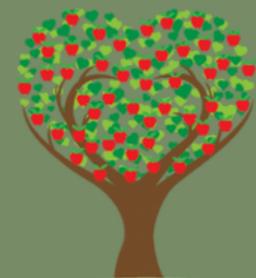




2024 ANNUAL REPORT



ADAM'S HOUSE

GRIEF EDUCATION AND PEER SUPPORT CENTER FOR
CONNECTICUT'S CHILDREN

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Founder's Message



I look back at 2024 as a time of positive change and exciting transformation for Adam's House.

We started the year with a strategic realignment of resources, which helped our team to focus more thoughtfully on building awareness of our programming and expanding upon existing financial support, while acquiring new prospects interested in supporting our programs.

Our "Helping Hearts Heal" program continues to impact children and families across Connecticut. We saw an increase in calls from school counselors, therapists, and other crisis management professionals who rely on our program as a complement to the work they do. To date, over 400 lives have been transformed through the work we do at Adam's House.

Our volunteer base has continued to grow, with over 500 hours of time gifted to us in 2024 by individuals, community organizations, and corporations.

After a historic rainstorm pushed our Annual Pro-Am Golf Outing to a new date, we were excited to welcome over 100 guests to Brownson Country Club for golf and lunch. Seeing this event's popularity grow each year is a testament to the unwavering support of our local community.

We were thrilled to move our "Dancing with the Stars" event to the Fairfield Theater Company as we celebrated the event's 5th year. Standup comedy icon, storyteller, and writer Lisa Lampanelli took the stage as our emcee, and NBC CT's Taylor Kinzler, Fox 61's Matt Scott, and studio owner Marco Micic rounded out the judges' table. Our dedicated volunteer dancers and talented partners from Fred Astaire Dance Studios entertained our largest crowd ever, and over \$70,000 was raised to support our grief programs.

As we continue to focus on the growth and stability of Adam's House, our financial outlook remains strong. We made great strides in attracting new donors in 2024, doubling the number of individual donors who engage with us in various ways throughout the year.

I am excited for new initiatives we have in place, including the addition of Noah Eliot Gotbaum as our Interim Executive Director, effective January 2025. His initial focus will be defining and guiding strategic plans as we work together to write the next chapter for Adam's House. I'm excited for the year ahead!

With gratitude,
Allison

Our Mission

Adam's House transforms lives and communities by providing free grief education, peer support, and resources that empower children and families to navigate their grief journey with strength, resilience, and hope as they rebuild their lives.

All grief journeys are unique.



“Adam’s House forever changed my life. In my darkest days, I found light. In my sadness, I found comfort. And in my isolation, I found strength, support, and hope which now carries me and my children forward and back into school, work, our community - and life.”

~Adam’s House Program Family

Our Vision

A world where no child or family grieves alone and where all have access to proven grief support and the tools to allow them, their children, and their children's children to effectively manage feelings of isolation, depletion, and withdrawal to live joyful, social, and productive lives.



“I remember hearing the sound of my own laughter for the first time, and it was at Adam’s House - what a beautiful moment. I will cherish my group forever and so will my children.”

~Adam’s House Program Parent

The Need



1 in 12 children will experience the loss of a parent or sibling by age 18.

By age 25, that number more than **DOUBLES.**

More than 1,200 children under the age of 18 are newly bereaved each day.

Yet most grieving children and families have severe difficulty finding support resources

Unresolved childhood grief is associated with generational issues including substance abuse, depression, suicide; developmental disruptions, including relationship, academic, and career functioning, violent crime and incarceration, and economic dependency and poverty.

- 1.5 million children live in a single-parent home because of the loss of one parent
- Nearly 2 million children under 18 have lost both parents
- Children who experience unresolved grief of a father are
 - 5x times more likely to complete suicide
 - 9x more likely to drop out of high school
 - 10x more likely to engage in substance abuse

Our Impact

Since 2016, Adam's House has helped to transform more than 400 lives after the loss with peer support, grief education and fellowship.



OVER 6,400 HOURS OF
GRIEF EDUCATION &
PEER SUPPORT



MORE THAN 400 LIVES
TRANSFORMED
AFTER LOSS



3200+ MEALS SHARED
BY PROGRAM
FAMILIES



OVER 100 ACTIVE
VOLUNTEERS

*Data as of December 2024

“Meeting other families that were going through the same situation made us feel we were not alone... everyone was so supportive of one another. We felt like we gained a whole new family.”

~Adam's House Program Family

Our Cornerstone Program

“Helping Hearts Heal”

An innovative and effective curriculum-based, 8-week grief education and peer support program designed for children 5-18 and their parent/caregiver

Children are placed in age-appropriate peer groups facilitated by volunteer “FIGs” (Friends in Grief).

Through our program, children and families explore feelings of grief and loss to find healing and hope, and to re-engage with life.



“When we first attended Adam’s House, I thought it might help my son.

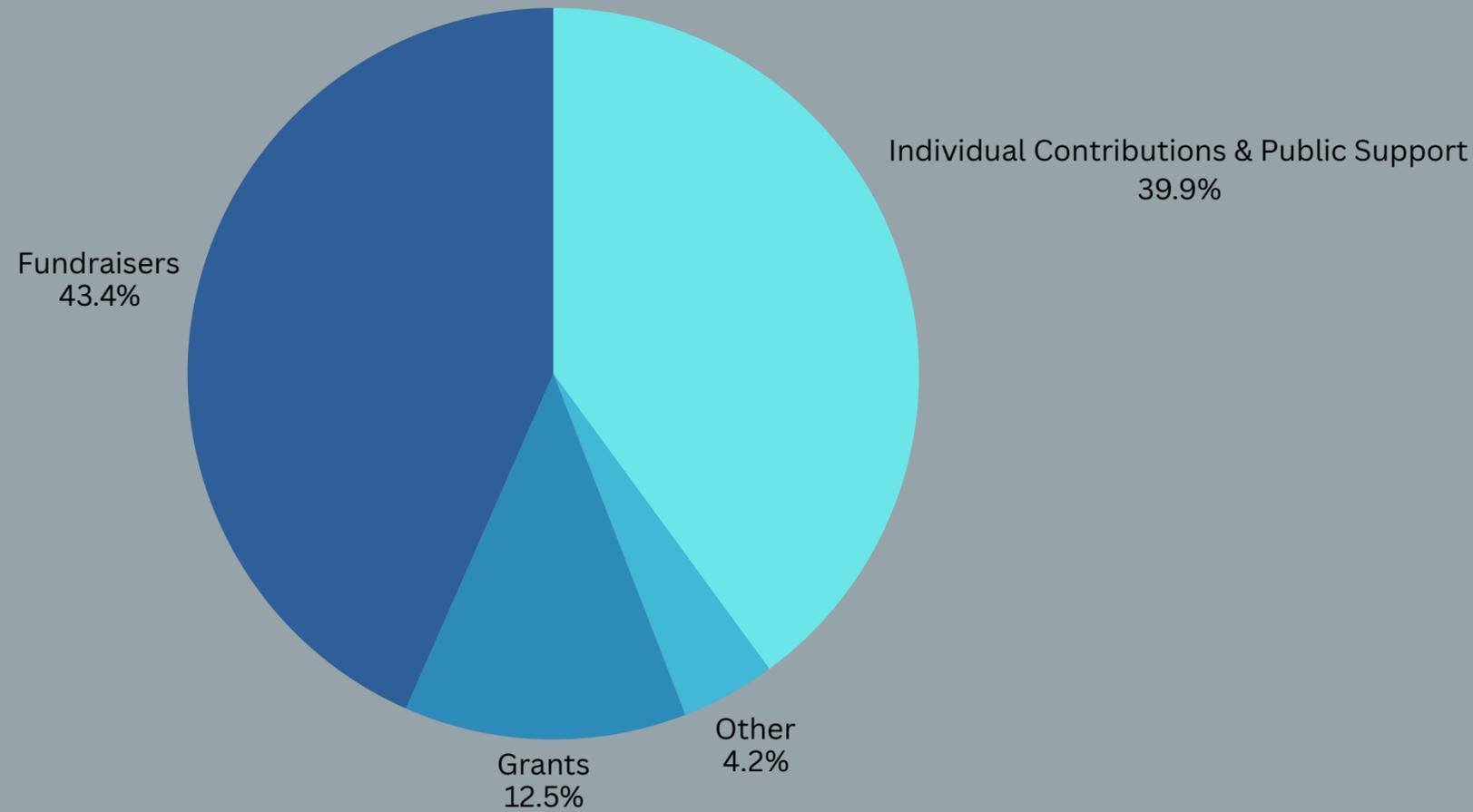
I never imagined that it would also provide me with a community of support and a new purpose in life.”

~ Program Participant

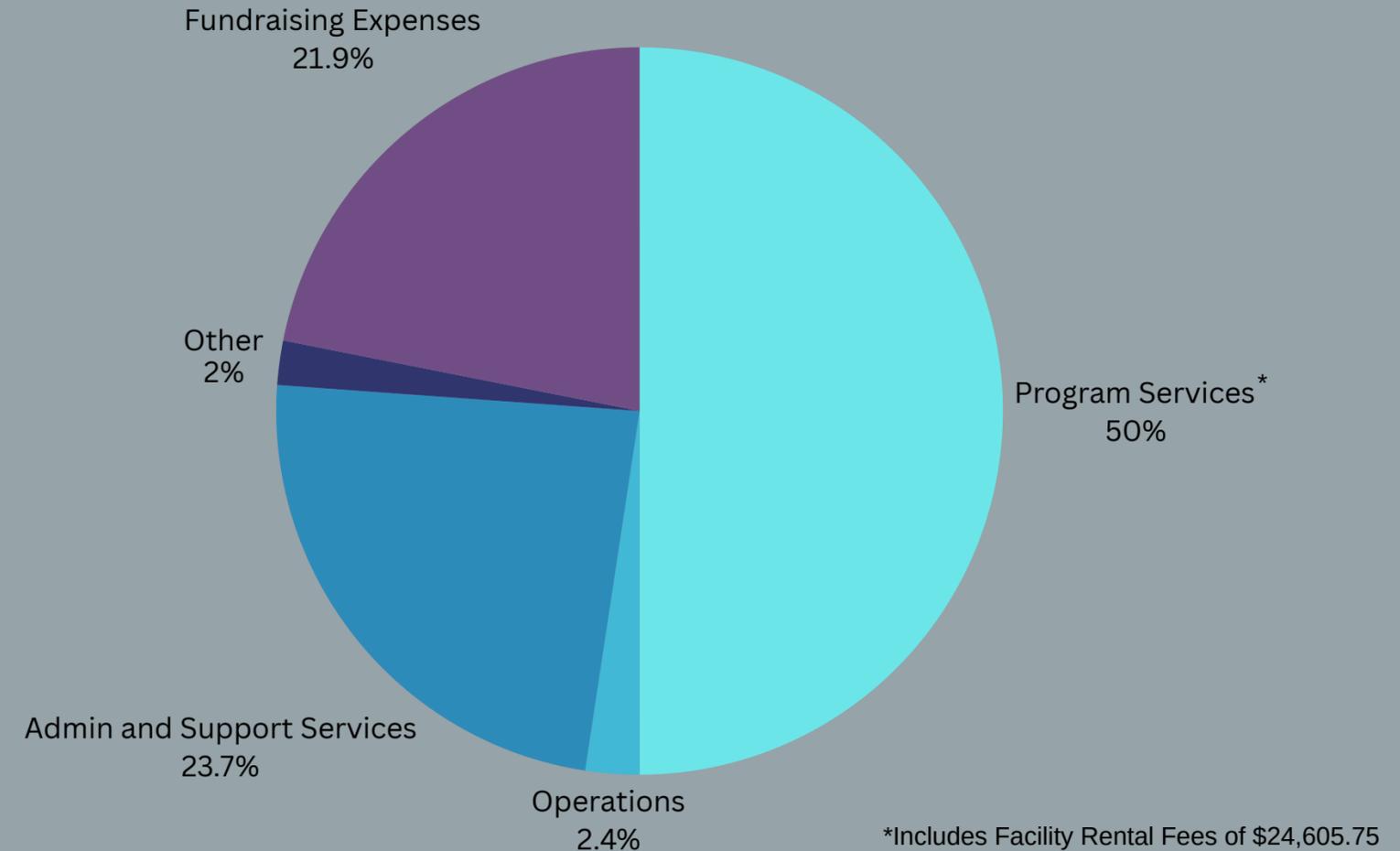


Our Financials

Revenue



Expenditures



Our total revenue for the fiscal year 2024 was \$239,627.92, with total expenditures of \$217,404.12. Our net gain was \$22,223.80

We look forward to continued growth in 2025 thanks to a 3-year Operational Grant from the Valley Community Foundation and The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven, enhanced fundraising efforts, and a marked increase in individual contributions as compared to 2024. In addition, our marquis fundraising events saw a larger net revenue thanks to our dedicated local community of individual and corporate supporters, most of whom have agreed to retain or expand their partnerships with us in the coming year. We are also grateful for the continued financial commitment of our Board of Directors, and the time and talent they share with Adam's House.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers shared 500+ hours of their time and talent with us in 2024



BOARD MEMBERS ~ FRIENDS IN GRIEF ~ EVENT VOLUNTEERS ~ BLANKET ASSEMBLY ~ GARDEN COMMITTEE ~ HOLIDAY DECOR



Their dedication to our mission is inspiring.

We are grateful for the commitment they show to the children we serve.

Do you or your organization want to get involved?

Contact noelle@adamshousect.org



Key Community Support



In 2024, Adam's House was awarded a new 3-year operational grant totaling \$52,000 from Valley Community Foundation and Community Foundation of Greater New Haven



Jimmy McGrath Foundation supported our Pro-Am Golf Outing as the 2024 Title Sponsor



After learning more about our mission and impact, Asset HR chose to support "Dancing with the Stars" as the event's Presenting Sponsor

SONY

SONY was a generous matching sponsor for The Great Give. Their support helped us reach our fundraising goal.



Sona Bella Salon & Spa hosted their 4th Annual "Glam-a-Thon" with proceeds to benefit Adam's House



THOR Specialties continued supporting Adam's House in 2024 by sponsoring Shopping with Elves for our alumni families.

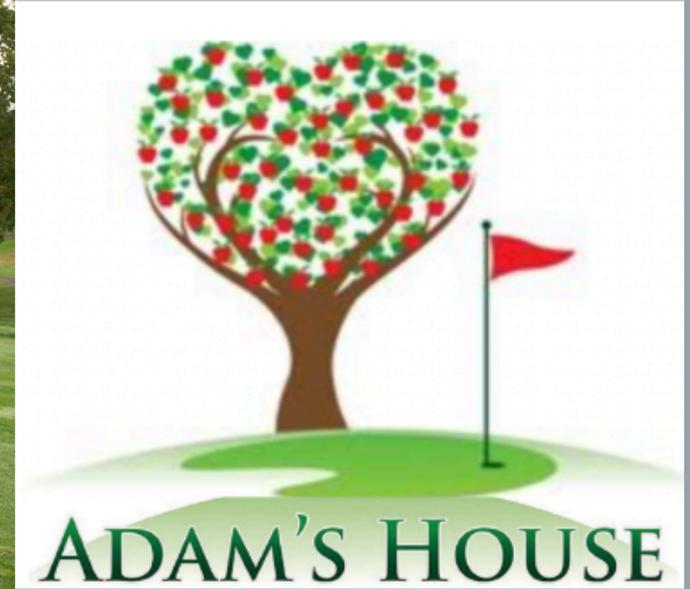
EVENTS



5th Annual "Dancing with the Stars" at The Warehouse @FTC



Annual Year-End Fundraising Effort



2nd Annual Golf Pro-Am at Brownson Country Club





Paint & Sip with Giggling Pig, Shelton



Sponsored by Thor Specialties



*Mother's Day Weekend
Plant Sale*



DIY Charcuterie
with Fairfield Craft Social



EVENTS

2024 DONOR LIST

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\$5,000-\$9,999

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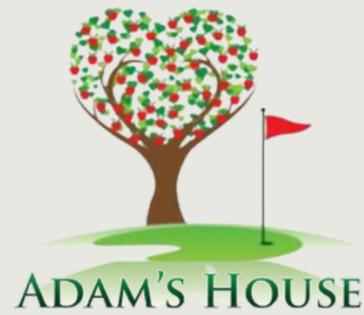
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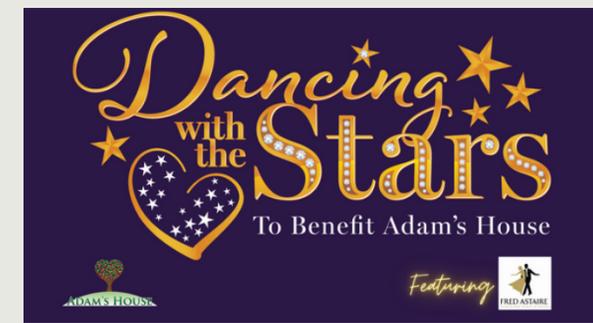
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Giggling Pig
Paint & Sip

ion Bank
Community Awards Gift

Mother's Day Weekend Plant Sale

Perry Hill Elementary School
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Finn Fun Fest

Sono Bella Salon & Spa
Glam-A-Thon

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Our 2024 Team



Allison Wysota

Founder & Executive Director
Board President (March 2025)



Rachel Morrow

Director of Fundraising



Noelle Debes

Director of Communications

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