As the TOOF community continues to grow and thrive, we turn to our core values as our North Star. Last year, we examined our work internally, and we appraised our position in the current social and political landscape we all live in. Again and again, we found that our greatest asset is community built on kinship.

Kinship with the people that we serve. Kinship with those we work alongside. Kinship with you.

In 2023, your partnership with The Other Ones Foundation touched the lives of over 600 of our brothers and sisters facing homelessness across Travis County and beyond. Thanks to the heroic efforts of our staff, clients, and supporters, we saw healing and growth replace isolation and desperation in the lives of these people. 288 people moved out of the streets and into safe and stable housing. Over 200 people found an opportunity to work, earning a collective $920,000 in earned income. The Esperanza Community continued to grow, with 100 shelters constructed and more on the way.

Not only did you dive in as volunteers, donors, and allies in service; but you spoke truth to power with us by advocating for shelter, opportunity, and support in public policy. Together, we asked our community to center the voice of those we serve in program design and delivery, and we were heard. Since our inception, all our programs have been created in partnership with those we serve. You helped us spread our model of listening, centering marginalized voices in policy and programming.

Despite these remarkable achievements, this work can wear you out. The sheer tragedy of homelessness, and the various intersecting societal ills that cause it, can be overwhelming. But, when we stand together and face these issues head-on as a community, the weight seems lighter. We still have plenty of work to do, and we’re so grateful for your partnership.

Please take a few minutes to read this report about the impact you made in 2023. You are, and always will be, essential to TOOF’s community and mission. Thank you for being here in Kinship with us.

Chris Baker

Founder and Executive Director, The Other Ones Foundation
MISSION

The Other Ones Foundation transitions Austin’s homeless neighbors into an engaged community through shelter, opportunity, and support.

VISION

An engaged community for all people impacted by poverty or homelessness.
2023 HIGHLIGHTS

#BY THE NUMBERS

288 People successfully exited our programs into stable housing

838,031 lbs Debris removed from green spaces in Austin

1,129 Individual donors stepped up to support TOOF's mission

$920,000 Earned income paid to people experiencing homelessness

1,300 Volunteer hours worked

ESPERANZA CONSTRUCTION

Completed installation of 100 cabins and amenities. Esperanza opened to new community members for the first time since groundbreaking.

Completed structures so far:
- 100 Cabins
- 2 Quonset huts for shaded communal areas
- 6 Modular office buildings/flex spaces
- 4 ADA compliant hygiene facilities, each comprised of 4 single-use bathroom/shower stalls

OUR PEOPLE

- Onboarded key new staff and board members, including electing an Esperanza Community member to our Board of Directors
- 41% of all staff have lived experience with homelessness
- Built new relationships with funders, volunteers, and partner organizations
Everyone experiencing homelessness faces a unique set of challenges to reaching housing stability. TOOF offers a holistic approach to finding safe and stable pathways to housing. In 2023 we not only expanded services to reach more clients, but deepened services by increasing our variety of interventions.

596 People served by TOOF across all programs
288 People successfully exited our programs into stable housing

Esperanza Shelter Services:
131 People served at Esperanza

Rental Assistance & Housing Stability:
94 People entered or retained stable housing

Outreach Services:
283 Proof of life documents procured
109,500 Meals distributed
7,553 Showers and Hygiene Kits provided

Vocational Services:
214 People served by Workforce First
$920,000 Paid in earned income to people experiencing homelessness

Going Home Diversion Program:
187 People diverted or rapidly exited from homelessness, 89% of total program participants
TOOF, in partnership with a self-governing group of community members, is constructing a shelter complex made up of 200 individual shelter units, shaded gathering areas, hygiene facilities, and a community center. Community members are offered holistic supportive services; including onsite work opportunities, harm reduction and substance use support, highly personalized case management and housing navigation, and 24-hour crisis management. TOOF also functions as a service coordinator, working closely with the service provider community to facilitate linkage and transportation to additional outside resources.

The Esperanza Community is a non-congregate homeless shelter complex in East Austin. Esperanza’s low barrier and trauma informed nature makes it a unique and integral resource for Austin’s unhoused population.

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Through a variety of social outlets and wellness services, the Esperanza Community sets the stage for people to learn the skills needed to build and engage in community wherever they are.
In 2023, we finished installation of 100 cabins and associated amenities at Esperanza. We also opened the community to new intakes for the first time since groundbreaking. Completed structures include:

100 locking, climate-controlled cabins
2 quonset huts for shaded communal areas
6 modular office buildings/flex spaces
4 ADA compliant hygiene facilities, each comprised of 4 single-use bathroom/shower stalls

ADA compliant cabins with easy access to amenities

131 unduplicated people served
$425,455 paid in earned income to community members
69 community members enrolled in vocational services
74 people housed
BEEN THERE 2 marked a historic moment at The Esperanza Community, uniting individuals from all walks of life in a celebration of music, community, and compassion. Against the backdrop of vibrant performances by renowned artists like The Pharcyde, Adrian Quesada, and Brownout. Festival attendees and Esperanza Community members alike came together, creating an unforgettable atmosphere of unity and joy. Through the collective efforts of everyone involved, we proudly raised over one million dollars, a testament to the power of community and the shared commitment to building a brighter future for all.

This monumental event not only showcased the strength of our community but also underscored our unwavering dedication to fostering positive change and offering hope to those in need.
Workforce First (WFF) is an alternative work program that offers people experiencing homelessness the opportunity to earn a living wage while being of service to their community, performing large-scale environmental clean up and invasive species removal. Program participants earn a dignified wage of $20 per hour, receive lunch and transportation to the work site, and gain valuable resources and skills to overcome barriers to stable housing and income.

**2023 IMPACT**

- **214** unduplicated people served
- **838,031** pounds of debris removed from green spaces in Austin
- **$399,755** paid in earned income to unhoused people
Neal was one of our first WFF program participants. He joined WFF in 2020, at Sunrise Church on Menchaca, when Chris Baker showed up to pick up a crew in his minivan. In early 2021, Neal moved into Community First Village before becoming reunited with his family in Mexico. He recently came to visit the WFF Office to thank TOOF one more time before he moves across the border to be with his family.

“Every one of these people have been so godly and so nice and caring and understanding. They are wonderful people.... It ain't nothing I won't do for y'all to try to pay back what you all have done for me. Thank you so much. And that's where my heart feels.”
The Going Home program utilizes case management and minimal, one-time transportation expenses to reconnect people experiencing homelessness to loved ones in order to rapidly divert individuals from homelessness. Program participants are offered one-time transportation expenses including fare and food, along with case management to help find a stable community to travel to. People served by Going Home receive three months of follow up care after arrival at their destination.

2023 IMPACT

187 PEOPLE DIVERTED OR RAPIDLY EXITED FROM HOMELESSNESS

89% OF PEOPLE STAYED STABILIZED AFTER REUNITING WITH LOVED ONES
"From a once heavy wrenched heart and stressed out soul fleeing a domestic violence situation, my heart was completely at ease once I received immediate assistance and mentorship from Sarita of the Going Home Program.

Sarita, Program Manager, is a complete epitome of what a humanitarian is. Her patience, frank heart, guidance, humble spirit, warm hospitality towards clients, and eagerness to solve homelessness situations is why my children and I have relocated and are completely safe. Furthermore, her willingness to follow up with my children and I monthly will always be appreciated. I thank God for allowing me to be blessed through Serita and Going Home. Not too many organizations treat people in homelessness situations with authentic hearts and respect."

These are the words of a mother whose family’s life was touched by Sarita and our Going Home Program. Thanks to her support, this client and her children found safety, and a pathway to a new beginning.
In 2023, volunteers provided over 1,300 hours of work to drive TOOF's mission. This included our weekly Free Store, shelter make-readies and porch building, site beautification, meal service, and more!

Volunteering at TOOF continues to offer a path to true kinship with those facing homelessness. Bert M. has been volunteering with TOOF in the Free store and told us that he sees the kinship at work: "Through relationships I've built and seeing how people interact with each other...It's friendly, it's supportive. I see that kind of kinship. Sometimes people share details of their life with me, and I feel very privileged that people want to share those things with me." We're so grateful to have people who continue to serve our community with open hearts.
The Esperanza Leadership Committee, elected by and comprised of community members, collaborates closely with TOOF to champion the community's needs and aspirations. This partnership ensures that TOOF's decisions are well-informed and equitable, while also empowering community members to build leadership capabilities.

Throughout 2023, this collaborative effort led to significant achievements. The Leadership Committee played an integral role in shaping policies concerning safety and security, as well as developing opportunities for equitable work and service provision. Furthermore, they actively promoted community engagement in events and TOOF programming, fostering a spirit of teamwork to shape Esperanza into the unique and valuable resource it is today.
In 2023, you stepped up as donors, volunteers, community partners, architects, and builders to work toward a common goal: Together, we are building a community where Austin’s unhoused neighbors can find reliable access to shelter, opportunity, and support. Thank you to all our partners for being built on kinship!

**PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS**

ATX 3
ATX Basecamp
Blackbaud Giving Foundation
Butler Snow Foundation
C Mark and J’Lynn Newman Wheeler Family Foundation
Cobb and Counsel
Corning Smith and Wilson Management
Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation
Daffy Charitable Fund
Downtown Austin Alliance
Encotech
Evans Family Charitable Fund
Fant Foundation
Glimmer | Austin
Impact Austin
Jean & Mark Lewry Charitable Fund
JP's Peace, Love, and Happiness Foundation
Lewis Investments
LGR Foundation
Love Tito's
Nelsen Partners
Pape-Dawson Engineers
Real Estate Council of Austin
St. David's Foundation
Texas Materials
Winkler Family Foundation
Zero Six One Nine Foundation
# Partners in Kinship

## Public Partners
- ATX Basecamp
- City of Austin
- Dell Medical School's C.D. Doyle Clinic
- Downtown Austin Community Court
- St. Edward’s University
- Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
- Texas Department of Transportation
- Texas State University
- Travis County
- University of Texas

## Faith-Based Partners
- Congregation Beth Israel
- Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
- First Baptist Church of Austin
- Life in the City Church
- Oak Hill United Methodist Church
- Raven’s Nest Church
- Religious Coalition to Assist the Homeless
- Saint James Episcopal Church
- St. Austin Outreach
- The Austin Stone Community Church
- The Well Community Church
- UPLIFT Ministries
- Westminster Presbyterian Church of Austin
- Wildflower Church

## Non-Profit Partners
- Austin Allies
- CommUnityCare
- Kavod: A Tzedakah Collective
- Keep Austin Fed
- Kind Clinic
- Integral Care
- Find Help
- Free Lunch ATX
- Mission Accomplished
- Mobile Loaves and Fishes
- Network for Good
- Plugin House
- Renaissance Charitable Foundation
- Thrift-ish
- Vivent Health
- Yellow Bike Project
TOOF is committed to stewarding your investment. We keep administrative costs low, focus on programs and services, and create a safe and supportive environment for our clients, staff, and supporters.

Last year, 1,129 individual donors, foundations, and private grantors built kinship with our unhoused neighbors by donating over $4 million to TOOF. This includes 448 monthly donors, who contributed $145,208 as a group.

**FUNDRAISING BREAKDOWN**

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