

Community Women Against Hardship Charity 2023 Annual Report

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Mission Statement

Our Mission is to provide personalized and evidence-based programs and services to enable families struggling with poverty to become more self-sufficient.

Dear Friends:

Since the pandemic, one thing is for certain – the only constant is change! We are still learning lessons as we regain our cognition and our consciousness. Due to the advancement in technology and the onset of Artificial Intelligence, the way we do business will never be the same. We are challenged yet, we are prepared to remain steadfast in advocating for those who continue to struggle with poverty issues that are now compounded by the disruption and despite the advancements our society has made.

2023 was filled with challenges as well as opportunities. The organization experienced significant transitions in staffing with a new Executive Director, Casandra Blassingame and Family Coordinator, Lisa Summers. Some of our programs and services lacked the kind of participation we have had in the past. However, we continue to strategize with our Board of Directors and other stakeholders on how we can better serve, foster better connections, collaborate, and establish solutions for our community.

Even in the face of transformation, some of the highlights of the year were:

- We served an estimated 400 women and children with pantry services, clothing, and household needs
- Maintained a full transitional housing/home ownership program
- Client in the transitional housing/home ownership program successfully completed and purchased their first home
- University of Missouri St. Louis College of Nursing, nursing students facilitated nutrition and wellness education sessions as well as healthy meal preparation
- Successful fundraising events, Run/Walk-a-thon, Annual Golf Tournament, Annual Benefit



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Financial Overview

The following is an overview of CWAH's income and expenses for the fiscal year that ended December 2023:

Revenues	
Affordable Housing Commission City of St. Louis Grant	\$118,000.00
Fundraising	\$140,981.00
Total revenues and support	\$258,981.00
Expenses	
Salaries	\$127,083.00
Total Operating & Program Expenses	\$146,689.00
Total Expenses	\$273,772.00
Net	\$(14,791.00)



Board of Directors

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