ANNUAL REPORT

2024

CITY WITH DWELLINGS

FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

Dear Friends,

As I reflect on the past year at City with Dwellings, I am filled with immense gratitude for the unwavering support of this community. It has been a year of both challenges and triumphs, and through it all, your generosity and dedication have ensured that we continue to stand alongside our neighbors experiencing housing insecurity.

Serving as Board Chair has given me a front-row seat to the incredible work of our team — their compassion, resilience, and deep commitment to meeting people where they are. Day after day, they show up with steadfast determination, offering not just services, but dignity, hope, and the belief that a more just and caring community is possible.

This work is only possible because of you. Whether you have given your time, resources, or advocacy, you have played a vital role in ensuring the City with Dwellings remains a place of refuge and possibility. Your support fuels our mission, and for that, I am profoundly grateful.

As we look ahead, we know the need continues to grow-but so does the power of this community. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful impact, walking alongside our neighbors and ensuring no one is left without support.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us.
With gratitude,

Carmen

Carmen Caruth,
Board Chair, City with Dwellings

Carmen and CwD Staff & Board Retreat

WHERE MISSION MEETS IMPACT

In 2024, City with Dwellings...

Launched a new **harm reduction initiative**, Community Care Crew, distributing life-saving naloxone and providing overdose prevention training.

COMMUNITY CARE CREW

CITY WITH DWELLINGS Community First

Helped neighbors like Stuart find **hope in permanent housing**. Stuart is thrilled to have his own bathroom and to be able to take a shower without a timer! Originally from High Point, Stuart attended ECU and planned to become a high school science teacher, but 'downfalls in his family and life' led him to drop out before his senior year. He is grateful to City with Dwellings for the opportunity to get his life back together. As he says, "without hope, you're lost."

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Created a **coordinated entry** system for single adults, a streamlined approach to getting people housed.

WHERE MISSION MEETS IMPACT

New fundraisers like our **Birthday Party** and **Walk with Us** event helped CwD raise funds and awareness for the organization.

In April, City with Dwellings held our first **Birthday Party** (even though we're officially seven years old.) Kevin (left) was thrilled to be the proud winner of one of cakes provided by local bakeries.

Audio files from our neighbors and the CwD staff provided information about what a typical day is like for unhoused people in our city.

On November 3, more than 200 people walked through downtown at **Walk with Us** to learn more about housing instability in Winston-Salem. The Walk included stops at places frequented by people experiencing homelessness.

IN EVERY NUMBER, A NEIGHBOR

491
CALLS

Conducted as part of our Coordinated Entry program.

$400
PER HOUSEHOLD

The average amount of assistance received by 150 households to stay housed and stable.

700
MILES

Walked by 200+ attendees at our Walk with Us Event.

$60K
ASSISTANCE

Total amount of assistance provided to households in 2024.

230+
INDIVIDUALS

Served through our foot and vision clinics.

200
INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

Individuals and families who avoided homelessness thanks to the generous support of our Hope & Home Community Assistance Fund Donors.

7,417

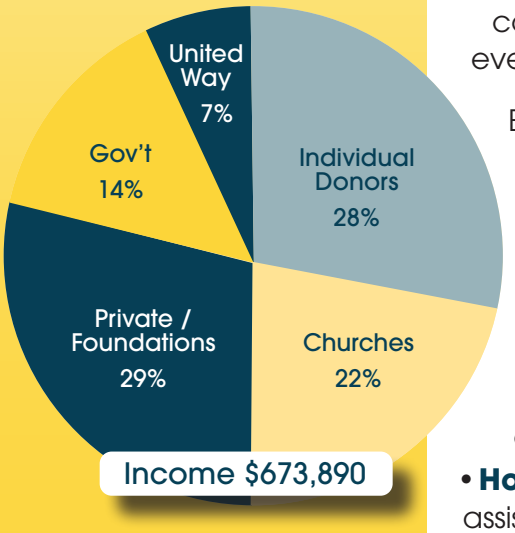
Visits to our open hours, where neighbors receive housing assistance, resource navigation, and restorative programming.

BUILDING STABILITY EXPANDING IMPACT

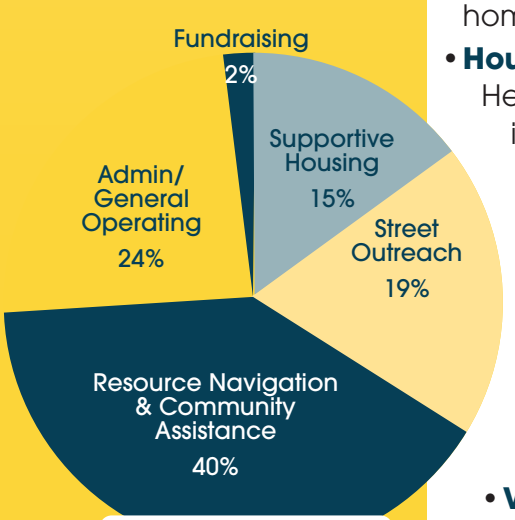
City with Dwellings remains financially stable thanks to your support and careful planning.

We use accrual-based accounting, meaning some expenses recorded in 2024 reflect funds raised in previous years — allowing us to meet growing needs without disruption. Because of you, we continue building a community where every neighbor is supported, even in challenging times.

2024 Financials



Income $673,890



Expense $725,666

Every dollar you invest helps us offer a wide range of programs that meet people where they are and help move them toward greater stability and hope. Your generosity fuels:

- **Community First Center:** Person-centered resource navigation, mail services, vital docs assistance, transportation, and restorative programming like bingo, art programs, Women of Vision group, and more.
- **Coordinated Entry for Single Adults:** Streamlined housing access and support.
- **Hope and Home Community Assistance Fund:** Emergency financial assistance for rent, utilities, and family reunification, which prevents homelessness for many.
- **Housing Assistance, Case Management, and Supportive Services:** Helping neighbors secure and sustain permanent housing through individualized support plans.
- **Street Outreach:** Engagement with individuals living on the streets or other places not fit for human habitation.
- **Medical Outreach:** Foot clinics, vision clinics, and expanded physical and mental healthcare access.
- **Harm Reduction and Overdose Prevention:** Naloxone distribution, overdose education, and relationship-building.
- **HEART Peer Support:** Housing stability and life skills support for newly housed neighbors.
- **Volunteer Mobilization and Training:** Orienting, coordinating, and supporting volunteers across all programs.
- **Community Engagement and Advocacy:** Representing CwD at community events, leadership groups, and faith communities.

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear CwD Friends,

Thank you for taking the time to walk through this reflection on our year together. Inside these pages, you've seen the key moments, the stories of resilience, and the deep commitment that drives our work at City with Dwellings. It's a powerful reminder that behind every number and every program is a neighbor whose life has been touched by this community of care.

As we look ahead, the need is growing — and fast. Already this year we've seen record numbers of people reaching out for help, a stark reminder of the economic challenges facing so many and the unpredictability of funding. The truth is: if we don't act quickly and boldly, more of our neighbors will be left without anywhere to turn.

That's why we need you. Your support fuels critical resources, advocacy efforts, and the human-centered, dignified care that defines our mission. Please consider making a gift today to help ensure no one in our community is left behind.

For over a decade, City with Dwellings has been a refuge and a place of hope for those facing housing insecurity. With your partnership, we will continue to walk alongside our neighbors, offering stability, compassion, and the unwavering belief that healing and housing are possible.

With deep gratitude,

Ruth

Ruth Cole Burcaw
Executive Director, City with Dwellings

BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE TOGETHER

Your financial investment in our work is critical to make sure that our most vulnerable neighbors receive the care and the support they deserve to move toward healing and housing stability.

Impact that Lasts

Join our community of monthly donors and **make a lasting impact all year long.** Your ongoing support provides stable funding, allowing us to plan ahead and serve those in need more effectively. Together, we can create lasting change—one month at a time. We appreciate every donation, but are actively seeking heroes willing to commit to a monthly gift. Small amounts add up over time! Become a **Foundation Builder** today by visiting **GiveButter.com/cwdfb**.

FOUNDATION BUILDERS
CITY WITH DWELLINGS

Make Your Commitment

Join us in building a community of care, connection, and housing stability.

Choose the giving option thats best for you!

- ☐ I am committing to a **monthly gift** of: $_____
- ☐ I am making a **one-time gift of**: $_____

Giving Options:

- ☐ I am enclosing a check made payable to **City with Dwellings**
- ☐ I made my gift online at **citywithdwellings.org/donate**
- ☐ I scanned the QR code (right) to give online.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone (optional): _____

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