



# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

On The Rise is a day-time program that provides safety, community, and advocacy for women and trans/nonbinary individuals moving through and recovering from homelessness.

For those with the fewest options, we cultivate long-term relationships that foster safety and belonging. Guided by the strength and initiative of our program participants, we join their journey to wellbeing, as skilled partners and advocates.

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## OUR IMPACT IN 2021

On The Rise is grateful to the community of donors, partners, and neighbors who generously supported us in our low-threshold, long-term, relationship-focused approach to working with women and trans/nonbinary individuals moving through homelessness.

In 2021, community support helped us to navigate the ongoing and persistent effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. As our organization continues to evolve to meet the needs of our participants in an ever-changing landscape, this generosity is greatly appreciated.

We are pleased to share the outcomes of our Safe Haven and Keep the Keys programs through another extraordinary year, and to share a snapshot of what those outcomes look like for participants who use our program.

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### ON THE RISE SEEKS TO WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH THE FEWEST OPTIONS.

AMONG OUR PARTICIPANTS:

76% REPORTED A DISABILITY

81% WERE THE VICTIM OF A CRIME

72% DISCLOSED TRAUMA

67% HAD ISSUES WITH MENTAL HEALTH

40% HAD SUBSTANCE USE STRUGGLES

33% SHARED PHYSICAL HEALTH CHALLENGES

22% HAD BEEN INCARCERATED

# 2021 PROGRAM OUTCOMES

**25** DAILY VISITS

**397** PARTICIPANTS

**25** PARTICIPANTS ASSISTED INTO THEIR OWN APARTMENT

IN THE LAST THREE YEARS

**88%** OF PARTICIPANTS

WHO OBTAINED HOUSING AND STAYED CONNECTED WITH OTR ARE STILL HOUSED TODAY.

**7,371** SUPPORTIVE ACTIONS

FROM OUR SUPPORTERS

**OVER 700** DONORS

**3,645** MEALS PROVIDED

**13,375** LBS OF CLOTHING & ESSENTIAL ITEMS DONATED & SORTED

# OUR ADVOCACY IN ACTION

**ON THE RISE'S SERVICES** SPAN VARIOUS LEVELS OF SUPPORT, PROVIDING A PERSONAL APPROACH TO DIVERSE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY. HERE ARE A FEW SNAPSHOTS OF WHAT OUR WORK LOOKS LIKE ON A DAILY BASIS.



## **ALLEVIATING DAILY STRESS**

At On The Rise, we know even day-to-day tasks can be challenging for those who have experienced chronic trauma and other mental health issues. A participant who struggles with depression asked for support with doing her laundry. She had multiple loads to do and the task was overwhelming for her. An advocate came to her apartment, loaded the laundry into her car, and drove the woman to the laundromat. On The Rise also provided funds to wash all of the laundry. These intimate, seemingly small gestures of support are pivotal to our mission, reduce daily stress, and promote the general wellbeing of our participants.

## **PROMOTING RELATIONAL HEALTH**

Our advocacy team supports participants financially, physically, and emotionally as many of them deal with significant hardships. A participant who recently moved into an apartment was displaced by a fire in her building. The experience was incredibly re-traumatizing for her. An advocate worked with her to research her options for housing since her displacement, and coming to our Safe Haven during the day allowed her to find emotional safety and community during a challenging time.

## **REDUCING BARRIERS TO ACCESS**

On The Rise participants come from a wide variety of cultural and geographical backgrounds, and speak many different languages. Individuals who have recently learned English often struggle to understand technical language, and struggle with the tedious processes required to obtain identification documents. A participant came to us seeking help in applying for a U.S. passport, as she had recently obtained citizenship and English was not her first language. Through our Keep The Keys program, she connected with an advocate who helped her fill out and submit her paperwork.

# FINANCIALS

AUDITED REVENUE AND EXPENSES JANUARY 1, 2021 - DECEMBER 31, 2021

**OPERATING REVENUE: \$1,636,372.30**

**\$597,960.51**

INDIVIDUALS

**\$198,624.83**

FOUNDATIONS AND  
BUSINESSES

**\$172,986.57**

EVENTS

**\$611,770.19**

GOVERNMENT

**\$55,030.20**

IN-KIND

**OPERATING  
EXPENSES:**

**\$1,618,124.00**

**ON THE RISE IS GRATEFUL**

FOR THE GENEROUS, PRIVATE SUPPORT  
WE RECEIVE, WHICH ALLOWS US TO  
BE FLEXIBLE IN RESPONDING TO THE  
COMPLEX NEEDS OF OUR PARTICIPANTS.

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# SUPPORTERS

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