

Hopeful Happenings

2023 Fall Newsletter
Serving Sarasota and DeSoto Counties



[First name],

As we dive into these final months of the year, we'd like to take you on a journey through the Child Protection Center's 2023 fiscal year. It's been a year for the books, one that was packed to the brim with milestones- but most importantly, it was a year filled with healing for the children and families who've walked through our doors, a year filled with courageous advocacy from the community surrounding CPC, and a year filled with hope for the future as we continue to grow and strengthen our fight against child abuse in Sarasota and DeSoto Counties.

2023 was a year to celebrate! In March, many of you joined us to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of our signature gala, Blue Ties & Butterflies. Your unparalleled levels of enthusiasm and generosity made this the most successful fundraising event in CPC's history. The Personal Safety and Community Awareness Program celebrated 30 years of educating the community on reducing child abuse as the longest tenured prevention program in the state of Florida. We were also honored to have recognized four dedicated members of our staff who have reached 10 years of ceaseless devotion to our mission and our clients. Even more cheer and celebration was had when CPC was named the 'Best Local Children's Nonprofit' in the 2023 Best of SRQ.

In addition to these milestones, each of which have recognized the many years of service that have come before, many new stones were laid that are paving the way to a brighter and safer future. Tremendous strides have been made with the Capital Campaign for CPC's Campus of Healing, for which we have received a 3 million dollar Federal Earmark in support of our expansion and the growing need for additional services in the area. Our programs and services have also continued to expand, most notably our Therapy programs which now have services available for more survivors than ever before.

Yes, it certainly has been a historical year here at CPC- and we're just getting started! As you read ahead, please know how grateful we are to you for joining us on this journey to a safer, brighter world for our children. Thank you for making healing possible and being a beacon of hope for our clients.

Together we make a difference.

Douglas and the CPC Team

"To hope is not to escape the difficult, but to be able to move forward with courage despite the difficult."

-Dhiman

Updates of positivity and hope from the Child Protection Center.



Child Abuse Is A PROBLEM



CPC IS WORKING TOWARDS A Solution

CPC's community impact from July 2022 - June 2023

These milestones were made possible thanks to your generosity, advocacy, and courage in the fight against child abuse.



307 *MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS*
provided to assess signs of
child abuse and neglect



3,634 *HOURS OF THERAPY*
provided to survivors and non-
offending caregivers and siblings



548 *PERSONAL SAFETY WORKSHOPS*
presented to **25,877** children, **18,701**
parents, and **7,028** professionals



454 *SUPERVISED VISITATIONS*
facilitated between children
and their non-custodial parent



46 *HOURS OF VOLUNTEERED ADVOCACY*
by PAWS therapy dogs and their handlers in
11 court appearances and **24** depositions



12,869 *PARTICIPANTS*
educated on internet safety
through **128** sessions



295 *SURVIVORS*
received specialized therapy for
child physical and sexual abuse



52,800 *INDIVIDUALS
REACHED*
through CPC's
programs and
services

MISSION: Our mission is the prevention, intervention, and treatment of child abuse.

VISION: CPC envisions a community in which all children are safe from abuse and free to thrive.

Prevention

Personal Safety and Community Awareness Program (PSCA):

PSCA has been providing essential child abuse prevention education at no cost to children, parents, and professionals in Sarasota County since 1992. It is the longest tenured prevention program in Florida and has served over 800,000 individuals in its 30+ years. Research shows that child abuse can be prevented through empowering education and awareness. In order to create stronger safety nets around our community's children, we emphasize the importance of having power in prevention!

51,606

Children, parents, and professionals
Educated



"PSCA AND CPC ARE gifts to our children.

I give it the highest of accolades from the depths of my soul."
-4th Grade Teacher after personal safety presentation

154

Sexual Abuse Prevention
LESSONS CONDUCTED

Intervention

Children and Families Supervised Visitation Program (CFSVP):

Our Visitation Program provides a safe, neutral environment for children to maintain a relationship with a non-custodial caregiver, through the watchful eye of a highly trained volunteer. The overall goal is to foster healthy relationships, as research proves this connection improves overall well-being and stability for a child. Over 50 Sarasota County citizens serve as CFSVP volunteers.

1,362
**HOURS OF
volunteering**

323
**Total
PARTICIPANTS**

"I have learned the true meaning of quality time from this program."
-CFSVP PARTICIPANT

Child Protection Team (CPT):

CPT is a state-mandated program working alongside the Department of Children and Families and law enforcement in cases of suspected abuse and neglect. CPT evaluates allegations of abuse and provides recommendations for interventions to protect children. This devoted team facilitates critically important forensic interviews, medical examinations, and often testifies on behalf of a child in court. CPT is the only provider authorized by the state to perform these functions in Sarasota and DeSoto Counties.

"CPT approaches the children we treat with **care and compassion** WHILE SHOWING THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF PROFESSIONALISM."
-Pediatric SANE Certified Nurse

3,127
**ABUSE REPORTS
REVIEWED**

576
**Clients
Served**

Treatment

Therapy Programs:

CPC's Therapy Programs serve children who have been physically and sexually abused, children exhibiting problematic sexual behaviors, the victim's non-offending caregiver and siblings, and adult survivors of child abuse. The overall goal is to provide services that afford survivors to live a healthy, restored life after their traumas. We are the only provider in Sarasota County specialized in child physical and sexual abuse treatments, free of charge.

INCREASES OF:

47% in referrals
22% in clients served
23% in therapy hours

2nd most productive team in Florida.

**"YOU ARE SIMPLY
ROCKING IT
OUT IN SARASOTA!"**

-State Clinical Coordinator

1 OF 4

PROGRAMS EXCEEDING
**statewide averages
across the board!**



INSPIRING *Generosity!*

Our clients are the very lucky recipients of over 400 new toys and games donated by the wonderful folks of FBI Tampa and the FBI Tampa Citizens Academy Alumni Association!



Our dear friend Robyn Collins helped facilitate much of this and we couldn't be more grateful.



Thank you to the Greater Sarasota Chamber & Synovus for partnering with us to bring our grounds back to life! Through their "Fall For Sarasota" Initiative, our playground and curb appeal got a lovely refresh. They came out to pressure wash, tidy up, re-mulch, and tighten every bolt on our playground to ensure our clients can enjoy secure and safe play while visiting us.



CPC is so grateful for the partnerships in our community that allow ALL of us to reach a greater impact in our community. We couldn't do it without you!



OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CPC has announced the appointment of **NIKKI WILLIAMS** and **CHRISTIE MUCHA** to its board of directors. These two powerful women join CPC's Board with enthusiasm, and we are over the moon to share this news with our community! With their combined love for children, voluntarism, community advocacy, and dedication to our mission- we know the future of children in Sarasota and DeSoto Counties are in great hands.



DANIELLE HUGHES NAMED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

We are honored to announce CPC's Team Coordinator **DANIELLE HUGHES** has been named CPC's Employee of The Year! Danielle has an unwavering passion for helping child abuse victims in our community. Through leading a powerful team at CPC, helping guide Sarasota and DeSoto's Multi-Disciplinary Teams, AND the PAWS program... we couldn't think of anyone more deserving. Way to go, Danielle! We are so lucky to have you in our family.



KRIMES AGAINST KIDS 2023

CPC's Personal Safety and Community Awareness Program (PSCA) and Therapy Program were once again selected to present at this year's Florida Network of Child Advocacy Centers' **Krimes Against Kids Conference**. This conference has participants from around the country and is crafted to further educate professionals in child advocacy, such as law enforcement personnel, child protective service personnel, victim advocates, attorneys, therapists, counselors, and social workers. Presenting is a tremendous honor and a true testament to the knowledge and expertise of our staff- we are SO proud of them!



YOUR GIFT OF *healing* **WILL BE DOUBLED**

A group of passionate advocates have joined forces to create a

\$100,000

MATCHED GIVING CHALLENGE!

Now through the end of the year, all donations up to \$100,000 will be DOUBLED! Make a matched donation at www.CPCSarasota.org. Donations of any size help provide life-saving services for children. Your support allows CPC to not only continue the fight against child abuse, but strengthen against it.

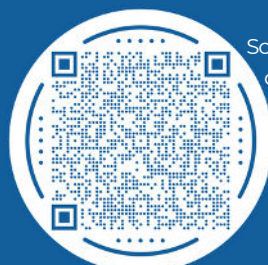
HURRY TO WIN!

We are very excited to be partnering with our friends at Classic Creations in Diamonds & Gold in raising funds for our programming with this diamond necklace chance drawing.

This classic solitaire pendant features a beautiful 2.01ct laboratory grown diamond in a round brilliant cut. This diamond is of exceptional quality with a near-colorless G rating, VVS-2 clarity, and IGI certification. Hanging elegantly from a lustrous 20" white gold razzo chain, this necklace will elevate any outfit with its incandescent sparkle. Valued for retail at \$6,999. Tickets are only \$50 each and are available at www.CPCSarasota.org/event/night-of-hope/

The winning ticket will be pulled at Night of Hope and Healing on Thursday, November 9th at Plantation Golf & Country Club. Need not be present to win!

***Ticket sales close at 8:30PM 11/9/2023**



Scan with your camera phone to get tickets!

Getting ready for the holidays at CPC

The Fall Season is a bustling time at the Child Protection Center. As this is being written, our Development team is in the final stages of preparing for our Night of Hope & Healing Event on November 9th, Giving Tuesday, and End of Year fundraising. Executive Director Douglas Staley is assisting the Gulf Gate Rotary in our annual Turkey Day initiative when we'll distribute over 80 turkeys and baskets of groceries to our clients' families. Our therapists and Operations Program Administrator are prepping for our client holiday celebrations.

Every year, our staff takes great strides to make the holiday season special for our clients, many of whom struggle this time of year. It's difficult to work through the trauma that follows child abuse while surrounded by a carefree world of cheer and merriment.

Each December, CPC brings joy to our clients by passing out goodies that encourage bonding, normalcy, self care, and fun while bringing laughter and comfort during a difficult time, and that is a truly wonderful thing.

If you'd like to get involved, we encourage you to start gathering goodies such as pajamas, blankets, board or card games, gift cards, art supplies, toy cars, etc.

Items can be dropped off or mailed to:

Child Protection Center, Inc.

720 S. Orange Ave
Sarasota, FL 34236

Please contact

LouAnnL@CPCSarasota.org

if you'd like to be more involved in a toy drive!

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO *Give*

Monthly Giving

Your recurring gift brings protection, safety, and hope to children all year long without a big one-time hit to your wallet.

Corporate Giving

Under the CARES Act, corporations may make cash gifts and deduct up to 25% of taxable income to CPC.

Charitable Gift Annuity

Establishes a charitable fund benefiting CPC & provides the donor &/or other named beneficiaries with an income at a competitive rate of return.

Endowments

Sharyn Chapman Endowment Fund

Established by Doug and Sherry Chapman, designated for the Child Protection Center at the Gulf Coast Community Foundation
601 Tamiami Trail S., Venice, FL 34285

Child Protection Center's Board Directed Endowment at PNC

720 South Orange Ave, Sarasota, FL 34236

The Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Inc

2635 Fruitville Rd, Sarasota, FL 34237

Legacy Giving

To continue your legacy with CPC, join our Legacy Giving Program and ensure a future where children are safe from abuse and free to thrive. These planned gifts are often given through wills, living trusts, life insurance, and retirement plans.

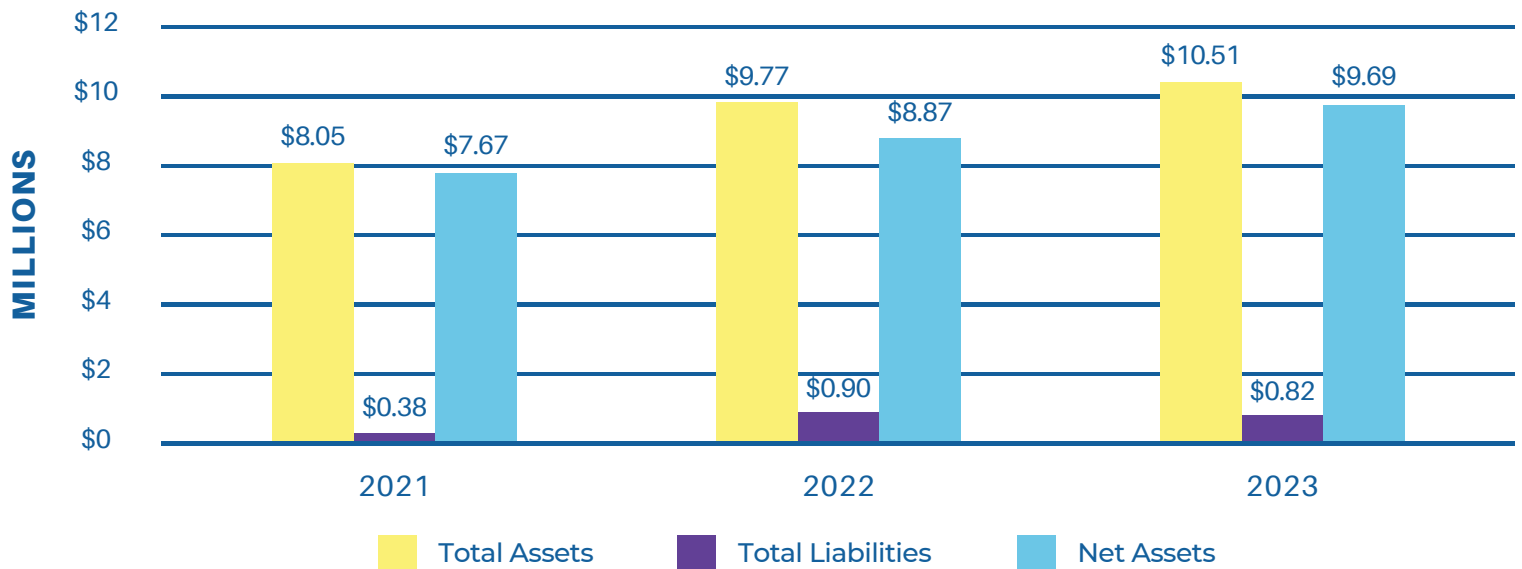
In-Kind Donations

Donate items from our wish list. These are used by children in therapy and during family visitations. Visit CPCSarasota.org to view a list of needed donations.

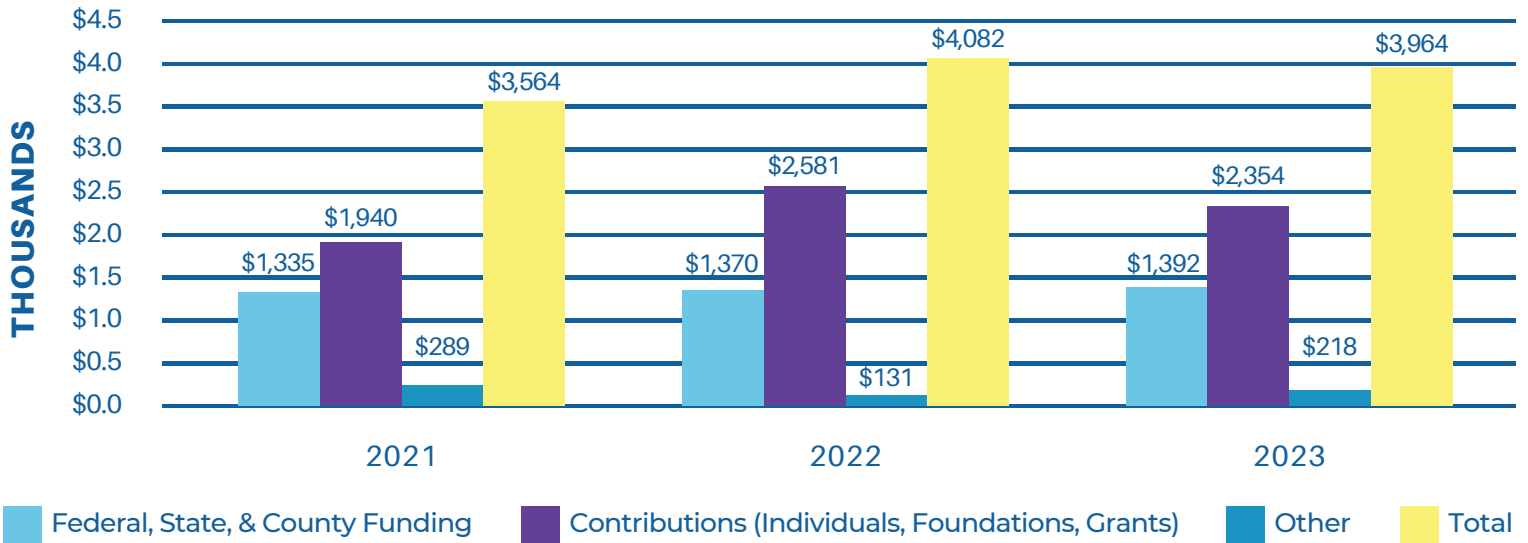
**If you are of age 70 ½, you can contact your retirement plan administrator to transfer your gift to CPC, and your gift will count towards your minimum distribution requirement!*

The Child Protection Center just received our annual Audit Result & Highlights from Kerkerling, Barberio & Company. We are pleased to report that we received an Unmodified Audit Opinion. We are happy to display the results from the audit below, which have been shared with our Board of Directors at our October 24th, 2023, Board Meeting. CPC will post the complete audited financial report on CPC's website.

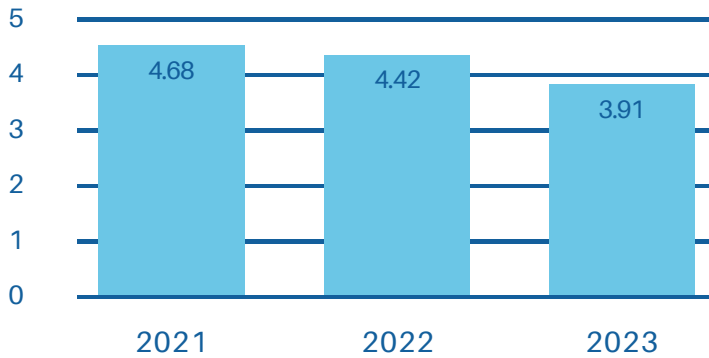
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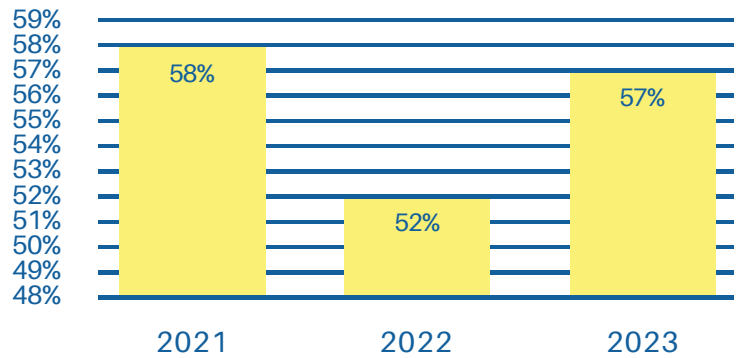
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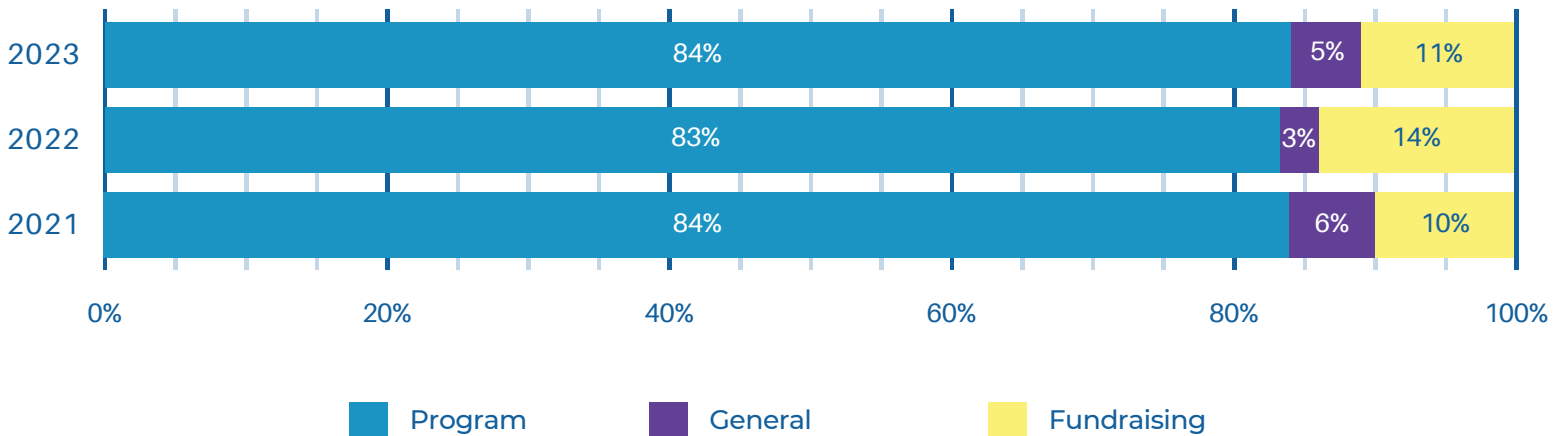
FUNDRAISING *Efficiency*



PERSONNEL COSTS TO TOTAL PUBLIC *Support & Revenue*



PROGRAM EXPENSES *by Function*



Save THE Dates



Thurs | 11.9.2023 | 6PM
Plantation Golf & Country Club
500 Rockley Blvd, Venice

TICKETS:
\$100 - Purchase at
cpcsarasota.org

Tastings from local restaurants,
exciting live and silent **auctions**,
& an evening of **changing lives!**



Tues | 11.28.2023

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of **radical generosity**. You can make a difference for the children of CPC this GivingTuesday through donations, creating a Facebook fundraiser, or by using your voice to spread the word about our mission.



Mon | 2.5.2024 | 9AM Shotgun
Laurel Oak Country Club
2700 Gary Player Blvd, Sarasota

TICKETS & SPONSORSHIPS:
Available at cpcsarasota.org

Proceeds support the **Campus of Healing**, the newest expansion of CPC's offices.



Wed | 4.10.2024 | 6PM
Michael's On East
1212 S. East Ave, Sarasota

TICKETS & SPONSORSHIPS:
Available soon at
cpcsarasota.org

Bringing **transformational healing** to child abuse victims in Sarasota and DeSoto counties.

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For more information on how you can make a difference with the Child Protection Center, please contact Sheila Miller at SheilaM@CPCSarasota.org or **941-365-1277 Ext. 111**

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North Port, Florida 34287

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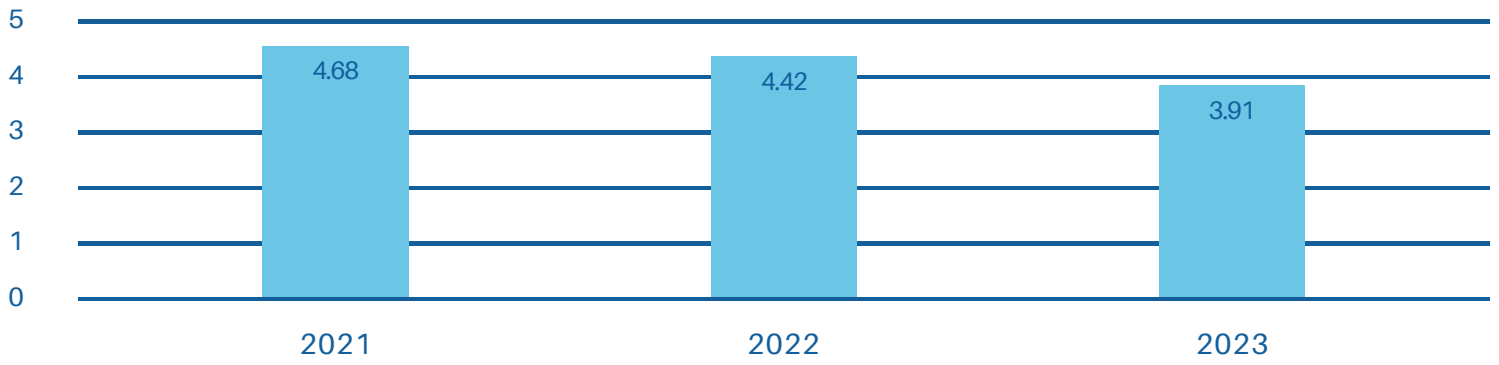


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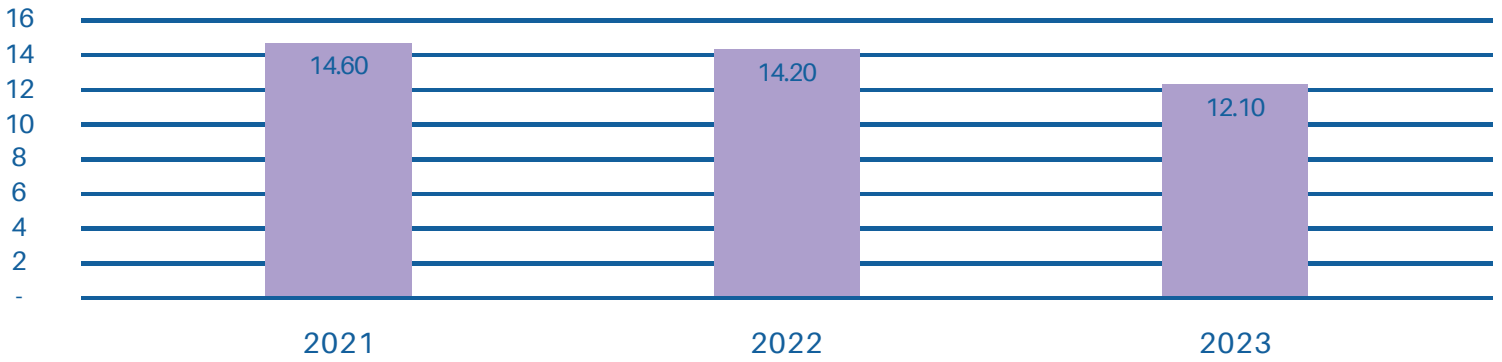
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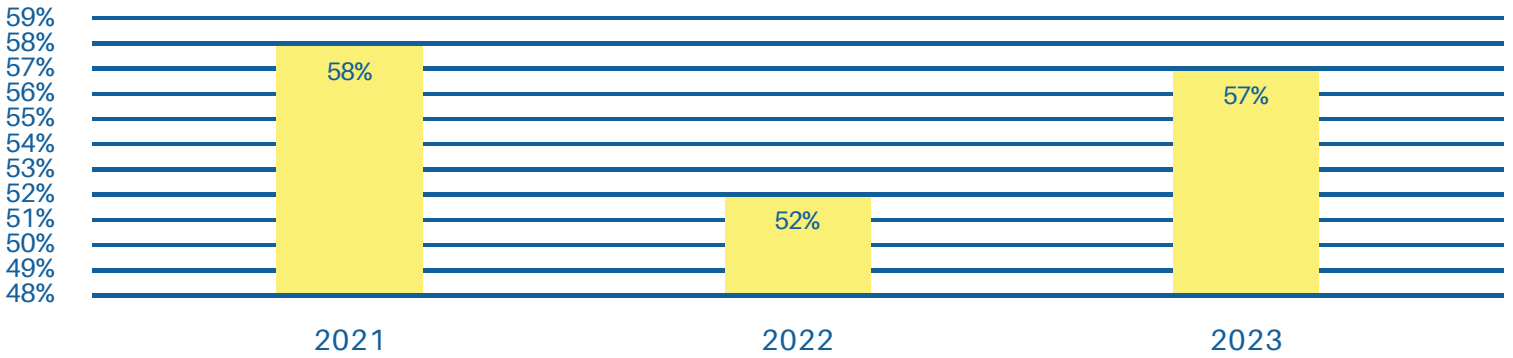
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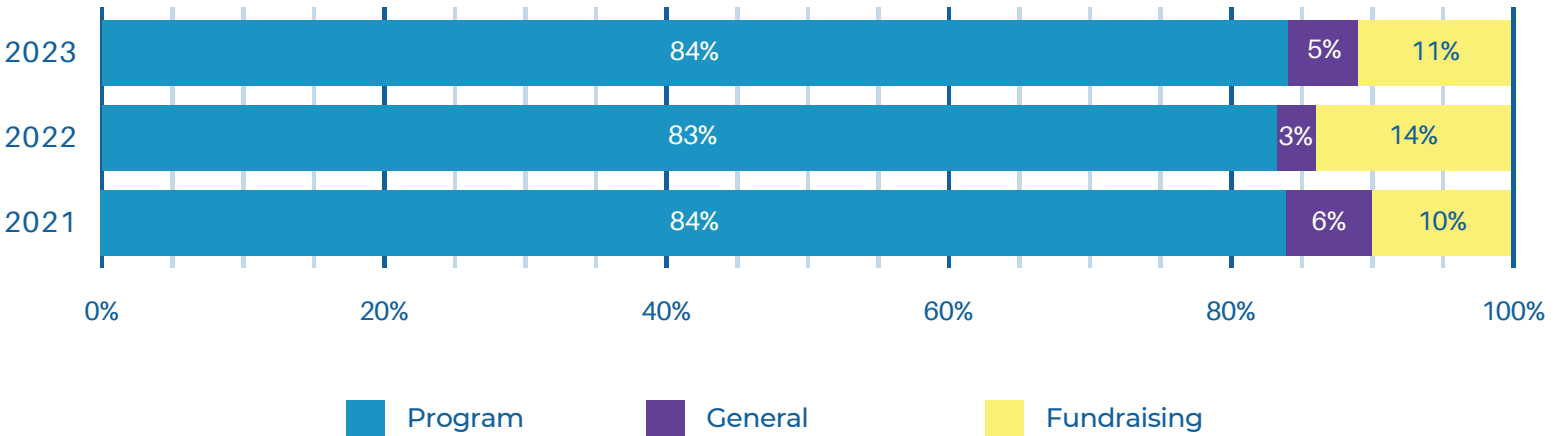
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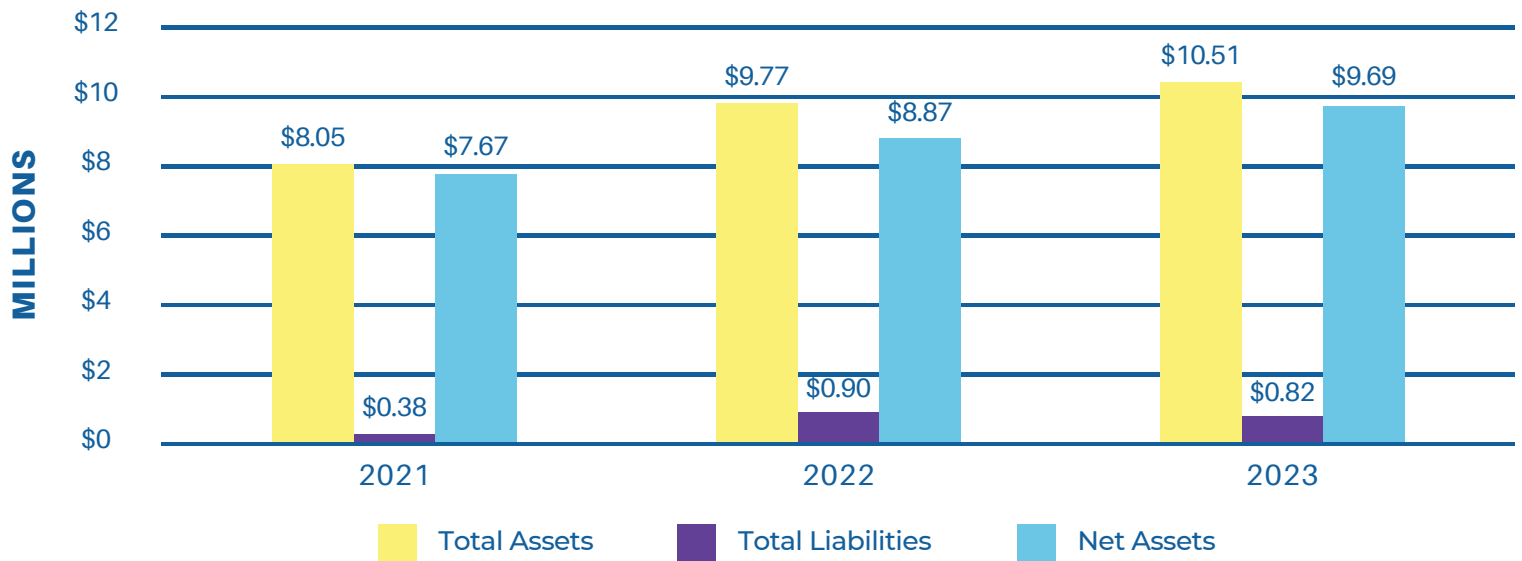
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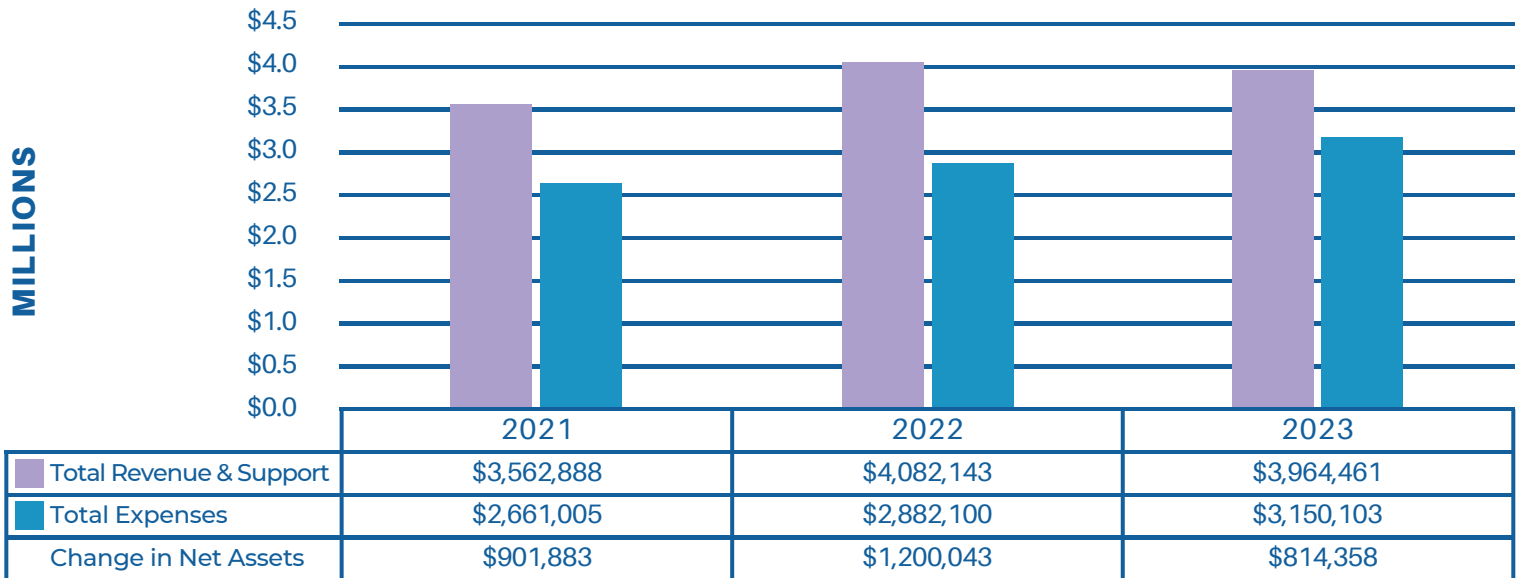
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STATEMENT OF *Financial Position*



STATEMENT OF *Activities*



REVENUE BY *Source*

