem and independence. This year they held their first art show which included beautiful pieces around the theme of turning pain into purpose.
- And lastly, our proof-of-concept deeply affordable housing project, The Eliza, will open in Manhattan in January. Located at 4790 Broadway, The Eliza brings beautiful, deeply affordable apartments, 22,000 square feet for the New York Public Library, a Community Center that includes a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Center, rooftop gardens, a sensory room for children on the autism spectrum, performance space and a teaching kitchen to the residents of our community. The applications are pouring in. The Eliza is proof-of-concept that beautiful and affordable is possible.

Thank you for making this most important work a reality!

Sincerely,

Jamie Marley
Chair of the Board of Directors

Jeremy C. Kohomban, PhD
President and CEO

Kiki's Journey: From Isolation to Empowerment

Despite being one of six siblings, Kiki felt extremely isolated growing up. Her earliest memories are escaping the chaos of screaming matches in her closet. That feeling stuck with Kiki through her teenage years, and led to her devoting much of her energy to people who only wanted to cause her harm because of her desperation for connection. From the time she was 13 to 16, Kiki was a victim of multiple sexual assaults from people she considered friends and partners, which included videos being publicly shared with no knowledge or consent. These experiences were extremely traumatic, and at times Kiki even felt responsible for what had happened. But as Kiki puts it, she decided to "refuse to let this be her demise". A counselor introduced her to the Safe Harbor Program at CV, where she lived with other survivors and support staff and developed skills to rebuild her self-esteem, trust in others, and independence. Kiki fell in love with the program and started making incredible steps forward. The Safe Harbor staff were amazed by Kiki's ability to openly share and process her experiences, and the other residents were benefitting.

Last year Kiki was offered a Mentor position at Safe Harbor, and she couldn't say yes fast enough! "At that moment, I knew I was meant to grow up to facilitate my own groups for survivors. I want to become a social worker to ensure that anybody I cross paths with does not feel the crippling loneliness that I felt". In addition to being a mentor, Kiki is now a Human Services major in College pursuing her dream, and she is sharing her story across New York to inspire others. "I went from not having a voice to being the loudest in the room."



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"Now I know that nothing is worth my freedom."

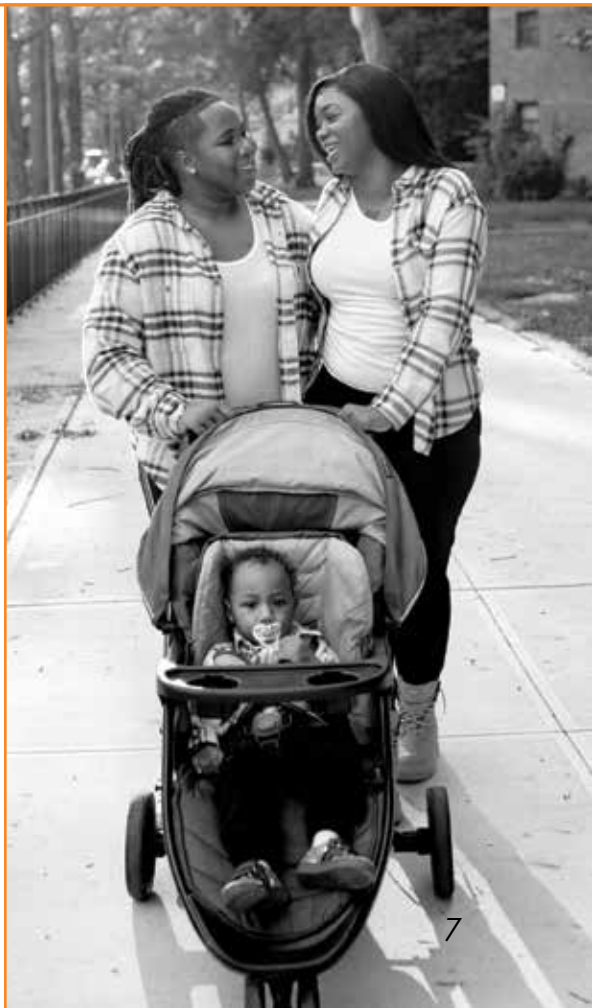


Hazel and Krystal Build a Beautiful Family

When Hazel was facing time in jail as a teenager, she discovered CV's transformative mentoring programs, which help young adults remain out of the juvenile justice system. At first it was very difficult to trust her mentors. Hazel was closed off and determined to show that she was in charge. But over time Hazel blossomed and showed tremendous leadership potential, encouraging others to become mentees and participate in group sessions. She even persuaded her friend Krystal to join the group, explaining that she felt like her life was on the path she always wanted, and Krystal could have that too. Over time, Hazel and Krystal fell in love and had their son Hunter. They are engaged to be married and are showing Hunter that with unconditional love anything is possible.

"I want to give Hunter the love and support I didn't have when I was growing up. And if I'm incarcerated, who's going to help my wife take care of him? Now I know that nothing is worth my freedom."

Hazel and Krystal had a far too common experience with the justice system. Too many adults turned their backs on them when what they wanted most was love, belonging, and someone to believe in them. Thanks to finding a wonderful mentoring group and each other, they are thriving and excited to start their married life together as a family!





(We) are (Fam)ily: How the Westchester Therapeutic Foster Care Team is Making an Impact

The Westchester Therapeutic Foster Care (WeFam) Team is using their experience to put family above everything. And through their work of strengthening existing families and creating new ones, they have become a strong family themselves.

Ronald Dorsett is the Home Finder and Recruiter for WeFam, and like many other of his colleagues his passion and expertise comes from his own experiences. Ronald was in and out of the foster care system growing up, and despite its challenges he cherishes time he spent with different types of families. "There was a lot of growing and adjusting, but I fell in love with the idea of someone else being your parent when you don't have a biological parent at that time. It led me to appreciate having two families and learning that you don't have to be blood to be family."

The WeFam team consider themselves a family too. Just like the families they are creating, they value safety, trust, patience, strength, and healing. Kaylene Quinones, Director of Therapeutic Peer Led Services, says that in difficult moments, she gives the same advice to her team as she does to the families they serve. "Stick with it, use the patience, faith, and self-care that you have learned about through all your training."

The long-term goal at WeFam is to create generational impact for young people and families, and that starts right at home. As Senior Director Andrea DaCosta said at the most recent foster parent graduation, "You have to fill your cup to pour into others, so start there!"

"Because a child can never have too many people to love them."

In the coming year, WeFam hopes to create new families by certifying 20 foster homes. Their goal is that every child has someone that cares.



Today, Ronald gets to handpick foster parents and help train them to be consistent and positive adult role models all children deserve. Having grown up in and out of the foster care system, Ronald uses his own experience to make informed decisions on which homes and families would make a good fit.

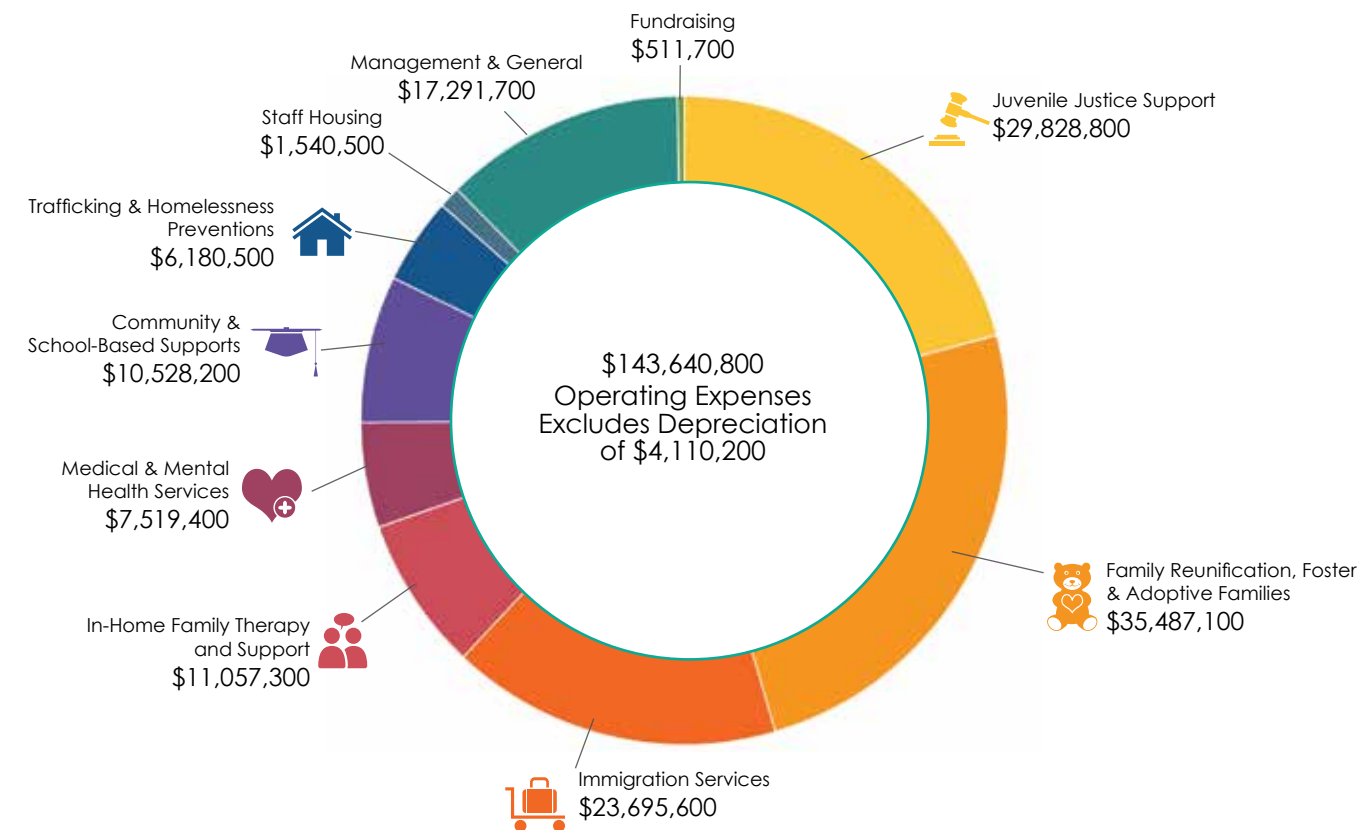
Hear more about Ronald's journey in our most recent podcast.



The Children's Village Financial Highlights - Fiscal Year 2023

Excerpts from Unaudited Financials

Operating Expenses:	
Programs	\$125,837,400
Management & General	17,291,700
Fundraising	511,700
Total Operating Expenses	\$143,640,800
Depreciation & Amortization	\$4,110,200




Revenue & Other Support	
Government	\$134,585,300
Individual, Foundation & Corporate Contributions	3,798,100
Special Events (net of direct costs)	554,400
Other Operating Income	1,262,600
In-Kind Contributions	331,487
Other Government	375,000
Mitchell Lama Staff Housing (rent)	1,247,400
Miscellaneous	1,980,400
Capital Funds	142,450
Total Operating Revenue	\$144,277,137


Endowment
As of 6/30/2023, The Children's Village endowment was valued at \$14,002,504.


Notes
1) The Consolidated Audited Financial Statements will be available in January 2024.
2) The IRS Form 990 will be available through a link on our website in May 2024.


2022/2023 Outcomes

 **129 young people** found permanent housing and are living independently.

 **2,998 students** in over 30 NYC public schools received services including individual and group counseling, crisis services, afterschool programming, and educational support.

 **90% of young people** in our treatment programs lived with family and did not require psychiatric hospitalization.

 **237 families** received family support services directly in their homes.

 **94% of mentees** in our transformative mentoring programs avoided re-arrest.

 **217 teens** found a loving family.



Migrant Family Support and Relocation Program

As an unprecedented number of migrant families have come to NYC, CV is making strong efforts to connect with them and help them take their next steps on what we believe is an unfinished journey. So far we have provided:

- 104 workshops
- 336 legal consultations
- 47 asylum applications filed
- 37 work permits received
- 50 families relocated to their destinations

Learn more about their amazing work and how they are bringing dignity and hope to families in need.



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Your Support Is Changing Lives

Listed here are friends who supported our work during the past fiscal year (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023).

If we inadvertently omitted your name or made an error, please bring it to our attention at JBaucom@childrensvillage.org.

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Nico, a resident on CV's Dobbs Ferry campus, is making a mark with his pickle business!

In our teaching kitchen, where young people get paid work experience and the skills and certifications they need to work in a restaurant, Nico learned how to create, jar, and sell these delicious snacks. At our 2023 summer barbeque staff and youth were lined up early and he sold out within an hour!

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