



Eva's Village
WHERE HOPE BEGINS

ANNUAL REPORT

2023



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Mission

In FY2023 Eva's Village continued to provide care and support to individuals struggling with hunger, homelessness, substance use disorders and mental health issues.

Through integrated, comprehensive social services and behavioral health programs, Eva's Village empowered these individuals to lead healthy, stable, independent lives.



A Message From Our CEO

Fiscal Year 2023 was a year fueled by compassion and efficiency—a powerful combination that brought about positive change and brighter outcomes for those we serve.

I am proud of our ongoing efforts, dedicated to serving not only our neighbors in Paterson but also individuals from Passaic County and residents from across the state.

In our 41 years, we have continually evolved and strengthened our programs and services to adapt to the dynamic and expanding challenges faced by those in crisis. Whether it is combating hunger, homelessness, substance use disorders, or mental health challenges, we remain steadfast in our commitment to making a difference.

In FY2023, we embraced innovative approaches to delivering compassionate care, resulting in improved outcomes for our clients. The introduction of our new Electronic Health Record system has revolutionized our operations, enhancing efficiency, accuracy, and effectiveness in client care. Collaborations and partnerships with fellow organizations have fortified our programs, increasing access to a broader range of essential services for our clients. Furthermore, we prioritized the well-being of our team members, offering additional training and initiating steps towards fostering a more unified and inclusive organizational culture.

FY2023 was not without its challenges. Following the surge in donations during the COVID-19 pandemic, nonprofits worldwide experienced a decline in contributions as individuals redirected their funds back to every day, pre-pandemic expenses. Nevertheless, FY2023 proved financially robust for us. This success can be attributed to a strategic approach to fundraising and a variety of operating efficiencies.

I encourage you to explore our FY2023 annual report to learn about the positive impact we are creating in the lives we touch. Our achievements are only possible thanks to the generosity of our donors and the invaluable guidance provided by our Board of Trustees.

Thank you,



Howard L. Haughton
Chief Executive Officer



The Challenge:

Food Insecurity



80.9

Paterson has a Food Insecurity Index of 80.9
(in a ranking of 0-100, with 100 being the highest).

Source: njhealthmatters.org

Food Insecurity in adults can lead to

Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, and obesity.

Family members in food-insecure households are also more likely to struggle with psychological and behavioral health issues.

Source: feedingamerica.org

Paterson is considered a

food desert

where residents have limited access to healthy food.

Source: [NJEDA Food Desert Communities, Feb. 2022](#)

The Resource:

Eva's Village Community Kitchen Nourishing the Body & Soul

The heart of Eva's Village lies within the Community Kitchen, a haven where food-insecure neighbors gather for free, healthy meals. Meals are available to anyone who needs one, with no questions asked.

Our bright, welcoming Community Kitchen offers a refuge from harsh weather conditions and fosters much-needed social connections for our community members living on the streets.

Moreover, the Community Kitchen serves as a pathway for those in need to access vital programs and services that can improve and enhance their lives.

More than forty years ago, our journey began as a humble soup kitchen located in the basement of a convent. Fast forward to FY2023, we have expanded our program supplying nearly 1,000 daily meals to community members and residents in our emergency shelters and halfway houses.



The Community Kitchen is open to the public:

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

Breakfast at 8:30am

Lunch at 12:00pm

Lunch at 1:00pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Lunch at 12:00pm

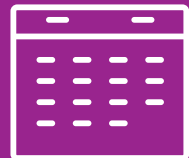
We are open on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



New This Year!

Lunch service returned on Saturdays and Sundays.

Children welcome (when accompanied by an adult).



The Resource:

Eva's Village Community Kitchen

Nourishing the Body & Soul

In FY2023 we provided **over 340,000** meals to community members and residents in our shelters and halfway houses. The number of meals for community members increased **26% over last year.**

340,000

\$3.74

Each healthy meal costs us **less than \$5.00** to prepare and distribute.



3,000

We collaborated with *The Father English Community Center* to distribute **3,000 prepared meals** to homebound residents.

5,200

We played a vital role in feeding the children in Cathedral of St. John the Baptist's after-school program, providing over **5,200 complete meals** weekdays, January through June.



17%



When supplementary SNAP Benefits – extended during the COVID-19 health crisis – ended in March 2023, we saw a **17% surge in meals served** to our community members.



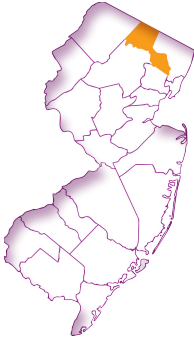
**“At Eva’s Community Kitchen I
get a good meal and there are
friendly people who work there.
It’s truly a blessing.”**

– Harmon*, Community Kitchen Guest

**not pictured*

The Challenge:

Homelessness & Poverty

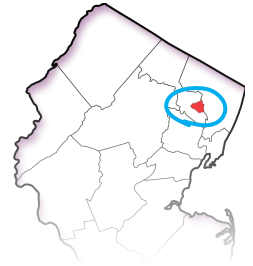


Homelessness in **Passaic County** increased **9.1%** from 2022 to 2023

Source: *NJ Point in Time Count 2023, Monarch Housing Associates*

In **Paterson**, approximately **40%** of children live below the poverty line, which puts them at risk of experiencing hunger and malnutrition.

Source: www-doh.state.nj.us/doh-shad/indicator/complete_profile/FoodInsecurity.html



Homelessness significantly correlates with serious healthcare issues, including **HIV/AIDS, addiction, psychological disorders, and other illnesses** that require consistent, long-term care. Additionally, infectious diseases can run rampant in the homeless population.

Source: *UnityParenting.org*

Chronic homelessness causes strain and financial hardship on our society. These significant costs can add up. They include emergency room visits and hospitalizations, police intervention and incarceration, and the use of mental health, poverty, and homeless programs.

Source: *UnityParenting.org*





The Resource:

Eva's Village Emergency Shelters

More Than a Warm, Safe Bed



Eva's Village provides emergency shelter to adults aged eighteen and above facing homelessness. Both our Men's and Women's Emergency Shelters operate with a low barrier approach, welcoming individuals without rigid entry requirements. Whether grappling with substance use disorders, mental health issues, or a history of incarceration, all are embraced within our shelters.

Every resident receives dedicated support from a Case Manager. These professionals not only seek permanent housing solutions but also assist in accessing necessary resources, programs, and supportive services crucial for establishing a stable, independent life. Additionally, Case Managers facilitate entry into Eva's own programs, including Outpatient Substance Use Disorder programs and Outpatient Mental Health services.

At Eva's Village Emergency Shelters, we provide **Medication Monitoring** services. Our shelter staff securely manage, monitor, and distribute both prescription and over-the-counter medications. Given that many shelter residents face diverse physical, mental, and emotional challenges that necessitate medication, ensuring precise tracking and management of medications is a top priority.

In FY2023 we housed over **170 adults** in our Emergency Shelter for Men and our Emergency Shelter for Women.

It's more than just a warm, safe bed. Residents receive:

- 3 nutritious meals daily
- Clean linens
- Fresh, clean clothing
- Hygiene items
- A Case Manager who provides access to social services, behavioral health programs, and permanent housing solutions.
- Access to Eva's Outpatient Substance Use Disorder programs, Outpatient Mental Health programs, and our Recovery Community Center

The Resource:

Eva's Village Apartments

Low Income Housing with Supportive Services

Eva's Village Apartments feature one, two, and three bedroom apartments for income-eligible residents. The apartments are located near public transportation and schools, with a playground across the street. Residents have access to the programs and services at Eva's Village.



"I wish I could make up a new word to describe Eva's, because there's no word that exists that really explains what Eva's does. They've helped in so many ways.

They made me go to the doctor and I hadn't been to the doctors in years. I found out I have anxiety and I got medication for it. I never knew I had anxiety before. Now I'm living in my own apartment, but I still come back to Eva's to see the guys in the shelter because it's my turn to help them."

- Carlos Gonzalez, former Men's Emergency Shelter Resident

The Challenge:

Substance Use Disorders

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HEROIN

Paterson is facing an extreme opioid crisis, ranked as the **second city** with the **highest rate of heroin abuse in New Jersey**.

Source: ncbi.nlm.nih.gov

According to the State of New Jersey Department of Health, **48% of Passaic County residents** have an unmet demand for substance use treatment.

Source: state.nj.us/health

48%



77%

The substances at the forefront of the [opioid] crisis are Fentanyl and Heroin. Fentanyl was involved in over **77% of overdose deaths** in New Jersey.

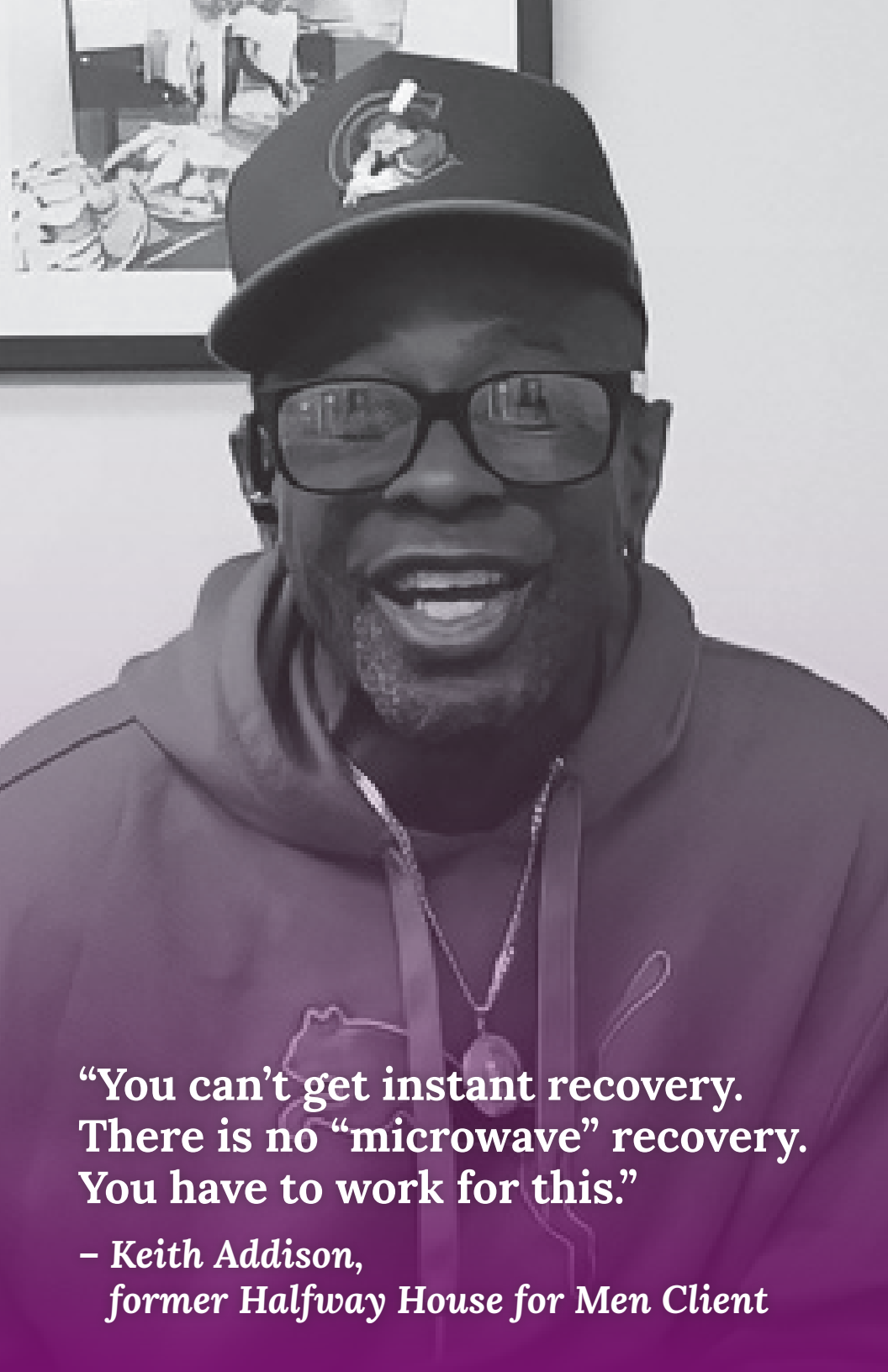
Source: valleyspringrecovery.com/addiction/drug/statistics/new-jersey

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Nearly **five people die** in New Jersey each day to an opioid overdose.

Source: Nov. 23, 2022 [Statescoop.com](https://statescoop.com)





**“You can’t get instant recovery.
There is no “microwave” recovery.
You have to work for this.”**

**– Keith Addison,
former Halfway House for Men Client**

The Resource:

Eva's Village Recovery Programs

Each Recovery Journey is Unique

People facing Substance Use Disorders (SUD) require tailored approaches for a successful journey to recovery. Eva's Village provides a variety of recovery programs designed to address the distinct needs of each individual client.

Eva's Village offers:

Residential Recovery Support:

The three halfway houses at Eva's Village - **Halfway House for Men**, **Halfway House for Women**, and **Halfway House for Women with Children** – offer clients safe, structured, ASAM Level 3.1 recovery services designed to empower individuals struggling with substance use disorders to successfully lead healthy, secure, independent lives.

Eva's Village Hope Residence:

Our **Halfway House for Women with Children** is a unique, residential Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment program that invites women to live with and care for their young children while working on their recovery. Our **Hope Residence** houses up to 24 mothers with up to 55 children in our dedicated residential home, complete with playrooms and educational rooms. Our Hope Residence is one of only three facilities in New Jersey that allows mothers to stay with their children during recovery.

Studies demonstrate better outcomes for mothers and children when residential treatment programs allow children to stay with their mothers.

Source: ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc

Mothers in our Hope Residence have access to:

- Post-partum care
- Childcare
- Parenting classes
- Trauma-informed counseling
- Nutritious meals
- Medical care
- Workforce readiness support

Eva's Village provided trauma-informed childcare to **37 children** during FY2023.

Over **480 individuals** received Substance Use Disorder treatment and support through our Halfway Houses and Outpatient Programs in FY2023.



Outpatient SUD Programs:

Eva’s Village offers Outpatient (Level 1.0) and Intensive Outpatient (Level 2.1) programs with day and evening access to:

- Addiction Services
- Partial Care Services
- Outpatient Treatment Services
- Intensive Outpatient Treatment Services
- Co-Occurring Services

Peer-to-Peer Recovery Support:

The Eva’s Village Recovery Community Center (RCC) is a community-based hub providing peer-to-peer recovery support including recovery coaching, workshops, seminars, support groups and meetings, as well as recovery-based social and recreational events and activities.

680 individuals were helped through the RCC in FY2023.

Opioid Overdose Response Program (OORP):

OORP is a peer-to-peer based program assisting individuals at St. Joseph’s University Medical Center and other local emergency rooms who have been reversed from an overdose. Our Certified Peer Recovery Specialists assist overdose survivors in obtaining necessary treatment.

Outpatient Mental Health Services:

Our licensed clinicians provide psychiatric evaluations, medication monitoring, and personalized individual therapy to educate and support clients experiencing mental health challenges.

Medication-Assisted Treatment, the use of medications in combination with counseling and evidence-based practices, can effectively treat Opioid Use Disorders (OUD).

Eva’s Village offers these FDA-approved medications to combat opioid addiction:

- Buprenorphine
- Buprenorphine/Naloxone
- Naltrexone
- Sublocade
- Vivitrol

The OORP Program provided assistance to **610 individuals** in FY2023.

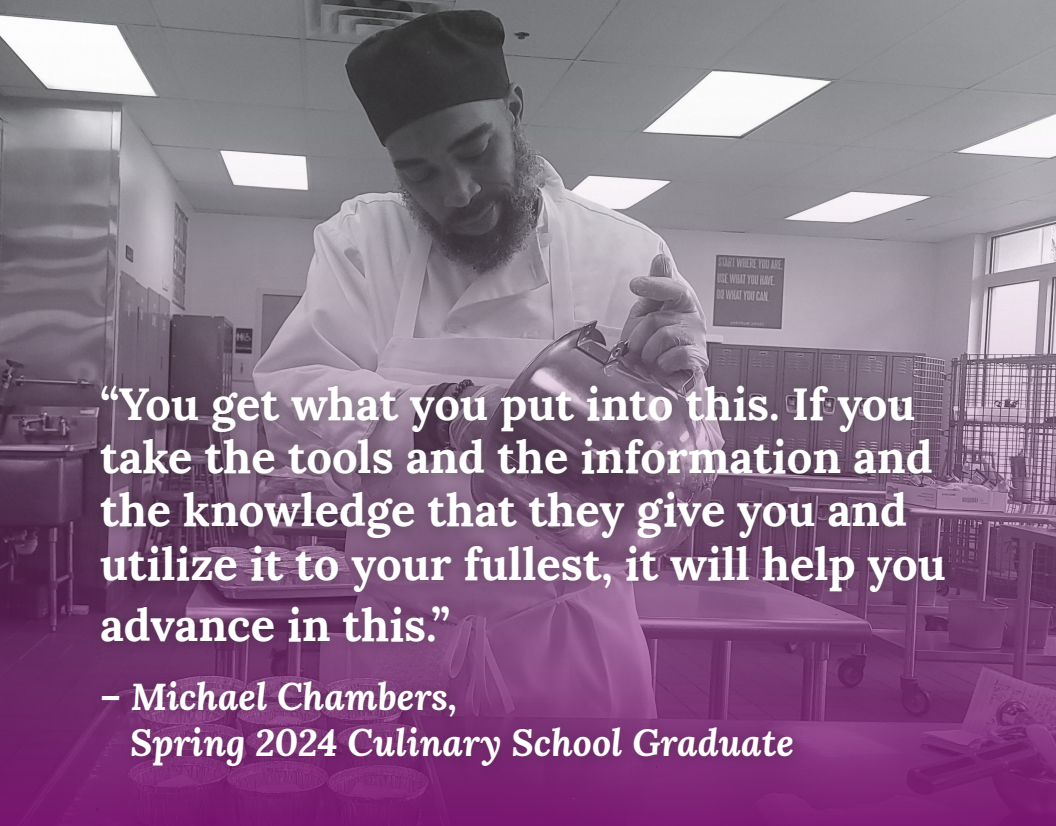
The Culinary School at Eva's Village

Offering a Path to Employment

The Culinary School Advisory Board, Eva's Village Board of Trustees, and Eva's senior management enthusiastically decided to relaunch The Culinary School at Eva's Village following a 3-year pause. The school had temporarily ceased operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Throughout FY2023, the team conducted a comprehensive review of the program's goals and objectives, curriculum, student capacity, staffing, and admissions procedures. With a renewed emphasis on foundational skills and professionalism, we reimagined the program entirely. Additionally, we applied for (and later successfully obtained) our license to operate as a private career school.

**95% of previous graduates found employment
in the hospitality industry.**

A chef with a beard, wearing a white chef's coat and a black toque, is focused on his work in a professional kitchen. He is holding a large metal bowl and appears to be pouring or mixing something. The kitchen is well-lit with overhead fluorescent lights. In the background, there are stainless steel counters, a sink, and a sign on the wall that reads "EAT WHERE YOU ARE, USE WHAT YOU HAVE, DO WHAT YOU CAN." The overall atmosphere is one of concentration and professional culinary practice.

“You get what you put into this. If you take the tools and the information and the knowledge that they give you and utilize it to your fullest, it will help you advance in this.”

**– Michael Chambers,
Spring 2024 Culinary School Graduate**

Embracing Technology

Transforming Lives and Improving Outcomes

Our commitment to providing exceptional care is unwavering, and we believe innovation is the key to unlocking new possibilities in our mission. The recent transition from a traditional paper-based system to a cutting-edge Electronic Health Record (EHR) system has proven to be groundbreaking, significantly improving our operations, and positively impacting outcomes and staff retention.

This transformative shift has increased the speed and accuracy of our record-keeping and has allowed our team to dedicate more time to direct care and personalized engagement with our clients.

Our EHR system is not merely a tool; it's a catalyst for positive change within our organization. It has created a sense of empowerment among our staff, who now experience the fulfillment of their roles with greater ease and effectiveness. As a result, we have witnessed a notable increase in staff morale and commitment to our shared mission.

The transition from a paper-based system to a state-of-the-art EHR system is a testament to our commitment to excellence and our continuous pursuit of innovative solutions to better serve those who depend on us. Together, we are not just keeping pace with change; we are setting the standard for the future of compassionate care.



Collaborations & Partnerships

Creating Stronger Synergies and Efficiencies

Working in collaboration with other organizations enables us to offer a more extensive, profound, and comprehensive range of services. This synergy leads to improved outcomes and enhances success rates for our clients.



St. Joseph's University Medical Center

Eva's Village and St. Joseph's University Medical Center have forged a life-saving partnership. After successfully reversing a patient from an overdose, St. Joseph's priority is to avoid discharging them onto the streets. Instead, St. Joseph's notifies an Eva's Village on-call Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS) in our Opioid Overdose Response Program (OORP) about the patient's need for assistance. Eva's CPRS is present upon the patient's awakening, offering support with access to detox, treatment, emergency shelter, and other crucial services.

Joint Taskforce on Homelessness

Eva's Village, in partnership with multiple area nonprofit organizations, actively participates in the Joint Taskforce on Homelessness in Paterson. Together, we aim to assess the current needs of the community's housing-insecure individuals, anticipate future needs within this population, and devise optimal strategies for effective service delivery.



Building Healthier, More Equitable Communities

 REINVESTMENT FUND



Building Healthier more Equitable Communities (BHEC)

Working with support from the Reinvestment Fund, Eva's Village partnered with Oasis - A

Haven for Women and Children, Passaic County Habitat for Humanity, and other nonprofits to bring the Building Healthier more Equitable Communities (BHEC) initiative in Paterson closer to a reality. BHEC, funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, aims to address social determinants of health through changes to the built environment and the community investment system.

The mission of the Paterson BHEC Project is to lift people out of poverty by creating a mixed-use building with 12 affordable supportive housing units for families led by single women and a high-quality early childhood education center. The building will be erected on the Eva's Village campus offering customized, wraparound services to the residents delivered by Eva's Village and partner agencies including:

- CUMAC
- Health Coalition of Passaic County
- New Jersey Community Development Corporation (NJCDC)
- Oasis – A Haven for Women and Children
- Passaic County Habitat for Humanity
- St. Joseph's Health
- United Way of Passaic County

ECO

Through a unique partnership between three Paterson nonprofit organizations - Eva's Village, Oasis – A Haven for Women and Children, and CUMAC – the ECO program offers safe, transitional housing for women and their children, some of whom are survivors of domestic violence. By offering their unique expertise, Eva's, Oasis and CUMAC provide the services and resources these families need to achieve independence and stability.



Passaic County Community College

Thanks to support from the Henry & Marilyn Taub Foundation, Passaic County Community College offers trauma-informed training to the childcare aides in our Hope Residence. This halfway house serves as a home for mothers in recovery, where they live with and care for their children. This training is essential in ensuring that our aides are equipped to provide the necessary care for these children, who have experienced instability and challenges in their upbringing thus far.

Team Development

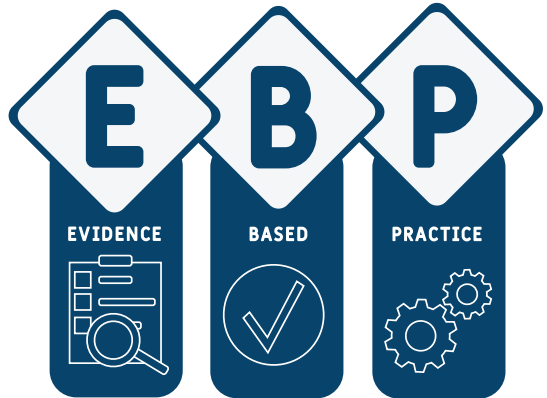
Improving Skills, Competencies, and Camaraderie

Evidenced Based Practice Initiatives for Recovery Treatment

Evidence-based practice (EBP) in addiction treatment is an approach that uses research to guide clinical decision-making. This may involve medications, behavioral therapies, or other approaches that help treat addiction.

EBP is effective in treating substance use disorders but is now being used more and more in other areas of mental health care as well. It is an important part of providing high-quality addiction treatment, and it will likely become even more important long term.

The NJ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) provided technical assistance and training on Evidence-Based Practice Initiative (EBPI). This training focused on Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), Motivational Interviewing (MI) and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) – all designed to better serve our clients and help them achieve success on their path to recovery and/or mental stability.



“The EBPI training provided by NJ DHMAS has enabled us to enhance outcomes for our recovery clients. Grounded in research and demonstrated success, this training has been beneficial for our clinicians in serving our clients—from the initial evaluation, through the recovery process, to setting them up for success after their time at Eva’s Village.”

– Donna Puglia, LSW, LCADC, CCS, GRS,
Clinical Administrator

Embracing Inclusivity

Eva's Village staff participated in multiple Diversity, Equity and Inclusion activities with the intent of creating an environment of belonging among staff and with clients.

HealthStream – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion & Cultural Competency Training

All Eva's Village team members participated in the online training course: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Cultural Competency. This online course was a first step in introducing the concepts of diversity, equity, and inclusion with the goal of creating better awareness among our colleagues about our similarities and differences and how this may impact how we work together.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace Training

Through the Paterson Alliance, Eva's Village was selected to participate in a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Workplace program, funded by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. The 5-month program was designed to build greater organizational awareness and self-awareness of how identity impacts the dynamics of power and privilege and examined ways to foster more inclusive organizations.

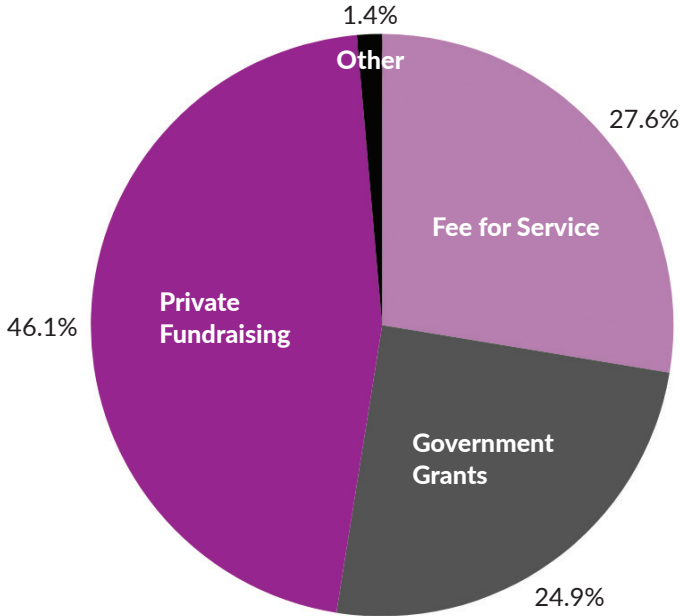
During these workshops, cohorts of nonprofit organizational leaders, including Eva's leadership, were led through structured group sessions where they worked through inclusion efforts, shared their own organizational challenges, and developed solutions to create an environment of belonging for all.



FY2023 Revenue

REVENUE - \$15,200,731

Fee for Service \$4,197,361	Private Fundraising \$7,007,749
Government Grants \$3,785,238	Other Revenue \$210,383



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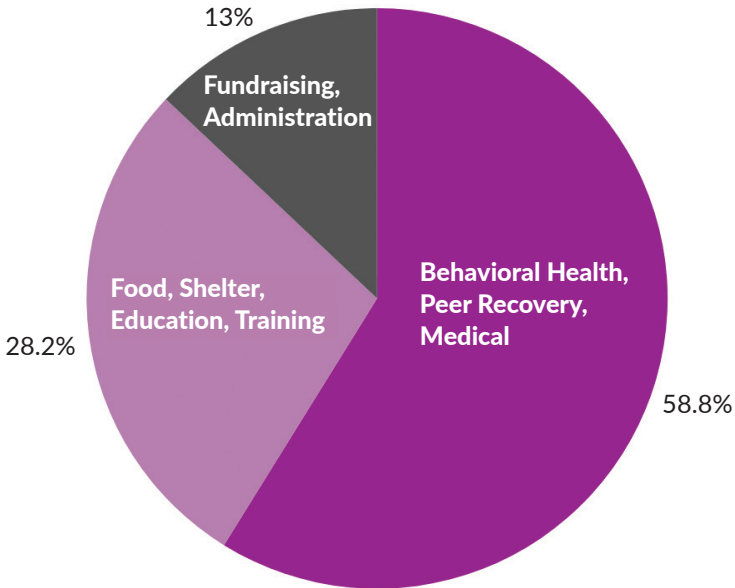
FY2023 Expenses

EXPENSES - \$14,899,935

**Behavioral Health,
Peer Recovery, Medical**
\$8,766,859

**Food, Shelter,
Education, Training**
\$4,202,706

Fundraising, Administration
\$1,930,370



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FY2023 Finances

Eva's Village, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

	June 30,	
	2023	2022
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,465,363	\$ 1,019,202
Investments	477,540	412,161
Beneficial interest in assets held by CFNJ	656,842	-
Accounts and grants receivable, net	586,257	402,964
Contributions receivable, net	574,855	625,462
Prepaid expenses and other assets	28,978	27,145
Total current assets	<u>4,789,835</u>	<u>2,486,934</u>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET	<u>11,827,572</u>	<u>12,345,224</u>
OTHER ASSETS		
Restricted investments, at fair market value	464,696	449,226
Long-term portion of contributions receivable, net	390,000	-
Restricted cash - resident trust funds	130,258	100,183
Mortgage receivable, net	4,500,000	4,500,000
Total other assets	<u>5,484,954</u>	<u>5,049,409</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 22,102,361</u>	<u>\$ 19,881,567</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 778,880	\$ 818,292
Line of credit	-	350,000
Due to government agencies	332,316	172,650
Notes payable, current portion	213,476	81,985
Total current liabilities	<u>1,324,672</u>	<u>1,422,927</u>
OTHER LIABILITIES		
Long-term portion of notes payable	3,011,644	3,224,774
Tenant trust funds payable	127,626	100,183
Total other liabilities	<u>3,139,270</u>	<u>3,324,957</u>
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restriction	15,952,669	14,413,466
With donor restriction	1,685,750	720,217
Total net assets	<u>17,638,419</u>	<u>15,133,683</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 22,102,361</u>	<u>\$ 19,881,567</u>

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