

# AURORA AURORA

## **2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

#### WHO WE ARE



Aurora is dedicated to serving those experiencing or near to homelessness in the greater Evansville area prioritizing providing a permanent housing plan.

Aurora pledges to be actively involved in direct services, prevention, community awareness, collaboration, and advocating for the social and economic changes necessary to making ending the homeless experience a reality. We believe that everyone has value and utilize a "Housing First" hands-on, strength-based approach to service delivery.

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#### A NOTE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ZAC HERONEMUS

**INSPIRED!** As 2023 ended, that was my greatest takeaway. Inspired, because Aurora's team truly made a significant impact improving the lives of the most vulnerable in our community. **During the year, our capacity improved in every program and our positive housing outcomes were at a higher rate. The rate of those who returned to a homeless experience or were temporarily housed was cut in half.** Our team's dedication to our mission, our community, and the people we serve can only leave you inspired. We still have work to do but we are well positioned for impact today and into the future. I hope you are inspired as well and continue to support and partner with us as we work to prevent and end homelessness in our city and region.



#### **OUR CORE VALUES**

#### **Collaboration** Working together, united in action

**Vision** The ability to dream and serve as a catalyst

**Integrity** Interactions are based on Social Work Code of Ethics, honoring HMIS Privacy Practices

#### Competence:

Emphasis on training, use of evidence-based practices **Passion:** 

Enthusiasm, strong desire, extravagant fondness

#### Determination: Strongly motivated to succeed

Compassion:

Understanding that the experience of homelessness can result in emotional distress, including trauma

Did you know?

Over 500 men, women, children, and seniors experience homelessness on any given night in Evansville.

#### **OUR PROGRAMS**

Vision 1505 Homeless Outreach Beacon PSH

Housing First Rapid Rehousing

**Re-Entrv** 

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I was staying at a sober living facility when I met Nana Wing, Re-Entry Case Manager at Aurora. Nana gave me the resources I needed to apply for the program and helped me prepare for living on my own. I now have a place to call home and succeed in life. It's been a great experience.

- Re-Entry Client -

Did you know?

#### Aurora serves as the lead homeless service agency in Southwestern Indiana

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Sitting in the middle of our direct homeless service partners, our community's shelter system, and other necessary social service agencies, Aurora provides a client-centered approach to case management.

#### Our work focuses on housing, income, and supportive services planning.

Together, our mission work moves vulnerable people from unhoused to stabilized, forward to self-sufficiency, and onward to upward mobility.



66 Aurora gave me a stable place where I can be myself. I was able to strengthen my literacy skills which allowed me to obtain my driver's license. I am now reunited with my family and working towards becoming self-sufficient.



#### **OUR MISSION**

Our Mission is creating solutions to prevent and end homelessness in our community.

#### **OUR VISION**

We believe that the community will be stronger when every man, woman and child have a safe, decent, and sustainable place to call home.

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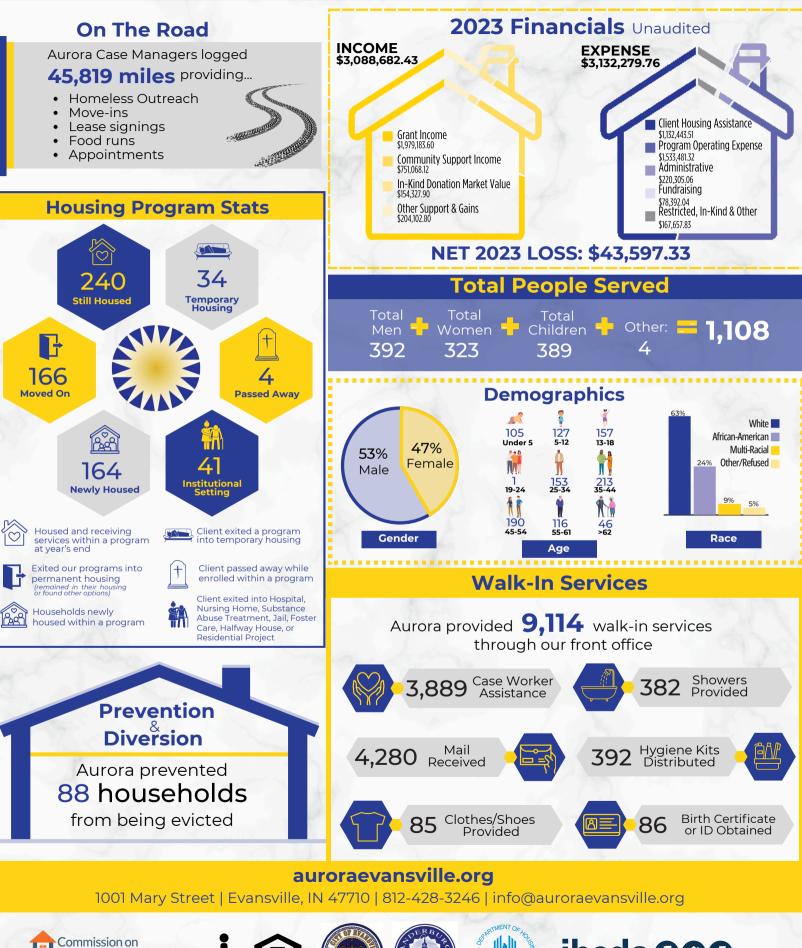
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### **2023 AURORA IMPACT**



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