

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



ST. FRANCIS HOUSE

Compassion • Giving • Hope

OUR TEAM

*"We are so blessed. It seems that whenever we are in need,
a volunteer appears at our door with just the right skills."*

— Sister Pat

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OUR MISSION

We are a center of compassionate presence and service
that offers hope and eases the hardships of those in need in East Pierce County.

All services are provided free of charge.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Being held in safe and caring hands is important. It offers a sense of security and fosters the hope that everything is going to be all right. It gives one the courage to strike out and try something new. It is a gift from those who have more than enough to those who don't yet have quite enough.

This image of being held in safe hands speaks profoundly of the mission of St. Francis House. Since 1974, we have offered caring hands to our neighbors in need of hope and practical help. This has proven to be a blessing to both the giver and the receiver and, within it all, God's holy activity has been at work in our community.

The year 2022 has given witness to this activity. From Zoe's grandmother, whose story can be found within these pages, to the single mom in need of rental assistance, to the unhoused neighbor in need of dry socks and a kind word, to the worried dad in search of sustainable employment, our programs have wrapped around our clients like warm, safe hands.

After two years of COVID-induced isolation, a gradual but steady increase in our client census marked the last six months of 2022. Our emergency assistance program pivoted to meet the needs of clients whose rent and utility fees had tripled during the pandemic. Our clothing bank distributed 211,929 items, impacting over 21,300 individual lives. Each of our supplementary programs grew in the scope of their outreach. Through it all, we were blessed by the generosity of our donors whose gifts of items and dollars kept us safely afloat.

The updating of our strategic plan began in the latter half of 2022 and continues into 2023. It has caused us to reflect with gratitude upon the long journey of the past 48 years. Trusting that St. Francis House will continue to be held in the safety of God's hands, we have entered into this planning process with a sense of faith and excitement over the journey that lies ahead. By the end of 2022, we were standing on tiptoe, waiting to see where the future will bring us. Wherever that may be, the safe and caring hands of St. Francis House will continue to be extended to those in need in our community!



Sister Patricia Michalek
Executive Director



Amy Pierson
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ZOE'S GRANDMA

Lola was overwhelmed when she arrived at St. Francis House. “How could he do this?” she kept saying to the intake volunteer. After her son had made a series of bad decisions, his children had been taken away from him. Lola, in her late sixties, now had custody of her five grandchildren aged 5 to 13. “I don’t even know what to do or where to start finding help”, Lola worried.

Having lived comfortably in a small home with her husband, Lola now realized that they didn’t have enough to sustain their new family of seven. “CPS dropped the kids off on my doorstep

without anything,” she said. “I don’t want anything for myself. I just need help with clothing for the kids.”

Bright-eyed and cheerful, her five-year-old granddaughter accompanied her. Zoe followed her grandmother around the Clothing Bank and then squealed with delight when she came upon the perfect Easter bunny in the toy section! She hugged it tight while her grandmother shopped.

As Lola waited at the check-out counter, a volunteer told her about a large supply of food given by a generous donor. It was to be given to one family; would this help her? Stunned by the offer, Lola nodded. “That would be so helpful to our family. Thank you for thinking of us!”

Box by box, the volunteers loaded the food into her car. Amazed at the amount, Lola asked, “All of this? Really? Tell me who can I thank for this wonderful gift!” Respecting the donor’s privacy, the volunteers suggested that she send a thank you note to St. Francis House; it would then be passed on to the donor.

Lola's tearful smile was one of relief and gratitude as she tucked Zoe and her new bunny into the car. “Maybe things will turn out better than I thought,” she said as she waved goodbye and drove off. ❤️



PROGRAM IMPACT

CLOTHING BANK

21,329

individuals impacted

8,318

visits

211,929

items distributed

825

individuals/families
registered and shopped
for the first time

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

113 families

received rent or utilities support that
kept them housed and warm in their homes

117 households

received gas or transportation
support that helped them get to their
jobs, interviews, or doctor visits

4,149 households

Had the opportunity to use
the emergency food pantry

SEASONAL

955 students

received school supplies

1,327 children

received new Christmas toys

86 households

were adopted through our
Christmas family adoption program

FOOD PANTRY

39,700

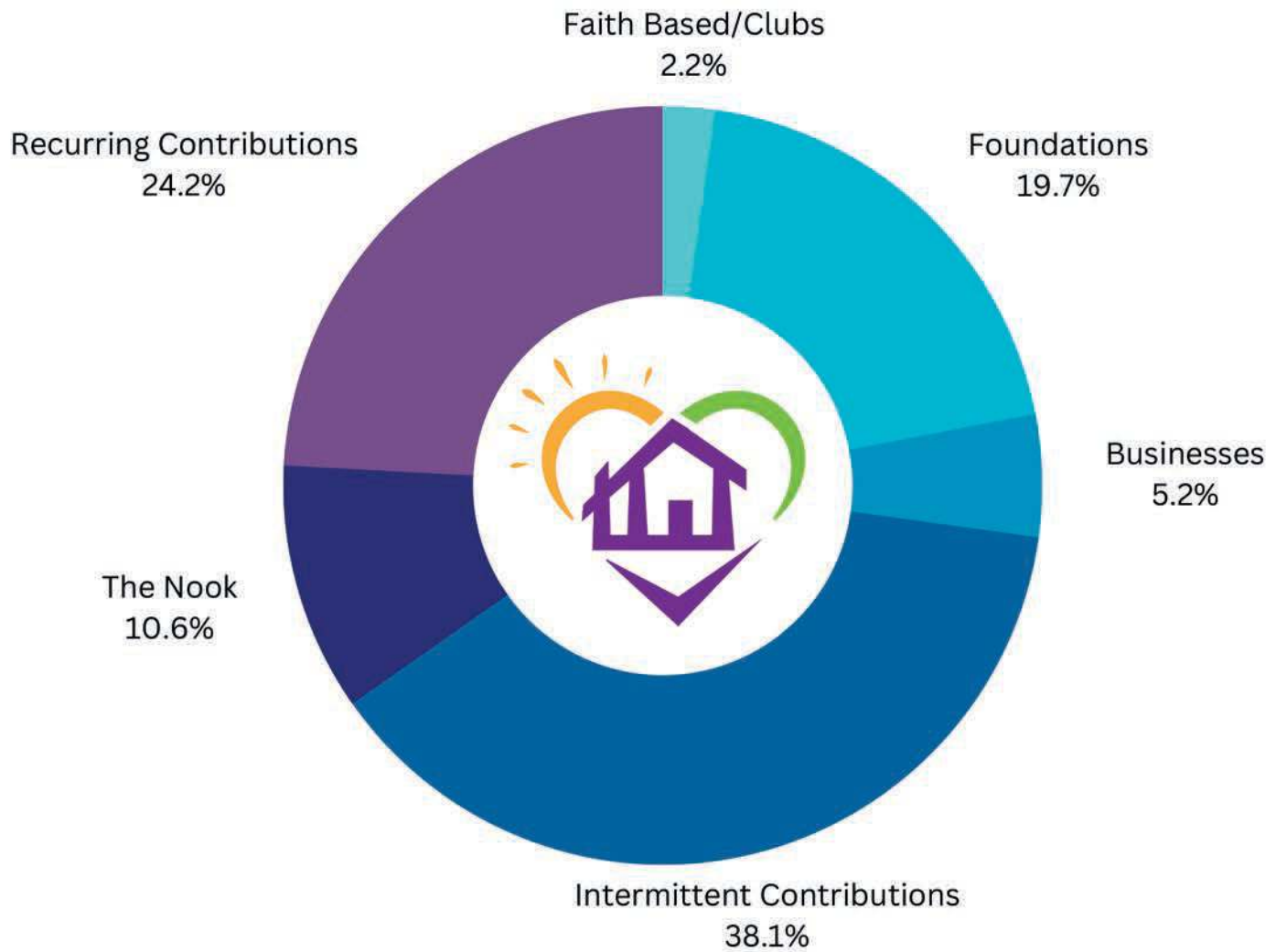
food items were distributed

VOLUNTEER HOURS

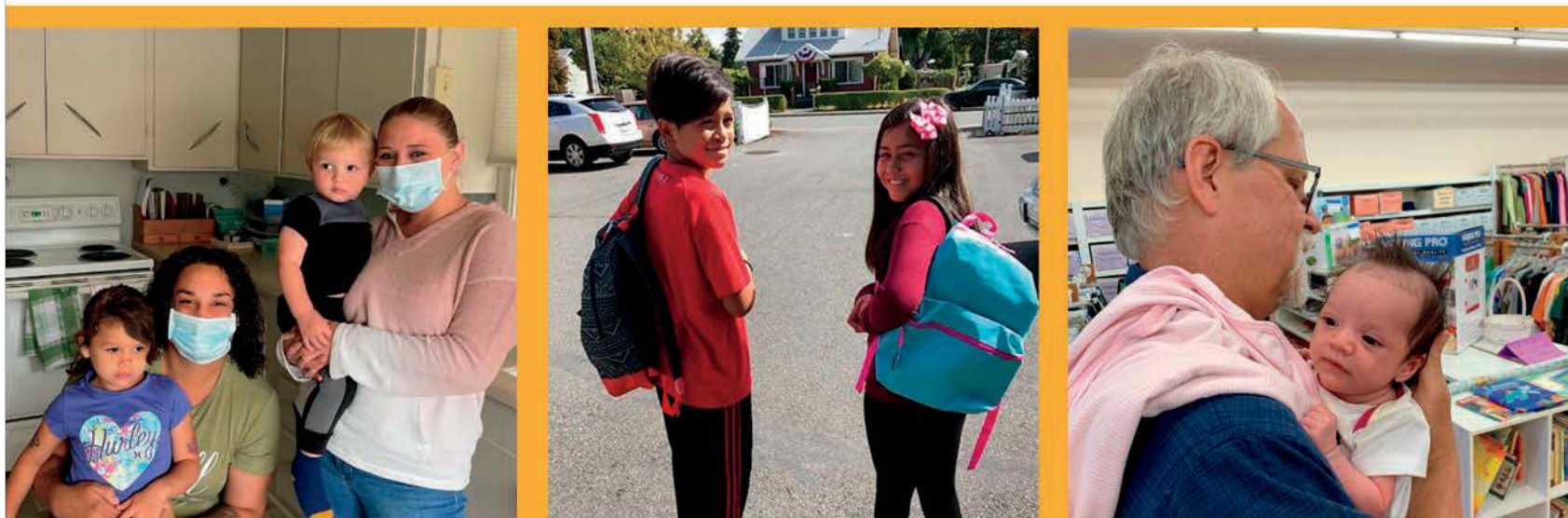
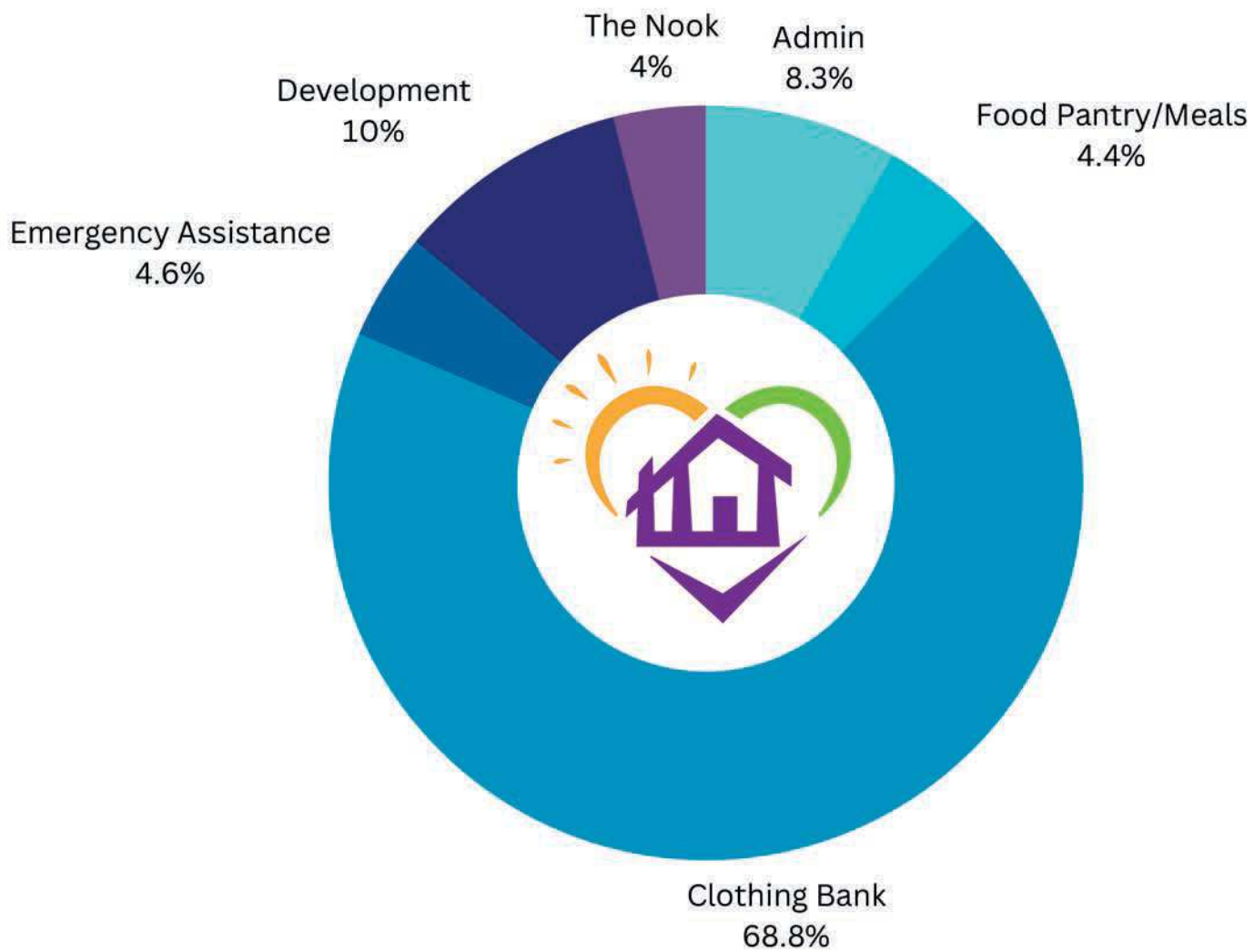
7,004 hours

working in the clothing bank, client
registration, administration,
fundraising, and The Nook

2022 FINANCIALS-INCOME



2022 FINANCIALS-EXPENSES



WITH GRATITUDE

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

\$2,500-\$5,000

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Kiwanis Club of Puyallup
Knights of Columbus 1629

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Network For Good
Pierce County Mustang Club
Pilgrim Lutheran Church
Poverello Fraternity
Puyallup Main Street Association
Puyallup United Methodist Women
Puyallup Valley Lions Club

Shepherd of the Hill
Presbyterian Church
St. Frances Cabrini Fraternity
United Way of Pierce County
Unity Church of Edgewood
Unity of South Sound
Yesterday's Chevelle & El
Camino Car Club



The Nook - Charity Boutique is operated by St. Francis House and staffed by volunteers. The Nook opened in November 2012. It offers many "high-end" items that St. Francis House receives throughout the year that its clients don't typically need.

Proceeds from selling these items at The Nook go directly back to support the Clothing Bank Program.

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