

# 2022 Annual Report

Reflecting on 2022 at NOAH, the word “expanded” kept coming up. You have made so many good things possible at NOAH over the years, and 2022 was no exception. This year though has truly been a year of expansion for the organization: expanded partnerships allowing for expanded services, and, ultimately, expanded relationships.

Strategic partnerships make our work more impactful, so we have strived to grow both the quality and quantity of these. In 2022 we expanded partnerships with HAP, Meridian, and More Than a Bus, to name a few, to provide clients with more opportunities. NOAH tries to be a “one stop shop” as often as possible for the convenience of our clients. Along with these external partnerships to provide medical/dental services and additional necessities, we also expanded barber services and our wellness nurses’ availability. Having this all on site means that NOAH can more efficiently meet client needs.



Expanded partnerships in Bag Lunch mean we have meals coming more often and regular volunteers to serve those lunches and prepare any produce sides. This reliable help is invaluable to improving the nutritional quality of the lunches and frees up staff to focus on building relationships that can ultimately pave the way for clients to exit homelessness. (And Bag Lunch expansion also means more hot lunches, which are especially appreciated in the cold months!)

Another area of growth was in our training/mentorship program with local universities. We know that our process of developing relationships built on radical and unconditional hospitality is worth sharing! It is therefore worth investing ourselves in hosting internship programs to help build the next generation of compassionate social workers. We are currently the site placement for five student interns, including one in Street Outreach for the first time. As with most internships, students learn by doing, but at NOAH, these social work interns get hands on practice in radical acceptance and hospitality and in persistence on behalf of clients.

We are also extremely excited that the Board has led us to invest in program expansion research, looking forward to how we can make an even greater impact on the City of Detroit and making even more meaningful strides in our vision to compassionately end homelessness.

All this expansion is thanks to you! Whether you provide lunches, winter items, hygiene kits, money, or your time, you make all that happens at NOAH possible. We look to 2023 excited about the ways NOAH will grow and how each of you will be a part of that journey.

*Stacie Vaughn-Corwin*  
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## 2022 By the Numbers

150 state ID's purchased  
271 COVID tests given  
383 barber services performed  
600 clients receiving mail here  
122 enrollments in street outreach  
31,138 lunches served

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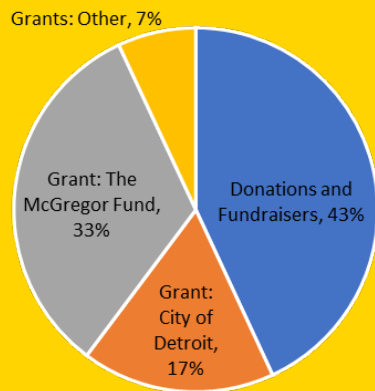
Our vision is to be an anchor of hope leading the Detroit community in ending homelessness.

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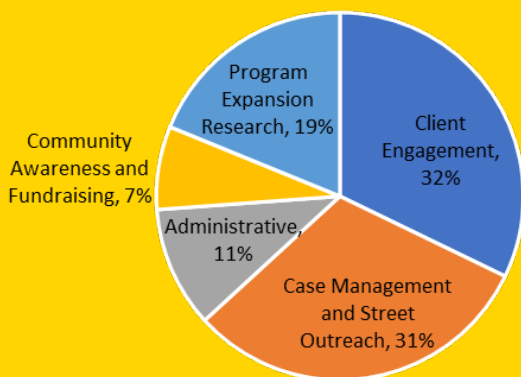
The NOAH Project is a program of the Central United Methodist Church of Detroit Community Development Corporation, a 501(c)3 organization.

## 2022 Revenue



Revenue Source	Amount
Donations/Fundraisers	\$262,622
Grants: City of Detroit	\$104,663
Grants: The McGregor Fund	\$200,000
Grants: Other	\$42,450
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$609,735</b>

## 2022 Expenses

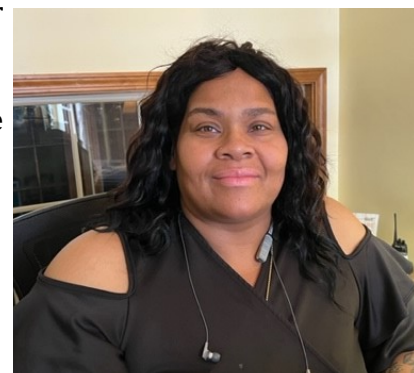


Expense Category	Amount
Client Engagement	\$234,325
Case Management and Street Outreach	\$225,900
Administrative Costs	\$77,552
Community Awareness and Fundraising	\$53,363
Program Expansion Research <i>** funded with strategic reserves</i>	\$137,159
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$728,299</b>

## Behind the Smile

Angie first came to NOAH in 2012 for the same reason many of our clients do: she was hungry. She always had a smile and cheerful disposition, but no one really knew her. Angie was living on the streets at the time so she began to use NOAH as her mailing address. As Angie grew more comfortable with the staff, she began to share the hidden pain behind her beautiful smile.

The youngest of 13 children, Angie grew up unwanted. Her father was especially strict and wouldn't let her have any friends. Angie turned to alcohol at age 17 to numb the pain of her troubled family life. By 21 she had moved out and gotten married, escaping one broken situation only to enter another. Angie became pregnant with twins, and, at 7 months along, her husband stabbed her in the stomach. She lost her daughter but her son lived. Leaving her husband would mean she would be penniless and homeless, but when her son was born, she knew she had to do it. Angie did not want that life for her son; she made the heart-wrenching choice to give her brother custody of her child. Angie would remain homeless for the next twelve years, unable to keep regular employment because of her unstable housing situation.



When Angie felt abusive toward her own son, she knew she had hit bottom and asked the staff at NOAH for help getting into treatment. Angie began attending AA meetings and started reclaiming her life one difficult step at a time. She began volunteering at NOAH because she had found the family she had always wanted: people who showed up for her unconditionally and supported her however they could. Angie reconnected with her biological family and began to build a healthy relationship with her son. She stopped drinking. It took many months, but Angie applied for and eventually got into subsidized housing.

Today Angie still has that smile, but she's in a very different place. She has a strong relationship with her grown son and is now raising her younger son. Pre-pandemic Angie enrolled in school to study social work. She has been a paid part-time staff member at NOAH for 3 years, plus she works part-time at Central UMC. And from 2015-2022, she served 8 years as member of the Board of Directors as a person with lived experience, helping shape the agency to better meet the needs of our clients. NOAH remains to this day her family: a place where she can get support and share her many successes, and Angie looks forward to continuing to grow with NOAH.