Peace's Transformative Circles

2024 ANNUAL REPORT







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Peace encompasses all that 'family' should mean. The staff radiate love and care, and treat people from all walks of life with respect. When you come to Peace, you can see the true essence of what a community should be.

In August of 2004, Peace drove me and 7 other girls to Baton Rouge, Louisiana to help me move in to college when my mom couldn't afford to. On that drive, we stopped [to tour] other colleges and universities along the way. That [whole experience] changed the trajectory of my life. Without Peace, I wouldn't be a first gene ation college graduate.

It's important for people to appreciate how far Peace's impact radiates out beyond that little red building, across families, communities, and generations — even beyond Washtenaw County. "

Talasha Moore
Licensed Rehabilitation Counselor
Peace Alum and current Board Member







DEAR PEACE FAMILY

Some 53 years ago, a small circle of diverse community members helped to start Peace Neighborhood Center. Since that time, the influen e and impact we've had on people's lives has grown exponentially. So have our circles of community support—whose generosity made 2024 a year of extraordinary and transformative growth.

Last year, Peace served over 5,000 people, or 800 households, across Washtenaw County. Our sphere of influen e and the wraparound support we provide extends to hundreds of families—not only at our main facility and Wellness Center, but also at three public housing communities in Ann Arbor.

And with the new Peace HUB Community Resource Center in Ypsilanti Township now open, Peace and our community partners will be able to better serve Ypsilanti area residents where they live. Already, the new Peace HUB serves over 100 households weekly through the HUB's Food Pantry and community meals—and our nonprofit partners h ve hosted a range of programs

Every year, we witness Peace's influe tial circle widen as Peace Alumni graduate from college and go on to careers where they can pay it forward by helping others. I'm always reminded that no matter how far Peace Kids go, they always remain a vital part of our expansive Peace Family Circle. Two Peace Alum currently serve on our Board; 10 work on Peace's staff. And just recently, a Peace Alum who is a nurse practitioner, taught parents and kids all about CPR at a Peace Family Night.

At Peace, we measure growth in multiple dimensions. Last year, we not only grew our Program Staff and physical footprint, we also expanded and deepened the ways we support our young people's learning, by introducing STEAM-themed experiential learning throughout our After-School and Summer Youth Programs. Peace kids learned that science can be fun by exploring different concepts through creative learning activities, and applying what they learned to the real world. Peace kids also had the chance to explore the world of STEAM beyond the classroom through summer field trips, an two transformational road trips. Last year, we also expanded the support groups and counseling support we offer for middle and high school youth through our Wellness Program.

The transformative growth Peace has experienced would not be possible without our expansive and generous circle of community donors and local funders. Know that your long-time support helped Peace secure two transformational grants from new funding partners last year — making it possible for Peace to invest \$2.4 million in building the new HUB Community Resource Center.

Peace's circle of support and our sphere of influene is greater than ever. As we look to expand and deepen the ways Peace helps people improve their lives through new partnerships—I am reminded of one of Peace's Guiding Principles: "We focus on what we do best and collaborate with others who are best in class."

We have 53 years of institutional knowledge that we can share with our HUB community partners. We also know we can learn from those who already serve Ypsilanti residents and have earned the community's trust. Collaborating with and learning from our community partners has always enabled Peace to grow in ways we couldn't imagine on our own.

As we continue to grow Peace's Family Circle, we're extremely grateful for your continued investment in the work we do to help people change their lives. We couldn't do it without you.

With Gratitude, Bonnie Billups, Jr

Executive Director



Creative Learning Experiences

fostered deeper engagement & learning for Peace youth.

2024 was a year of exploration for Peace youth, parents, and families— through STEAM-themed experiential learning opportunities.

Creative science projects, local field trips, and t o transformational road trips gave Peace youth the chance to explore how science, technology, engineering, art, and math play a role in our world—helping them develop new skills and widen their perspectives on what's possible. Learning through exploration, coupled with creative hands-on learning activities, promoted deeper engagement, critical thinking, and thoughtful conversations around the concepts youth learned. And the new learning approach also fostered greater curiosity, cooperation, and a sense of community through shared experiences that were also fun.

- Middle school youth in Peace's Leadership Development Camp (LDC) learned about different inventions that were modeled after the natural world—like how the front of bullet trains simulate a bird's beak. Through "Biomimcry" students re-created the concept themselves—designing their own bullet trains by molding "beaks" out of clay and attaching them to wooden cars to see which design led to the fastest train!
- Two Transformational Road Trips to the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral and to Michigan's Upper Peninsula to tour the Soo Locks, gave middle and high school boys the chance to explore Space, the Atlantic Ocean, and the Great Lakes—learning how science, engineering, and technology led to leaps in transportation.

Peace After-School and Summer Programs provided over a dozen STEAM-themed field trips throughout the year, including:

- Matthaei Botanical Gardens to learn about the fascinating world of plants;
- Toledo's Imagination Station to experience the fun of science up close;
- The Ann Arbor Wastewater Treatment Plant to learn about environmental issues and explore potential STEAM careers;
- The EMU Planetarium to explore the stars; and
- The Ann Arbor Art Fair to enjoy a wide variety of art forms & food!



Last Spring, Alex Batalonga graduated from Central Michigan University (CMU) with a Bachelor of Business Administration, and double major in Marketing and Logistics. He is currently using his degree as a Supply Chain Coordinator at Penske Logisitcs.

Alex first star ed at Peace in high school, when his family moved to West Arbor. He credits Peace's College & Career Prep (CCP) Program "in making college possible for me." He notes, "We did a lot of SAT/ACT prep testing at Peace and Bonnie took us on college visits."

Though Alex had a packed schedule at Skyline between volunteering, sports, and homework—he always made time to come to Peace, "which was always there to accommodate my schedule. I'd come after practice or in between seasons. I even helped out with Summer Day Camp. I realized that just being in the Peace environment was so good for me."

Alex stayed connected to Peace throughout college, knowing Peace was just a phone call away if he needed anything— whether getting help with transportation to and from CMU or help covering his college expenses. "Bonnie and the Peace Staff made the college transition easier for me. I learned that by trusting in God, and having a positive community behind you, anything is possible."

2024 Youth Impact and Support



66 Peace will always be there to push you forward in ways you need to be pushed. The door is always open. Even though I'm working now, I still feel a part of the Peace community. We can only do so much by ourselves, so it's great to lean on a community that has your best interest at heart. "

— Alex Batalonga, Peace Alum BBA, Central Michigan University



Supporting the Whole Family

through Family Enrichment, Wellness Programming and additional Wraparound Support



Peace's Family Enrichment and Wellness Programs are essential components of the in-depth, 360° wraparound support Peace provides youth, parents, and families.

Both programs help strengthen families, and offer creative ways to help foster greater parent engagement at Peace, at school, and our wider community. Peace's Wellness Program provides multiple opportunities and ways for our youth, parents, and families to improve their mental, physical, emotional & spiritual health and well-being.

Last year, we expanded support groups for middle and high school youth, and continued to offer individual and family counseling for Peace parents, teens, and families.

- Wellness Wednesdays offer Peace parents a variety of activities— yoga, Zumba, self-defense, journaling, arts & craft activities, and more—that help them develop mindfulness, improve their self-care, and build resilience.
- A Mom 2 Mom Support Group, facilitated by one of Peace's licensed clinical social workers, offers Peace mothers a designated safe-space to share parenting challenges, advice, and perspectives, as well as learn from one another and special guests.
- Individual and Family counseling support offers trauma-informed behavioral therapy with a licensed clinical social worker at Peace—to help youth, parents, and families address the stress, trauma, and other challenges that impede their success.

The Family Enrichment Program introduced new opportunities for parents and their children to participate in shared experiences through family-centered activities:

- **Field trips** to the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, Ann Arbor District Library's Westgate Branch, the annual Festifools Parade, the apple orchard and more!
- Bi-monthly Family Nights feature a shared meal and a range of fun activities for families to enjoy. Family Nights also provide an important opportunity for Peace Staff to touch base with parents.

It's nice to hear other mothers' stories. I don't feel alone in my struggles ... I like getting some great advice from other moms ... [I've learned] how important having a community of mothers coming together and supporting each other is."

> Insights shared by Peace's Mom 2 Mom Support Group Participants

Wraparound Support for Families







Expanding Peace's Impact & Footprint

to better serve Ypsilanti area residents where they live.

Over the last two years, Peace has been working with Quinn Evans Architects and Phoenix Contractors to completely transform and renovate a former church into a full service community center that is designed to provide Ypsilanti area residents easier and more equitable access to a range of programs and services.

The 8,000 square foot Peace HUB, located at 1515 South Harris Road in Ypsilanti Township, sits on 2.1 acres of open space and has all new interior spaces that include:

- A Welcome lobby with electronic signage to list HUB Program & Schedules;
- A "Healing" Community Space for weekly community meals, a bi-weekly Senior Cafe, and community events and meetings;
- A "Unifying" & "Building" Multi-purpose Program Space
- A Full Service Commercial Kitchen to support community meals and special events;
- A Full-Service Food Pantry that offers residents the opportunity to "shop" from a wide selection of pantry staples, protein, and fresh produce;
- Two Offices for Peace HUB Staff and nonprofit partners o use; and
- A Conference Room for small nonprofit and neighborhood me tings.

Peace maintains a small on-site staff at the HUB to coordinate all programs and services; oversee the HUB's Food Pantry and community meals; and connect residents to vital community resources through Case Management services. Peace is also partnering with a number of local agencies to provide a range of programs and support services that can offer the kind of in-depth wraparound support Peace provides in Ann Arbor.

Our initial HUB Coalition Partners who have pledged to work together to provide wraparound support for Ypsilanti area residents include:

- Food Gatherers
- FedUp Food Ministries
- Habitat for Humanity
- Community Family Life Center
- Educate Youth
- Mentor2Youth
- Our Community Reads
- Friends in Deed
- 2 Marines

Additional community partners who have plans to provide programs at the HUB include: Michigan Works! Southeast Michigan (Workforce Development); Dawn Farm and Home of New Vision (Substance Abuse Recovery); Growing Hope; We-the-People Food Coop; Legal Aid Services, Corner Health and other local care providers.

Transformative Funding

to help develop the new Peace HUB Community Resource Center

In early 2024, Peace received two transformational grants:

- A \$2 million unrestricted grant from MacKenzie Scott's Yield Giving Open Call, and
- A \$ 700,000 Community Center Grant from the State of Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Opportunity (LEO).

Both grant awards were an important affirtion of Peace's impact in our community.We also know from the feedback we received, that the longevity, diversity, and breadth ofPeace's community support and partnerships—especially those who have supported the agencyfor over 20+ years—was instrumental in helping Peace secure these two meaningful investments.

We're incredibly grateful for the following funding partners and donors who helped Peace realize its vision for the new Peace HUB in Ypsilanti Township.





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TRANSFORMATIVE GIVING

2024 Peace Financial Summary

Our generous community of donors and funding partners invested nearly \$5 million to support Peace Neighborhood Center's mission and work — including our vision for the new HUB Community Resource Center.

Last year, Peace raised over 72% of its annual operating revenue from private sources: individual donors, family foundations, churches, civic groups, corporate and local businesses, and local funding partners. Your annual support made it possible for Peace to add new staff, sustain our core programming, and provide more in-depth wraparound support services for the youth, adults, and families we serve.

Public support from the Ann Arbor Housing Commission and Washtenaw County accounted for 21% of Peace's operating revenue which covered critical case management services Peace provides at three public housing communities.

And in 2023-2024, Peace raised over \$2.4 million to cover 100% of the planning and construction costs for the new HUB Community Resource Center, which included two one-time transformational grant awards.



2024 FUNDING SUPPORT

2024 EXPENSES

SUPPORT AND REVENUE ⁽¹⁾	
Individual Contributions	\$ 1,072,088
Family / Private Foundations	\$ 315,510
Yield Giving Open Call (MacKenzie Scott)	\$ 2,000,000
Churches, Civic Groups, & Other Organizations	\$ 76,647
Corporate Support / Local Business	\$ 117,079
Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation	\$ 131,995
United Way for Southeast Michigan	\$ 12,813
State of Michigan (Labor & Economic Opportunity)	\$ 615,456
Ann Arbor Housing Commission	\$ 392,990
Washtenaw County OCED (CBDO/MRF)	\$ 108,500
Program Fees / Building Rental Fees	\$ 6,255
Investment Income	\$ 117,625
Total Support and Revenue	\$ 4,966,958 ⁽²⁾

EXPENSES ⁽¹⁾	
Youth After-School & Summer Programs	\$ 765,000
Family Enrichment	\$ 24,580
Wellness Programming	\$ 98,488
Case Management Services:	
Adult Services & Programs	\$ 178,000
Advocacy & Emergency Assistance	\$ 128,000
Satellite Centers	\$ 188,000
Administration	\$ 98,450
Fundraising	\$ 164,525
HUB Capital Improvements	\$ 1,291,883
Total Expenses	\$ 2,936,926
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Change in Net Assets \$ 2,030,032⁽³⁾

NOTES:

- 1. 2024 Financials shown here are preliminary, and reflect unaudited figures prepared by an independent accounting firm that reconciles Peace's Chart of Accounts on a monthly basis. Audited Financials will be publicly available by June 30, 2024 — upon final receipt and approval of Peace's annual independent audit. Peace's 2024 990 will also be made available on our website.
- 2. 38% of the Total Support and Revenue Peace received in 2024 (\$1.9 million in gifts and grants) were designated for the new Peace HUB. 2024 Revenue also included \$27,900 in 50th Anniversary Campaign Pledges.
- 3. Change in Net Assets essentially reflects the \$2 million unrestricted grant Peace received from the Yield Giving Open Call. Peace's Board approved \$1 million to cover part of the HUB's capital improvement costs; an estimated \$1 million in remaining construction payments will be paid in 2025. \$1 million of the Yield Grant has been allocated to continue to build the agency's operating reserves.

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Your collective generosity and continued annual support has been essential in helping Peace sustain vital programs and services that help over 800 households across Washtenaw County.

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LIVING HISTORY MONUMENTS

In early September, the Ann Arbor Summer Festival, in partnership with the Ann Arbor District Library, hosted an outdoor public art installation that honored four community leaders who have made a long-term impact in our community — supporting diverse and marginalized communities.

Part of a year-long celebration of Ann Arbor's bicentennial, the nighttime installation at Wheeler Park featured monument-sized moving digital portraits projected on the park's trees. The community leaders featured have a combined 160 years of service:

- Peace's Bonnie Billups. Jr. for his 40+ years service to our community;
- Joyce Hunter, an educator and community advocate in the Ann Arbor Public Schools; and
- Keith Orr and Martin Contreras for creating safe and welcoming spaces for Ann Arbor's LGBTQ+ communities.

These community leaders' service reminds us that we can all work to create a future Ann Arbor that is welcoming to all. School Prog





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Special thanks to Peace's Circle of Community Partners who provide funding support, special services, in-kind and program support, and volunteers to help Peace deliver the agency's programs, services, and wraparound support.



Food Gatherers has been an essential community partner to Peace since 1988 providing much-needed food assistance to support the meals

Peace provides with every program, daily lunches at Baker Commons, and weekly food distribution.

Alleviating hunger has always been an important part of the 360° wrap-around support Peace

provides families. We know from experience that it's hard to engage young people in learning, or help families address other important issues, if they're hungry. We also believe that taking time for shared meals not only alleviates hunger—but also fosters positive engagement, important connections and a sense of community, and mutual trust.

Since 1996, Food Gatherers' direct food support and purchasing credits have enabled Peace to reduce the agency's out-of-pocket annual expenditures for food by at least 50%.

During COVID, Peace was able to count on FG's support to expand food assistance to serve more families as food insecurity grew exponentially.

Today, Food Gatherers not only supports Peace's food programs at our main facility and Baker Commons—but also provides critical support for the new Peace HUB's Food Pantry. Already, 100+ Ypsilanti area households have "shopped" for their families from a wide selection of pantry staples, fresh produce, and protein. Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation The Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation has been a valued funding partner to Peace since 2001.

AAACF's Youth Council, African American Endowment Fund, and two Giving Circles have funded a number of programs and new initiatives at Peace, including our College & Career Prep Program, Peace's 50th Anniversary Campaign, and more recently, counseling support for teens through our Wellness Program.

This past year, AAACF provided critical funding to support the new HUB Community Resource Center and the HUB's Senior Programs. It's also important to note that AAACF holds three Endowment Funds that benefit Peace — two established by long-time donors. Collectively, those funds currently generate over \$54,000 in annual operating support for Peace, which will continue to grow in perpetuity.



Domino's Worldwide provided generous corporate support to help build out the new HUB Community Resource Center's Commercial Kitchen and Food Pantry. Over the last two years, Domino's has also provided generous annual support to sponsor Peace's annual Thanks for Giving event. And last summer, a group of Domino's Worldwide Tech employees built new bicycles for Peace kids!

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OUR VISION

A community where personal growth, opportunity and diversity are constant; the cycle of poverty and social & economic inequality has been broken.

OUR MISSION

To provide programs for children, families, and individuals who are affected by social and economic problems-to help them discover options, enhance skills, and make choices that lead to self-sufficiency and positive community involvement.

Stay connected to learn and see how we continue to seed transformational growth at Peace.





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