# bridges to change 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



### ceo message



Dear Supporters, Partners, and Friends,

As I reflect on 2023, I am filled with a sense of pride and accomplishment. Pride in our amazing group of staff members who give their time, energy and passion every day to ensuring that our community has the services and supports that they need. Accomplishment from navigating the complexity of our political atmosphere and being given the opportunity to open so many more homes with the passing of M110. Seeing the vision come to life has been impressive. In the past year, our hard-working team has expanded capacity by almost 200 new beds in the four counties we serve.

Over the past year, Bridges to Change has continued to provide vital support and services to individuals in need throughout Oregon. From our peer-led housing programs to our innovative peer mentor services and behavioral health programs, we have remained steadfast in our efforts to support individuals as they overcome obstacles and build brighter futures for themselves and their families.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for Bridges to Change. As we move into housing development, we are more committed than ever to expanding our impact and providing housing to those who need it most. Whether it's through expanding our housing programs, enhancing our peer mentor services, or forging new partnerships with community organizations, we are dedicated to building a stronger, more resilient community for all.

None of this would be possible without the generous support of our donors, community partners, and supporters. Your unwavering commitment to our mission inspires us every day, and we are deeply grateful for your continued support. As we embark on the next chapter of our journey, I am filled with optimism and hope for the future of Bridges to Change. Together, we will continue to create positive change and transform lives in our community as we strive for health and housing for all.

Warm regards, Monta



### vision

Health and housing for all.

### mission

We provide housing to those who need it most. We support recovery through the lens of lived experience. We promote well-being through behavioral health services. We advocate for those who systems have ignored.

housing expansion



Thanks to the passing of Measure 110 and support from community partners including CareOregon, Bridges to Change was able to expand housing services by a total of 19 new homes and 209 new beds between 2022 and 2023. Some of our highlights are below.

#### **Stabilization Houses**

In Clackamas and Washington counties, we opened 3 homes to a total of 48 new residents. The goal of these homes is to reduce barriers to accessing services and increase overall community health and wellness for individuals experiencing substance use and other related impacts. With up to 90-120 days of stabilization housing, residents are connected to responsive peer support services and wellness services in the community.

### **Wasco County La Casa Vida (pictured)**

In collaboration with the Mid-Columbia Center for Living, Bridges to Change launched its first program for men with children. With 3 family units, fathers are able to live with their children as they continue on their recovery journey. This collaboration in rural Oregon is an essential addition to the community in The Dalles.

### **Tri-County Peer Respite Program**

This exciting new project houses 18 female-idenified community members experiencing co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders for short-term supports to reduce acuity and prevent gaps in care. They are supported in care coordination and other life saving services through peer mentors and case managers.



## housing expansion

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### distribution of new housing beds

97

### **Multnomah County**

8 houses with total capacity of 97 beds including collaborative houses with Recovery Works NW, The Miracles Club and NW Instituto Latino.

74

### **Clackamas County**

6 houses with total capacity of 74 beds, including one stabilization home for SUD.

28

#### **Washington County**

3 houses with total capacity of 28 beds.

10

#### **Wasco County**

2 house with total capacity of 10 beds, including a female-identified supportive housing project and men with children's home.

## lives impacted









**751**people exited to stable housing

1169
people accessed peer
mentor services

402

people accessed
behavioral health care





**807**people entered into
BTC housing

68,403
number of services
provided

## in the community



### **Overdose Awareness Day**

August 31st is International Overdose Awareness Day. This year, Bridges to Change organized an awareness building and Narcan distribution campaign to local business across the four counties we operate in. Over 40 staff members canvassed 250 businesses to distribute Narcan, provide educational resources and help prevent overdose deaths.

Targeting businesses that have high potential for overdose exposures, BTC staff visited gas stations, coffee shops, grocery stores, conveince stores and more. With a goal to engage our community in the vision of health and housing for all, not only were staff able to reduce stigma, they also provided practical tools to save lives.





## housing development

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## pine street commons

Located on 181st and Pine St, this project is going to allow us to build 42 units of affordable housing, with a mix of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units. This project is in the pipeline to be funded with hopes to break ground by Spring of 2025. In collaboration with Scott Edwards Architecture and Colas Construction, Bridges to Change looks forward to bringing this project in the heart of Rockwood to life.





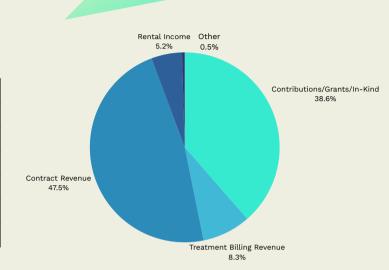
## simpson studios

Named after BTC founders, Simpson Studios is located off of 83rd and Foster. This will provide 30 units of studios and one-bedrooms. It is 100% permanent supportive housing (PSH) and is permit ready to break ground when funding is acquired. Only four blocks away from our main office, Simpson Studios in collaboration with True Colors Recovery, will prioritize LGBTQ+ individuals for housing. The goal is to break ground in 2024.

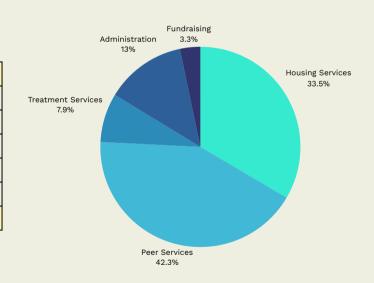
### financial statement

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Revenue	
Contributions/Grants/In-Kind	5,241,884
Rental Income	709,830
Treatment Billing Revenue	1,121,300
Contract Revenue	6,454,415
Other Revenue	63,272
Total Revenue	13,590,701



Expenses	
Housing Services	3,834,435
Peer Services	4,846,882
Treatment Services	906,384
Administration	1,490,696
Fundraising	376,953
Total Expenses	11,455,351



Bridges to Change ended fiscal year 2022-2023 with a change in net assets of \$2,135,350. This was primarily due to receiving over \$2 million in Measure 110 grant-funding for capital housing purchases. Taking that revenue out of the equation, Bridges to Change ended the year with a healthy operational surplus of \$131,634. Revenue increased 39% in FY23, primarily driven by Measure 110 grants for housing and supportive peer services. Expenses increased 16%, also due to expanded Measure 110-funded services, and a new Respite program funded by CareOregon. Bridges to Change purchased four properties in FY23, increasing our net assets from \$2.5 to \$4.4 million.

## get involved

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Tickets on sale this summer.

Find out more at

www.pdxrecoveryfilmfestival.com



### **Donate cash or goods**

Become a Housing Hero, donate monthly to support ongoing housing needs. Visit our website at www.bridgestochange.com/donate You can also send a check to PO Box 16576, Portland OR 97292.

#### Volunteer

Bridges to Change is now accepting volunteers for its Yard Work days. You can help care for the homes that our participants live in by helping our facilities team with yard maintenance.

#### Join the Board of Directors

We are always looking for board members who are committed to our mission, bring a new set of skills and are ready to achieve health and housing for all!

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