
TONY'S PLACE

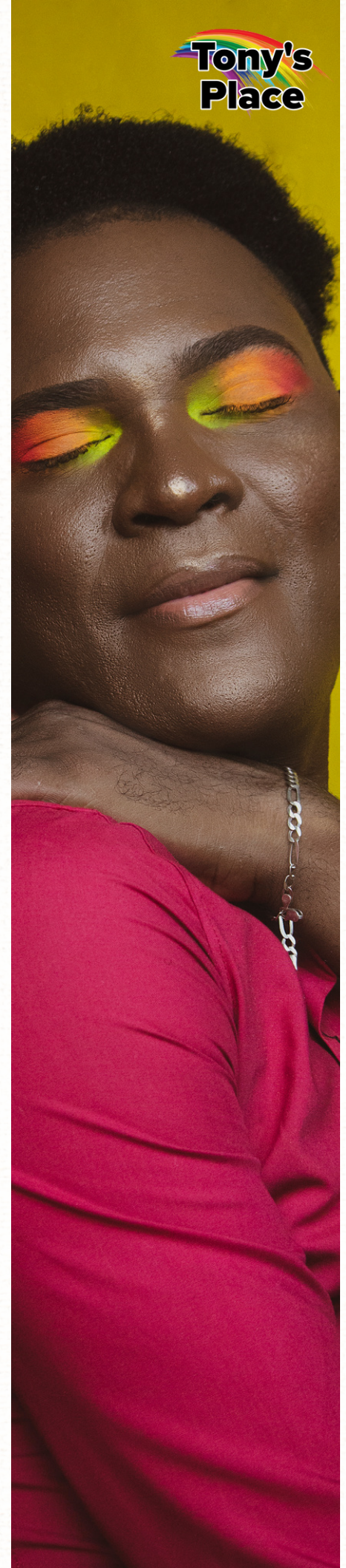
ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023

SUPPORTING AND
EMPOWERING LGBTQ+ YOUTH

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A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am delighted to be introducing the 2022 – 2023 Annual Report for Tony's Place, my first as Executive Director for the organization. Thanks to the generosity and dedication of our donors, volunteers, staff, and community partners, Tony's Place has much to celebrate.

Our organization found a new home for our drop-in and community center in the heart of the Montrose area in June 2022, thus establishing an expanded space for our LGBTQ+ youth. In 2023, we solidified our core services model to include Case Management, Basic Needs, Community Engagement, Advocacy and Support. Any LGBTQ+ youth, age 14 to 25, can count on us for the help and resources they need to feel affirmed, supported and empowered.

As we move into 2024, Tony's Place is focused on expanding our programming, increasing our presence throughout our community, and growing the support we can offer to LGBTQ+ youth.

Thanks to the Board of Directors, Tony's Place has a new Strategic Plan which will guide our work over the next three years. We cannot do this life-changing work without contributions from foundations, individual donors, and the greater queer community. Thank you for helping us get closer to our shared vision of a society in which all LGBTQ+ youth are universally welcomed, safe, and thriving.



CARRIE RAI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WHO WE ARE

MISSION

Support and empower
LGBTQ+ youth.

VISION

We see a society in which all
LGBTQ+ youth are universally
welcomed, safe, and thriving.

VALUES

- **Safety** – We believe in providing a space where everyone feels welcome to express who they are and what they need, and where visitors experiencing homelessness can find respite from life on the street.
- **Empowerment** – We believe in accepting responsibility for our future, and the power of finding an inner voice and strength that helps us transform.
- **Dignity** – We believe in the innate worth and honor of all persons.
- **Support** – We believe in providing structure and guidance by meeting people where they are now and helping them find a way forward.
- **Social Justice** – We believe all people in society deserve human rights, equity, access and participation in all aspects of their daily lives.





WHO WE SERVE

Tony's Place serves LGBTQ+ youth, age 14-25.

130-150 times per month youth access basic needs services

30-40 individual youth come to us a month seeking support

66% identify as Black, African American, or African

39% are between the ages of 18-20

WHERE WE'VE BEEN

Tony's Place opened in 2016 in loving memory of Robert Anthony "Tony" Carroll. Tony Carroll was a pillar of the Houston community and a tireless advocate for numerous LGBTQ+ causes. Tony and his husband, Bruce, were strong advocates for a drop-in center for young LGBTQ+ people. Tony passed suddenly in December of 2015 at the age of 75, but his legacy lives on. Tony's Place was opened to homeless and unstably housed LGBTQ+ youth in 2016. We did not know then just how much our organization would grow in in so many different ways to support and empower LGBTQ+ youth.

From 2019 through 2022, Tony's Place faced some significant challenges. After two years of consistent growth and serving youth in our Midtown location, it became clear we needed to expand. A search began in earnest for a new home for Tony's Place in 2019. However, before a new location was secured, we were confronted with the COVID-19 pandemic in March of 2020.

While most of the city was shutting down to slow the spread of the virus, Tony's Place remained open in Midtown to members through the end of 2020. As we accessed options for a new, expanded location, we deployed Tony's Place Mobile. This model offered LGBTQ+ youth the ability to still request basic needs items such as food, clothing, and hygiene kits, and volunteers would deliver them to the youth across the city.

Through the persistence of our dedicated Board of Directors, Tony's Place was finally able to open our expanded center at 1429 Hawthorne St. in Montrose. There we continue to be a valuable resource for unstably housed LGBTQ+ youth. Additionally, we have expanded beyond basic needs services to offer case management, advocacy, educational programming and community outreach. This enables us to reach an even greater number of LGBTQ+ youth in need.



WHERE WE'RE GOING

We see a society in which all LGBTQ+ youth are universally welcomed, safe, and thriving.

Over the past year, so much has happened at Tony's Place. For the first time, we have a full-time Executive Director and expanded staff devoted to programming, volunteer engagement and individualized case management. We've focused in our mission and have expanded our core services to better serve LGBTQ+ youth.

To guide our future, Tony's Place developed a three-year strategic plan focused on:

- 1) Fiscal Sustainability
- 2) Operations & Facilities
- 3) Programs & Services
- 4) Communications & Marketing

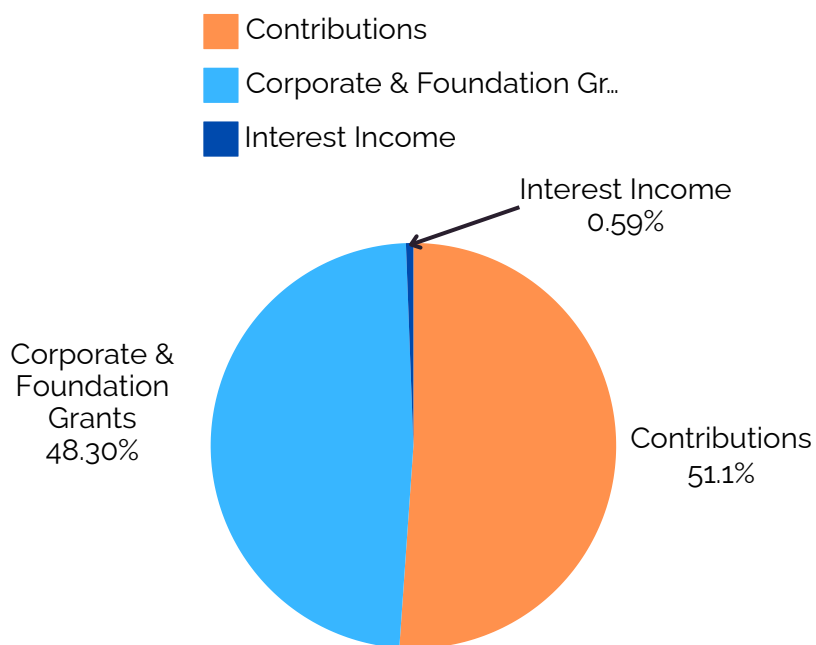
While this plan will be deployed over the next several years, we have already made great strides with some of our objectives, including diversifying funding stream, investing in building improvements, implementing case management, and growing our volunteer base.

**YOU CAN REVIEW OUR
FULL STRATEGIC PLAN AT
TONYSPLACE.ORG/STRATEGIC-PLAN**

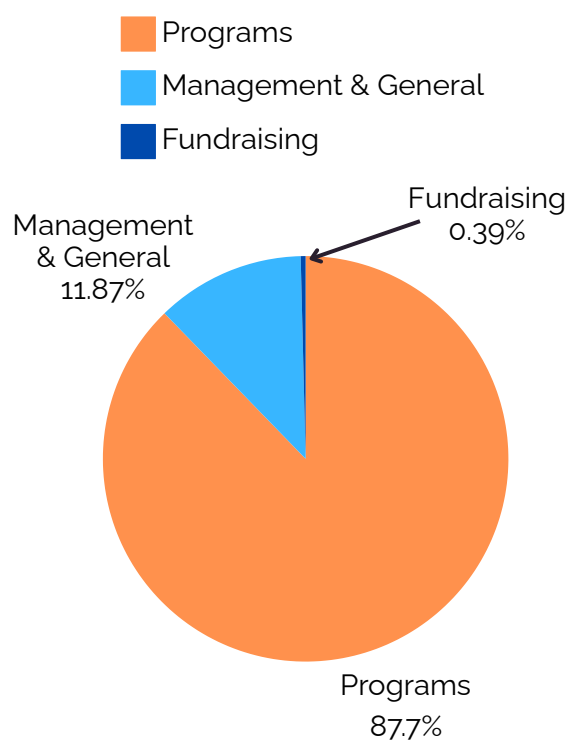
FINANCIAL SYNOPSIS

Moving through 2022 into 2023, the Tony's Place Board set very clear financial goals for the organization. As you can see in the below data, we have tripled our revenue and increased our program budget by almost \$100,000 between 2022 and 2023.

SUPPORT & REVENUE



EXPENSES



Support & Revenue	2022	2023
Contributions	\$75,173.34	\$167,076.93
Corporate & Foundation Grants	\$24,991.49	\$157,906.42
Interest Income	\$1.38	\$1,926.03
Total	\$100,166.21	\$326,909.38

Expenses	2022	2023
Programs	\$143,769.12	\$240,540.86
Management & General	\$22,355.47	\$32,534.04
Fundraising	\$1,444.65	\$1,060.76
Total	\$167,569.24	\$274,135.66

COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

Tony's Place relies entirely on donations from the community and grants to fund our work. We'd like to share a special thank you to the following donors:

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HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE

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LGBT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE





- **\$15** = 1 Hygiene Kit
 - **\$40** = 1-month of bus passes for one youth
 - **\$55** = 50 snack packs
 - **\$70** = Hot lunch for 25 clients
 - **\$165** = A week of shower services
 - **\$200** = 3 nights of emergency housing for one youth living on the street
 - **\$1,000** = Pay for 1 day of services
 - **\$10,000** = Case Management for 10 clients
 - **\$90,000** = Staff a Counselor for 1 year of services for our youth
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WAYS TO SUPPORT

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Donate Funds: Every dollar makes a difference in the lives of the LGBTQ+ youth we serve

Donate Time: Volunteers make it possible for us to deliver basic needs services and valuable programming.

Donate Items: We are continuously in need of items such as hygiene supplies, clothing, foods and more.