



Cambridge Community Center
Building Community Together



2022 IMPACT REPORT

A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friend of the Center,

As I reflect on the year that was 2022, I can't help but be overwhelmed with gratitude for the support that we received from so many of you. Through **your contributions**, you demonstrated a humbling level of trust in our work and our commitment to support the youth, families, and seniors in our community who rely on our programs and services to make ends meet. At the end of the day, we all share the same overarching goal -- to make a positive difference in the world. **Together, we will continue to do just that.**

2022 was the year when we saw things return to "normal". I use that term with a great deal of caution because I don't want to imply that everything is fine now. The pandemic did not create the needs in our community that we are still seeing today. Rather, the pandemic **exposed and exacerbated those needs** and as the sun begins to set on pandemic-related supports that families have been depending on, our work and your continued partnership becomes **ever more important and urgent.**

Now is the time when we need to ask ourselves two important questions: What lessons did we learn about inequity and vulnerability during the pandemic? And, do we really want to revert back to the way things were before the pandemic?

At CCC, we are looking ahead with a refusal to allow things to go back to the way they were. We are developing innovative approaches to meet the needs of our community members that existed long before anyone heard of COVID-19. We are committed to ensuring the **brightest future possible** for anyone who walks through our doors, regardless of who they are, what they look like, or where they are from. Put simply, we are continuing the work that was **laid out for us by CCC's founders back in 1929.**

Thank you again for believing in the Cambridge Community Center. **Your support** continues to carry our community through an incredibly challenging time that has impacted the lives of so many people.

To learn more about our work, scan or click the QR code below or email me directly anytime at darrink@cambridgecc.org.

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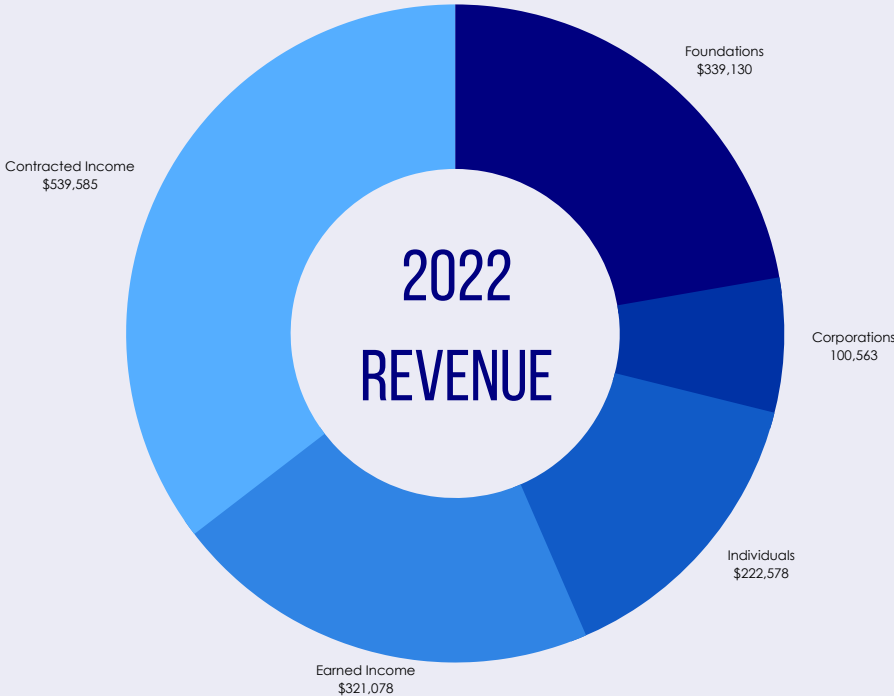


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YOUR SUPPORT SUPPORTED OUR COMMUNITY

We continued to see an increased level of generosity from foundations and individual donors in 2022, allowing us to provide crucial services for our community as we emerged from the pandemic. We also made the most of pandemic-related government supports, many of which are unfortunately scheduled to end in 2023.



FOUNDATIONS
Our largest foundation supporters in 2022 were the Barr Foundation, the Amelia Peabody Foundation, and the Cambridge Community Foundation

CORPORATIONS
Our largest corporate supporters in 2022 were Capital One, MIT, and Harvard University

INDIVIDUALS
We received a total of 689 donations from 333 individual donors in 2022

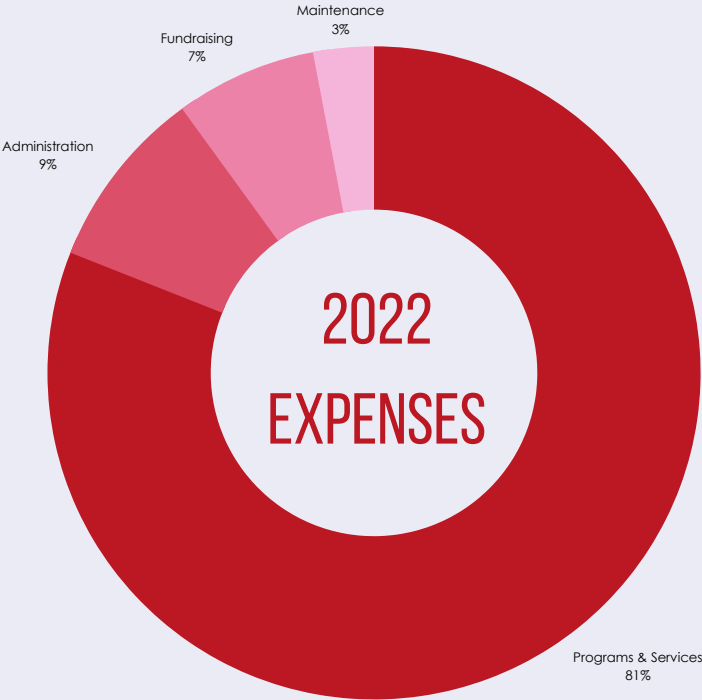
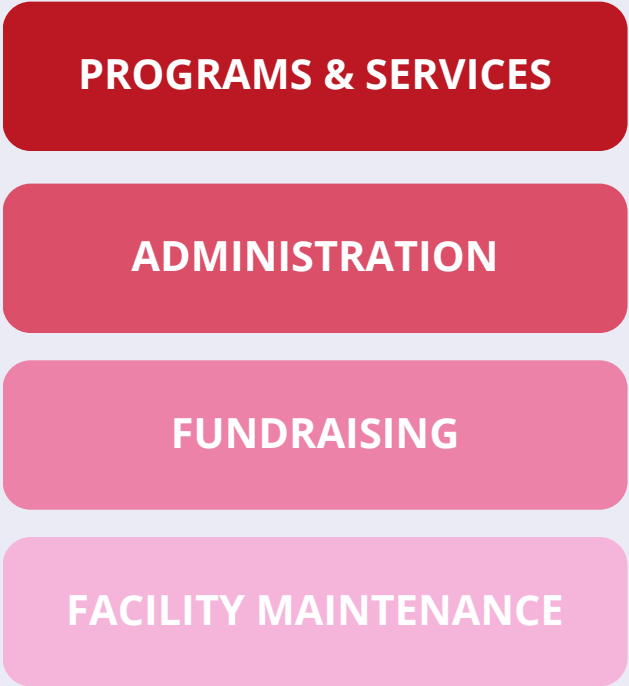
EARNED INCOME
Earned income includes program enrollment fees and facility rental fees

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS
We received funding through contracts at the City, State, and Federal levels in 2022

Total 2022 Revenue: \$1,522,934

YOUR CONTRIBUTION MADE A DIRECT IMPACT

100% of donated funds and 81% of our overall expenses went directly to supporting the programs and services we offer to our community. Here's a breakdown of our 2022 expenses...



OUR OVERALL IMPACT IN 2022

Food & Supply Pantry

Our Food & Supply Pantry continued to operate four days per week in 2022 and served around **700 households** weekly. We have maintained the operation of our pantry through the support of our **dedicated volunteers**, many of whom are community members who we met when they lined up to receive food for themselves and their families. As pandemic-related SNAP benefits begin to expire for our under-resourced community members in 2023, continued contributions from **loyal supporters like you** are more important now than ever before.

In 2022, our Food & Supply Pantry distributed...



931,963 *

Pounds of Food

702,100 +

Diapers

70,380 #

Feminine Products

* The majority of our food donations are provided by **Food For Free** and **Lovin' Spoonfuls**

+ The majority of our diaper donations are provided by **Cradles to Crayons**

The majority of our feminine product donations are provided by **Dignity Matters**

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Out-of-School Time Program



2022 marked the return to full time in-person programming for our Out-of-School Time (OST) Program. Coming out of the pandemic, we've placed a great deal of focus on **connection, belonging, and the social-emotional well being** of the children we serve. A child enrolled in our OST Program year-round spends more hours each year at CCC than they do in school. We take this responsibility very seriously and have adapted to meet our students' needs as they arise. This has included a partnership with Harvard's PEAR Institute, which has allowed us to implement **bi-annual social-emotional progress reports** and **provide individualized care** for our students.

In 2022, our OST Program served...

91

Children in our After
School Program

&

61

Children in our Summer
Enrichment Program

WE DON'T ENROLL CHILDREN, WE ENROLL FAMILIES

2022 also saw the return of our monthly **Family Nights** for the children and families enrolled in our After School Program. Family Night is a beloved tradition at CCC that was launched in 2011 and continues today under the leadership of our **Director of Youth & Family Services, Latifah James**. Family Nights are designed to provide space and time for families to connect with each other as well as CCC staff. At the end of the day, **relationships are the foundation of our work** and Family Night is where we build those relationships.



"FAMILY NIGHT IS AN INTIMATE TIME FOR THE FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY TO COME TOGETHER IN UNISON, IN FUN AND AS A COLLECTIVE TO CONTINUE BUILDING AND SHOWING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE THE SUPPORTIVE VILLAGE THAT THEY HAVE AROUND THEM"

-LATIFAH JAMES, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

OUR OVERALL **IMPACT** IN 2022

The Hip Hop Transformation (THHT)

We celebrated THHT's **10-year anniversary** in 2022! We marked the milestone by inviting THHT alum to perform alongside our current participants at our annual End of Summer Showcase. In total, THHT engaged twelve youth artists between the ages of 14-18 in 2022 who collaborated to create a **full-length album of original songs**, which is now available on all streaming platforms!

2023 promises to be equally exciting as we prepare to open our **brand new recording studio**, which has been under construction since the fall. Stay tuned for more information about our grand opening event!

Scan or click the QR code below to watch THHT's **10th Anniversary Celebration Performance!**



"THE SUMMER OF 2022 AT THHT WAS REMARKABLE. WE CONTINUED OUR COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS WITH ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS GREATER BOSTON AND HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF BRINGING OUR CURRICULUM AND MISSION TO THE CAMBRIDGE AND BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS. BY FAR, THE MOST REWARDING THING WAS SEEING OUR NEW STUDENTS FIND SUCCESS SO QUICKLY WITH THE SUPPORT OF OUR RETURNING YOUNG PEOPLE AND JUNIOR STAFF."

- DAVID "LIGHTFOOT" BELLOW, THHT AUDIO DIRECTOR

OUR OVERALL **IMPACT** IN 2022

The Mental Health ACCESS Program

In the summer of 2022 a total of eight **ACCESS Youth Advocates** built community through mental and physical health workshops, networked with college students and professionals in the mental health field, and explored their own identities through mentorship and community engagement. Throughout the summer, students were exposed to academic paths in mental health fields, applied their knowledge with STEAM projects, engaged in various physical activities and promoted harm reduction through **community advocacy**. By the end of summer, students learned more about their overall health, their community, and shared what they learned at the MSYEP Showcase.

Scan or click the QR code below to learn more about ACCESS!



“ACCESS 2022 WAS ONE OF THE MOST INSPIRING EXPERIENCES YET BECAUSE OUR YOUTH ADVOCATES AND STAFF CULTIVATED A PROFOUND SENSE OF INDIVIDUAL PURPOSE AND CONTRIBUTED EQUALLY TO FULFILLING THE PURPOSE OF THE ACCESS PROGRAM.”

**- CAPRYCE BROWNE,
ACCESS PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

2022 WAS AN **EVENTFUL** YEAR AT CCC

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley Visits CCC

We were honored to welcome **Rep. Ayanna Pressley** on October 13th for a tour of our facility to learn more about our programs and services, as well as our initiative to become **the first Resilience Hub in New England!**



Celebrating R-Jay's 50 Years of Service

On July 23rd over 200 community members came together to celebrate **R-Jay Jones's 50 years of service at CCC!** We also officially dedicated our basketball court, which is now known as **Ronald "R-Jay" Jones Court.**



Building Community Together

Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon Returns

Ms. G's annual **Thanksgiving Luncheon** is one of our biggest events each year! On November 17, we were excited to bring the luncheon back, **servicing over 200 seniors**, for the first time since the pandemic began.



Community-Based COVID and Flu Vaccine Clinics

During the fall of 2022, we partnered with the Cambridge Public Health Department to provide two community-based vaccine clinics. In total, we were able to distribute **197 COVID vaccines and 242 flu vaccines.**

"I AM SO APPRECIATIVE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT EASILY AND TO RECEIVE THE SHOT CLOSE TO HOME."

-VACCINE RECIPIENT

A HOME FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS IN CAMBRIDGE

One of our goals in 2022 was to expand our capacity to **host arts and music events**. Even before COVID-19 hit, rising rents had forced many of Greater Boston's most iconic music venues, practice spaces, and art studios to permanently close their doors. The post-pandemic rush to reopen larger, for-profit spaces has led to skyrocketing prices for consumers and a lack of opportunities for local artists to showcase their work. In response, our goal has been to make every room in our building available and easily **accessible to the local creative community**.



"CCC HAS BEEN A CRUCIAL INGREDIENT IN BUILDING THE NOW FLOURISHING BOSTON STAND-UP COMEDY SCENE POST-LOCKDOWN. NOT ONLY HAS IT BECOME A FAVORITE DESTINATION OF TOURING PROFESSIONAL COMEDIANS, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, IT HAS HELPED FOSTER THE GROWTH OF COUNTLESS LOCAL COMEDIANS. CCC HAS FOSTERED A SAFE AND INCLUSIVE SPACE WHERE A SMALL LOCAL BUSINESS HAS BEEN ABLE TO GROW AND THRIVE WHILE CONTINUING TO SERVE THE GREATER NEW ENGLAND ARTS COMMUNITY."

- RYAN HOWE, FOUNDER OF DUCK DUCK GOOFS



BECOMING A RESILIENCE HUB AT CCC

We are excited to announce that we have partnered with the Urban Sustainability Directors Network, the Barr Foundation, and Climable to establish CCC as the **first Resilience Hub in New England!** As a trusted community gathering space and service provider, we are well situated to meet the increased needs in our community while simultaneously improving the physical state of our building and installing a **clean and resilient energy system**, which will allow us to provide emergency services in our community in the case of an unexpected disruption.



We are committed to the five Resilience Hub foundational areas (**Services & Programs, Communications, Building & Landscapes, Power, and Operations**) and will leverage our trusted reputation in the community to enhance community support structures, increase proactive action, and better support the community members who utilize and rely on CCC -- all while **reducing our carbon footprint**.

Scan or click the QR code below to learn more about our **Resilience Hub initiative!**



VOLUNTEER PROFILE: BERNADETTE LOONEY

"HELLO, MY NAME IS BERNADETTE! I STARTED VOLUNTEERING AT CCC IN SEPTEMBER OF 2022 THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATION I CO-LEAD AND CCC. I WAS ORIGINALLY SUPPOSED TO WORK WITH THE FOURTH GRADE CLASS, BUT ENDED UP WORKING WITH THE KINDERGARTEN CLASS BY (ACCIDENTALLY) TAKING MY BEST FRIEND'S SPOT BECAUSE I SAID I WANTED TO WORK WITH KINDERGARTENERS. I AM SO GLAD I GOT TO WORK WITH JULIA AND HER CLASS! THE KINDERGARTENERS ARE SO FULL OF ENERGY, HILARIOUS, AND ADORABLE!



WHEN I FIRST STARTED COLLEGE, AND UP UNTIL NOVEMBER OF MY SENIOR YEAR, I HAD THE INTENTION OF APPLYING TO LAW SCHOOL. HOWEVER, MY INTERESTS IN EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT LED ME TO APPLY FOR A MASTER'S IN EDUCATION. WHILE WRITING MY APPLICATION, ALL OF THE ESSAYS AND SHORT ANSWERS CAME TO ME SO EASILY BECAUSE I COULD THINK BACK TO MY CCC KINDERGARTEN FAMILY THAT HELPED ME REALIZE HOW MUCH I LOVE CONNECTING WITH CHILDREN AND HELPING THEM GROW. I AM VERY THANKFUL TO JULIA FOR WRITING ME A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION, AND I AM HAPPY TO SAY THAT I WAS ACCEPTED INTO THE STANFORD TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM AND WILL START IN LATE JUNE. THE KINDERGARTEN CLASS AT CCC HAS CAPTURED MY HEART AND I AM GRATEFUL THAT THEY HELPED ME REALIZE WHAT BRINGS ME JOY."

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VISIONARY AWARDS



We were incredibly honored to be recognized at the **2022 Visionary Awards Gala** hosted by the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce! The Visionary Awards celebrate the spirit of innovation and discovery that the Cambridge business community is known for. Scan or click the QR code to watch a video that was made in honor of our innovative approach to ensuring our community members have access to the **resources and services they need**, even in the **toughest of times**.



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