

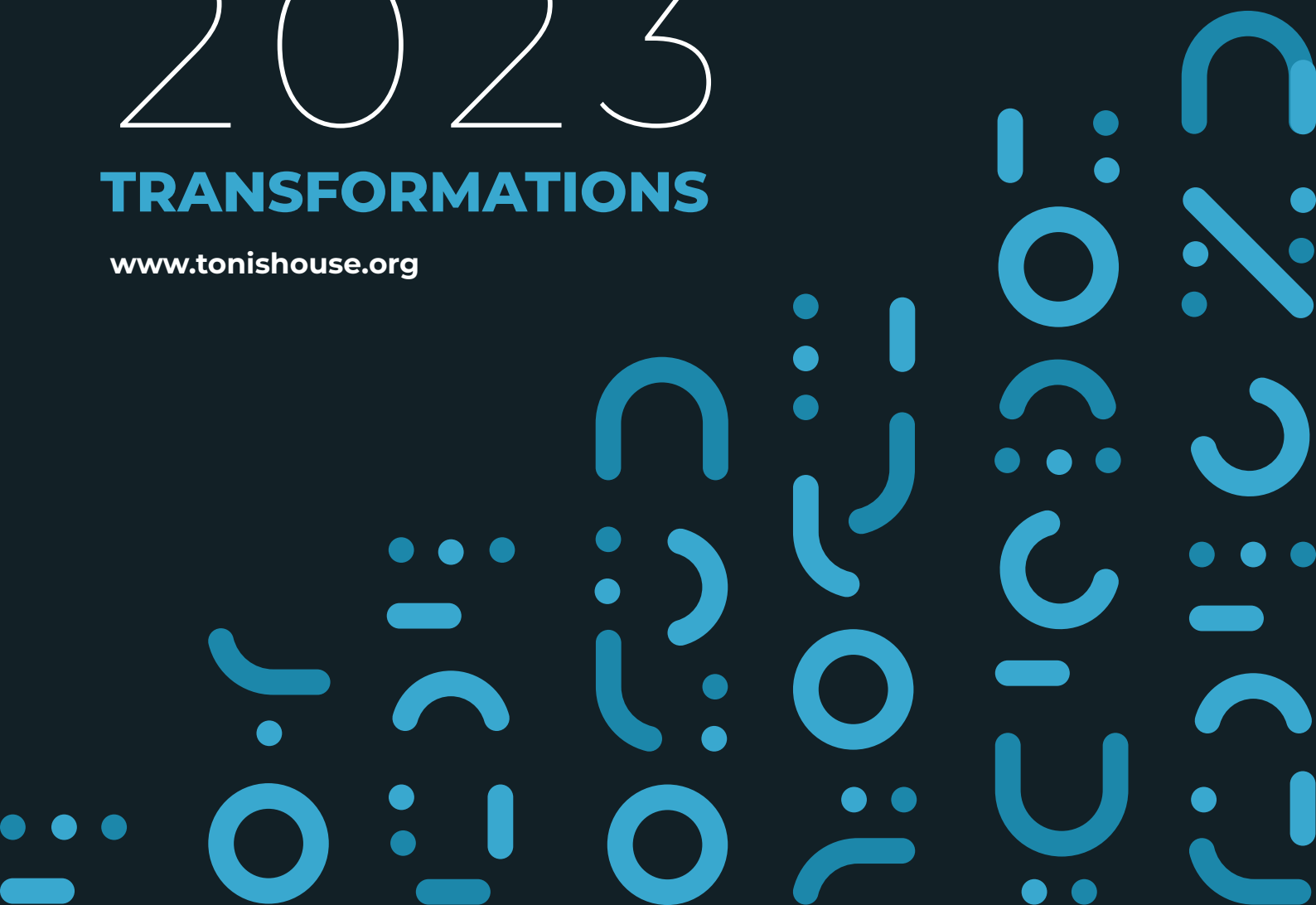


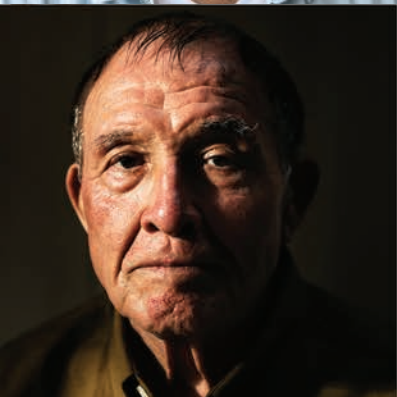
# ANNUAL **REPORT**

# 2023

## **TRANSFORMATIONS**

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## A letter from our leadership

### Dear Friends and Supporters,

As I reflect on the past year at Toni's House, one word comes to mind: transformation. 2023 has been a year of profound change, growth, and resilience—not just for our residents, but for our entire organization.

Every day, we witness stories of perseverance, second chances, and the power of unwavering support. Monica and Thomas, whose journeys are highlighted in this report, remind us why we do this work. Their struggles, setbacks, and ultimate triumphs illustrate the vital role of a safe and structured environment in the recovery process. Toni's House exists so that individuals like them—people who have faced unimaginable challenges—can rebuild their lives, reconnect with their families, and rediscover their purpose.

This year, we took an important step forward in strengthening our infrastructure to ensure long-term sustainability. The completion of a private suite for our resident coordinator, Esther, is not just an investment in our team, but in the future of Toni's House. By providing a dedicated space for one of our most trusted colleagues, we are reinforcing our commitment to a model of care that prioritizes both our residents and the team members who support them.

We have also embraced new ways of providing education and skill-building opportunities for our residents and community members. Through our mobile learning courses, we've expanded access to vital information that empower individuals in their recovery and personal development. This initiative represents a new chapter in how we extend our impact beyond our walls, ensuring that knowledge and support reach those who need it most.

None of this would be possible without you—our supporters, donors, partners, and volunteers. Your generosity fuels our mission, allowing us to provide not just shelter, but a foundation for lasting change. Whether through financial contributions, in-kind donations, or simply offering a word of encouragement, your involvement makes a difference in the lives of so many.

Looking ahead, we remain steadfast in our vision: to be a place where people in transition find hope, healing, and the tools they need to build a better future. As we continue to grow, we invite you to walk this journey with us. Together, we can ensure that Toni's House remains a beacon of transformation for years to come.

With gratitude and hope,

**Monique Westfield**

Founder & Executive Director

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# Our vision for change

## Theory of change

### MISSION

Toni's House provides a safe living environment and a supportive community for people in transition, to help them heal, reconnect with children and family, and develop the skills needed for a healthy and fulfilled life.

### VISION

Communities work together to ensure that the basic needs of the most vulnerable are supported so that everyone has an opportunity to be healthy and thrive.



## 03

# Our areas of focus



Rehab and  
Sobriety



Health and  
Wellness



Strong  
Families



Educational  
Opportunity



Employment  
and Career



Inclusive  
Community



Financial  
Planning



Active  
Citizenship

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## The power of second chances

Monica's story is a testament to the transformative power of Toni's House and our mission to provide a safe living environment and supportive community for people in transition. Monica's life was unfortunately shaped by negative influences that led her into the world of addiction. Her journey, marked by addiction struggles, mental health challenges, and the loss of custody of her children, illustrates the complex issues many residents face when they arrive at Toni's House.

Monica's experience with Toni's House spans multiple stays, reflecting our continued commitment towards offering second chances and ongoing support. She recalls her initial time at the house fondly, saying:

"The first one when I was living over at Toni's House, I really liked it because we were able to do chores, go to meetings."

Monica's path to recovery was, however, not linear. She left Toni's House and relapsed, as is common during the recovery process for many people. Despite this setback, the support system established by Toni's House, particularly through our Founder, remained a constant in Monica's life. Monica reflects:

"Monique kept giving me chances, and I kept coming back and saying, hey, Monique. I'm ready to do the work. Let me do it."

This persistent support played a pivotal role in Monica's eventual success in maintaining sobriety. Now four years clean, Monica attributes her recovery to the skills and mindset she developed at Toni's House. She notes:

"Nowadays, where I couldn't say no, now I can say No. I'm good. Thank you, though."

Our holistic approach to recovery at Toni's House, which acknowledges each individual's unique needs, is evident in Monica's story. Monica benefited from the structured environment, our community events and the personal attention from staff.

Today, Monica's life is a testament to the lasting support and ultimate mission of Toni's House. Monica volunteers regularly, maintains a job, and has reconnected with her children. While she doesn't live with them, she maintains a relationship with them, fulfilling one of our key goals: helping our residents reconnect with family.

Looking to the future, Monica expressed an openness to what lies ahead, saying:

"Whatever the future has in store for me, I'm ready for it."

This attitude reflects the resilience and hope that Toni's House aims to instill in our residents.

Monica's journey from struggling with addiction to maintaining sobriety and building a stable life exemplifies the mission of Toni's House. Her story underscores the importance of providing a safe, supportive environment for individuals in recovery, and the power of second chances in transforming lives.







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# From rock bottom to **redemption**

Thomas' story exemplifies the transformative power of Toni's House and its mission to provide a safe living environment and supportive community for people in transition. His life journey was marked by decades of substance abuse and incarceration, from an early age.

Thomas' struggle with addiction began at the young age of 16. He recalls:

"I quit school, and got into just doing drugs all day. I didn't really have a care for anything else other than, like, where I'm gonna get the next one from at an early age".

This early onset of addiction led to a cycle of incarceration and brief attempts at recovery that lasted for almost 15 years.

The turning point in Thomas' life came during the COVID-19 pandemic. After losing his mother and experiencing homelessness, Thomas found himself at rock bottom. He describes a moment of clarity, as he confronted the infamous tunnels of Las Vegas, where many people who find themselves homeless and struggling with addiction congregate.

"I got to the main road after getting off the bus, and I just took one look at that road where it cuts off to go to the tunnel. And I was like, I'm done. I am not doing that any more. That's not what I was meant to do."

This realization led Thomas towards a desperate move, wherein he turned himself in to the police, knowing there was an outstanding warrant of arrest for him. This led to his experience wherein he began to receive treatment for his addiction, and he eventually moved to Toni's House in August 2022. He speaks highly of the support he received:

"Thanks to Monique, Esther, Kim, these ladies who have stuck with me and not just given up on me. They have helped me so much to be able to grow as a person."

At Toni's House, Thomas found more than just a place to stay. Thomas found a community that believed in him and supported his growth. He emphasizes the holistic effect of living within this environment:

"This place has been the most amazing, cleanest, safest environment that I've ever been in my entire life."

Our holistic approach to recovery at Toni's House has been a foundational element for Thomas. He has maintained his sobriety, developed essential life skills and rebuilt relationships with family members, including his daughter.





During a time where he was trying to get clean, Thomas pursued a brief romantic endeavour with his daughter's mother, who fell pregnant. Unfortunately, she was still actively using drugs while he was trying to pursue a clean, better life in another state. This led to Thomas being disconnected from his daughter from birth, and he only met her when she was 5 years old. He got a job transfer back to where his daughter lived, and he continued to live a clean life for several years.

Thomas' daughter was in the custody of her maternal grandparents, as her mother was unable to care for her effectively owing to her extensive drug use. With distance deepened between himself and his daughter while he was away, it was difficult to reintegrate himself into his daughter's life. This was further exacerbated by her grandparents' reticence towards letting Thomas have full access to his daughter. Thomas does, however, remain grateful for the wonderful childhood they gave his daughter. He did not see her regularly, and stated when she was the ages of between 5 and 15, he only saw his daughter 5 times. This rift, exacerbated by a serious relapse and another stint in jail, was an eternal source of pain for Thomas. It is thanks to his active commitment towards recovery, and the assistance he received at Toni's House, that Thomas was able to establish a robust relationship with his daughter.

Thomas shares:

"I've got to go to her graduation. I hang out with her and her little sister all the time. You know what I mean? She calls me all the time! We have an amazing relationship together."

Thomas' story also highlights the importance of goal-setting and personal growth encouraged at Toni's House. He proudly shares his achievement of buying his first car at the age of 42, a goal he set and accomplished during his recovery. Now, he's setting his sights even higher:

"My next goal is to own my own home."

The support Thomas receives extends beyond his time at Toni's House. He reflected upon how Monique and other staff members are willing to help him achieve his goals, even offering assistance with financial planning and real estate resources.

Thomas' experience at Toni's House helped him recover and inspired him to give back. He now works in recovery, using his experiences to help others. He reflects:

"I'm able to show that love and compassion and kindness and understanding for them. Like I had to have done for me."

Thomas' story embodies the mission of Toni's House: providing a safe environment where people can heal, reconnect with family, and develop the skills needed for a healthy and fulfilled life. His journey from addiction and homelessness to becoming a productive member of society and reconnecting with his family is a powerful testament to the effectiveness of Toni's House's approach.

As Thomas looks to the future, he carries with him the lessons and support he's received at Toni's House. He summarizes his experience eloquently:

"Everything that I've been through and everything that I get to experience today makes me just want to become a better person, even if it's just a little bit more tomorrow."



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## Empowering recovery through **education**

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Beyond transitional support and residential facilities, Toni's House is dedicated to supporting individuals in transition. Having embraced the power of digital learning through Learn.ink to offer a range of effective courses, Toni's House extends its footprint beyond the physical and into educational support services. These programs are designed to provide essential knowledge and skills to people seeking to rebuild their lives and foster personal growth.

One of the key offerings is the "Substance Use Disorders & Approaches to Recovery" course. This comprehensive program helps participants identify signs and symptoms of substance use disorders, use self-assessment tools, and explore various treatment options. The course guides learners through developing personalized sobriety plans and strategies for maintaining long-term recovery, including coping with triggers and building resilience.

What makes Toni's House's learning programs particularly effective is our use of Learn.ink's mobile-friendly platform. This approach ensures that the courses are accessible to a wide range of individuals, including those with limited literacy or smartphone experience. The interactive nature of the learning experience keeps participants engaged, while the ability to progress at their own pace allows for a personalized learning journey.

The Learn.ink platform enables our Toni's House team to track people's progress in real-time, allowing them to identify individuals who may need additional support or encouragement. The customized learning paths and automated reminders help to ensure that participants stay on track with their educational goals, even when facing the challenges of transition and recovery.

Using Learn.ink's capabilities, Toni's House has created a digital academy that feels like an integral part of our support system. This innovative approach to education and recovery support demonstrates our continued commitment towards embracing technology to enhance our mission of providing a safe, supportive environment for individuals in transition.

Through these carefully crafted courses and the user-friendly Learn.ink platform, Toni's House empowers people with the knowledge and skills they need to overcome addiction, rebuild their lives, and cultivate personal growth in a supportive and accessible manner.







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## Our Supporters

### Individuals

Angie and David Westfield	Karen Gordon
Ann Merritt	Kelsey Debevec
Barbara and Dexter Morris	Kimberley Reich
Bryan Jones	Leslie Ingram
Brett Harwin	Leslie Oliver
Carolyn Booker	Lisa Keith
Chip Headley	Lisa Mahoney
Connie James	Mark Crabtree Jr.
Dan Gatchet	Mary Carr
Darina Martinovics	Michael Barnes
Darryl Johnson	Martha and Michael Douglas
Debbie Smith	Monique and Kenneth Westfield
Deborah Headley	Natalie Deal
Dennis and Kim Mestas	Nina Griffin
Dexter Morris	Pamela Smith
Elizabeth Underhill	Paula Morgan
Evelyn Toliver	Rachel Burke-Welch
Flory James	Rachel Poirier
Floyd James	Reginald Webb
Geraldine and Joseph Thornton	Rick Pettit
Gloria Taylor	Robert Drennen
Howard Gordon	Suzanne Hartman
Jacklyn Rohlik	Susie Nadell
Jeff Iverson	Tahir Kazembe
Jennifer Howe	Tammy Menzies
Joyce Schauf	Todd Jackson MD
June Gaskins	Toni Smith
Karen Comfort	Vivian Betts

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AAA Certified Solar  
Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)  
GMRA Architects Las Vegas  
Rubin Brown

“Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising up every time we fail.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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## Governance, Partners, and Funders

### Board

Monique Westfield, Board Chair  
Ryan Ackley  
Sheila Dixon  
Nina Griffin  
Todd Jackson, MD  
Constance James  
Darryl Johnson  
Gerri Joiner Thornton, DDS

Linda Leach, LMFT  
Kim Reich  
Jacklyn Rohlik  
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Angie Westfield  
Kenneth Westfield, MD  
Tamika Williams  
Tonya Williams

### Grantmakers

City of Las Vegas

### Sponsors



### Partners



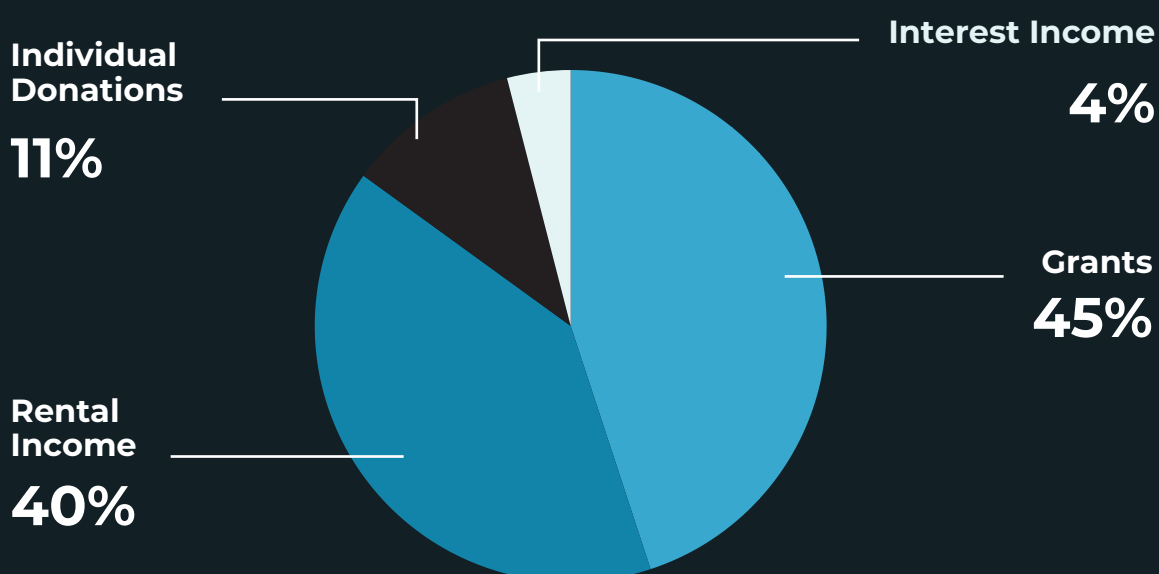
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# Financial Summary

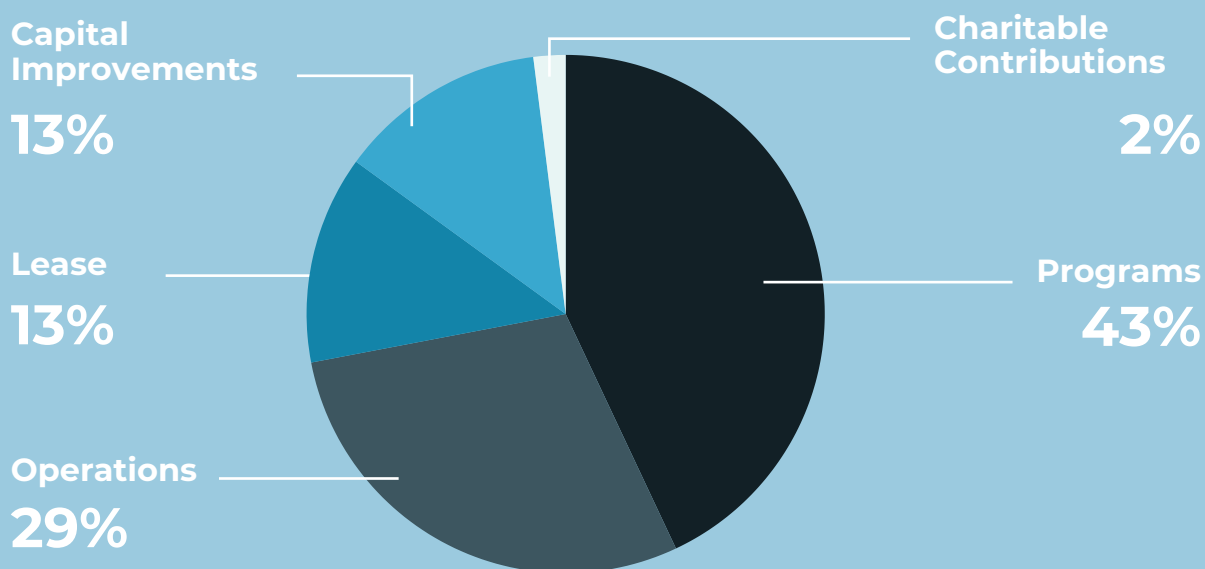
Revenue: \$240,208.22  
Expenses: \$240,198.28

Net Operating Revenue: \$9.94

## Revenue



## Expenses





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## Our team

Toni's House is led by a small team of dedicated individuals who make it possible for us to be a leading recovery home for the Greater Las Vegas community. Some of our team members are themselves former residents, and we are the first group home to be designated a Recovery Friendly Workplace by the State of Nevada.



**Monique Westfield**  
Founder & Executive  
Director



**Nina Griffin**  
Monitoring Evaluation  
and Learning Director



**Kim Reich**  
Helpline & Resource  
Coordinator



**Jacklyn Rohlik**  
Street Team  
Coordinator



**Esther Ackley**  
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