

## BRIDGES TO INDEPENDENCE 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

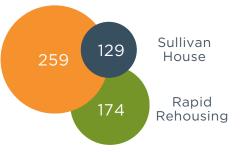
In 2023, Bridges to Independence faced the challenges of a post-pandemic era, with a significant increase in the demand for its services. The emergency family shelter, Sullivan House, saw a staggering 55% increase in utilization, and there was a notable rise in youths seeking assistance through the organization's youth development programs, emphasizing the heightened need for immediate support among families and children facing housing insecurities.

In its unwavering commitment to an anti-poverty mission, Bridges to Independence expanded efforts in 2023, addressing the root causes of poverty through initiatives like emergency housing, rapid rehousing, community resource navigation, workforce development and youth development. With a specific focus on providing essential services to youth experiencing homelessness, the organization aimed to empower, enrich, and educate children. The 2023 annual report captures the multifaceted nature of Bridges to Independence's anti-poverty approach, showcasing its dedication to creating lasting change in the lives of the children and families it serves.

#### **OUR PROGRAMS**

#### # OF PEOPLE SERVED

Bonder & Amanda Johnson Community Services Center



58%

of the people served at our Emergency Family Shelter were children. PROGRAMS VS OVERHEAD COSTS

76%

24%

# 211 THE HOUSEHOLE

received housing, utilities, education, employment, food, clothing, and medical services from the Bonder & Amanda Johnson Community Services Center.

#### YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

243 students participated



100% of high school seniors graduated



100% of graduates continued on to college, job training, employment



4 students completed a summer internship

#### **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

55 adults participated



This program helped individuals enroll in GED and ESL classes

### **OUR VOLUNTEERS**



**New volunteers** 



Mentors at our Youth Program

Volunteer projects and pro-bono services were provided by companies including Deloitte, Accenture, Deloitte, Arlington Strategy, Zillow, Carefirst, Turner Construction, Fannie Mae, Mastercard

#### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

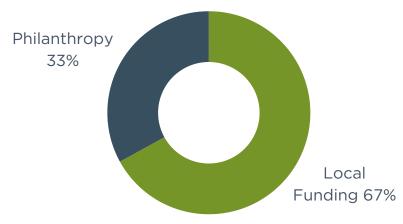
\$86.2K

received in in-kind donations

Received donations from individual donors across

24 STATES

#### **FUNDING SOURCES**



Local community, civic, and faith groups held donation drives to gather winter coats, socks, school supplies, and food items for the children and families at Bridges.



ALL children received Halloween costumes





people received new presents and gift cards from our Holiday Donation Drives. This covered all the families in our shelter & Rapid Rehousing program during the holiday season.



\$40K the toal amount raised by local Arlington charities from runners and supporters.

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