

ANNUAL REPORT



FY 2022



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Our Mission

The Bright Side Family is a nonprofit that provides affordable housing, affordable assisted living, and support services that respond to the changing needs and preferences of low-and-moderate-income older adults.

Everything we do is guided by our belief that having a safe and comfortable home environment is a fundamental right, that income should not dictate access to supportive care, health care, or social services, and that community is created by honoring one another's individuality, dignity, privacy, and autonomy.





Message from the Executive Director

Thank you for your interest in The Bright Side Family's 2022 Annual Report! It is always a pleasure to report on our activities, new programs and partnerships, our finances and leadership. We are also grateful for an opportunity to acknowledge the tremendous support we receive from our community including Foundations, businesses, houses of worship. State and local government and individuals. It is this support that enables The Bright Side Family to provide CARE WITHOUT CONDITIONS.

We were very excited to launch our first County-wide program in early 2022, a free budget management program called Senior Checks. Senior Checks works one-on-one with older adults who need help with managing monthly budgets, paying bills, avoiding scams, and connecting with financial resources that can help them stretch their fixed incomes and ensure they can pay for housing, food, and health care. We served far more clients than we projected in 2022 and look forward to the program's continued growth and expansion.

In 2022, construction of an 8000 square foot, two story wing neared completion. This beautifully designed wing includes 11 private rooms with private bathrooms, light filled dining and multi-purpose rooms, a cozy library with fireplace, a second elevator, laundry facilities and a craft room that leads out to a secure outdoor deck facing Teaneck Road. In 2023, we hope to renovate the existing building further, replacing windows and siding on the mansion, installing solar panels, and upgrading flooring and finishes so that the whole facility will feel like new while significantly improving energy efficiency.

Age Friendly Teaneck was able to re-energize its programs and activities after some had to be paused during the COVID pandemic. We were especially excited to resume our Careers in Aging Summer Internship Program and enjoyed having 4 high school students spend a month with us learning about the vast array of careers that involve serving the needs of older adults, including careers in health care, law, pharmacy, architecture, nutrition, and technology. We have been actively participating County- wide and State-wide efforts to ensure that New Jersey is a great place for people of all ages and abilities.

Late in the year, we broke ground for our newest project, construction of a 40-unit affordable senior apartment building in the Northeast neighborhood of Teaneck. This project will include a ground floor community center within which The Bright Side Family will provide vibrant programs and services for older adults residing in the building and surrounding community.

As the needs of older adults in Northern New Jersey continue to grow and evolve, so will our organization. We welcome opportunities to develop new programs and facilities and are tremendously grateful to the support of our Board of Directors, our funders, volunteers and all the men and women who work within The Bright Side Family.

Gratefully,

Elizabeth Davis, *Founder & Executive Director*





2022 IMPACT REPORT

A YEAR WITH UNIQUE CHALLENGES...

- Continuing to keep our residents safe from COVID-19
- Working through a 8,000 square foot expansion to Bright Side Manor
- Working to grow and expand our network of programs



...AND MANY SUCCESSSES

- Launched our first county-wide programs for older adults
- Hosted our first in-person event since the start of the pandemic
- Continued our high school internship program



2022 SNAPSHOT

300+

Attendees of our financial literacy workshops

95+

Older adults provided with affordable housing

40+

Older adults receiving one-on-one money management services

85+

Older adults in our assisted living facility and in-home program

Financials



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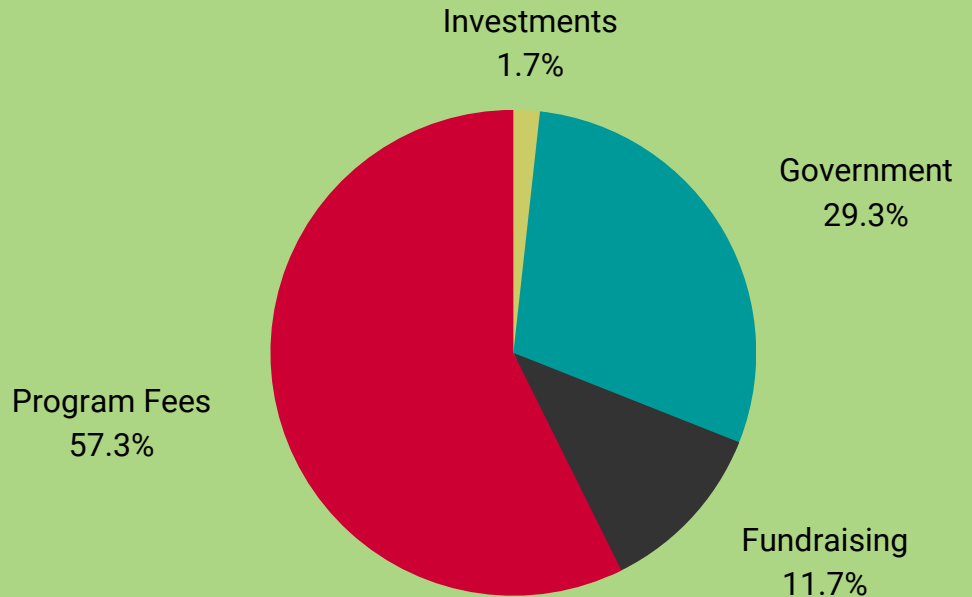
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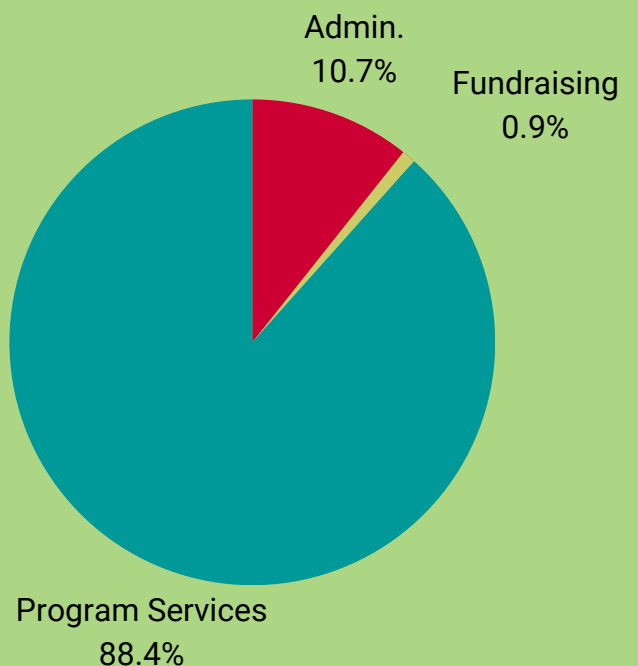
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We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support that has brought hope and transformation to countless lives.

Your generosity has been the bedrock of our work, empowering us to provide affordable assisted living, housing, and support services for older adults across Bergen County.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS.



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