

# Annual Report 2023



# Letter from the President & CEO



Dear Friend of Together,

Thanks to your support, Together accomplished amazing things in 2023. More than 22,000 individual participants visited our Choice pantries in Omaha and Council Bluffs, taking home nearly 2.4 million nutritious meals. Meanwhile, more than 1,700 people approached us with a housing crisis. With the help of our Crisis Engagement team, our Horizons Rapid Re-Housing program, and our Short-Term Emergency Housing Program, 864 of those were able to secure or retain housing. Your generosity is literally putting food on the table and a roof over the heads of our neighbors in need. Together also deeply appreciates the dedication of the many volunteers who help us serve our participants. In 2023, 2,197 volunteers recorded a total of 4,394 hours of service to our neighbors at our two Choice pantries.

All those efforts will continue in 2024, and there are exciting new initiatives on the way:

- Together is partnering with several other area nonprofits to open a Housing Stability Clinic, which will provide “one-stop shopping” for participants facing multiple challenges in obtaining or retaining their housing. The clinic will operate out of the old 11worth Café building, now owned by Together, at 2419 Leavenworth Street. Look for more information about this program, coming soon.
- In September, our Choice food pantry in Council Bluffs will move to a beautiful new location on the Lakin Human Services Campus.
- And toward the end of the year, Together will launch a new Permanent Supportive Housing program, which will allow us to continue working on an ongoing basis with participants whose disabling mental and physical conditions make difficult for them to find or keep a safe place to live.

Our internal data suggests that hunger and homelessness continue to rise in our community but, as these new programs demonstrate, Together remains committed to developing innovative ways to address these stubborn problems. I remain hopeful, and I deeply appreciate your continued support, which enables us to do this vital work. Your generosity is a lifeline to all those we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Hornacek". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mike Hornacek President and CEO Together

# Serving Our Community



**22,325**

individuals served through the Omaha and Council Bluffs Choice Food Pantries.



**4,394**

Volunteer Hours contributing to the mission.



**2,370,662**

nutritious meals were placed at the tables of food insecure households through the Choice Food Pantries and SNAP outreach.



**2,844,794**

pounds of food distributed through the Omaha and Council Bluffs Choice Food Pantries.

**296**

street homeless individuals were provided services by the Street Outreach team.



**120**

individuals, with medical fragilities, were helped with case management and services through the Short-Term Emergency Housing Program.



**0%**

of program participants returned to homelessness within 24 months of successful completion of the Horizons Rapid Rehousing Program.



**64**

street homeless individuals were able to attain permanent housing.



# Serving Our Community



**John Doe**  
123 4th St  
Omaha, NE

**211** people received identification in order to attain housing, benefits, and/or employment.



**61** of the Short-Term Emergency Housing Program participants exited to positive housing destinations.

**59** found permanent housing.



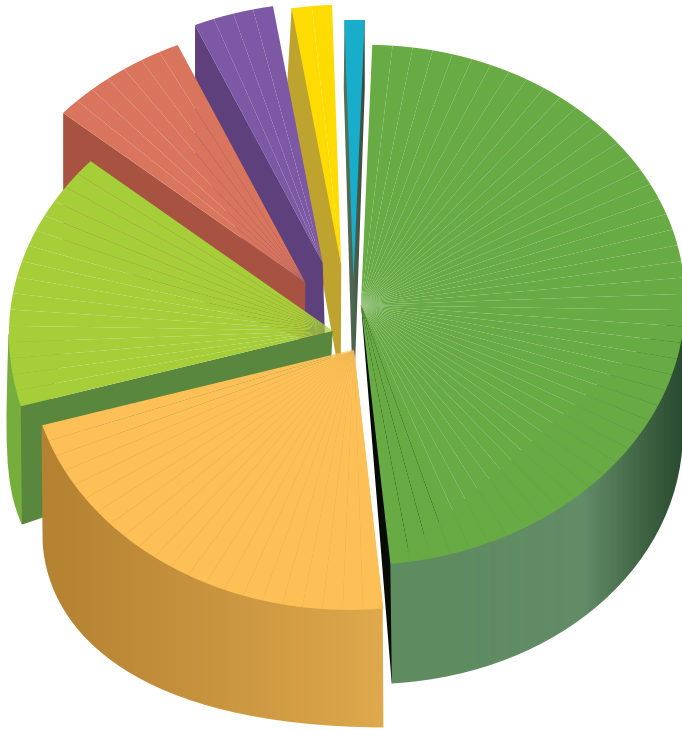
**653** households sought help with a housing crisis.

**622** households were able to retain or attain housing.



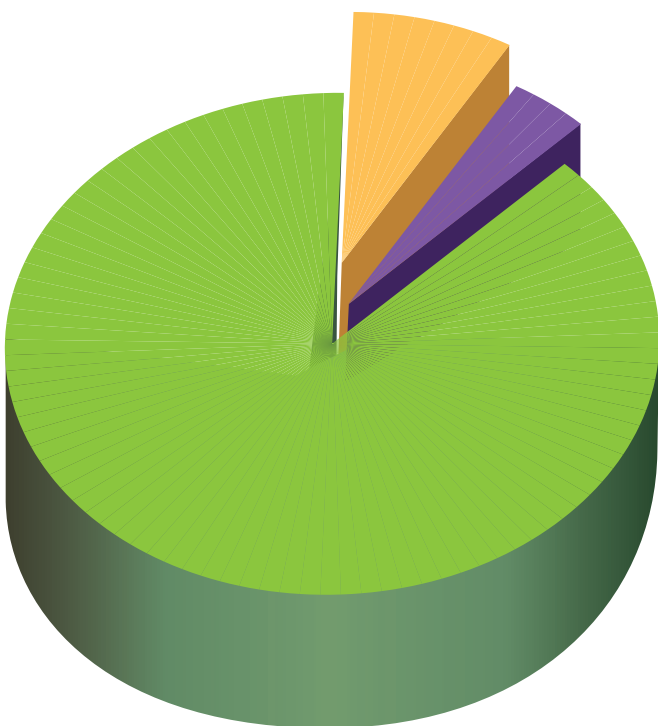
We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our donors for your unwavering support. Your commitment to our mission of preventing and ending hunger and homelessness empowers us to serve our community wholeheartedly, inching us closer each day to our goals.

# Our Financials



## REVENUE

<b>RELIGIOUS</b>	<b>\$38,340.00</b>
<b>PRIVATE DONORS</b>	<b>\$198,716.00</b>
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>\$447,411.00</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$724,243.00</b>
<b>FOUNDATIONS</b>	<b>\$1,702,530.00</b>
<b>CORPORATE</b>	<b>\$2,148,886.00</b>
<b>INKIND DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$4,775,226.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,035,352.00</b>



## EXPENSES

<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$1,022,165.00</b>
<b>FUNDRAISING</b>	<b>\$452,437.00</b>
<b>PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$10,038,981.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,513,583.00</b>



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Together's mission is to prevent and end hunger and homelessness in the Omaha and surrounding communities.

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Together envisions a community of prosperity where everyone experiences safe, affordable housing, food security, health and wellness.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BECOME A DONOR**

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