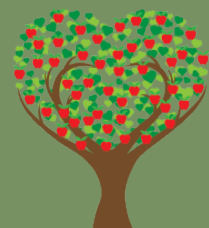


GRIEF CENTER FOR CONNECTICUT'S
CHILDREN

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



ADAM'S HOUSE



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Our Mission

At Adam's House we believe every child should never grieve in isolation. Each child deserves a supportive and understanding community to learn and explore their feelings of loss. All grief journeys are unique. Grief is a natural reaction to a loss of a loved one. We strive for children to understand their complex grief feelings, increase resiliency and boost their self-esteem while they create their new normal.



Founder's Message

Adam's House celebrated a special 5-year milestone in 2021. When we started our journey five years ago, we began with a vision to plant a seed of hope in the lives of grieving families. A hope that there was a life beyond the grief and pain and one in which their loved ones would still hold a special place in their hearts.

Close to 300 children and adults have walked through our doors with heavy hearts and broken lives. Throughout our eight-week Helping Hearts Heal programs, children have found a place where they feel safe enough to share their feelings of grief with new friends their age and parents/guardians have found support from others who have suffered similar losses.

For many, it's the first time they don't feel alone. They start to share their own seeds filled with memories, feelings (both good and bad), worries, challenges and fears. As the weeks go on, they start to gain strength, begin to heal, and find hope for the future.

As we reflect on our past, we are encouraged by the growth of our organization over a relatively short period of time, especially during the 2020 pandemic and continued challenges our mission and our families faced during 2021. We have found Adam's House to be resilient through it all and watched our families (brave enough to attend) gain in both hope and resiliency.

While some organizations were forced to temporarily or permanently close their doors during the pandemic, Adam's House was able to continue helping grieving families during a time when they needed support the most. Thanks to our community of supporters, Adam's House found the financial and volunteer support needed to not only continue services but add programming such as Holiday Hurdles and Jingle & Mingle to continue to help our Alumni families throughout the Holidays.

As we look to the future at Adam's House, we foresee an even greater need on the horizon. I am pleased to say that we have been building a strong infrastructure of Board members, staff, volunteers, and supporters that will help us meet the ever-increasing challenges and most importantly, help us plant many more seeds of hope for families throughout Connecticut in the coming years.

~Allison



Impact



4352 HOURS OF
GRIEF EDUCATION &
PEER SUPPORT



272 LIVES
TRANSFORMED
AFTER LOSS



2176 MEALS SHARED

Since 2016, Adam's House has helped to transform life after the loss of a loved one with peer support, grief education and fellowship.

*as of Dec 2022



The Children We Proudly Serve



Community Support



SONY was our generous matching sponsor for the Great Give. Their support helped us raise over \$25k during this social media event.



Team Goldman graciously donated program snacks for the year and sponsored a pizza truck for our Holiday Hurdles event.



Adam's House is in our 2nd year of a three year grant totaling \$70k which helps our organization develop many areas of our program.



The DiMatteo Family Charitable Foundation named Adam's House as one of the recipients of their annual golf tournament this year. Their event raised \$16k for our organization!



THOR has generously sponsored numerous events and projects in 2022, including Shopping with Elves, Dancing With the Stars, and Gratitude & Garland. Most notably, however, was the replacement of our front deck in which THOR donated the monies for the materials and labor costs!



Derby-Shelton Rotary awarded grant monies which was used toward new chairs for the middles room.

EVENTS



THE great Give
MAY 4-5, 2022
 A 36-hour, online-giving event
 to support local nonprofits

The **COMMUNITY** Foundation
 for Greater New Haven

VALLEY COMMUNITY
 FOUNDATION



**LIGHT
 UP
 HOPE**



Holiday
HURDLES
 Navigating grief through the holiday season




ADAM'S HOUSE
 INVITES YOU TO
GRATITUDE & GARLAND
 A Special Thank You Gathering for
 Our Supporters & Volunteers!




Dancing
 with the **Stars**
 To Benefit Adam's House



VOLUNTEERS

70

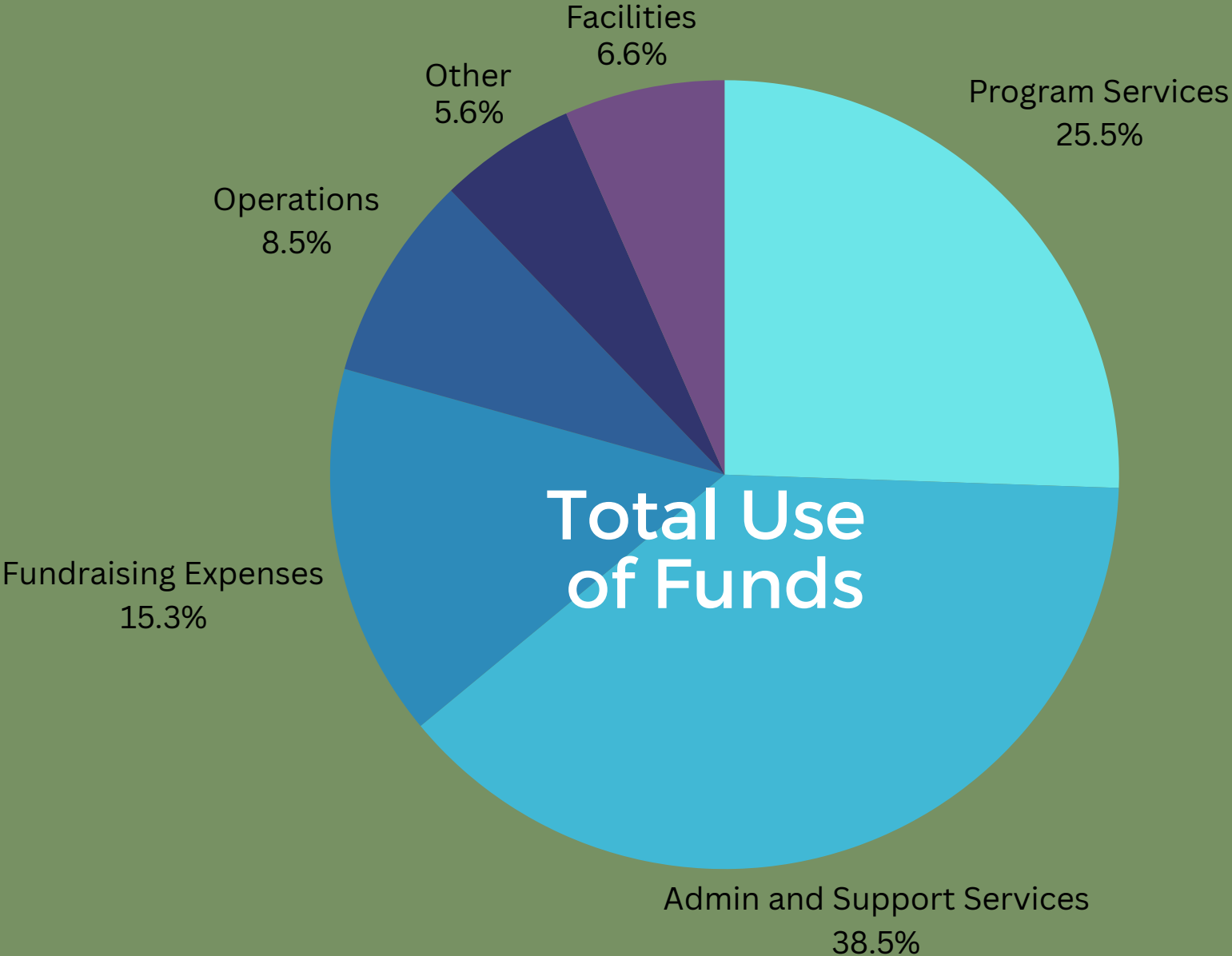
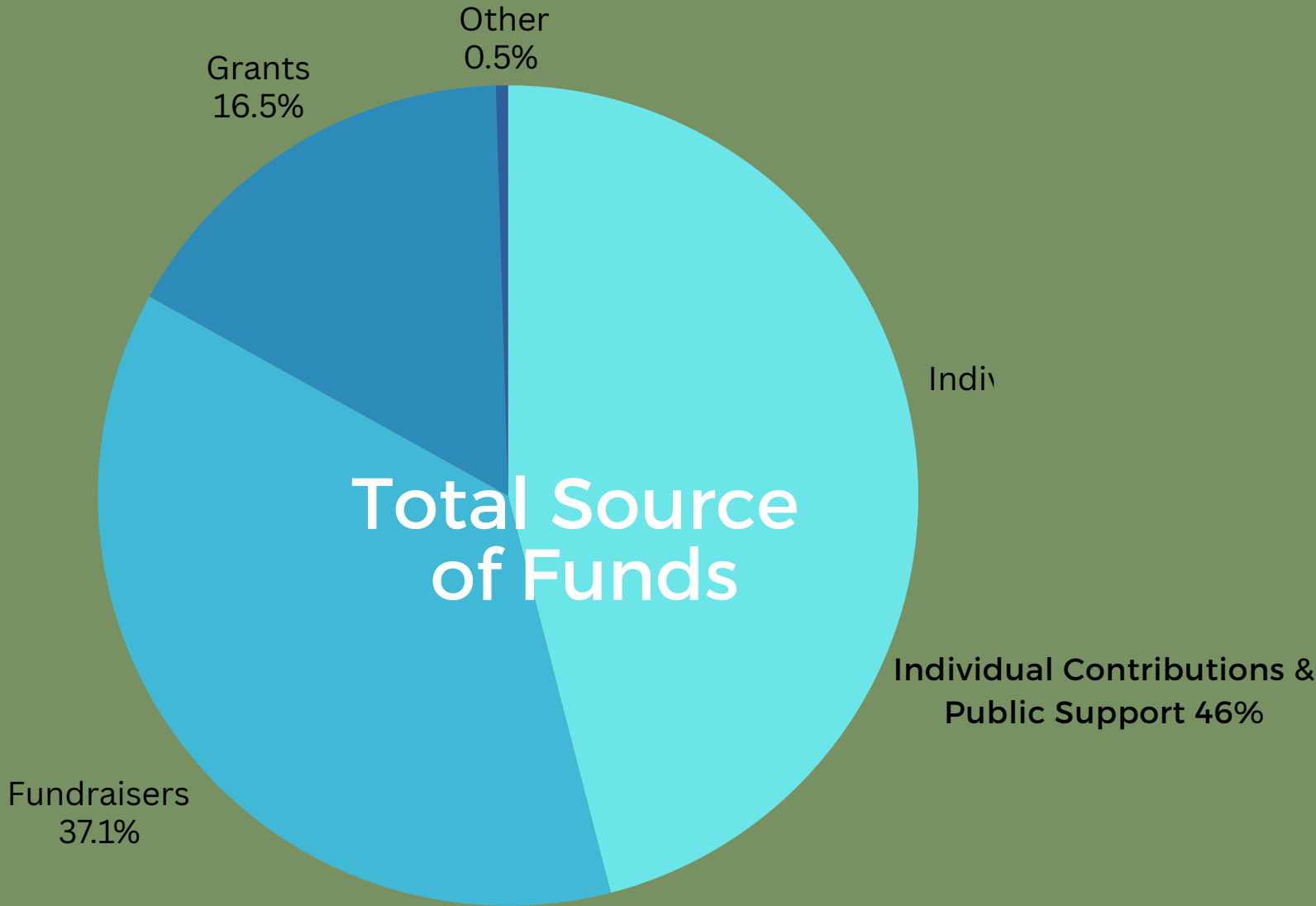
Total Volunteers

2200

Total Volunteer Hours



Our Financials



Our total income for the fiscal year 2022 was \$238,902.65, as compared to our total expenditures of \$182,952.47. We were left with a net gain of \$55,950.53. This surplus over the previous year resulted from the 2nd year of 3-year Operational Grant from the Valley Community Foundation, fundraising efforts, and an increase in individual contributions. Overall, our fundraising efforts saw a larger net revenue due to strong community and corporate support of 'The Great Give', 'Light Up Hope' and 'Dancing With The Stars.' Our event partners understand the importance of their support, and most agreed to retain their commitment for 'Dancing With The Stars, with many new additional sponsorships. Our strong Board of Directors remain committed to their fiscal responsibility to our organization. We are continuously blessed with a philanthropic community that generously partners with us to support mission, allowing us to keep grief support free for children and their families that have experienced the death of a loved one.

2022 DONORS

\$25,000+

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\$10,000 - \$20,000

DiMatteo Family Charitable Foundation
Susan O'Reilly

\$5,000 - \$9,999

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\$250 - \$499

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Thank you to our donors for your generous support to Adam's House in 2022.

We sincerely apologize if you donated to Adam's House but your name was inadvertently left off this report.

2022 DONORS

\$100 - \$249

Russ Abraham
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Work in Progress, DBA The Quail & Ale
Mike Ziegler's Motorhome Rental
Carla Zwaan

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**2022 Facebook Fundraisers for
Adam's House**

Valerie Ames
Jennifer Broedlin
Debra Eccles
Tanya Grant
Chris Fontaine Maloney
Larissa Jakowiw
Michele Jukoski
Heather Mazzone
Lauren Mylen
Johanna Vecchione

**2022 Third-Party Fundraisers
Proceeds to Adam's House**

Celebrate Shelton
Mamas & Mimosas

The DiMatteo Family Charitable Foundation
Annual Golf Tournament

ONEHOPE
Sarah Domena
Patti Moonan

Sona Bella Salon & Spa
Glam-A-Thon

Thor Specialties, Inc.

Total Mortgage



**Special Thanks to Our
Dancing with the Stars community
partners that helped to make the 2022
event the most successful to date!**



CANTON, ORANGE, & SHELTON

Amanda Meador
Fred Astaire Dance Studios, Shelton

Nenad Pavlovic
Fred Astaire Dance Studios, Orange

Stephanie Pavlovic
Fred Astaire Dance Studios, Orange

Brenna Petrelli
Fred Astaire Dance Studios, Orange

Felix Reyes
Fred Astaire Dance Studios, Shelton

Tsvetomir Stoygor
Fred Astaire Dance Studios, Canton

Nghi Tran
Fred Astaire Dance Studios, Canton & Shelton

Dancing with the Stars Celebrity Emcee

Ron Claiborne

Dancing with the Stars Judges:

Celebrity Judge, Tony Dovolani
Fred Astaire Dance Studio & *Dancing with the Stars*

Jill Chase

Marc Fontaine

Dancing with the Stars Dancers:

Julie Blakeman
Realtor, Carey & Guarrera

Lisa Chester
Director of Development with
Bridgeport Rescue Mission &

Richard Dziekan
Mayor City of Derby

Debra Eccles
Former Ms. Sr. CT

Tim Fedor
Police Detective Trumbull CT, &

Taylor Kinzler
Host of NBC CT LIVE Life Style

Chris Mazza
Adam's House Helping Hearts Heal Alumni

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Event Sponsors

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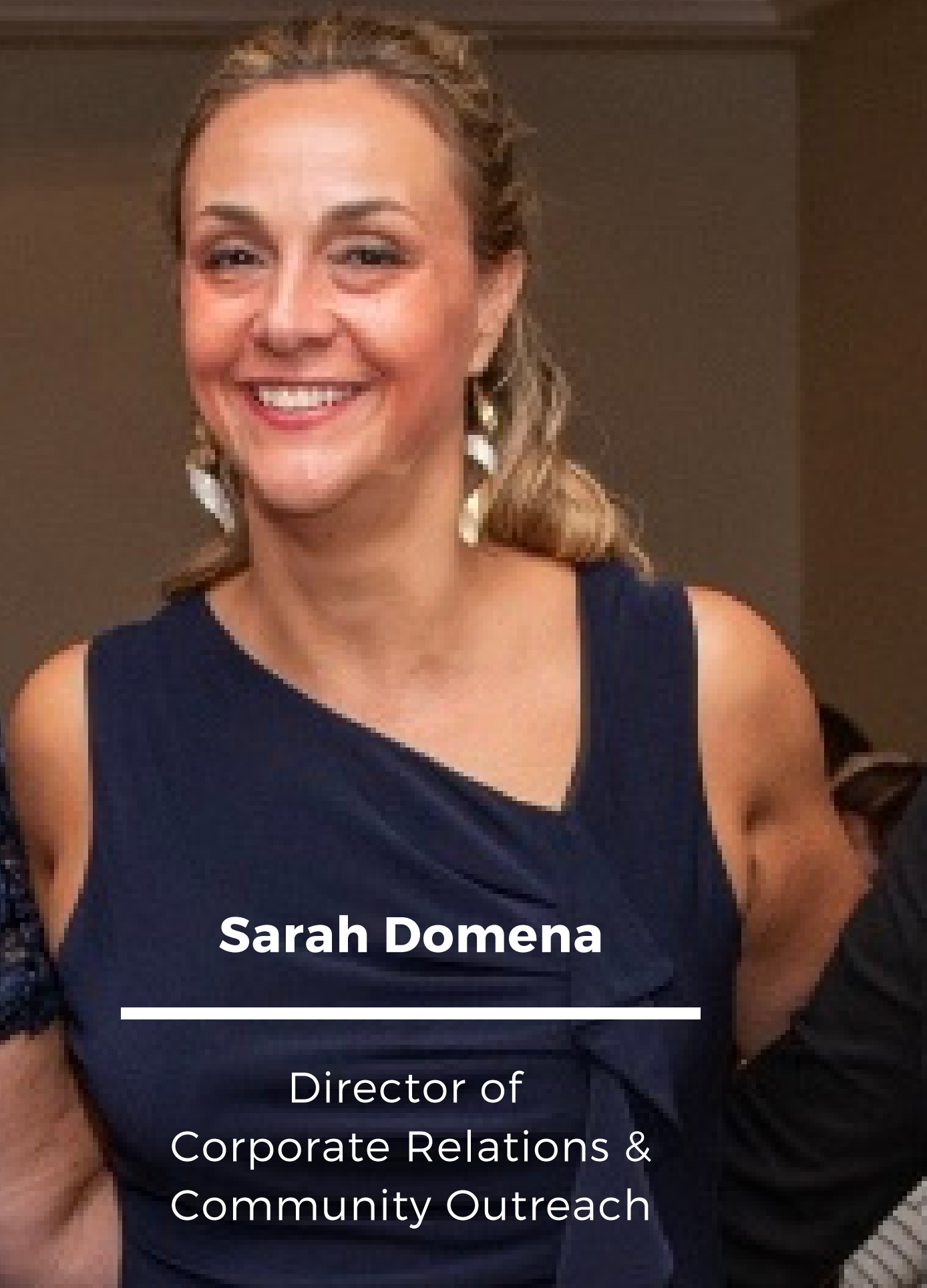
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Meet Our Team



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**Executive Director/
Founder**



Sarah Domena

Director of
Corporate Relations &
Community Outreach



Arlene Greco

Director of
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