



# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2021 - 2022



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of wellness, belongingness, and esteem.*

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# A Message from our Board Chair and CEO

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– Coretta Scott King***

Dear Community Members,

Community. A great community. How do we define what that means for Claymont?

American author and civil rights leader Coretta Scott King said it well: "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."

What could test our compassion more than a global pandemic, political polarization, social unrest, and economic uncertainty? These forces have the ability -- separately and, even more so, collectively -- to pull us apart or bring us together. In our long-standing tradition, we have helped our neighbors and lifted up one another so that we can overcome all challenges.

In this annual report, we detail some of the ways we have fulfilled our mission of enhancing the community by addressing the human needs of wellness, belongingness, and esteem. We extend heartfelt thanks to those who have contributed their time, talent, and financial resources to support the Claymont Community Center and the people we serve each day.

While we are proud of all of our accomplishments, we are overjoyed to have been named an affiliate site of the National Park Service's Brown v. Board of Education National Historical Park in Topeka, Kansas. Seventy years ago, peaceful integration occurred at Claymont Public School, in the very building the Center operates in today. We keep this achievement top of mind as we strive to continue this tradition of inclusion in the building that is now a hub for the community.

Thank you for being a part of the history, present, and future of the Claymont Community Center.

With gratitude,

Julee Schwieger  
Board President



Allison C. David  
Chief Executive Officer



# Our Programs by the Numbers

## SERVING THE COMMUNITY

114,947 Visits to the Center

50,120 COVID-19 Tests Administered

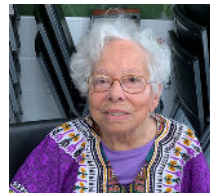
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## PEOPLE SERVED



5,497 people fed by our **Food Closet**



226 members joined our **Brandywine Senior Center**



51 students participated in our **Empowered Youth** and **ALA Programs**



81 students from 24 countries participated in our **ESL** and **Learning Center Programs**

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### By Gender

70% Female

30% Male

### By Age

Under 18: 18%

18-49: 69%

50 and over: 13%

### By Race & Ethnicity

African American: 38%

Asian: 7%

Caucasian: 40%

Other: 12%

Hispanic or Latino

Ethnicity: 3%

### By ZIP Code

19703: 41%

19809: 15%

19810: 15%

DE: 27%

PA: 2%

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## OUR MISSION

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# Making an Impact



The **Food Closet** received an outpouring of community support throughout the year, particularly during the holiday season, helping us feed thousands of people.



Our **Brandywine Senior Center** bus was wrapped with brand-new graphics, helping both those using the bus to see it coming and also to promote the Senior Center in the community.



The **Learning Center** provided GED/ABE education, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESL) classes, immigration assistance, tutoring resources, and credit recovery training for adults and children.



With support from BlackRock, our **Empowered Youth** program prospered. We added a golf program -- in partnership with the American Lung Association and First Tee of Delaware -- that taught kids about the dangers of substance abuse.



Board members, businesses and community partners gave **nearly 3,000 hours of volunteer service** to our programs.



In May 2022, we were named an affiliate of the **National Park Service's Brown v. Board of Education National Historical Park**, through legislation signed into law by President Biden.

# Making an Impact



Our **C3 5K Run/Walk** event returned to an in-person event following virtual events during the peak years of the pandemic. We appreciate the strong community support from both sponsors and runners/walkers.



Our **Back to School Bash** was once again a huge success thanks to generous donations from the community. More than 200 backpacks filled with supplies helped kids get off to a good start for school.



It was a bittersweet celebration the day we bid farewell to the **Delaware National Guard** troops who managed COVID testing at the Center for many months. We thank them for their service to our community and the nation.



We celebrated an outdoor **Evening with Santa Claus** to help families in the community enjoy the holiday spirit despite the pandemic. Santa brought some special friends along for the party.



Allison David, our CEO, helped **building partner** Brandywine Child Care and Preschool celebrate Dr. Seuss Day by reading to the children.



We celebrated our annual **Festival of Lights**, a community celebration of Christmas, Diwali, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa.

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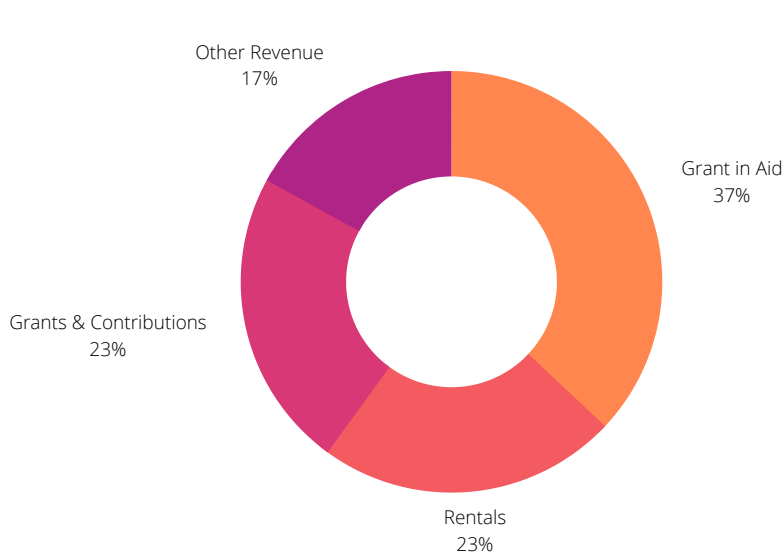
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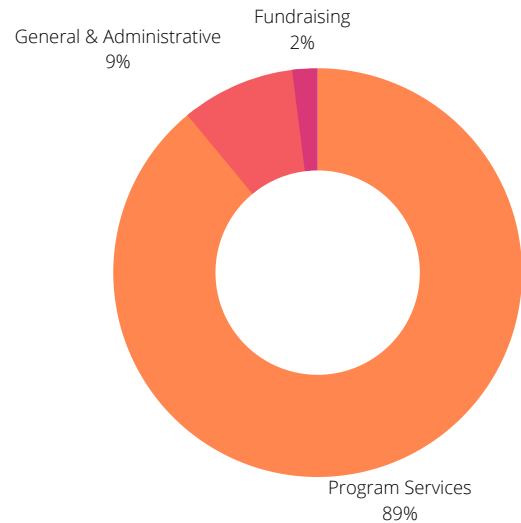
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## FY2022 Income



## FY2022 Expenses



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