

LOVE to SHARE

Others will not care how much we know until they know how much we care.

Volume 40 No. 2 Sharing and Caring Hands Summer / Fall 2024

FROM MY HEART

My Dear Friends,

We had such a wonderful summer! The kids played basketball and soccer in the backyard. The Children Center and Teen Center were busy and full of the kids and teens running around and playing. We had Dairy Queen ice cream parties, field trips to the water park, playground, Children's Museum, and Dave and Busters, and another successful Summer Reading Program. The kids had a great time so summer sure did fly by fast!

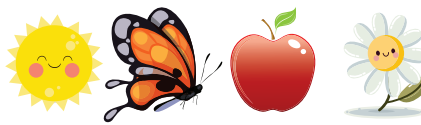
I am excited to tell you about the 137 Mary's Place kids that participated in our Summer Reading Program. Before coming to Mary's Place most of these kids were bouncing from place to place, school to school, and got so far behind in their reading that they were embarrassed and lacked confidence. But thanks to our volunteer tutors' commitment to reading one-on-one with these kids, they read a total of 1,661 books and read for a total of 23,517 minutes in our classrooms. Our Reading Program is a real gift to these kids! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer tutor and working with these special kids, please let us know, because we can always use the extra help!

I also want you to know that every day so many are coming through our doors alone, broken, helpless, and lost. As I have said before, when you are broken, you just do not have any hope. But with your help and support, we are able to listen to their need, help them, and assure them that they are cared about. And when we tell them this, we see the weight start to lift off their shoulders. When someone realizes they are not alone on their journey, this can be the start of them finding peace. Peace is found within the power and strength of prayer. And when they find peace, they can then also start to find hope. It is beautiful to see so many find the peace and strength and hope they need to continue on.

As I end this letter, if any of you are looking for something to do, we are still looking for more volunteer dental hygienists and dentists as well as donations of household items like pots/pans and sheets/towels. I know after you read this, we will get it because of the marvelous love in your hearts. We are deeply grateful for your unconditional faithfulness. Every one of you has made a positive difference. Your donations, service, and support are giving so many the hope they long for. Until we meet again, I will be praying for you. Please also keep me in your prayers so I can keep going. I look forward to when I can write to you again for the holidays.

Yours In Christ,
Mary Jo Copeland
Founder & Director of Sharing and Caring Hands



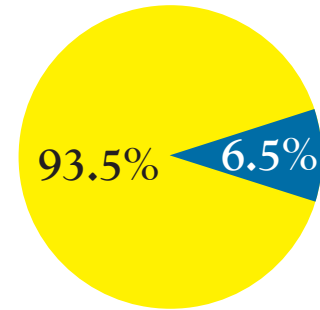


SHARING & CARING HANDS 2023 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

2023 Revenue & Support For The Year Ended December 31

REVENUE & SUPPORT:

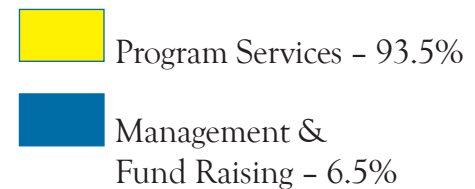
Contributions	\$10,819,762
In-Kind Contributions	\$5,422,643
Investment & Other Income	(\$3,190,922)
Total Revenue & Support	\$19,433,327



2023 Expenses For The Year Ended December 31

EXPENSES:

Program Services	\$9,179,505
Management & General	\$327,493
Fund Raising	\$383,621
Total Expenses	\$9,890,619



2023 SURPLUS **\$6,854,702**
39th Straight Surplus

NET ASSETS – For the year Ended December 31	\$65,469,862
Property, & Equipment – Net	\$12,551,997
Cash Investments	\$52,917,865

**93.5% of all the money spent goes to the needs of the poor
only 6.5% is used for management and fund raising.**

Your generosity continues to ensure that Sharing & Caring Hands will be able to meet the needs of the poor. Sharing & Caring Hands does not charge any fees for services and does not receive Government or United Way funding. We rely solely on your donations to fund this unique community outreach to people in need. We like to think of Sharing & Caring Hands as your personal outreach to the poor and homeless. Again this year, God has blessed this outreach by providing the support needed to meet the ever-increasing needs. May God bless you all.

Sharing and Caring Hands is a certified 501 (c)(3) charitable organization – All donations are tax deductible.

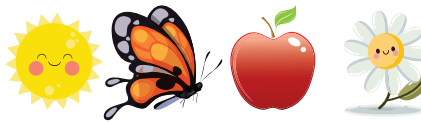
~ Financial donation questions, please contact Jennie Albert, Finance Manager, at
612-596-3480 or JAlbert@sharingandcaringhands.org.

WE ARE HIRING!

We are looking for caring, compassionate individuals that believe in our mission and vision and who excel at working with diverse groups of people in a fast-paced environment. If you know someone who may be interested in working with us, please see our website for employment openings.

www.sharingandcaringhands.org





Though these letters are directed to Mary Jo and the staff, we share them with you to show the impact your caring love and generosity have on the lives of others.

LETTERS FROM THE MAIL BAG

Dear Mary Jo,

Thank you mama. A home is a home, no matter the size.

Love, Raho H (Room # 204)

(When given a Mary's Place studio size apartment for her family.)



Dear Mary Jo,

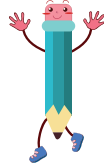
Thank you for giving me a place to live and feel safe.

Love, Gage L (age 7)

Dear Mary Jo,

I was in a very sad place. My daughter took me to Sharing and Caring Hands and I was blessed in prayers and had lunch. It was like a huge burden was lifted from my heart. If anyone needs guidance, sister Mary Jo and her staff will be there for you.

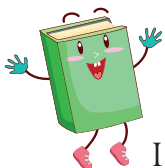
Love, Roberta W



Dear Mary Jo and the Reading Program Staff,

We so enjoy tutoring the kids. The program is a blessing! Thank you for all you do with a smile on your face! God Bless You all!

Love, Darlene and Kevin P
(volunteer tutors)



Dear Mary Jo,

I love donating here because 100% of items donated go to people in need for free.

Love, Kelly J (donor)

ULTIMATE GIFT

Please consider a gift to Sharing & Caring Hands as part of your will or trust as you do your estate planning. Donations can be in the form of stocks, 401K's, insurance policies, or charitable remainder trusts. Talk to your financial advisor or call Mary Jo Copeland at 612-328-4290.

Regular donations are vital to our work, and many employers will match your donations, thus doubling its value. You can use your Visa, Mastercard, Discover, or American Express for donations to Sharing & Caring Hands. A donation of stock is also welcome and can have great tax advantages. We are a 501(C)(3) charity so all donations are tax deductible. May God bless your generosity!

Sharing and Caring Hands

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Business Hours:

M-Th: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



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We also have the option of Electronic Funds Transfer



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