

2022

WINGS HOMELESS ADVOCACY



Impact Report

Wings

Letter from the ED

**“Another world is not only possible, she is on her way. On a quiet day I can hear her breathing.”
–Arundhati Roy**

People occasionally ask me “How do you do this work without getting overwhelmed and depressed? Nothing seems to get better”. And though it can feel like that sometimes, it isn’t true for the families and individuals that break the cycle. **For them, everything changes.**

We know that the 685 people we served last year only represent a small percentage of the total unhoused population. And we know we cannot afford to let that overwhelm us.

In the space of about 10 days in April, 2022, Wings volunteers made deliveries to 2 Afghan refugees, a CZU fire survivor family, 2 veterans and an 81-year-old woman with a physical disability. **People need our services.** And as long as they need them, we hope to be here.

We rarely know the stories of those that we deliver to or help to get documents for – but we do know that solving the overwhelming problem of homelessness is going to take the whole community working together and **it happens one person and one family at a time.**

In gratitude,

Caroline

N. Caroline Mann, Executive Director



Impact at a Glance



**CHILDREN HELPED
THROUGH OUR
WELCOME HOME
PROGRAM**

90



**VITAL DOCS
OBTAINED**

410



**COMMUNITY
DOLLARS SAVED**

\$80,294



**MOVE-IN
PACKAGES FOR
VETERANS**

21



**MATTRESSES
DELIVERED**

209



**MATTRESSES FOR
SENIORS**

32

**65 MORE THAN
LAST YEAR!**



Thank you so very much for the basket! I loved and can use everything in it! I was just hunting for these things last weekend and was not very successful unless I wanted to spend more than I had planned. So I passed. All the items are such a blessing. Thank you for the kindness you show our community.

- Wings Client



Welcome Home



View more of our impact here!

Our programs are part of a pathway to housing:

At the front end of the journey out of homelessness is our Vital Docs Program. Lack of a birth certificate should never keep anyone homeless – but it *can*. We're here to make sure that doesn't happen.

On the other side of the journey is our Welcome Home Program. No one should be sleeping on the floor – but many people would be if it weren't for our Welcome Home packages. Beds and essential supplies help people stabilize & thrive in their new housing.

21% INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR



181

Total households helped through our Welcome Home Program

52

Number of families with children under 18 in our Welcome Home Program

6

Volunteer Notaries & 3 Assistants spent 226 hours helping 410 people get vital documents

The Road Home

How Wings helped Darren on his journey out of homelessness and into housing

After getting injured, Darren couldn't work and was living in his car



Wings got Darren a **birth certificate**, so he could get a housing voucher



Darren got help from a case manager and found an apartment to rent



Darren needed a **ride** for his last surgery - so a Wings volunteer drove him the 90 mile round trip!



Wings gave Darren a **bed & basket** so he could make his empty new house feel like a home



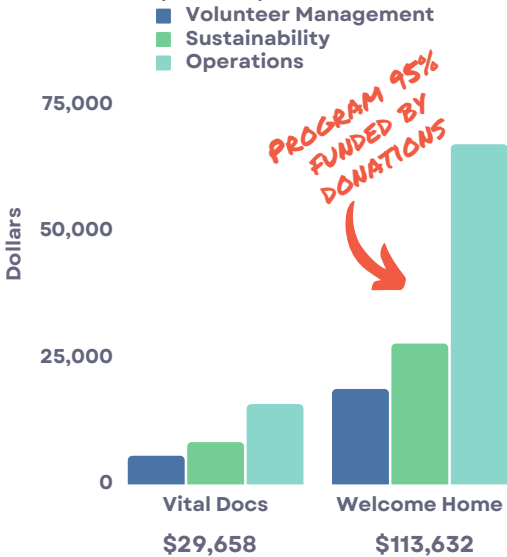


We think of our budget beyond programs and admin.

We think of it in terms of sustainability – how well are we planning for the future of Wings and the people we will need to serve? How much of our resources go to managing our volunteers? Read on to find out.

Our Financials

Our total expenses, split into our two main services



Operations
All costs of materials and staff time spent on our services to program participants

Sustainability
All the expenses that go towards building Wings' sustainability

Volunteer Mgmt
Recruiting, training, and managing our amazing volunteers

Volunteer Savings

\$73,630

vs.

\$24,435

It would have cost us *at least* \$73,630 to recruit, train, employ, and manage staff to do what our volunteers get done!

Amount it costs us to manage our amazing volunteers

Every \$1 invested in us does the work of \$3

See our financials at www.wingsadvocacy.org/2022-impact

OUR COMMUNITY INVESTORS IN 2022

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