

SOJOURN HOUSE

A SAFE WORLD AND A BETTER FUTURE FOR REFUGEES



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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Message From The Executive Director

Sojourn House, is not a building. It is the culture of humanity that resides within this organization that makes it exceptional.

By Debbie Hill-Corrigan, Sojourn House, Executive Director

In June of 1998, I began a career journey with a small organization called Sojourn House. It's sometimes hard to figure out where all the years have gone and that it is now time to pass on the leadership of this most wonderful organization.

I could never have asked for a more rewarding career than the time I have spent learning and growing as a person with Sojourn House. It has taught me many things but mostly it has taught me about humanity and the need for social justice in a world that has become increasingly violent and oppressive. Never has the world seen so many refugees as there are today and only a very few are able to make their way to a safe haven in Canada.

I have been very privileged to have had the opportunity to meet many incredibly resilient and resourceful people along the way. There are so many stories; joyful, upon hearing of being accepted in Canada or completing university, sponsoring their family who finally arrive to join them but there is also great sadness for those who we lost that struggled in their refugee journey due to mental health and trauma. I will never forget them. The joys and sorrows will always stay with me.

Sojourn House, as I have always said, is not a building or buildings as it has grown to be today.

It is the culture of humanity that resides within this organization that makes it exceptional. You feel it when you walk in the doors. It's the people, from the staff at all levels to the clients that are really Sojourn House and to them I say THANK YOU for enriching my life and teaching me to be a better person along the way.

I'm sure I haven't been a perfect leader, I don't know that there is a guide for that; we are all human and experience and learn in different ways, but I hope that I have made a lasting contribution that can be built on by the next generation.

I have also been fortunate to have worked with many amazing volunteer Board members. They have also inspired and supported me over the years. In particular, the commitment and drive of those Board members who took the risks involved to build 101 Ontario St. A permanent home for Sojourn House. What an accomplishment!

Lastly, I want to acknowledge and thank the City of Toronto, Shelter Support and Housing for allowing and supporting Sojourn House to be a refugee specific shelter program. It has allowed thousands of refugees to be supported into their new home, Canada.

It's been an incredible journey. Thank you everyone!



Message From The President

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The concept of home was always a difficult one growing up - my parents, fleeing persecution, left everything behind 50 years ago and came to Canada as refugees.

Being on the Board of Sojourn House has been the privilege of a lifetime. To see the hard work, dedication, love, and compassion in action from the many people involved in the organization has had a lasting impact on me. Sojourn house is not just a shelter, it provides a home away from home for the thousands of refugees that pass through its doors. Its secret sauce is the blend of its wide ranging support programs including health services, language, skills, and employment development, all elevated with incredible meals that create a home like atmosphere.

The concept of home was always a difficult one growing up - my parents, fleeing persecution, left everything behind 50 years ago and came to Canada as refugees. While Canada is home now, it is clear the home of their childhood memories is one that will always have a prominent place in their heart and the reasons for leaving will always be embedded deep inside.

It has been wonderful to see the family shelter program evolve. When I was last there, kids were playing in the parking lot before sunset, on tricycles, enjoying the outdoors, all in a very safe environment that clearly feels like a home.

The work of the Board in 2022 continued to explore



JAMIL KARIM
*President of the
Board of Directors*

and dialogue with the City on options for expanding the transitional housing and family shelter programs. We continue to see the growth and expansion of Sojourn house as a high priority.

At the same time, preserving the stability of Sojourn House is equally important. The upcoming transition of the Executive Director, also known as the extraordinary Debbie, is one that the Board has been working on for months now. Big shoes to fill! Consultations with senior management and other key stakeholders are part of this inclusive process to develop and execute a succession plan. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that the organization

continues to deliver on its high quality, high touch, family centric approach.

The Board also was fortunate to recruit three new members, broadening its in-house capacity and expertise. I would like to give an official warm welcome to Ben Kaak, Colette Snyder and Neel Desai who will help Sojourn advance and improve on its many initiatives next year (and who I know one day could all be Board President!)

On behalf of the entire Board, thank you to all staff and management for your patience, kindness, and compassion that you have shown to our clients. Cheers to another very successful year!

Shelter Program

The 24/7 Shelter program serves single men and women refugee claimants (youth and adults). Priority is given to separated youth who have no family or social supports in Canada. Similar to 2021, last year saw a relatively lower number of clients served than in pre pandemic years, due to the reduction of our bed capacity due to safe spacing requirements. This has directly affected the availability of beds for male clients. Beds for women remained the same. In the year 2022, 142 clients were admitted from 25 countries mostly from the continent of Africa. 38% of our clients are from Ethiopia, 13% from Uganda, and the rest from other countries from around the world.

Upon arrival, refugees have immediate needs to be met. The majority of our clients are fleeing from their home countries due to war, oppression and persecution. Due to this, they suffer from trauma related issues. Their needs are further compounded by the application process of the immigration legal system. Sojourn House as an expert in refugee settlement is well placed to welcome refugees and immediately provide needed services including settlement supports to assist them in the refugee claim process, securing basic needs allowance from the City of Toronto, referral to Sojourn House in-house medical clinic team, settlement orientation sessions and assistance to find and secure housing.

We experienced more arrivals in 2022 as COVID restrictions loosened up. This translated into a growing waitlist that led to many of the refugees being referred to other Homeless shelters. This is often traumatising for refugees who have not been exposed to this type of environment.

Our team of dedicated and compassionate Settlement Counsellors, Social Workers, Housing Workers, and the in-house health clinic team continued to provide trauma informed, and enhanced tailored case management and clients centered settlement services. The pandemic did not diminish the quality of our services and care for our clients.

In 2022, clients encountered major delays in their refugee claim processes due to the fallout of COVID. This led to longer shelter stays. Access to housing continues to pose the biggest challenge for clients. Housing Workers assisted in housing 71 out of 142 clients. Lack of affordable housing, and landlords' unwillingness to take tenants on social assistance, continues to create barriers. Youth face particular barriers due to age and racial discrimination.



The 24/7 emergency shelter for singles began in 1987 initiated by Metropolitan United Church to address the growing need of asylum seeking refugees arriving in Toronto. It has grown from 20 beds up to 95 pre COVID and saw the development of Sojourn House's own new home at 101 Ontario St. in 2006. The program has hosted thousands of newly arrived refugees over 36 years! Thanks to the amazing and experienced staff, many of them with lived experience.

DURING 2022 WE SERVED



142 PEOPLE



104 MALES 38 FEMALES

20%
Youth under
25 years

65%
Under 45
years



91% from Africa
(Mainly Ethiopia, Uganda,
Eritrea, Tanzania, Nigeria)

**9% from 21 other
different countries**

In Their Own Words

"Not only Sojourn House is very safe, but the staff are wonderful, kind, friendly and always willing to help me and my children."- C.M.

"The staff are so generous and helpful no matter what situation you have they would always have it solved for you." - K.B.



"As the name states "sojourn" the short period we have here has changed our lives and thanks to all the staffs for their support." - S.H.

"As far as I know Sojourn House is the best place to be as a new comer in Canada. From cleanliness to the kindness of staff working at the building it's an amazing place to live." - H.R.



"Everyone at Sojourn House has been the best, considerate, kind even on my bad days they know how to deal with my situation to comfort me and keep me grounded. This has able me to focus on the importance stuff like my children wellbeing and my education." - M.D.



"My family and I are very grateful for giving us the opportunity to live in a family friendly place. I also really like the people who work here they are very friendly, respectful and they are always willing to help me a family."- C.C.

"There is a lot to say but in a few words Sojourn House for me is were I found shelter over my head, good food on my table, caring and very helpful professional staffs which I truly consider as family, and I'm grateful and consider my self very lucky to be here." - H.G.

Family Shelter Program

2022 was a return to normalcy after the harrowing experience of COVID-19 of the past few years.

For the Family program, this meant a return to full capacity, in-person programming, recreational activities, and successfully housing more than 108 families into the community. Throughout the year, we were able to maintain full capacity, averaging 75 families with a total average population of 225 at any given time. Such high turnover required a concerted effort by all staff to ensure that new families were provided with proper care while exiting families were assisted in securing safe, affordable housing and successfully transitioned into the community. The outstanding work of our housing team was recognized by the city.

As a shelter, we recognize that our job is to provide the best settlement related services to our clients as well as to make sure that their safety and comfort is well maintained while in the shelter. In person resident meetings allowed us an opportunity to provide information to our clients while at the same time hear concerns and get feedback from our clients'. This resulted in staff organizing various information sessions on settlement topics of interest and in partnership with other

collaborators such as CRA, Up With Women and St. Michaels Hospital to name a few.

Activities that support client's integration into the community while helping families to deal with the trauma of their refugee journey were planned throughout the year. These activities included trips to Centre Island, High Park Zoo and Niagara falls. A back to school barbeque was organized and children received school bags and donated books courtesy of Telus Canada and Toronto Public Library respectively. We are very grateful for their support.

The year concluded with the year-end holiday party held at Scadding Court Community Centre. The children worked hard to present a wonderful holiday concert. The Food Services department of our Ontario St. location provided an amazing multi cultural dinner and our Executive Director was on hand to pass on words of encouragement and seasons greetings on behalf of the organization. Of course Santa made special visit!

Our work with our clients would not have been as successful without the support of our many community partners.

DURING 2022 WE SERVED



75 FAMILIES
WITH TOTAL PEOPLE
OVER 225

**FAMILIES
HOUSED**
WITH TOTAL OF
129 PEOPLE



**REFUGEE FAMILIES
FROM 22
DIFFERENT COUNTRIES**

Colombia , Mexico and Bahamas (top)
followed by Rwanda, Uganda, Burundi,
Afghanistan, Ethiopia and Hungary.



In partnership with the City of Toronto and in response to the growing number of refugee families arriving in Toronto, Sojourn House opened a refugee specific family shelter in a small hotel, hosting up to 75 families at any given time. With the support of an exceptional staff team, this program has settled hundreds of families from across the globe into the Toronto community in only a few years.

Frehiwot's Story

My migration from my country was sudden and separation from families, friends and my long serving career caused me a big shock. We were feeling like a fish out of water. When my life path was interrupted suddenly, Almighty God opened a new path, helped me and my children to be destined to migrate to Canada, and gave us an opportunity to be welcomed by the Sojourn House family.

We received a warm welcome from the staff who were on duty; Abeye, Ruth and Rose, they were very helpful, and I was really surprised by the service provided and I always remember each step of our conversation and process when we arrived. If I am not exaggerating, I remember it all word by word and my first impression was their amazing dedication. Later that afternoon we had a chance to meet our assigned Settlement Counselor, Mauro. These people made a positive impact to start our path in Canada.

We had a chance to make direct contact with different department staff according to our unique needs; Mervin, Saida and Pearl were the other staff of Sojourn House who had a positive impact and did a great job for the continuity of our new path.

The maintenance and cleaning team was amazing to provide service according to the schedule and whenever an additional emergency service was requested.

All other regular and duty staff made a lot of contributions to let us feel at home and they were all helpful to provide service when we requested.

After staying for 10 months, we have reached the step of moving out of this location and it is time to say thank you and goodbye to you all. The time we spent here, all the trips and get-togethers we had with the Sojourn team were extremely enjoyed and definitely will always be remembered throughout our life.

Thank you all for your service and special thank you to our family member (me and my kids consider him as part of our family) Mauro.

Thank you again Sojourn Family House Management and Staff for being part of our new path and hope to meet you again on one of our future life paths. God Bless you all and God Bless Canada!



Transitional Housing Program

The Transitional Housing Program at Sojourn House is a subsidized and RGI supportive housing program that extends over two years. This program is designed to help refugees facing transition challenges and needing longer-term support to integrate into the wider community successfully. Sojourn House Transitional Housing Program collaborates with shelter partners in the community to identify suitable candidates for program admission. These candidates may include families, single-parent households, single adults, and separated youth.

The Transitional Housing Program provides 52 furnished apartments. These apartments; 24 units for single occupants, 12 for a couple or single parent and one, and 16 for families of three or more. Since 2022, our average length of stay has remained consistent at 1.5 years.

In 2022, the Transitional Housing Program provided transitional supportive housing for 143 clients from 28 countries who had faced traumatic and life-threatening situations. The program provided comprehensive support

and successfully assisted individuals and families with their refugee journey. Currently, the program offers various services to assist clients to integrate into the community, such as case management, settlement counselling, housing assistance, referrals for daycare and schools, urgent physical and mental health care, guidance through the immigration process, and connections to community partners.

Nonetheless, the Transitional Housing Program prioritizes trauma-informed care to establish a secure setting and provide children with various activities such as homework clubs, movie nights, activity clubs, and educational workshops such as healthy eating. In addition, we aim to aid client's integration into the Toronto community by organizing outings to popular attractions such as Centre Island, the CN Tower, Niagara Falls, the ROM, the Toronto Zoo, and various festive and cultural events. At Sojourn House, our primary objective is to continue to offer our clients a secure and caring environment throughout their two-year tenure.



Transitional housing was a main component of the vision for 101 Ontario; a program that would provide support over a stabilization period specifically for refugees experiencing difficulty with the settlement process due to trauma. Since 2006 this 2 year program with an experienced and skilled staff team has prepared both singles and families to become active and engaged new Torontonians. In recent years the program has evolved to support many refugee youth; young people with no family or supports in Canada and saw the implementation of a youth specific Skills for Life program.

DURING 2022 WE SERVED



FROM **28** DIFFERENT COUNTRIES



26 FAMILY 2+
62 CHILDREN
28 YOUTH

143 PEOPLE

40 ADULTS
13 LGBTQ+



76 HOUSEHOLDS SERVED

54 INDIVIDUALS
27 UNITS

142 INDIVIDUALS
24 UNITS

MOVED IN

MOVED OUT

Melissa's Story

I moved to Canada in 2014. During that time, I knew nothing of refugees but received false information that people from my country couldn't file for refugee status. When I came to Canada, I stayed in Brampton and thought I would start a new life, but I didn't know how. I was experiencing horrible depression and anxiety, due to the trauma from my abusive relationship with my daughter's father and the suffering from childhood to adulthood.

I then decided to go to a place where I would receive support and resources for myself and my daughters. We moved to Toronto to a friend's house but were then asked to leave and ended up in a Shelter. The shelter knew we would need excessive support, so they referred us to Sojourn House. When we came to Sojourn House, it was the first time my children and I felt supported, had a sense of belonging and were introduced to a normal lifestyle. Sojourn House took us in and gave us a safe place we called

home. Although temporary, we loved our home because we were always desperate for a place to call home. The employees there made us feel comfortable; they would go above and beyond for anyone who stayed there. While staying there, my family and I got to experience new and fun trips throughout the year. Our holiday was full of Love; they made sure that my children and I felt special with all the gifts they showered us.

My family and I have been living at Sojourn House for over a year, and as our stay comes to an end, we were feeling anxious about what the future holds. We were uncertain about where we will be living next, and this uncertainty was causing us some nervousness. However, Sojourn House reassured us that they would help us find our forever home, which is what they did! As a victim of domestic violence, I get emotional talking about my journey, but I am grateful to have shared my story to give hope to others like me.



Daniel and Mohamed's Story



I want to thank Sojourn House and Thurkka for all the help and support they have provided for me. In dark times, Thurkka has helped me with many things. Without Sojourn House or Thurkka, I would not be happy. They helped me bring my partner here from Iran and offer so many support to my partner and me. I was also able to conduct art classes for their youth as a thank you for their support. They helped me a lot with my mental health and education. Without Thurkka and Sojourn House, I would have not been able to marry my partner. Sojourn House helped pay for my wedding ceremony at City Hall and Thurkka was my witness. Until this day, I am getting support from Sojourn House. They helped me a lot and now are helping my partner as well. I will always be grateful for Sojourn House. They are my family.

Skills For Life Program

The Skills for Life program is a response to the growing number of refugee youth arriving in Canada in need of mental health and life skills support. The program provides support with the goal of assisting youth in their drive toward self-efficacy. The program uses group programming and one-one case management as tools to foster self-determination in youth who are rebuilding their lives in Canada. Outcomes of the program aim to ensure that youth are prepared for independent living.

This year continued to be a challenge due to the effects of COVID-19. Programming was limited in attendance and participation. 97 workshops were facilitated with topics ranging from immigration, mental health, education, employment, Canadian geography, time management and financial literacy. Youth also met with staff one-one 1706 times for case management and support. Staff responded to youth needs by completing 116 applications such as work/study permits, OSAP, permanent residency and citizenship. 9

youth successfully moved out into the community and obtained market rent apartments.

Responding to local shelters, outreach continued to be an important service. Staff met with 47 new youth clients, while that number started slow in the first half of the year and increased as the year went on and restrictions with COVID-19 eased. Services included presentations, one-one support for immigration, applications and school registrations.

Lastly, the Skills for Life program is thankful to continue to working with our community collaborators such as the Toronto Public Library, Sherbourne Health Centre, University of Toronto, the Hospitality Training Centre, Achev, Crossroads clinic and Women's Health in Women's Hands for their continued support in providing important and necessary services for our clients.

In response to the growing trend of asylum seeking youth arriving alone in Toronto in 2018 we applied and were successful in receiving funding through the Ontario Newcomer Settlement program to initiate the Skills for Life program that continues to this day and has supported hundreds of refugee youth; the need being even greater today



Yohanne's Story

When I moved to Sojourn House I was not doing to well in my life. My mental health was not ok, I was not taking care of myself and to top it off it was happening during the pandemic. I was need of some support and help and I was thankful when I was given the opportunity to move into the Skills for Life program. Staff were great in helping me. They connected me with Doctors, taught me to manage my money, how to cook and take care of my apartment. They helped me in learning to make decisions, gave me guidance when I asked and support when I needed it.

Staff spent time with me, whether it was going for walks, watching movies or book shopping they were always available when I needed them. I stayed for over two years; they even gave me a small extension because I didn't feel ready to move out. Today, I have my own apartment that I am doing well in. I am almost finished my upgrading and am looking forward to attending College. I still see staff who continue to make time to see me; we often go for walks and coffee and I use that time to get help from staff in figuring out choices I have to make. I feel lucky that I was able to spend my early time in Canada at Sojourn House where all the staff was great in helping me as I settle into a new life. Thurkka and Stephen were important for my settlement and I am thankful for the opportunity for the support I continue to receive

Health Clinic

Primary care is an essential part of a high-quality health care system, where care is well coordinated and integrated. In Canada, as the first point of contact with the health care system, regular access to primary care provides opportunities for early intervention and disease prevention with a focus on health promotion, illness and injury prevention and diagnosis and treatment of illness and injury.

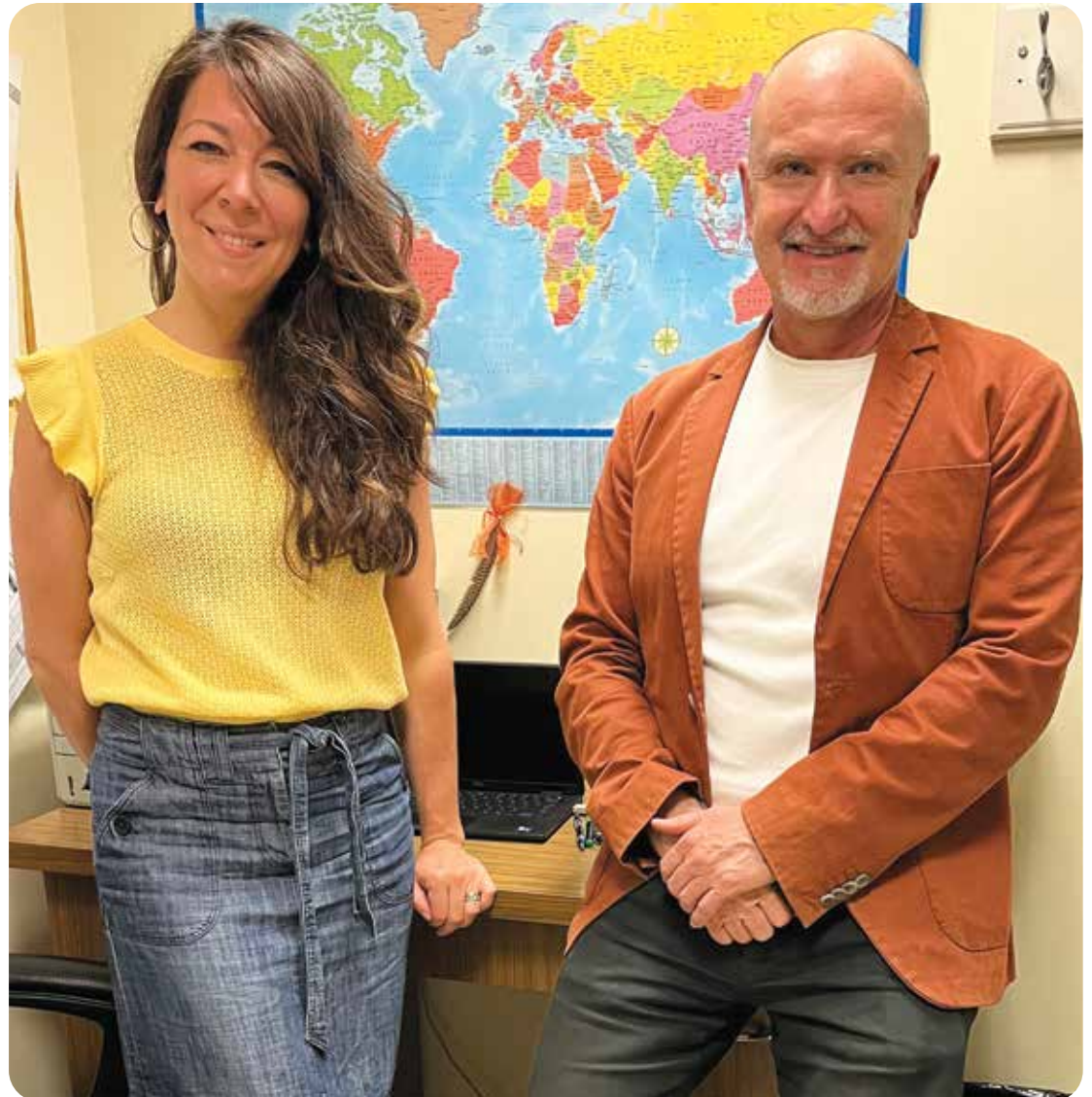
In Canada, certain immigrant groups, such as refugees and those recently arrived, report barriers to the receipt of primary care. These barriers include eligibility for care, language considerations, organization and cost of services, geographic access, health education, social networks, and the patient-provider relationship all may affect how easily, and when, refugees seek care. Access to adequate primary care for this population is essential and has the potential to support and advance health promotion and illness prevention.

To move beyond these barriers to care, culturally tailored interventions that address language, culture and health education needs for newcomer populations have demonstrated an increased utilization of health care services. Additionally, the benefits of inter-sectoral collaboration between health and settlement have demonstrated decreased primary care wait times while simultaneously receiving settlement related services.

The benefits of co-locating services are well known through the collaborative partnership between Sojourn House, the Crossroads Clinic at Women's College Hospital, and Regent Park Community Health Centre. This collaborative model connects health and settlement supports from three distinct health and social services and provides the comprehensive care that clients sheltering at Sojourn House often require.

The opportunity to connect clients to care early in their migration provides the essential and necessary focus on health as a human right. Our model illustrates investing in interprofessional teams are promising practices for serving refugees through reducing geographic inequities to health care services that are necessary in advancing refugee health. Collaboratively we learn together.

“The health clinic initiative came to fruition in 2014 and we are so grateful to Women’s College Hospital for their vision of a true partnership and Regent Park Community Health Centre. Very special thanks to the long standing, committed and compassionate team of Nurse Practitioner, Vanessa Wright and Dr. Roy Male.”



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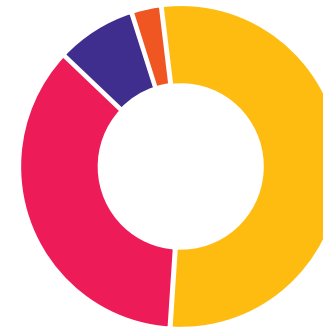
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	2022	2021
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 1,916,891	\$ 1,741,626
Designated Cash	\$ 1,065,024	\$ 880,872
Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 722,421	\$ 673,534
Designated Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 872,021	\$ 900,273
Amounts Receivable	\$ 50,081	\$ 24,660
Due from City of Toronto	\$ 43,788	\$ 27,459
HST Rebate Recoverable	\$ 40,428	\$ 35,551
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 347,287	\$ 318,288
Total Current Assets	\$ 5,057,941	\$ 4,602,263
Capital Assets:	\$ 8,562,179	\$ 8,869,066
TOTAL CURRENT AND FIXED ASSETS	\$ 13,620,120	\$ 13,471,329
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$ 1,013,500	\$ 809,162
Due to City of Toronto	\$ -	\$ -
Current Portion of Mortgages Payable	\$ 177,811	\$ 173,310
Deferred Contributions	\$ 358,849	\$ 357,705
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 1,550,160	\$ 1,340,177
Long-Term Liabilities:		
Long-Term Portion of Mortgages Payable	\$ 5,467,914	\$ 5,645,731
Deferred Capital Grant	\$ 1,967,980	\$ 2,056,980
Deferred Capital Donations	\$ 210,654	\$ 220,042
Deferred City of Toronto (HPS)	\$ 145,733	\$ 201,462
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 9,342,441	\$ 9,464,392
Net Assets:		
Designated		
Contingency	\$ 593,056	\$ 593,056
Internally Restricted Reserve	\$ 1,937,045	\$ 1,781,145
Invested in Capital Assets	\$ 592,087	\$ 571,541
Unrestricted	\$ 1,155,491	\$ 1,061,195
Total Net Assets	\$ 4,277,679	\$ 4,006,937
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:	\$ 13,620,120	\$ 13,471,329

Full Audited Financial Statements Prepared by Pennylegion|Chung LLP
Chartered Accountants are available upon request from Sojourn House.



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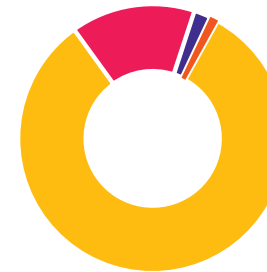
	2022	2021
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS		
REVENUE:		
Government Funding	\$ 9,297,129	\$ 8,965,909
Donations and Other Revenue	\$ 531,143	\$ 428,761
Total Revenues	\$ 9,828,272	\$ 9,394,670
EXPENSES:		
Programs	\$ 4,963,543	\$ 4,646,189
Rent	\$ 3,348,510	\$ 3,199,331
Building	\$ 774,159	\$ 767,197
Administration	\$ 317,918	\$ 305,809
Total Expenses	\$ 9,404,130	\$ 8,918,526
Excess of revenue over expenses before non-operating revenues and expenses	\$ 424,142	\$ 476,144
Non-operating revenues and expenses:		
SCPI capital grant recognized	\$ 89,000	\$ 89,000
Investment income	\$ 64,487	\$ 22,361
Amortization	\$ (306,887)	\$ (305,611)
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	\$ 270,742	\$ 281,894



- Programs - 53%
- Rent - 36%
- Building - 8%
- Administrative - 3%

TOTAL EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	\$ 4,081,627
Rent	\$ 3,348,510
Food	\$ 786,732
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 336,302
Utilities	\$ 283,181
Interest	\$ 154,676
Office and General	\$ 150,973
Consultants	\$ 91,915
Refugee Support	\$ 85,138
Telephone	\$ 53,075
Professional Fees	\$ 21,955
Transportation	\$ 10,046



PROGRAMS EXPENSES - \$4,963,543

- Salaries and Benefits - 82%
- Food - 15%
- Refugee Support - 2%
- Transportation - 1%



BUILDING EXPENSES - \$774,159

- Repairs and Maintenance - 43%
- Utilities - 37%
- Interest - 20%



ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES - \$317,918

- Office and General - 47%
- Consultants - 29%
- Telephone - 17%
- Professional Fees - 7%

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Getting involved

Sojourn House believes in the power of the community, we believe in working together with partners, volunteers and friends to build an inclusive community where we can all thrive together. If you would like more information about how you can get involved with us contact Sojourn House at info@sojournhouse.org or visit our website.

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*Jamil Karim,
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