

# ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2022



## COMMUNITY VISION

Dear CV Community,

My college graduation speaker was Maya Angelou. She arrived in a golf cart and had to be helped onto the stage to deliver her remarks. I don't usually remember speeches, but I remember hers. She looked across at our fresh, hopeful faces and told us there was going to be rain – lots of rain – in our futures. But we shouldn't be afraid of the rain, because you need rain to make rainbows. And we can be the rainbows, bringing glimmers of light in the clouds.

This past year definitely had its share of rain. For Community Vision, the rain was the deepest staffing crisis we have experienced, and burnout for those who continued to show up. The uncertainty of the pandemic waves led to cancelled plans and took their emotional toll. But the story is not the rain, it is the rainbows.

In the spring, we were able to have our first in-person party in two years. It was outside and masked, and the joy palpable as people saw old friends. Over the year, folks met personal goals, got jobs, moved into affordable housing, and accessed technology. We laid the groundwork for our Strategic Initiatives by piloting smart home technology, learning about the green industry, and meeting with decision makers about affordable, accessible housing. We built relationships with key partners and spread the message that people with disabilities belong in all the critical conversations happening in our world. These were all rainbow moments.

As we look towards the coming year, may we all rise to Maya's challenge and be the rainbows in someone else's clouds. May we remember that crisis brings opportunity. May we continue striving towards an inclusive world. There will be rain, but there will also be rainbows.

Thank you for all you do to support Community Vision.

With gratitude,

*Jennifer Knapp*

Executive Director



# PROGRAMS



## SUPPORTED LIVING



**293** Individual community connections

**169** Skills developed

**168,815** Hours of support provided



Our team have been especially proud to support people with disabilities across the lifespan. This past year, our team has helped many of our senior individuals age in place, increasing staff support and exploring new adaptive equipment. Our department is also fostering the next generation by supporting individuals with children to be the best parents they can be.



## EMPLOYMENT

**14** New jobs

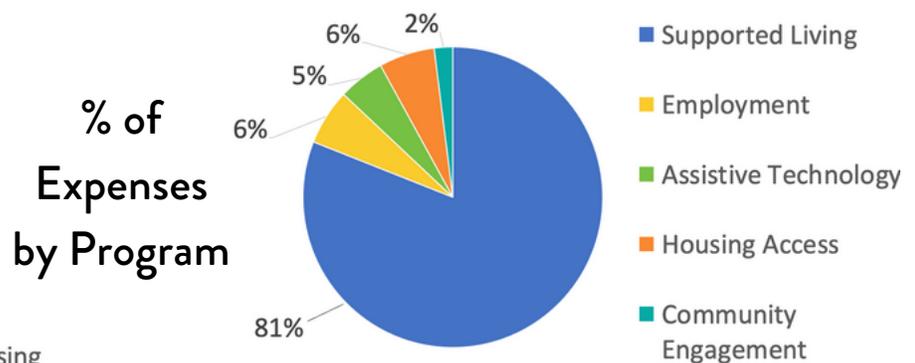
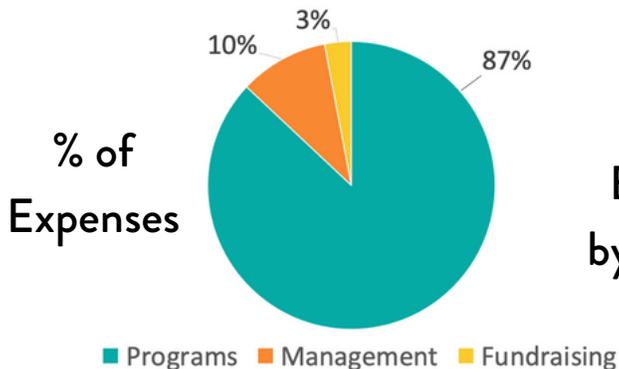
**16** People receiving job support

**7** People at their jobs a year or more

Alicia came to us in last summer eager to get a job that was close to her home and with supportive co-workers. We were able to help her get a position with Portland Adventist Hospital to work in their Nutrition Services Department. She now works 3 days a week at a job that is close to home. She has wonderful co-workers who have become friends and natural supports. Alicia's role is packaging nutrition service items that are then sent to various departments throughout the hospital to help patients heal and to help staff with efficiency. She is a valued employee and looks forward to going to work each day!



## FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT



# PROGRAMS



## HOUSING



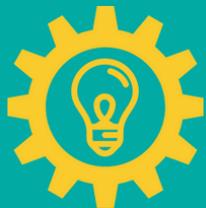
- 147** Individuals completed steps towards housing
- 40** Extremely-low income renters matched to housing
- 24** New housing units in development
- 1,006** Hours of opportunity development

When we began working with Denise, she was living in her car and on several waitlists for affordable housing. She was worried because it takes months or years for units to become available. Our team found an apartment with an immediate opening from our list and encouraged Denise to apply.

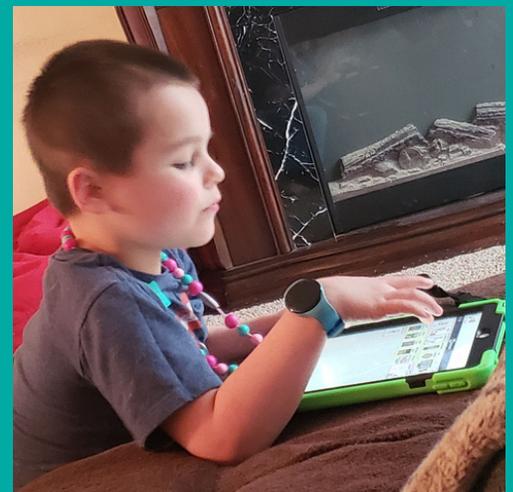
Denise travelled to the apartment, applied to the unit, got the manager to expedite the screening process, and she and her partner were approved within a couple of hours! In a matter of three days, Denise and Julius went from sleeping in their car with no real home prospects in sight, to living in their new apartment!



## ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY



- 97** People receiving consultations
- 115** Items loaned through the loan closet
- 352** People using advice line
- 1,482** People trained



This past year, our Assistive Technology Lab, in collaboration with the Oregon Community Foundation, was able to approve grants for 70 Oregon children with developmental disabilities. We purchased and distributed educational equipment including iPads with communication apps, switch-adapted keyboards and toys, laptops, a reader pen, an adaptive desk chair, a communication button that can record messages, and more!

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