



Empowering families with children  
to get back into housing and stay there.



2023

Annual Impact Report

## A Letter from our Executive Director



Brandi Tuck | Executive Director



Brandi was honored as a 2023 CNN Hero! Watch the full story of how a service trip changed her life.

I was on a service trip for homelessness in my junior year as a Florida Gator when I met a little boy who changed my life with a simple request. He said, "I love you, stay with me."

I seriously considered dropping out of college but, instead, made a promise: one day, I would do something about homelessness.

My commitment hasn't wavered and neither has yours. With your help, Path Home served 564 families in 2023, 8% more than the year prior. Our continued growth tells two stories.

One of kids, the most vulnerable in our community, being systematically left behind. The Oregon Department of Education reports that in the 2022-23 school year, 4,008 students experienced homelessness in Multnomah County, but families experiencing homelessness receive less than 10% of county funding.

The other is a story of hope. Path Home's trauma-informed programs give families power to make their own decisions about what's best for their family, choice on how they engage in services, and autonomy over how they structure their days.

I don't want to sugarcoat the experience of our families. Their path is often not linear, but parents' tenacity and our village of support are steady. Together, families move from crisis to stability one connection at a time.

Thank you for supporting another impactful year.

# There is a Solution to Homelessness: Housing

Path Home's success comes from fully implementing the Housing First model, an evidence-based practice that includes three components:

Minimize the amount of time that someone experiences homelessness and help them move quickly back into housing

Support people with a period of rental assistance to help them stabilize once in housing

Provide practical help and wrap-around services to support people in keeping their housing long-term



Impact

564 families served in 2023

1,344 kids & adults

## Shelter

Moving from the chaos of cars, motels, and couches, families find respite at Family Village, the first shelter in Oregon featuring trauma-informed design and architecture. There are private rooms for up to 17 families at a time, 24/7 access to nutritious food, showers, laundry, space to play, a library, computer lab, and regular events that build community. In 2023, Path Home remodeled and upgraded to a commercial kitchen!



Average stay of  
**114**  
days

**59**  
families  
served

**86%**  
of families move  
into housing

**"Thank you so much to everyone who has made this new dream kitchen possible! You have created a space for love, for community - where health, comfort, and nutrition connects and heals everyone that's involved."**  
- Josh Crowell, Family Village Chef

## Housing

Families from Family Village shelter and the county-wide waitlist are matched with Path Home housing specialists to help find their new home. Staff build connections with landlords, support families in searching for, applying for, and, moving into new homes, and provide them rental assistance for about a year.



**380**  
families  
served

## Wrap-Around Services

Once families move into housing, parents partner with with a retention specialist who provides customized services for their specific needs. These loving relationships empower families to learn new skills, increase their income, manage mental health, and navigate the maze of social services.

**87%**  
keep housing  
long term

Privately  
Funded with No  
Government  
Support



## Economic Stability

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### Prevention

When faced with an eviction, Path Home provides rapid financial assistance to help families avoid losing their home, as well as supportive case management.

Prevention continues to be the most cost-effective program that Path Home operates. To keep up with the need, the application process was restructured so that it is accessible and equitable, moving away from a first come, first served model.

**\$2,586 avg. spent per family | 85 families served**

### Cash Transfer

Worldwide research shows that the fastest and most efficient way to end poverty is by giving people cash and allowing them to manage their own finances. In 2023, Path Home wrapped up our first Cash Transfer pilot and prepared to more than triple the size of the second cohort in 2024 from 6 to 20 families.

Families receive \$575 a month for two years to help parents end their poverty for good. One mom in the program shared, "I didn't know how stressed out about money I was every single second of every single day - until all of a sudden I wasn't."

**\$6,900 spent per family | 6 families served**





Path Home staff



Volunteers in the new kitchen



Donations of top shelter needs

## It Takes a Village

### Meet the Team

In reflection of those we serve, more than half – 57% – of Path Home's staff have lived experience of homelessness, 55% identify as BIPOC, 48% identify as LGBTQIA2S+, and 27% have a disability.

### Volunteers

Volunteers' commitment amplified Path Home's impact and cultivated purposeful community through service.



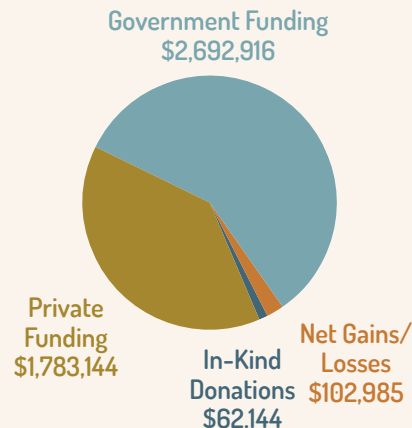
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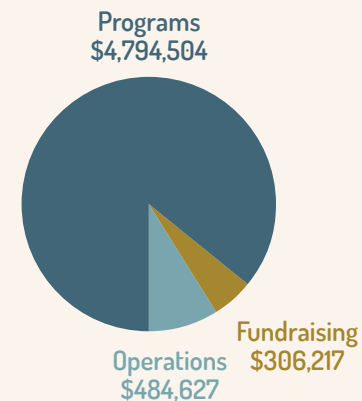
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## 2023 Financials

We Raised \$4,641,189\*



We Invested \$5,639,348



\*Though not reflected here, Path Home received \$2,500,000 from the Jeff Bezos Day 1 Families Fund in 2021, allowing us to invest in our programs over five years to serve more families.

"I can't tell you how thankful I am for your program. You have given me a chance to make something for my family. You have allowed me to breathe knowing my rent is paid and I do not have to face the cold alone. Thank you, from my family to yours. I will do my best to pay this forward and help someone within my means."

– Bronson, Prevention participant



building dignity  
restoring power  
promoting autonomy

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Thank you to everyone who makes  
our mission possible.

Our generous volunteers, dedicated  
donors, loving staff, and – most  
importantly – resilient families, are  
behind every moment of impact that  
we celebrated together in 2023.

Path Home looks ahead optimistically  
knowing we have you by our side!