



**2023
ANNUAL
REPORT**

**Positioned for Success:
Laying the Foundation for
Intergenerational Transformation**

 **THE CORE
COLLECTIVE**
at Saint Vincent



OUR MISSION

We are on a mission to make well-being the standard for St. Louis. We improve healthcare for families, advance socioeconomic equity, and activate conscious leaders.

OUR VISION

We are a thriving community invested in the transformational power of youth.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO AND THE BOARD CHAIR

Dear valued supporters, partners, and friends,

In December 2022, we unveiled an ambitious vision to cultivate a thriving community of partners invested in unleashing the transformational power of youth, illuminating our path toward establishing well-being as the standard for St. Louis.

The Core Collective at Saint Vincent (The CC) is proud to present our 2023 Annual Report, highlighting our investment in comprehensive, long-term programs for the youth we serve. As of September 30, 2023, all our programs, including the impactful Transitional Living Program, have expanded, to relieve the burden on youth declaring independence prematurely.

Our commitment to offering every young person a fair chance at a prosperous future is evident in equipping them with essential tools, life skills, and support systems. Our holistic programs have yielded remarkable achievements, with 90% of Community-Based Services youth experiencing fewer mental, emotional, and/or behavioral symptoms in 2023. Addressing diverse needs such as education, mental health, and employment, our approach empowers youth to become conscious leaders.

Strategic investments in organizational capacity have led to agency-wide productivity gains, a shared organizational culture and identity, and a fortified commitment to enhancing the well-being of our youth, their families, and the community. Evidence-based operational strategies aligned with our values ensure successful execution of our strategic plan, positioning The CC for continued success.

Throughout 2023, we organized numerous community meetings, events, and sports activities by opening our doors to ensure our 100,000+ sq. ft. building and 22 acres of land are utilized community assets.

This annual report is a testament to our collective achievements, made possible by the unwavering support of donors, volunteers, community partners, and our dedicated board and staff. Your commitment and belief in our mission have been instrumental in our success.

Looking ahead, we reaffirm our commitment to agility and innovation, ensuring our programs evolve to meet changing community needs. Together, we can empower more youth to realize their full potential and create a better future.

Thank you for your continued support and belief in The Core Collective at Saint Vincent. Together, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of our youth.



Latosha Fowlkes, LCSW

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Latosha R. Fowlkes, LCSW".

President and Chief Executive Officer



Mary Ellen Ponder

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Ellen Ponder".

Board Chair

2023 DEMOGRAPHICS



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**DIRECT AND
INDIRECT
CLIENTS SERVED**

2021

444 CLIENTS

2022

548 CLIENTS

2023

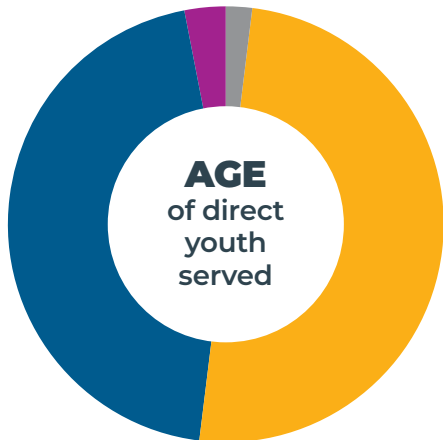
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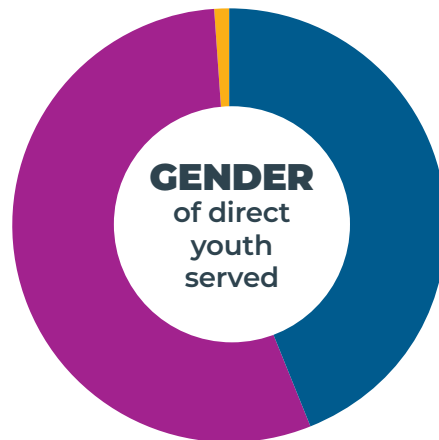


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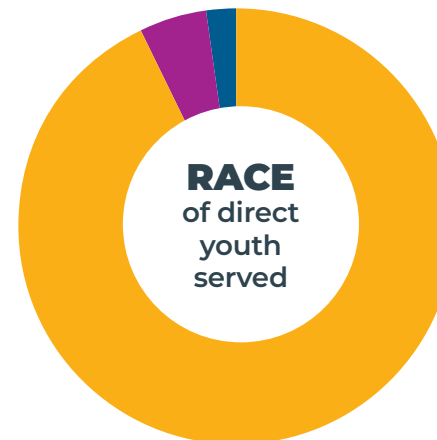
**INCREASE
in number served
from 2021**



● Ages 6-9.....	2%
● Ages 10-14	50%
● Ages 15-19.....	45%
● Ages 20-34.....	3%



● Female.....	44.5%
● Male.....	55%
● Other	0.5%



● African American	93%
● Caucasian.....	5%
● Other Races.....	2%

A GLANCE AT FISCAL YEAR 2022

PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUES	
PUBLIC SUPPORT	
Contributions and grants	\$ 1,665,677.00
Fundraising events	\$ 166,797.00
United Way of Greater St. Louis	\$ 79,094.00
Total Public Support	\$1,911,568.00
REVENUES	
Fee for services	\$1,390,112.00
Investment Loss	\$(410,182.00)
Miscellaneous	\$77,654.00
Total Revenue	\$1,057,584.00
Total Public Support and Revenues	\$2,969,152.00

EXPENSES	
Program Services	\$2,495,279.00
Management and General	\$667,025.00
Development	\$236,135.00
Total Expenses	\$3,398,439.00
Change in Net Assets	\$(429,287.00)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$4,796,734.00
Net Assets, End of Year	\$4,367,447.00

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Current Liabilities	\$244,326
Total Net Assets	\$4,367,447
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$4,611,773

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

KOOKIN' FOR KIDS

Join us in reliving the sizzling magic of The 32nd Annual Kookin' for Kids with a Taste of the Bayou - an unforgettable New Orleans-style soiree that turned August 11, 2023 into a night of fiery flavors and fun entertainment. Thank you to all who supported this year's event. With your help, we raised over \$144,000, 100% of which will directly benefit our programs, thanks to Dr. Jeanne and Rex Sinquefield, the underwriters for the event. Thank you to all the chefs and restaurants who participated to serve our guests the finest Creole/Cajun style cuisine St. Louis has to offer!



Congratulations to this year's winner for Best Chef/Restaurant, 4 Hens Creole Kitchen!



Guests enjoyed a New Orleans-style Second Line performance from The Red and Black Brass Band



SAVE THE DATE
for the **33rd Annual Kookin' for Kids**
on Friday, **August 9, 2024**, at
The Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis

FROM ALUMNA TO DEDICATED VOLUNTEER, MEET JAN YAZZIE

Meet Jan Yazzie, a cherished alumna and dedicated volunteer at The Core Collective at Saint Vincent (The CC). From her childhood years at St. Vincent to her heartfelt return as a volunteer in the late 1980s, Jan's story spans decades. Her connection with The CC, formerly St. Vincent's Home for Children, shaped her character, and she attributes her values to the nurturing environment provided by the Home and the Sisters of Christian Charity. In the late 1980s, Jan returned with a mission to give back, volunteering alongside her husband and initiating the annual gift-wrapping tradition. Her commitment extends to involving her family, passing on the spirit of giving to her children and grandchildren. Jan's excitement for The CC's inclusive approach, especially in helping youth aging out of foster care, reflects her enduring dedication. The Core Collective expresses heartfelt gratitude to Jan Yazzie (center) for her lasting legacy and invaluable contribution to the organization's journey.

ALUMNI EVENT - SPRING 2024

Join us for a facility tour, refreshments, and socializing with other St. Vincent alumni spanning generations. More details coming soon!



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I like to call The Core Collective a one-stop shop...The Core Collective is that place of fresh air, it is that safe place when you need it...you can come and find that love that you've been looking for."

Micah - Transitional Living Program Participant



To learn more about The CC's programs, watch our agency video [here](#).

2023 IMPACT

TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM

The Core Collective at Saint Vincent offers a Transitional Living Program (TLP) that welcomes youth ages 16-22 to live on The CC's campus for 18 months. While enrolled in the programs, youth access services that nurture and empower them to transition to independence: individual, group, and family therapy, personalized case management, life skills, and uplifting non-therapeutic counseling sessions. These resources guide, support, and inspire youth every step of the way. Even after completing the TLP, youth may receive up to 6 months of continued counseling and case management services to ensure they're well-prepared for their next adventure in independence.

In 2023, 83% of TLP youth gained or maintained independent living/essential life skills by working with a multidisciplinary team that included a life skills coach, therapists, and youth development specialists.

COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

The Community-Based Services (CBS) Program is dedicated to the growth and happiness of youth ages 6-19, whether on The CC's campus or in our neighborhoods. Youth enrolled in this program have access to trauma-informed counseling, expert case management, and a range of supportive services that nurture youth's social and emotional well-being.

In 2023, 90% of CBS youth experienced fewer mental, emotional, and/or behavioral symptoms.

THE HUB

Unhoused youth or youth at-risk of housing instability come together at The Hub to discover opportunities and unlock their potential. The Hub welcomes youth ages 10-19 every Monday-Friday from 3:00pm-7:00pm. Individuals can come to The Hub to receive case management, recreation activities, laundry facilities, daily food, life skills classes, and community resources.

In connection with The Hub, The CC offers a **Street Outreach Program** that brings staff to areas around St. Louis City and St. Louis County with high concentrations of runaway, unhoused, or at-risk youth. As they engage with youth, staff provide them with basic needs support, educate them on staying safe, and seek to connect them to shelter.

In 2023, nearly 90% of youth who participated in The Hub's summer program gained knowledge about healthy lifestyle habits, nutrition, and well-being.

MEET KASH

Kash's journey at The Core Collective at Saint Vincent (The CC) is a powerful testament to resilience and determination. Facing the challenges of eviction and separation from her mother, Kash embraced the opportunity to chart her path towards independence and enrolled in The CC's Transitional Living Program.

During her time in the program, Kash not only secured employment but also diligently started saving money. The guidance and support of The CC staff played a pivotal role in equipping Kash with essential life skills including career building and budgeting.

Reflecting on her transformative experience, Kash shared,



The first thing that I wanted to do was get a job. After that, I decided to start saving up my money because I didn't know how to save... now that I [have] the money I can buy whatever I want, but I have to think about the future...and focus on what's more important!

Kash' success story culminated in her successful transition to independent life in her own apartment. Her resilience and newfound skills are not only a triumph for Kash but also an inspiration for others facing similar challenges. At The CC, we celebrate Kash's journey and remain committed to empowering individuals to overcome obstacles and build brighter futures.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

YOUTHBRIDGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Core Collective at Saint Vincent (The CC) is delighted to have received two prestigious grants from YouthBridge Community Foundation in 2023. Dedicated to assisting charitable individuals, families, and businesses in supporting causes that benefit children and their families in our region, YouthBridge is actively contributing to the development of a stronger and more vibrant community

Capacity Building: The CC was awarded \$7,500 for its strategic initiatives aimed at organizational capacity. This funding will further foster a shared culture and identity and strengthen the commitment to improving the well-being of those served. Additionally, it will support evidence-based operational strategies that align with The CC's values and ensure successful execution of the strategic plan.

Child Abuse and Neglect Facility Improvement and Infrastructure Grant: YouthBridge Community Foundation partnered with the Children's Trust Fund of Missouri to support nonprofits addressing child abuse and neglect in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County. The Core Collective at Saint Vincent was awarded \$22,990 for capital expenses including fire suppression systems and new furnishings that will improve the infrastructure of the Transitional Living Program.

These grants mark The Core Collective at Saint Vincent's first-time receipt of funding from YouthBridge Community Foundation. Thank you to YouthBridge for their commitment to the well-being of youth and their families in St. Louis.



Supporters like you play a crucial role in making our impactful programs and services a reality. The impact highlighted in this report is a testament to the transformation we can make together.

Seize the opportunity to join us on our journey to **making well-being the standard for St. Louis** by donating today.



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