



Womanspace East, Inc.
Serving Families in Crisis

Donor Newsletter

Spring 2022

2021 Impact Report

Last year your support helped hundreds of your Allegheny County neighbors experiencing homelessness



We provided housing and support to **123 families (353 individuals) including 218 children.**



Our case workers spent **4,160 hours connecting these families with resources** including education, medical support, job counseling, and more.



The percentage of families who stayed with us in 2021 who have **successfully moved into permanent housing.**



Shelter housing improvements

Thanks to **Capital improvement funds from Allegheny County Department of Human Services** we were able to:

- Replace the washers and dryers in our shelter for our families. These new appliances are more energy efficient and provide a resource many of the families we serve have gone without.
- Update all of our lighting to LED lights to reduce long-term costs.

We are grateful to you for everything you have made possible with your support.

We also extend our gratitude to our corporate supporters:





Get to know us



Womanspace East Executive Director,
Toni Pendleton

Womanspace East has been in operation as a shelter for 46 years. I have been Executive Director for more than 25 years.

Womanspace East is one of the largest shelters in Allegheny County. We can house larger families with the mixture of shelter rooms and apartments.

It can be devastating to end up in a shelter, lose all your possessions, have a fear for your safety and how you will be treated. Upon arrival at the facility, the staff strives to assist the families in getting a feeling of safety, stability and direction again.

With our participation in the **Hillman Capitalization Program**, Womanspace East is in the process of developing and expanding capacity and diversifying funds to better serve the people of the community.

Spaces to grow

Our living room is the heart of the shelter, a place for families to gather for meals and holidays. It was renovated in 2018 thanks to the **Bright Horizons Bright Spaces program**.



The good you create

This year we provided an apartment in our shelter to a family who had been without housing for some time. Friends had given them a place to stay, but the children did not have beds to sleep in and their mother was sleeping in the car every night because of the limited space.



The morning after the family arrived at the shelter, the children didn't want to get out of bed the next morning because they were so happy and cozy in their bunk beds in the apartment. Moments like these keep us going, and remind us of the impact our donors have on the lives of our clients by providing a safe place to stay for families that are struggling.