Dear Friends,

Walking alongside those we serve is a real gift, often a real joy, and occasionally a real challenge. But we believe that everyone should be able to satisfy their basic needs with dignity and seek the purpose that makes life rich.

On the front cover, you see Rodney Harris, one of our senior case managers, walking alongside Antonio, an Iraq War veteran who has experienced homelessness, and who came to ReVive for help obtaining safe, affordable housing. On the back cover, you see Elias Bravo, one of our clinical case managers, walking alongside Catherine who faced eviction, and who came to ReVive seeking help and hope.

The work of ReVive is brought to life through the people we serve and their unique stories of hope and healing. In this report, we’re sharing the stories of three different people who demonstrate the impact of the work we do at ReVive. Michael Y., Diamond, and Michael B. came to ReVive for help—they discovered compassion and warmth, support and guidance, and the sense of hope that develops while pursuing healthy independent lives.

Fiscal Year 2023 Highlights

- Our Rebuild ReVive, Rebuild Lives funding grew from $6M to $10M.
- ReVive secured funding to provide 20 additional apartments to Chicago’s unhoused homeless.
- ReVive secured funding to provide street outreach and engagement services to Chicago’s unhoused homeless.
- ReVive’s partners raised a record amount at the Driving Out Homelessness Golf Outing to support ReVive’s comprehensive programs.
- Most importantly, 440 unique individuals, received sustained, intensive engagement at ReVive to find hope, healing, and health.

Your support makes this work possible. Each dollar is put to good work, directly responding to the needs of the homeless in our city and working toward ending homelessness, one person at a time.

Sincerely,

Peter Lane, Executive Director
Sheila Sheridan, Board President

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ReVive on the Road: 
**Serving the Unhoused Where They Sleep**

ReVive and our partner, Chicago Street Medicine, are working together in a new outreach and engagement program designed to provide holistic services to hard-to-engage people sleeping in homeless encampments and on CTA buses and trains. The “ReVive on the Road” program has two objectives: providing basic needs to our unhoused neighbors where they live and removing the barriers to obtaining help by developing relationships and trust.

Innovative, multidisciplinary teams making “Street Runs” will provide medicine, case management, food, water, clothing, and hygiene kits. Each team includes one or more doctors, clinical case managers, occupational therapists, housing specialists and most notably, peer navigators, individuals who have personally experienced and survived homelessness.

ReVive anticipates serving an additional 300+ unhoused individuals each year – providing the services necessary to address individual goals, obtain housing and economic stability and access quality healthcare. The funding for this innovative outreach comes in part from a new grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ReVive Responding to Basic Needs: 
**20 New Affordable Apartments for the Unhoused**

ReVive’s Cressey House and Engagement Center expertise provides the foundation of support needed as ReVive expands our permanent supportive housing program. The residents in our additional 20 apartments will be aided by the ReVive team through rental assistance, case management services, occupational therapy, and holistic health services.

ReVive’s ability to serve individuals who are or who have recently experienced homelessness will help these new community members become, and remain, stably housed, improve their health, and obtain employment or income stability. These new apartments are funded in part by a new grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.
Renovation Update:

**ReVive Renovation of Cressey House on Track**

This year, ReVive gained an additional $4 million of support from the Illinois Housing Development Authority for the renovation of its Cressey House permanent supportive housing site. This additional funding will support a more extensive renovation of our 28 apartments and cover the substantial post-COVID cost increases experienced throughout the building and construction industry. Construction is expected to begin in the 1st quarter of 2024.

In the News:

**ReVive Occupational Therapist Recognized Statewide**

Andrea LeFlore’s dedication is making a difference at Revive and beyond!

When Andrea LeFlore, ReVive’s Director of Programs, realized that it may not be permissible for an Occupational Therapist in Illinois like herself to give a homeless person a free cane, design an exercise program, or provide other rehabilitative equipment that is typically available to the public without a physician’s referral, she called the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association to make sure she was reading the law correctly.

As a result of her inquiry and subsequent coordinated advocacy efforts, the Illinois State Legislature unanimously passed a new Illinois Occupational Therapy Act that allows an Occupational Therapist to distribute over-the-counter exercise and adaptive equipment to clients, without a prescription. With this change, Occupational Therapists serving Illinois’ homeless population can fully address their clients’ needs. Andrea’s efforts are recognized statewide for spearheading this innovative change.
ReVive Programs and Stories Bringing Our Work to Life

ReVive Programs

Cressey House

Cressey House offers 28 units of affordable housing for chronically homeless, disabled adults and their children. Cressey House also offers goal-driven supportive services and persistent engagement to help keep these families stably housed.

| 97% With Medical Insurance | 94% Remaining In or Exit to Permanent Housing | 65% Increase in Employment or Other Income |

Impact Story

Meet Michael

“I never thought I would find myself in this predicament,” said Michael, a quiet, humble man in his early 60’s. Michael recently moved into an apartment in ReVive’s Cressey House following 3 hard years of living on the streets. “Coming to ReVive has taken a load off my mind.”

After working as an auto/diesel mechanic for years, the pain from spinal stenosis and the need for a hip replacement made it impossible for him to continue working. As a result, Michael lost his apartment and became homeless. When asked why he didn’t move in with family, Michael said, “I didn’t want to be a burden on anybody.”

ReVive staff members helped Michael to obtain food and clothing and to enroll in ReVive’s Christmas Basket Program. Michael also worked with ReVive’s on-site RUSH medical team to obtain referrals and to access over the counter medications and preventative care supplies like a blood pressure monitor, log book and medication organizer.

Today, Michael is recovering from spinal surgery and is making plans for his hip replacement surgery. Michael has also begun receiving Social Security disability benefits. With ReVive’s help, Michael has achieved safe, affordable housing, improved health and stable income.

“Coming to ReVive has taken a load off my mind.”
ReVive Programs

Client-Centered Supportive Services

ReVive offers supportive services to residents of Cressey House and to other low-income individuals who are at risk of homelessness. The goal of these flexible and client-centered services is to help our clients address their individual barriers to stable housing, improved health, and economic stability.

Impact Story

Meet Diamond

Diamond is proud and excited to share that she has maintained stable housing for more than two years. It is a huge success built with the support of the team at Revive.

Born in the old Rockwell Gardens public housing project, Diamond has not had an easy go of it. As a teenager, she frequently experienced unexplained bouts of energy, anger, and claustrophobia. Years passed until she was formally diagnosed with bipolar disorder.

Despite a high school diploma and near completion of a bachelor's degree in business administration, Diamond has struggled to retain even part-time employment. She has spent the last 15 years managing chronic leg pain and navigating her mental health needs. Much of Diamond’s adult life has been spent moving from homeless shelter to homeless shelter. Diamond estimates that she has lived in approximately 40 different shelters in 10 different states.

Finally, Diamond was referred to ReVive by a local shelter. Here, Diamond met Rodney Harris, ReVive’s Senior Case Manager. Rodney worked with Diamond to obtain housing and furniture for her apartment. Rodney continues to support Diamond by helping her budget her monthly income, and making sure she can pay her rent. Diamond is grateful to Rodney and ReVive for “walking alongside her” on her journey to permanent housing.

“If it wasn’t for ReVive, I would still be in a homeless shelter.”
Engagement Center: Welcome, Community & Acceptance

Engagement, relationship, and trust are crucial to the successful journey of a homeless person to stable housing, better health, and employment or income stability. ReVive’s Engagement Center was designed for this very purpose. The Center begins by offering a welcoming space where people can grab a cup of coffee, find a safe place to rest, all while accessing food and other necessities. The warmth and acceptance offered at the Engagement Center recognizes the human dignity of our neighbors and treats them with respect. The Center continues by offering access to supportive services, building social networks, participation in Center activities, sharing the lived experience of homelessness and furthering the personal recovery of the unhoused no matter where they are in the process.

Impact Story
Meet Michael

Michael is no quitter. When he realized that alcohol was killing him, he quit cold turkey. When COVID eliminated his job, he hung-on to his positive attitude. But when a work-related injury and serious health concerns made it hard to find a new job, he found himself homeless, in debt and his spirits sinking. He knew he had a choice to make: find some help to get off the streets, or sink under the weight of his problems.

“There is a light in this place that helps people keep up their spirits.”

Michael took a chance and called ReVive. When he heard the “compassion and warmth” in the voice at the other end of the line, Michael knew he had found the help he needed. Just before closing, Michael made it to ReVive and immediately started working with ReVive Clinical Case Manager, Elias Bravo. Luckily, Michael had always been meticulous with his personal records, so he had the things he needed to apply for help, like his birth certificate and Social Security card. But, he lacked the computer skills to navigate the online applications. Between Michael’s documents and Elias’ computer skills, Michael was soon approved for Social Security and other benefits like Medicaid and the RTA Reduced Fare Senior Bus Card to get him to his medical appointments. Elias even accompanied Michael to his first medical appointment!

These days, Michael is on an affordable housing wait list, spending his days in ReVive’s Engagement Center, washing his clothes in ReVive’s laundry facility, and feeling grateful for the “unique” place he calls the “icing on the cake” of his life: ReVive. As Michael says, “There is a light in this place that helps people keep up their spirits.” Thank you for helping to sustain the spirits of people like Michael!
ReVive Programs

Christmas Baskets: An Annual Commitment to Caring

For over a century, ReVive and its community of dedicated donors, volunteers and staff have helped struggling families and seniors celebrate the holidays through its annual Christmas Basket Program. This program provides families with gifts for the holidays—personalized according to their wishes—from toys and games to cookware, winter coats, and bed-linens. Additionally, each family receives a grocery gift card for a holiday dinner. For many, ReVive’s Christmas Basket is the only holiday gift they will receive.

When a struggling family receives a Christmas Basket, it does not simply help them celebrate Christmas. It helps them to sustain their daily efforts to contend with hardship. In addition to toys and simple pleasures, the Christmas Basket Program delivers basic necessities like food, winter clothes, hygiene items, educational materials, and school supplies. Most importantly, Christmas Basket sponsors demonstrate to the families that others care about them and empathize with their struggles. ReVive’s commitment to the Christmas Basket program delivers one of the greatest gifts—the gift of hope.
Events

Driving Out Homelessness 2023

In May, ReVive hosted its Third Annual “Driving Out Homelessness” Golf Outing at the Midlothian Country Club. The 33 sponsor organizations and 150 golfers enjoyed a great day of golf and helped ReVive advance our work by raising over $100,000 to end homelessness and restore hope in Chicago.

Fiscal Year 2023

Unaudited

Revenue
$2,195,634

Revenue Components
- Contributions - $1,102,877
- Fees & Grants - $853,201
- In-Kind - $127,297
- Miscellaneous Income - $69,104
- Client Rent - $43,153

Functional Expenses
$1,744,527

Functional Expenses
- Programs and Services - $1,310,449
- General & Administrative - $208,782
- Fundraising - $225,296

Balance Sheet

Total Assets.....................................................................................................................................................................$2,982,445
Total Liabilities...............................................................................................................................................................$1,952,131
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