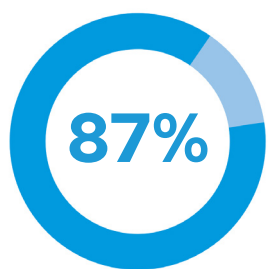


2023 IMPACT SUMMARY



In the past year, Our House helped **2,764** people find a new beginning by empowering adults, children, and families to reach stability in all areas of their lives.

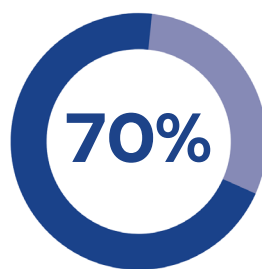
OUR IMPACT



of families kept or
obtained stable
housing



of residents exited
the Shelter with
savings



of clients earned
above minimum
wage

100% increase in average family income

WE PROVIDED



safe housing to **793**
individuals



mental health services
to **732** people



reentry services to **84**
adult clients



comprehensive after
school care to **179** youth



quality childcare to **132**
children and infants



case management to **282**
families



Our House helped **469** clients find meaningful employment at **288** different businesses in the community, earning an average of **\$13.67** an hour. **93** clients also developed their marketable skills in job training programs on campus and in our resale stores.

Our community showed their support by donating **\$1 million** worth of in-kind goods and services, while **931** unique individuals volunteered over **10,000** hours in our programs.





Cheirika

Life has thrown many obstacles at Cheirika—from suffering from Bipolar Disorder to living as a single mom of four—that have ultimately led to incredible resilience and an impressive drive to provide for her family. The financial pressure of supporting her family led Cheirika towards desperate measures to pay for rent, utilities, and even food. Cheirika ended up serving time in prison, and she struggled immensely being separated from her children and facing the reality of prison during the pandemic. After her release and on the brink of homelessness, Cheirika contacted Our House. She was able to enroll in services which gave her direct access to emergency rental assistance and a job opportunity to support her family. Working as a Housekeeper in our Career Center gives Cheirika the flexibility to navigate raising her children while developing a positive work history. Cheirika has big plans to open her own retail business one day. Because of her wonderful children, and the community she has developed at Our House, Cheirika has a great sense of hope for the future.

Doc

Doc came to Our House one year ago after exiting prison and starting his life from scratch. He had no ID and nothing to his name, but our Career Center quickly set Doc up with the proper documents and helped him open a bank account. Doc completed a term in our job training program working at the guard shack and doing maintenance to gain work experience that landed him a full-time job as an apartment complex groundskeeper. Doc is able to receive discounted rent at the complex, and with the \$5,000 in savings he racked up while in the Shelter, he is ready to move out on his own! Doc utilized our physical health services and his case manager to work on his overall well-being while here and dedicated himself to Career Center classes like Cooking Matters to gain a well-rounded skill set. Doc feels proud of being able to mentor younger residents in the Shelter, and more than anything, Doc has learned patience since coming to Our House!



Carolyn

Ms. Carolyn lived a difficult life early on—moving through the foster care system for over a decade and relocating to Arkansas from her home state at a formative age. This and other adverse childhood experiences would lead to mental health struggles in adulthood that made it difficult to take on big life changes like securing stable housing and becoming a young, single parent. While Carolyn has worked tirelessly to provide a good life for her now three children, a house fire last year devastated her world. Carolyn's family found the support they needed by enrolling in Our House's case management services. Carolyn worked with her case manager to secure new housing, avoid homelessness, and get her family back on the right track. Carolyn has been diligently budgeting and saving, and her children are all excelling in school and sports. Our House was able to help Carolyn secure funding to finally take her licensing exams for Cosmetology, a lifelong dream, and she is now looking forward to the start of a successful career!