

2022

ANNUAL REPORT



GIFT*of* **LIFE**
Howie's House

**NEW NAME,
SAME MISSION.**

To our generous community,

It is truly amazing how much we accomplished together in 2022. As my first full year of being President and CEO, it was an honor to watch the House grow and evolve due to the support of our community.

2022 was a year of extraordinary changes and celebration. We changed our name from Gift of Life Family House to Gift of Life Howie's House in honor of our Founder and former President and CEO, Howard Nathan. We celebrated Howard and this monumental step on our journey with a special Dedication Event over the summer. It was a memorable celebration, a reunion with old friends and colleagues, and a reminder of the important mission that ties us all together.

We also reached an important milestone of providing over \$12 million in subsidized care since opening our doors! This accomplishment is a direct result of the compassion and generosity our supporters consistently provide. It is because of you we can deliver the top level of care our families rely on.

We are grateful to have a strong network of supporters that make accomplishments like this possible. This Annual Report is a representation of our achievements, and I hope it makes you proud.

Please take a moment to look back on the metrics, memories, and milestones we created together over the last year. And thank you for continuing to be a part of our family.



A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Rick".

RICHARD D. HASZ
PRESIDENT AND CEO

MISSION STATEMENT

Gift of Life Howie's House serves as a "home away from home" for transplant patients and their families by providing temporary, affordable lodging and supportive services to those who travel to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for transplant-related care. Gift of Life Howie's House is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization.



"We don't have to panic about where we're going to stay. We know we have a safe place to land,"

- Ana Anselmo, caregiver to her daughter, Savannah, a liver transplant recipient.

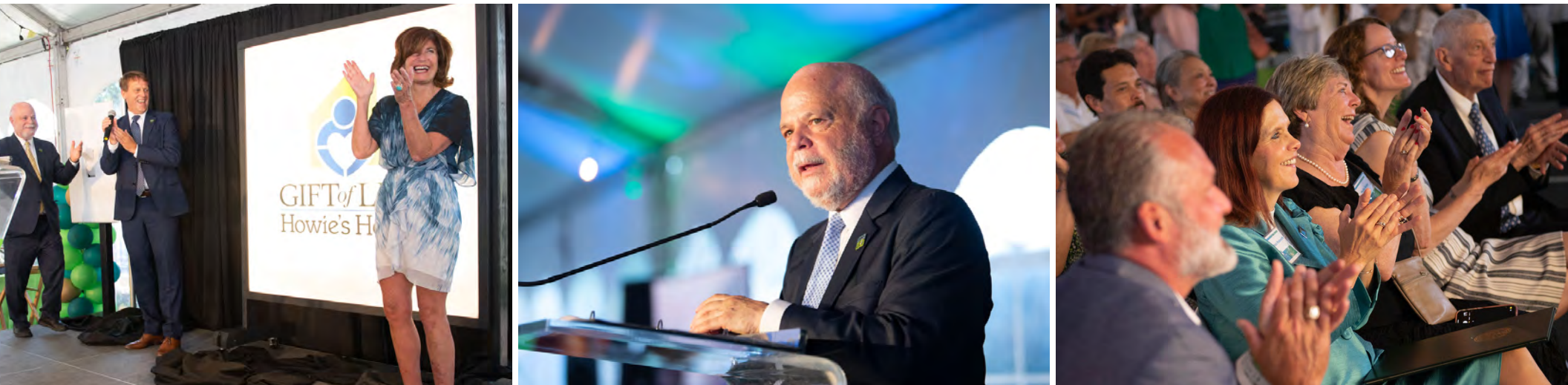


"The staff was always welcoming, it's so clean, and there's food every night. Seeing some of the same people over and over also gave us comfort because it feels like your home away from home,"

-Lois Luse, caregiver and wife to Glenn, a lung transplant recipient.

NEW NAME, SAME MISSION.

The Dedication of **Gift of Life Howie's House**



On June 29, 2022, Gift of Life Family House was officially renamed Gift of Life Howie's House in honor of the former President and Founder of the House, Howard M. Nathan. Hundreds of members of the organ donation and transplant community gathered at the House to celebrate Howard and his tremendous impact on the field.


We also introduced **Beyond Measure: The Howard M. Nathan Impact Fund**, a special fundraising campaign to help support the future of the House and the families it serves. Due to the generosity of our community, over **\$128,400** was raised in honor of Howard to support transplant patients and their families for years to come.

2022 IMPACT REPORT

 **549**
Unique Families Served

 **8,536**
Total Lodging Nights

 **7,928**
Furthest Mileage Traveled

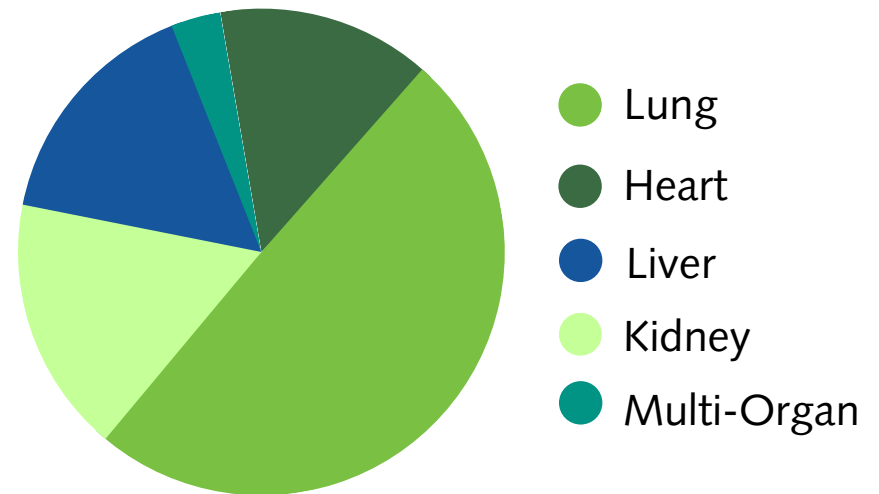
 **5.58**
Average Family Nights Per Stay

Served families from
21 states and
2 countries

Arkansas
Connecticut
District of Columbia
Delaware
Florida
Iowa
Kentucky
Massachusetts
Maryland
North Carolina
New Jersey

New York
Ohio
Oregon
Pennsylvania
South Carolina
Tennessee
Texas
Virginia
Vermont
West Virginia
India
Kuwait

Organ Type by Episode



TRANSPORTATION



The House provides transportation through the Shuttle Program and by subsidizing costs of Ubers and taxis when the shuttle isn't available. These numbers reflect both shuttle and Uber data.

1,492 TRIPS

3,338 GUESTS TRANSPORTED

11,616 MILES TRAVELED

\$4,126 GAS EXPENSE

\$6,613 UBER AND TAXI EXPENSE



In 2022, The Nicoletti, Ferrier, and Peruto Families committed to a multi-year sponsorship of the Shuttle Program in honor of the [Nicoletti Kidney Transplant Center at Jefferson Transplant Institute](#).

Their support will help continue this much-needed service that is offered to guests so they don't have to navigate an unfamiliar city or pay expensive parking fees while caring for a loved one undergoing the transplant process.



L to R: Joseph and Donna Ferrier, Lori Nicoletti Peruto, Esq., Jan L. Weinstock, Esq., Rick Hasz

HOME COOK HEROES PROGRAM

The Home Cook Heroes Program provides transplant patients and their families with a home-cooked meal prepared by volunteers and access to a full-service kitchen and a fully-stocked pantry. Any volunteer group that prepares a meal 12 times or more within a calendar year is considered a Home Cook Heroes All Star.

GROUP BREAKDOWN:

Business:	35
Donor/Recipient Family:	41
Hospital:	20
House of Worship:	6
Other:	35
Service Organization:	24
School:	18



ALL-STAR GROUPS:

- Care Crew
- COMHAR
- Friends of Bear
- Further Her In Action
- Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
- Jefferson Heart Failure & Transplant
- Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Program
- MTF Biologics (AmeriHealth Caritas)
- New Vision Pioneers
- Pattinson Family
- Randon Family
- Sigma Beta Xi
- St. Augustine Parish
- Team Spiers
- TRIO Philadelphia Program

STATS:

179 UNIQUE GROUPS


28,800 MEALS SERVED


851 UNIQUE HOME COOK HEROES VOLUNTEERS

131 CLAIMED BAKING OPPORTUNITIES

ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

The [Adopt-A-Family Program](#) subsidizes the actual cost of staying at the House to keep our room fee low. The program also covers costs for families who cannot afford the \$40 nightly fee, ensuring no family is ever turned away due to an inability to pay.

\$1,234,478 
Adopt-A-Family Funds
Distributed

\$12,048,566 
Adopt-A-Family Funds
Distributed
From 2011-2022

\$1,152,360 
Estimated Total Saved in
Hotel Costs for Guests



Evelyn Melendez, a lung transplant recipient with her mother and caregiver, Carmen

\$175 
Actual Cost Per
Guest Room Per Night

\$30 
Average Paid by
Guests Per Night

ZERO
Guests Turned Away
Due to Inability to Pay

CAREGIVER LIFELINE PROGRAM

The [Caregiver Lifeline Program](#) provides caregivers and patients with education and support as they navigate the transplant process. In addition to a full-time social work team available on-site for individual counseling, the program offers an online informational library, support groups, live educational webinars, and continuing education programs for transplant professionals.

13

Webinars

997

Webinar Participants

6

Continuing Education Programs

827

Continuing Education Participants

2

International Presentations

5

National Presentations



Ruby the Therapy Dog

466

Internal Counseling Hours

98

Internal Support Group Participants

36

Virtual Support Groups

280

Virtual Support Group Participants

283

Unique Families Provided with In-Person Counseling

To the Staff and Management,

My name is David Andrew and my wife's name is Janice. We were guests at the Gift of Life Howie's House for approximately 1 month. During that time we were treated by friendly and courteous staff. They gave us the upmost respect at all times. They were very helpful when we were in need of guidance. Even the cleaning staff was very friendly, clean and always made you feel at home.

Howie's House is a beautiful place with great accommodations. We never went hungry or thirsty with between the pantry and all the special people cooking dinners.

Also the shuttle was a blessing to have. All the drivers were friendly and informative along the routes. Janice and I were very thankful for

them.

We have met many other wonderful guests during our stay. We have become friends and plan to keep in touch with them.

I would definitely recommend others to come to Howie's House and stay after they get released from the hospital for their transplant.

Thanks again for letting us stay as we enjoyed being there for my recovery.

David & Janice
Andrew



Janice Andrew with her husband David Andrew, a kidney transplant recipient

IMPACT

GENEROUS CONTRIBUTORS

Mike Bacher, past guest and heart transplant recipient, with his family



Board member Ranjoo Prasad, OD with House Founder Howard Nathan



Past guest and kidney transplant recipient, Maryam Hakam with her sister, Sahera



The **Founder's Circle** members are those who have given major gifts of \$10,000 or more to support the House.

CLICK to view all Founder's Circle Members

The **Family Circle** is an annual giving program made up of those who give \$250 or more in a calendar year to support the House's Annual Fund.

CLICK to view all Family Circle Members

The **Welcome Home Club** is the House's monthly giving program. Heart Members are those who give \$21 or more per month.

CLICK to view all Welcome Home Club Members

SPONSOR-A-ROOM PROGRAM

Our [Sponsor-A-Room Program](#) allows individuals to sponsor one of our guest or common rooms by making a one-time donation or by hosting a fundraiser.

Room sponsors have their name placed on a sign next to their guestroom, and can sponsor rooms for up to three years with their donation.



Members of the David M. Nelson Jr. Memorial Fund and No Shower Happy Hour community with Rick Hasz and Jan L. Weinstock, Esq.

Betsy and Robert Horen
Bill and Martha Anderson
Bnasty's Family and Friends
David Nelson Jr. Memorial Fund
The Forline Family
Friends and Family of Jerry Curran
Friends and Family of Mo Sullivan
Joan and Bernard Spain
Lori Nicoletti Peruto, Esq.
Martin WM Group at RBC WM
Mary Pat Kessler
Neshaminy Hockey The Gannon Cup
Pop-Pop's Miracle
Raymond Family
Sam's Spirit
Scott and Vickie Sayles
Sovereign Insurance Group
Drs. Steven M. Rudich &
Donna M. Cirasole
XVIVO Perfusion, Inc.

LEGACY GARDEN PAVERS

Angels for Ally in memory of George Greis

The Bacher Family and Friends in honor of Michael Bacher

Frank Corona in memory of Kathleen P. Gouck

La Famiglia Dei Fratelli

Lori Thomas, James C. Skelton and Charleen Forziati in memory of James D. Skelton

Poppop's Miracle Team in memory of George Gibbs

Ronald Hannon Family in memory of Ronald Hannon

COMMUNITY SUPPORT



"I had a TV, a bed to sleep in, a kitchen to cook in. Everything was comfortable and I never felt like I didn't belong. I felt like I was home."

-Crystal Patton, past guest and caregiver to her brother Rodney, a liver transplant recipient

20
Fundraising
Events

181
Impact Fund
Gifts

108
Monthly
Contributors

574
Family Circle
Members

4,051
Total
Gifts

44
Wish List
Drop-Offs



Donor Family and Volunteer Group "Ryan's Shamrocks"

18TH ANNUAL KIDNEY OPEN GOLF OUTING



Pat Wysocki, Abdi Geleta, Nick Perrotta, Pat Nolan



Donor husband Dale Tennett and his daughter Lauren

Over **\$133,000** raised for the House!

FUNDRAISING EVENTS



5th Annual Gannon Cup Ice Hockey Tournament



14th Annual No Shower Happy Hour



Bee a Blessing, Inc. Scare to Care Fundraiser



Annual Paul W. Penkala Golf Tournament

SEAN DUKES ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

The Activities Program at Gift of Life Howie's House was officially renamed [The Sean Dukes Activities Program](#), in memory of Sean Dukes - a two-time heart transplant recipient, dedicated volunteer, board member, and past House guest.

Activities provide a much-needed lift to guests at the House. The Sean Dukes Activities Program will continue to be an important part of the services provided at the House and will now extend Sean's legacy of supporting and caring for others.



The Dukes Family

28 Arts & Crafts

79 Movie
Nights

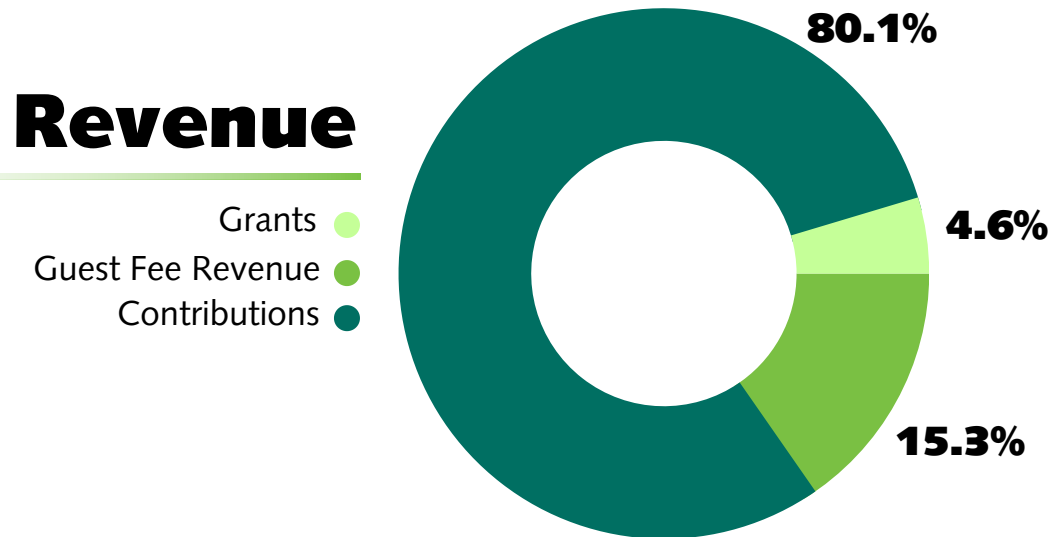
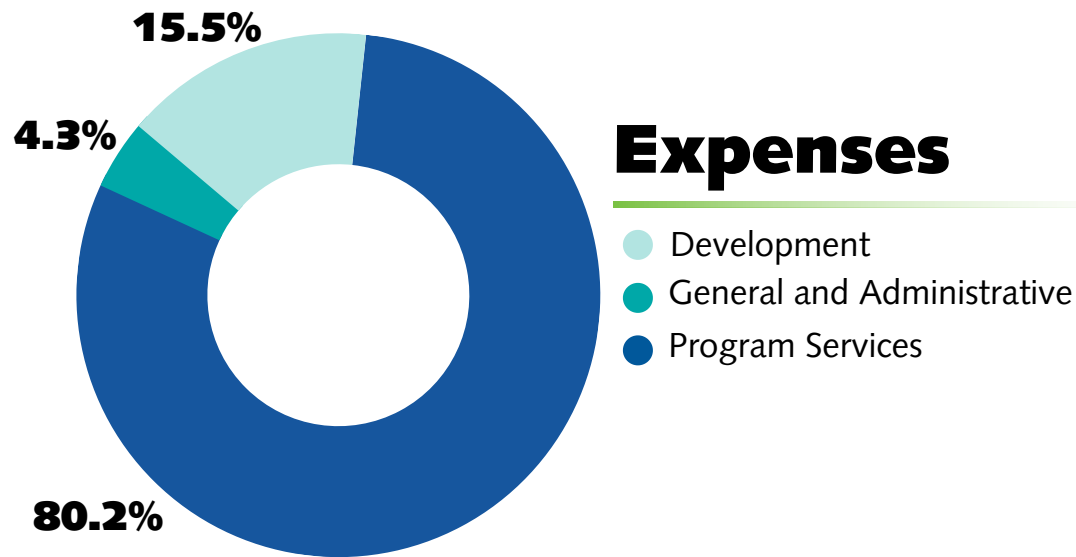
79 Game Nights

9 Therapy Dog
Sessions

3 Music &
Performances

21 Support
Groups

FINANCIAL SUMMARY



"After we first opened the door to the room, we literally closed and re-opened it because we couldn't believe it was real...When you have a facility like this that's geared for transplant, there are similar things that you can relate to, and I think that's a wonderful gift in itself"

- Melissa Poirier, mother to Jocelynn, a liver transplant recipient, pictured with Jocelynn's father, Ben

WAYS TO SUPPORT



MAKE A GIFT TO THE ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM. Help us keep our room fee low and our promise to never turn a family away due to an inability to pay it.



JOIN THE WELCOME HOME CLUB. When you make a monthly gift, you'll not only help families now, but you'll help families months from now. A monthly gift shows you're committed to being by their side.



BE A HOME COOK HERO. Prepare, drop off, arrange catering, or donate to sponsor a meal for our guests as they unwind from a stressful day. Volunteers can come in to cook a meal or arrange for catering.



HOST A WISH LIST DRIVE. Keeping the House stocked with basic home necessities such as food, toiletries, and pantry items requires many donated items. Get together with your family, friends, company, or religious group to collect items and drop them off for our transplant families to use during their stay!



JOIN THE LEGACY SOCIETY FOR PLANNED GIVING. By making a gift through your estate, you can ensure the future success of the House and have the satisfaction of knowing that your values will live on through the loving care we provide.



PLEDGE YOUR BIRTHDAY. Make this your "Best Birthday Yet" by making a pledge to raise money for transplant families at the House! Host an online fundraiser and ask your family and friends to make a donation in lieu of gifts.



SPONSOR A ROOM. Room sponsors will have their name placed on a sign next to the room and will receive special benefits. Rooms may be sponsored for a period of up to three years at a time.



DRIVE THE SHUTTLE. Meet our families and help ease the stress of their transplant journey by transporting them to and from hospital appointments in Philadelphia. Both morning and afternoon shifts are available on a variety of days.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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President and CEO

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Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel

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Director, Operations

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Director, Guest Services

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