




# ANNUAL REPORT



2023



## A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What an extraordinary journey 2023 has been for City Lights! Your unwavering support, commitment, and contributions have been the driving force behind every milestone achieved. It's been a privilege to witness the transformative power of hope, dignity, restoration, and relationships throughout the year.

In 2023, we made a significant impact in connecting essential resources, providing comprehensive case management and housing stability services, and mobilizing our community. We celebrated a decade of Night Light's service and proudly cheered as our Community Director, Jacqueline, received the prestigious Visions Award from the Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits.

Moreover, 2023 marked pivotal progress towards our bold initiatives. The anticipation of City Lights Village, offering permanent housing solutions, drew closer to reality, and our successful bid to operate a low-barrier shelter in partnership with the City of Tulsa signifies our commitment to filling critical gaps in care.

As we move further into 2024, our dedication to serving our neighbors experiencing homelessness remains steadfast. Let's continue advocating, breaking barriers, and building a community of love and support together. Your generosity truly makes a difference —thank you.

*-Sarah D. Grounds*

Founder & Executive Director

# VISION

Moving people into a lifestyle of service and community.



# MISSION

Loving individuals, giving hope and touching souls through relational service and dignified housing.

# NIGHT LIGHT



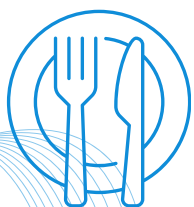
Moving friends, neighbors and volunteers into a lifestyle of service and community. **2023 marked our 10 year anniversary!**



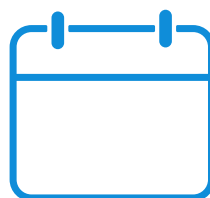
9,500 guests served



mobilized 4,700  
volunteers



20,000 meals served



51 nights of the  
year

# HOUSING STABILITY



Ensuring our neighbors feel seen, known and loved.



112 previously homeless neighbors receiving specialized housing stability services

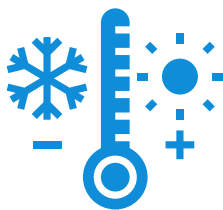


in loving memory of the 6 neighbors we lost in 2023

# MOBILE OUTREACH



Mobilizing to meet the most pressing and critical needs.



70 neighbors served during extreme weather mobilizations



20 individuals receiving regular outreach/case management



over 300 warming kits distributed

# TRIVIA NIGHT



We believe in connecting human to human, heart to heart.



225 attendees  
exposed to our mission  
in one evening



\$76,265 raised to  
support our neighbors



34.8% increase in  
funds raised from  
previous year

# CITY LIGHTS VILLAGE



Lighting the journey H O M E....



IDP plans/permits approved by City



Raised over 1/3rd of our entire campaign goal



Looking ahead to 2024 to kick off the public phase of our yet to be publicly announced campaign goal, theme, and chair.



# ANNUAL FUND FINANCIALS

## 2023 Revenue Distribution

53%	Misc./Individual Giving	\$284,286
20%	Grants	\$ 109,958
14%	Trivia Night	\$ 76,265
11%	Night Light	<u>\$ 58,126</u>
		<b>\$ 528,635</b>

## 2023 Expenses Distribution

74%	Programs	\$ 448,017
12%	Management	\$ 73,185
14%	Fundraising	<u>\$ 84,126</u>
		<b>\$605,329*</b>

\*The shortfall the financial statements represent is the surplus from previous years. For a more detailed report, please contact us.

# 2023-2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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# CITY LIGHTS STAFF

Sarah Grounds – Executive Director

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Haley Kardokus – Director of Development & Communications

Jacqueline Young – Community Director

Chelsey Kirby – Housing Stability Coordinator



# THANK YOU!

Our donors and volunteers play a crucial role in ensuring our neighbors are served with dignity and care. This work would not be possible without you!



Thank you for being advocates, givers, and friends of City Lights as we partner together to provide relational service and dignified housing for our most vulnerable neighbors!

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