



Continuing Success

Winter 2023 Newsletter

and 2022 Annual Report

A Message from the Director:

There is a lot to celebrate at Cornerstone Renter Equity! We reached new milestones in 2022, and have continued to build on our success in 2023.

In 2022, we became a United Way Systems Change Partner to help families build strong financial foundations; we received new funding through the city's Safe and Clean initiative to improve the neighborhood; and we were chosen for the Social Venture Partners XLR8 Program to enhance our communication and development efforts. We organized more community building events than ever, bringing families together in healthy, positive, and productive ways. We also engaged new volunteers and new local businesses to support our events.

Last year, Renter Equity members earned a cumulative \$31,330. In our Matched Savings Program, which offers 2:1 and 1:1 matches, we matched a total of \$7,036. One member completed the Matched Savings Program, and is using the money to start her own nail art business. Another member will complete the program in March 2023, and plans to use the money to support and expand his home painting business.

Great things are already happening in 2023. In January alone we enrolled three new Renter Equity members and welcomed two new Family Coaches who are helping members maximize their earnings and engage in their community. Most importantly, we continue to be advocates, champions, and partners of families.

We are grateful to you, and to all who support our efforts in helping marginalized families build assets and better lives.

Alisa Berry, Executive Director

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Member Spotlight: Jermane Thomas



Jermane Thomas lives in Over-the-Rhine and works at Little Sisters of the Poor in kitchen and maintenance. Five years ago, Jermane joined the Renter Equity Program with a specific goal in mind: to travel. In 2021, he reached his goal, having earned and saved enough money to fulfill his dream of seeing the Dallas Cowboys play at their home field.

"Renter Equity allows me to live my life to the fullest and check things off my bucket list," says Jermane. In 2023, he hopes to use his savings to visit Paisley Park, the home and studio of his favorite musician, Prince.

Strength in Community

A strong community connects people. It allows families to lean on each other and unite to pursue shared interests. Last year, we organized more community building events than ever, bringing families together in healthy, positive, and productive ways.

Events in 2022

Health Fair
Cooking Classes
Community Day
Juneteenth
Beautification Day
Back to School
Family Movie Night
National Night Out
Holiday Kid Skate



2022 Annual Report

Thanks to dedicated staff, community partners, and donors, Cornerstone's mission to be a community-oriented partner providing a customized, family centered approach to asset building and personal growth continues to make a difference in Over-the-Rhine.

In 2022...



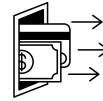
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The Matched Savings Program matched a total of \$7,036

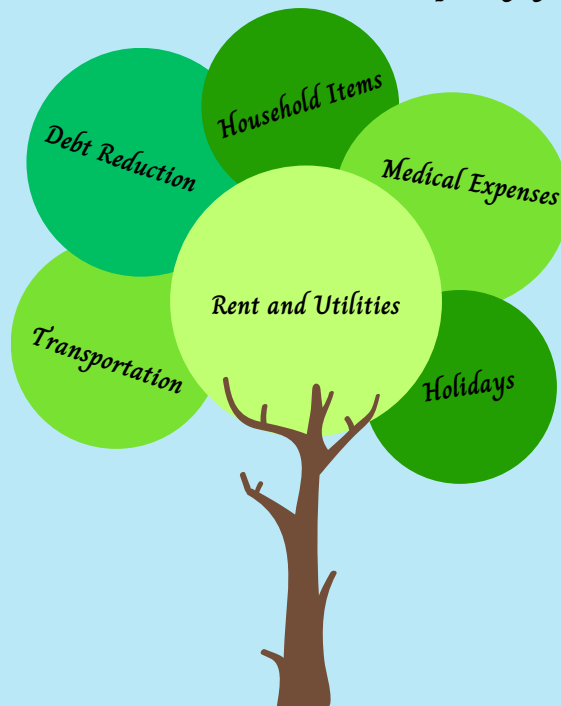


We hosted 9 community events that engaged more than 1,000 people



A total of \$29,734 was paid out to members

What did members use equity for?



Renter Equity Membership:
88 Households



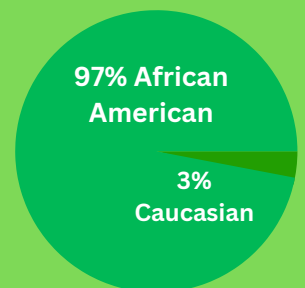
Number of Individuals:
153



90 Adults
(26 of whom are over the age of 60)



63 Children



Member Demographics in 2022

Our Donors

In 2022, Cornerstone received the most individual donations we have received in one year along with new grant support from United Way, Social Venture Partners, and the city of Cincinnati. We are truly grateful for the commitment and generosity of our donors. Your support enables us to advocate, champion, and partner with families fighting for economic stability and better lives.

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United Way, Project Lift

Support Renter Equity

Donate

Donations to Cornerstone enable us to provide healthy activities, community events, and other opportunities for families to engage in and earn equity.

Sponsor

Renter Equity Sponsorship = \$2,000 (provides equity funds, one-on-one coaching, and financial planning services for one family over the course of one year)

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