





# building up brief

As we reflect on another year of remarkable progress, Wesley Housing is proud to continue delivering on its mission of building up -- building healthy, inclusive, stable homes in the literal sense, as well as building up the lives of our residents with low incomes through free wraparound programs and services.

In the Washington, DC metropolitan area—where the cost of living was the eighth highest in the nation<sup>1</sup> in 2023—the need for affordable housing is more urgent than ever. For many of our residents who work as cashiers, home healthcare aides, office clerks, and other essential roles, marketrate rentals remain out of reach, and housing instability is a constant

threat. Yet, we know that stable housing is transformative. It improves health, enhances educational outcomes for children, and creates greater opportunities for economic mobility. By developing and managing inclusive, affordable housing communities and providing

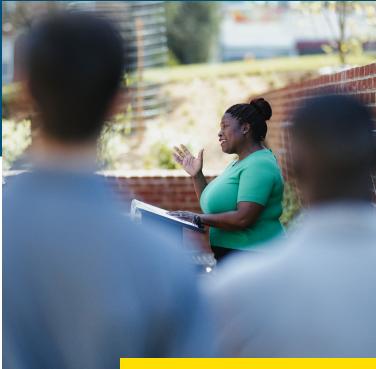
supportive resident services, we are laying a foundation from which individuals and families can thrive, pursue their goals, and break the cycle of poverty.

In 2023, we strengthened our impact not only through the expansion of affordable housing-celebrating the opening of new communities like Senseny Place and The Arden, as well as the renovation of Quarry Station Seniors Apartments and The Hampshirebut also through our resident programs that prioritize housing stability, community engagement, health, and education. Across 30 communities, we served more than 3,400 residents, offering on-site supportive services in every apartment building or on the property campus at a co-located Community Resource Center.

<sup>1</sup>Source: The Council for Community and Economic Research



**Kamilah McAfee** Wesley Housing President & CEO



And we are poised for even greater impact in the years to come. With nearly 800 housing units in our development pipeline, including new construction and acquisitions, Wesley Housing continues to bridge the area's affordable housing gap and meet the evolving needs of the community.

This would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our partners, donors, and volunteers. Together, we are not just building homes – we are transforming lives. As we look ahead, I remain deeply optimistic about the impact we will continue to achieve together. Thank you for your ongoing belief in our mission and for joining us in this vital work.

# our **mission**

Wesley Housing's mission is to *build up* the lives of our most vulnerable community members by creating and operating healthy, inclusive, stable, affordable housing communities and providing supportive resident services.

# our **values**



### hope

We fuel our commitment, our creativity, and our compassion with faith in the future.



#### inclusiveness

We lift and celebrate the value of diversity within our communities and in our actions and choices. We are proactive in speaking out for equity so that each person has access to what they uniquely need to accomplish their aspirations.



### leadership

We inspire and motivate everyone to magnify our mission and impact.



#### leverage

We maximize and influence available financial and human resources through partnership, volunteers, and tapping into the talent and energy in our communities.



### stewardship

We apply ingenuity and pursue solutions to make the best use of available financial and human resources entrusted to us.

# leadership team

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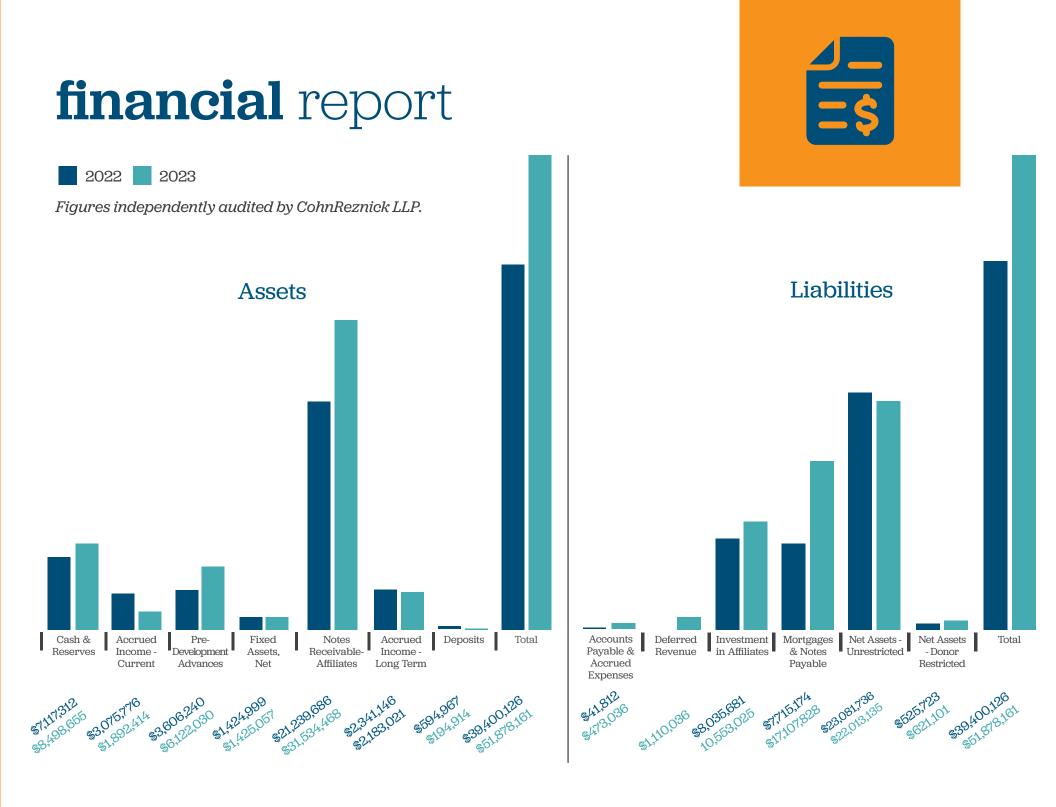
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#### advisory board

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As of December 2023



# award-winning **resident services**



Our communities are home to 3,400+ extremely low- to moderate-income individuals, whose households earn less than a third of the regional median income. Our residents are 89% Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC), compared to 53% in our region at large, demonstrating the unequal need for affordable housing in our area. Many of our residents have inherited poverty from generations before them and continue to face systemic barriers that hinder their economic advancement. This cycle is extremely difficult to escape without external support. Our housing is the foundation needed to begin breaking the cycle. Our award-winning Housing Stability Initiative (HSI) provides priority programs in the areas of housing stability; education/job stability; and health, wellness, and material assistance.



housing stability

401 evictions prevented

1,346 households served

1,017 households accessed linkage and referral services

12 residents moved out of our communities to purchase a home



### education/job stability

- 126 residents who participated in employment coaching
- **39** residents obtained new or more gainful employment
- 234 children and teens participated in youth programs



health, wellness & material assistance

**496** households received material assistance

**225** residents participated in health and wellness offerings

"I love to pull people together no matter where they are in life."

Linda A., resident of Senseny Place, shares her excitement about encouraging other community members to be involved in onsite programs, such as the garden club, a group she led the charge in creating.



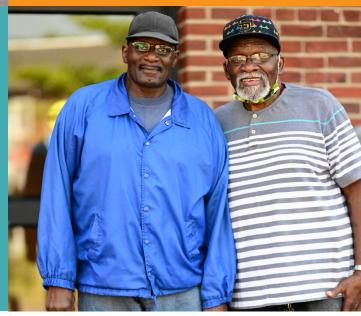
"The neighborhood is a little brighter now. I appreciate Wesley and am so glad we voted them in. Our living arrangements were never as good as they are now."

Robert C., longtime resident of The Hampshire, shares his gratitude following preservation of the asset, an outcome of DC's Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA) in which the building's residents selected Wesley as its redevelopment and management partner.



"This community has helped me in many ways. The main way is the affordable rent for the beautiful housing and amazing workers. Second is all the fun amenities and activities you guys always host. I really love them because they really bring everybody together and really let you know who you are sharing a building with. But what I love the most is there is always kind and welcoming people."

Martha A., resident of The Arden, a caretaker and single mother of two, shares her experience after moving into the new community.



In 2023, we forged connections with 737 new Wesley Housing residents living in our newly constructed communities: The Cadence, The Arden, Senseny Place, and The Waypoint. Remarkably, these residents accessed our services 4,367 times – benefiting from crucial stabilization support they may not have had regular or any access to until joining our communities.

This is just a portion of what we provided across all 30 Wesley Housing communities in 2023.

### new partnerships strengthen our communities

Choice. Respect. independence.



#### advancing inclusivity

In keeping with one of its five core values, Wesley Housing is *fostering inclusive communities* through newly forged partnerships with local nonprofits Our Stomping Ground (OSG) and Community Residences Inc. (CRi) who provide tailored supportive services for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ID/DD) or with serious mental illness (SMI).

With OSG and CRi's assistance in prospective resident identification, outreach, and referrals, we provide priority leasing preference to 65 individuals in this population, including those transitioning from a nursing facility, group home, assisted living facility, psychiatric hospital, the criminal justice system, and/or homelessness. Together, we are working closely with the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and Virginia Housing Support Services to not only provide this population with stable home environments, but also ensure close proximity to public transportation, general necessities, employment opportunities, and social engagement activities so that they can thrive in their community.

Once housed in a Wesley community, OSG and CRi continue to assist these individuals with their transition to their new homes and support them through integrative programming and individualized case management.







### paving the way for wealth building

In August 2023, Wesley Housing joined forces with Esusu, a platform designed to enhance or create financial stability and financial access for persons with low incomes. For residents who enroll, Esusu reports on time rent payments to major credit bureaus, helping them build favorable credit, often for the first time in their lives, simply by paying rent on time. This is essential for residents' upward mobility, empowering them to secure loans, purchase homes, and more.

In addition to credit-building, Esusu offers a rent relief program that provides support to households navigating financial uncertainty. Households experiencing rent arrears of less than \$5,000 can apply for emergency interest-free loans to prevent eviction and ensure that they can remain in their homes.

"I'm excited to find new ways for us to help *build up* our residents to not only assist in their financial stability, but also their upward financial mobility."

President and CEO, Kamilah McAfee



# 1,459

households enrolled

115

new credit scores established

# **31-points**

average score improvement for those with an established credit score

# **16-points**

average score improvement for those who established credit for the first time

### \$7,600

in emergency relief funds distributed to residents

# **development** highlights





Following the acquisition of **Holmead Apartments** (100 units, Washington, DC) in January 2023, Wesley Housing conducted life and safety upgrades to the property while advancing plans for a substantial rehabilitation within the next few years.



Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority authorized \$5.6M in funding for **Beacon Landing** (54 units, Fairfax, VA), a permanent supportive housing community in partnership with The Lamb Center, a nonprofit services provider for persons experiencing homelessness. The project site, formerly home to a motel, will be redeveloped into a fivestory, mixed-use community. The project also received commitments of \$700K from the City of Fairfax Housing Trust Fund and \$1.26M in low-income housing tax credits from Virginia Housing.



In partnership with First Christian Church of Falls Church, Wesley Housing secured zoning entitlements from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to construct **Kindred Crossing** (95 units, Falls Church, VA), an independent living community for older adults on land immediately adjacent to the Church.





Renovations completed on **The Hampshire** (56 units, Washington, DC) and **Quarry Station Seniors Apartments** (80 units, Manassas, VA) in the spring.



**Melwood**, a nonprofit services provider for people with disabilities, selected Wesley Housing as its development partner for a new multi-functional building in Arlington, VA. The project will convert one of Melwood's commercial sites into approximately 104 affordable, inclusive housing units. Melwood will also offer on-site programs and job skills training in the new community for people with disabilities.



Pre-development activities advanced on **One Hawaii** (70 units, Washington, DC) with construction expected to begin in 2024 to double the property's unit count.

# our **communities**



### city of alexandria

Beverly Park Apartments • 33 units Lynhaven Apartments • 28 units ParcView Apartments • 149 units Parc Square Apartments • 66 units The Waypoint • 81 units

### arlington county

The Cadence • 97 units Colonial Village • 162 units \* Culpepper Garden • 204 units Knightsbridge Apartments • 37 units \* Whitefield Commons • 68 units William Watters • 21 units Union on Queen • 193 units

### city of falls church

The Fields of Falls Church • 96 units

### city of manassas

Quarry Station Seniors Apartments • 80 units

### washington, d.c.

Brookland Place • 80 units Cedar Street Apartments • 30 units The Hampshire • 56 units Holmead Apartments • 101 units One Hawaii • 34 units

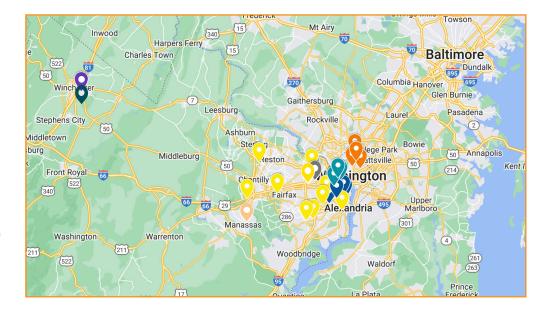


Senseny Place • 63 units

\* National Housing Management Association's Communities of Quality® Recognition

### fairfax county

Agape House • 12 BRs • Fairfax County, VA The Arden • 126 units • Alexandria, VA Ben Franklin House • 6 BRs • Springfield, VA Coppermine Place I & II • 22 & 66 units • Herndon, VA The Fallstead • 82 units • McLean, VA\* HiddenBrooke Apartments • 6 units • Springfield, VA Madison Ridge Apartments • 98 units • Centreville, VA Springdale House • 6 BRs • Falls Church, VA Strawbridge Square Apartments • 128 units • Alexandria, VA\* Wexford Manor Apartments • 74 units • Falls Church, VA



# key contributors

### \$100,000 - \$299,999

Fairfax County Housing Partnership Network Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth

### \$75,000 - \$99,999

Philip L. Graham Fund

### \$50,000 - \$74,999

John Edward Fowler Memorial Foundation Marietta M. & Samuel Tate Morgan, Jr. Trust Morgan Stanley

### \$25,000 - \$49,000

Arlington County Bank of America Centri Tech Foundation City of Alexandria The McCutchen Foundation Washington Forrest Foundation

### \$15,000 - \$24,999

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