



ANNUAL REPORT 2023



Letter from the Director



Dear Friends,

I am excited to present this annual report highlighting the significant growth we experienced in 2023. It is with great pride that I share the collective success stories and milestones that have defined this transformative year for our organization. Your unwavering support has been instrumental in propelling us forward, and I am excited to showcase the positive impact we have made on the Kensington Corridor. Together, we have navigated challenges and capitalized on opportunities, reinforcing our commitment to fostering a thriving and vibrant community. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey.

Onward and upward.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Adriana Abizadeh



Our Compass



MISSION

Utilize collective ownership to direct investments on the corridor that preserve culture and affordability while building neighborhood power and wealth in Kensington.

VISION

Kensington Avenue is a safe, healthy, and socioeconomically diverse commercial corridor with accessible opportunities for the existing and future residents of Kensington.

VALUES

- Equity
- Community
- Stewardship
- Transparency

Trust Stewardship Committee



Brian Tejada
Youth Leader



Daisie Cardona
Youth Leader



Darlene Burton
Board Representative



Chef Dionicio Jimenez
Business Leader



Crystal Ortiz
Business Leader



Margarita Gonzalez
Community Leader



Maria Riva
Community Leader



George Acevedo
Resident Leader



Mary Nash
Resident Leader



In Loving Memory



CHUCK EVANS

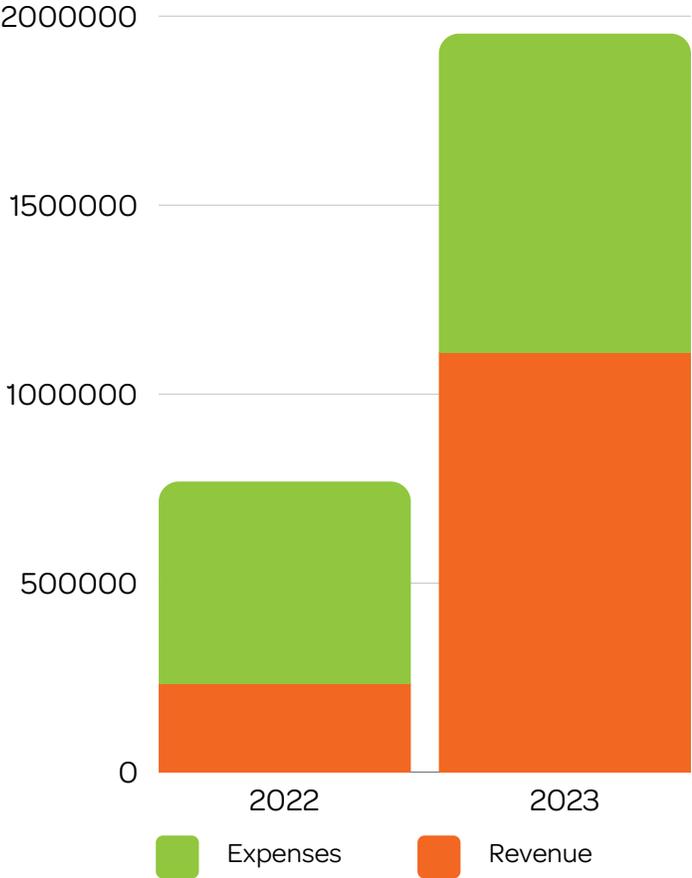
Beloved father, friend, and neighbor.

Chuck grew up in Kensington and opened his business, Evans Pest Control, in the neighborhood in 2010. When he started Evans Pest Control, he was the only Technician and worked out of the trunk of his car. Due to hard work, determination, and his strong ties to this neighborhood he was able to build a small 1-person business into a 10-person business. Chuck hired locally and supported folks in recovery.

Chuck joined the KCT board in 2021 and was an active member of our real estate subcommittee. Supporting us in evaluating acquisitions and preparing for rehab and leasing. He was a beloved husband and loving and devoted father. He will be missed.

In his honor, the KCT will be planting a tree at the community garden.

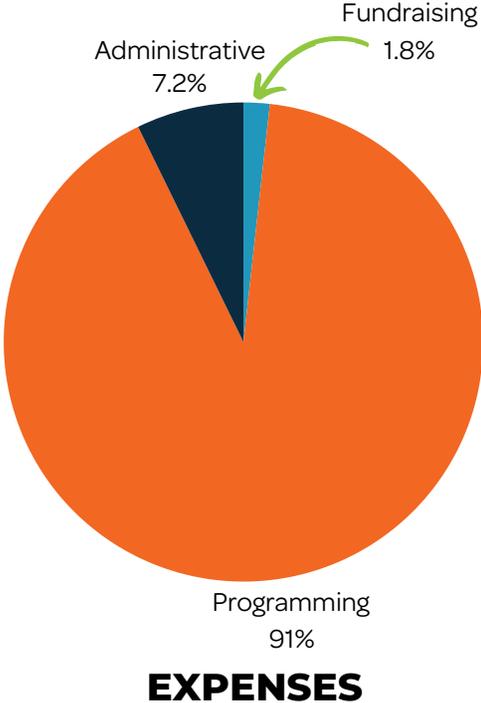
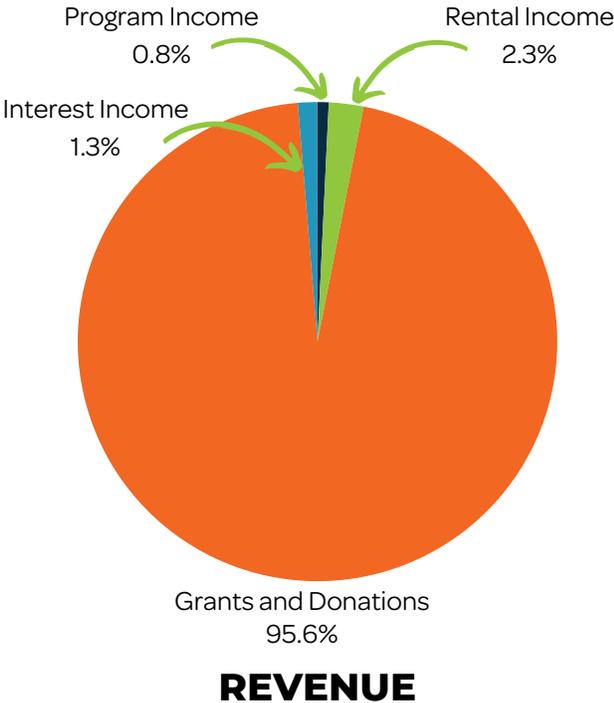
Our Financials



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OUR SUPPORTERS**



HALLORAN
PHILANTHROPIES



Our Stewarded Properties



Vacant Lots



Commercial
Mixed-Use Buildings



Total Protected
Assets



Our Community



Xerces Habitat Kits

In the Summer of 2023, KCT was a recipient of Xerces Habitat Kits. The kits included 550 pollinator plugs that we shared across 6 other local community gardens including the Butterfly Garden, the Lily Garden, Hart Lane Farm, Ruth Street Garden, the Healing Garden, and the Kensington Klean Garden. Installations took place across three days and included planting and mulching. We were fortunate to have volunteers from Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, The Philadelphia Area Cooperative Alliance (PACA), and various community members, all of whom helped with the installations in each garden and beautifying Kensington!

Kensington Photovoice Exhibit

We want to thank all the artists who participated in the Kensington Photovoice Exhibit for their outstanding work. Each photograph showcased the Kensington community's unique character and highlighted the neighborhood's beauty and vibrancy. The exhibit provided a platform for local artists to tell their stories through photography, giving voice to the community. It was heartwarming to see how the exhibit celebrated Kensington's rich history and culture and changed the narrative about what it means to be from the neighborhood. We extend our gratitude to everyone who contributed to this project and made it a huge success. The exhibit was a powerful reminder of the power of art to bring people together and inspire positive change.





New Business Spotlight

ZERBE ARTZ



Meet J.C. Zerbe, an artist and community activator known for his expressive and vibrant artwork that fuses street art elements with his graphic lines. Zerbe's passion for community building and social change is reflected in his regular participation in neighborhood projects in the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia. He has also led art workshops that aim to bring healing to those experiencing addiction, homelessness, or other forms of ongoing trauma. His work inspires and provokes movement toward social change in Kensington and beyond.





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FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

