

REPORT

VISION

Everyone has a safe and stable place to call home where they can also embrace their own power and dignity.

MISSION

NEOCH exists to eliminate the root causes of homelessness while loving our diverse community through organizing, advocacy, education, and street outreach.



2021 AWARD WINNERS

Each year, NEOCH honors those that have demonstrated exemplary commitment to ending the root causes of homelessness in our community. We have presented awards to volunteers, elected officials, city leaders, lawyers, organizers, street outreach workers, service providers, and more.

SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

CITIZENS FOR A SAFER CLEVELAND

With the leadership of families who have lost a loved one to police violence, Citizens for a Safer Cleveland is a diverse coalition of concerned activists, organizations, and individuals who came together to demand real accountability and justice of Cleveland's police department by successfully mobilizing voters to pass Issue 24. In 2021, voters approved the ballot initiative to create a civilian review board that will have the power to investigate police misconduct. The passing of Issue 24 is a historic moment not only for Cleveland, but for communities across the country that are working to increase community oversight that holds police accountable to prevent dangerous decisions by the police that cause deep harm, especially in our black and brown communities.

HOMELESS ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

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Denise Moore dedicated her life to serving others and spend two decades doing homeless street outreach in Cleveland. She was NEOCH's Street Outreach Coordinator from 2015-2022 until she passed away on December 31, 2021. Densie left an irreplaceable imprint in the lives of so many unhoused people in our community and for so many homeless advocates and street outreach workers across Northeast Ohio.





2021

STREET OUTREACH

- 373 people were accompanied from homelessness to permanent housing
- 2,000 people received crisis support interventions
- 303 people obtained identification, birth certificates and Social Security cards through street outreach
- 300+ people received housing assistance to support access to housing or to prevent homelessness



EDUCATION

- Published 4 issues of Cleveland's street newspaper, The Cleveland Street Chronicle, which is written, purchased and sold by a dozen vendors with lived experience of homelessness. The paper published its third annual "Wrap Up Homelessness" wrapping paper edition featuring holiday artwork designed by people with lived experience of homelessness.
- Hosted a summer internship cohort with 3 students who developed skills in advocacy, social action and justice.
- Presented 12 webinars for 824 people including social workers, service providers, outreach workers and community advocates; these focused on LGBTQ homelessness, trauma informed practices, navigating housing and homelessness systems, and examining bias within those systems.
- Hosted 5 immersive learning experiences for high school, university, and youth groups to take a deep dive into the homeless experience and racist housing policy. Community tours to the public were offered for groups to better understand modern segregation, housing as a commodity, and other root causes of homelessness



HIGHLIGHTS



ADVOCACY

- Created a trans affirmation and advocacy training for direct service staff in the shelter system and formed a Trans Advisory Group comprised of trans people with lived experience with homelessness to incorporate their wisdom into the training and to co-create new components based on their lived experience.
- Hosted a Housing and Homelessness Mayoral forum with 8 local homelessness and housing partner agencies for Cleveland Mayoral candidates. NEOCH hosted a watch party that included people with lived experience who were able to co-create questions for the forumensuring that their questions and needs were centered in the conversation.
- Celebrated the life of TierraMarie Lewis, a Black trans woman with lived experience of homelessness alongside partners from Trans Ohio, the LGBT Center, and Equality Ohio
- Led advocacy to support the passage of Pay to Stay legislation to protect renters from eviction in 6 municipalities across Cuyahoga County

ORGANIZING

- Hosted 12 voter registration events at various shelter and meal sites throughout Cleveland in partnership with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries, YWCA of Greater Cleveland, West Side Catholic Center, and Catholic Charities.
- Formed the Homeless Congress Leaders group to promote leadership development and organizing capacity within Cleveland's unhoused community, adding 24 leaders to our Homeless Congress, as well as 62 new members to Homeless Congress overall
- Provided support to organize men staying at the Ramada Inn for temporary shelter following action by the City of Independence to remove them, which led to a direct action at the Cuyahoga County Administrative Headquarters where 25 people made public comment to County Council on the importance of humane, de-congregate shelter options during the pandemic
- Hosted the 2021 Homeless Memorial in partnership with Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church to honor the lives of 52 community residents with lived experience of homelessness who passed away in 2021

FACTS

75%
OF PEOPLE
EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS
IN CLEVELAND
IDENTIFY AS
BLACK,
INDIGENOUS, AND
PEOPLE OF COLOR

4,649

PEOPLE WENT
THROUGH
CUYAHOGA
COUNTY'S
HOMELESS SYSTEM
1 IN 4 WAS A
CHILD UNDER
AGE 18

538

PEOPLE
REPORTED
SLEEPING IN
PLACES NOT
SUITABLE FOR
HUMAN
HABITATION
FOR A PERIOD
OF TIME

4,257

EVICTIONS
WERE FILED
IN THE CITY
OF CLEVELAND

CMSD RECORDED

HOMELESS
STUDENTS IN 2021.
254 WERE IN
LOCAL SHELTERS,
1406 WERE
DOUBLED UP,
AND 56 WERE
UNACCOMPANIED

UP TO

46%
OF ALL HOME
PURCHASES
ON THE
BIPOC-MAJORITY
EAST SIDE ARE
MADE BY
INVESTOR
BUYERS

THE ESTIMATED TOTAL POPULATION OF CLEVELAND IS 372,624 WITH

30.8%
LIVING BELOW
THE POVERTY
LEVEL

(U.S. CENSUS, 2020)

MORE THAN

326,000 PEOPLE

EXPERIENCED
SHELTERED
HOMELESSNESS IN
THE U.S. ON A
SINGLE NIGHT IN
2021, A DECREASE
OF 8% FROM 2020

WORKING AT OHIO'S MINIMUM WAGE OF \$8.80/HOUR, ONE MUST WORK

60 HOURS

PER WEEK
TO AFFORD A MODEST
1-BEDROOM RENTAL
AT FAIR MARKET RATE
(NATIONAL LOW
INCOME HOUSING
COALITION, 2021)

CUYAHOGA COUNTY
HAS ONE OF THE
HIGHEST RATES OF
COST BURDENED
RENTER HOUSEHOLDS,
WITH NEARLY

OF RENTERS SPENDING
MORE THAN
ONE-THIRD
OF THEIR INCOME
ON RENT

REVENUE + EXPENSES

REVENUE

CONTRIBUTIONS \$432,448.25

FOUNDATION GRANTS \$285,480

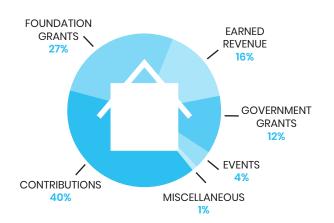
EARNED REVENUE \$173,178.23

GOVERNMENT GRANTS \$128,800.91

EVENTS \$42,534.35

MISCELLANEOUS \$6,925.92

TOTAL REVENUE: \$1,069,367.66



EXPENSES

ADVOCACY \$177,607.12

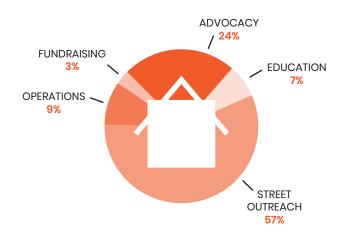
EDUCATION \$54,520.10

STREET OUTREACH \$427,574.67

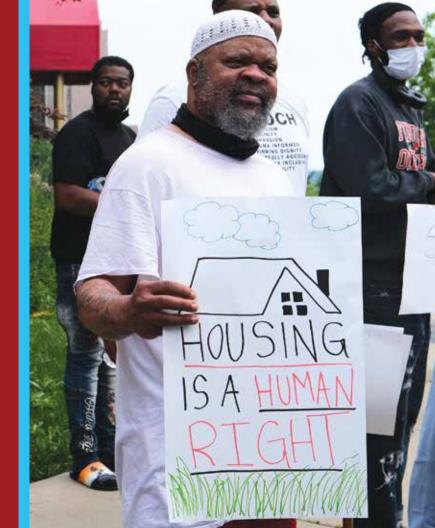
OPERATIONS \$65,467.58

FUNDRAISING \$19,022.72

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$744,192.19



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REMEMBERING DENISE MOORE

October 29, 1953 - December 31, 2021

The NEOCH community deeply mourns the loss of our amazing Outreach Coordinator, Denise Moore. She will forever be remembered as a homeless advocate of deep empathy and boundless compassion.

Denise spent two decades doing homeless street outreach in Cleveland, and she was known as "Mama D" to people on the streets. In 2007, she founded Restored Paths Ministry, an outreach organization dedicated to providing hot meals and supplies to people sleeping unsheltered and to anyone in need. Denise joined NEOCH's staff in 2015 and worked around the clock to pioneer the Cleveland Street Outreach Collaborative into what it is today. She supported countless people off the streets and into housing. She knew every person sleeping outside by name.

Over the years, Denise mentored countless homeless advocates across Cleveland to equip them with the knowledge they needed to compassionately serve people sleeping unsheltered and to get them into housing. Denise set a new standard for street outreach services that will live on at NEOCH until we end homelessness in our city. She will always be remembered for loving people urgently.



THANK YOU

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