



THE SAMARITAN COMMUNITY

FORWARD MOMENTUM

The Samaritan Community
2022 Annual Report



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**LETTER FROM
SHARON KRIEGER,
PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

Dear Friend,

Two years after the pandemic began, the world is simultaneously back to “normal” and forever changed. Lessons were learned, priorities were shifted, and modifications were made. At Samaritan Community, we used lessons learned over the last two years to strengthen services and the way in which we provide them. Today, we are taking those lessons and moving forward from the pandemic stronger, continuing to address the growing needs of our community and those who turn to us for help.

In 2022, we slowly re-opened our in-person food pantry and we also continued our grocery delivery system that was implemented in 2020. Deliveries became a critical need to many members facing medical and transportation safety issues. We also re-opened group activities on a limited basis, providing members who are isolated and need face-to-face connection a place to be welcomed and valued. We added Zoom and other online platforms as a way of communicating and connecting with members who could not come to Samaritan Community directly. In terms of financial assistance, we provided more emergency assistance stipends in 2022 than any other year in Samaritan Community’s history – more than \$300,000 to 130 households for necessities like rent, utilities, employment, medical care, transportation, and more.

Samaritan Community is a small organization with a big impact on the families we serve in Baltimore. Despite the significant challenges that the pandemic brought with it, we were able to respond to the immediate needs of the community. Today, we have evolved forward – past COVID19 – and remain a strong support to those in Baltimore who are in crisis and want to rebuild their lives.

Thank you to our members, staff, volunteers, Board of Directors, and supporters for your dedication to Samaritan Community throughout it all.

Sincerely,

Sharon Krieger
Program Director

HESTRUN'S STORY: MOVING FORWARD AFTER TRAGEDY



Hestrun came to Samaritan Community after the house he was living in burned down. The Red Cross helped him with a motel room for a few days and gave him a list of local nonprofits that might be able to help.

“Samaritan Community was the only one who responded to my calls. And wow did Sharon (Program Director at Samaritan Community) respond. I lost everything in the fire. So not only did Sharon help me find a new place to live, Samaritan Community helped with the security deposit and my first month’s rent,” recalls Hestrun. “For a few weeks, before I found Samaritan Community, I had been living in the burned-out remains of my home. I wasn’t sure if I could keep my job and find new housing, which takes lots of time and money.”

In order to help get Hestrun’s life back on track, Samaritan Community helped him with food, clothing, and housewares as well as rental assistance.

“I was worried that I would wear out my welcome. But Sharon made it clear that she genuinely cared about me and wanted to do everything possible to help. Just talking about it brings tears to my eyes,” he says.

“Hestrun is a beautiful soul. Working with him was a joy. No matter the challenge of the day, he was always positive and always had a heartwarming smile on his face,” says Sharon.

Hestrun and Sharon have since forged a deep bond. “Sharon and I are friends for life. Whether my life is going smoothly or not, I will always stay in touch with the friend who helped so much when I needed it most,” he says.

Hestrun found Samaritan Community through The Red Cross after his home burned down. Samaritan Community helped him with rent, food, clothing, housewares in addition to a support system on which he can rely.

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Samaritan Community's Crisis Intervention Assistance Program addresses people's immediate needs.

Services include our food pantry, clothing shop, case management, and emergency financial assistance.

FOOD PANTRY

More than 40 years ago, Samaritan Community began as a food pantry for those in-need. In many ways, it is at the very heart of what we do. We are proud of the food we provide – fresh produce, breads, dairy, shelf-stable items are donated twice a week from Whole Foods Market Mt. Washington. We also purchase supplemental food and personal care items from the Maryland Food Bank and other suppliers.

In 2022, because the delivery system we created during COVID was so successful, we continued this service to provide old and new members living with health and mobility issues with urgently-needed food. In total, we provided 210 households with approximately 2,300 bags of groceries.



CLOTHING SHOP

Our Clothing Shop has gently-used clothing and household items for members and their families, free of charge. The shop is stocked with generous donations from the community and is staffed by our dedicated and talented volunteers. In 2022, we looked beyond the pandemic and started the re-opening process for the Clothing Shop.



CASE MANAGEMENT

Much of our work is helping members with challenges related to housing, employment, medical care, transportation, utilities, legal help, and supplies. Our programming staff work closely with our members on these challenges to help them move forward and ultimately achieve greater stability for themselves and their families. Since the pandemic, our case management service has exploded. In 2022, we worked with 170 members, providing an estimated 2,000 case management sessions.

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Emergency financial assistance is one tool we use when working with our members. Each member receives financial assistance based on their individual circumstances and the length of time necessary to reach stability or additional goals. The decision to provide financial assistance is generally based on three main factors: The potential for self-sufficiency in the near future. Delaying self-sufficiency in order to reach a specific goal that greatly improves their quality of life for the long term (i.e. the client is taking classes to get a better job or client is on short-term disability but is expected to recover, etc.). And finally, the potential for self-sufficiency outweighs the amount already invested and the work already done to reach the goal. In 2022, we provided more than \$300,000 in financial assistance to 130 households.



THRILLED TO BE BACK AT THE “MOVIE NIGHT” GALA



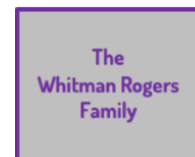
In September, Samaritan Community held its “Movie Night” Gala at The Charles Theatre for the first time since the pandemic began. After years of not being able to host the event, the Gala was perhaps the most joyful one. In total, the fundraising event raised more than \$14,000 with profits going directly to support Samaritan Community’s work of providing assistance to individuals and families who are in crisis in Baltimore.

For many, the well-attended event was the first time they had been to a gathering of any kind in years - making it an extra special time for all of us to be together.

Tapas Teatro did a fantastic job of preparing a delicious dinner and guests were eager to see a movie of their choice, thanks to The Charles Theatre. The always popular silent auction didn’t disappoint. From original artwork from local artists to Orioles tickets to an at-home wine tasting, and more.

"It is such a thrill to see my Samaritan friends again. I knew I would have a wonderful time, but I didn't fully realize just how emotional it would be for me," said one guest.

Thank You To The Evening’s Sponsors!



**Samaritan Community's Empowerment Program
digs deeper to better understanding what is behind the initial crisis.
Services include individual empowerment counseling and group support.**

INDIVIDUAL EMPOWERMENT COUNSELING

Our work goes beyond managing the initial crisis. We also work closely with clients on the root cause(s) of the crisis to help them address, manage, heal, and move forward. Our programming staff work closely with clients to help them with past traumas, challenges, roadblocks, and more. In 2022, we worked with 145 clients through 600 individual counseling sessions. Like case management, counseling can only be provided through the time and experience of our staff.

GROUP SUPPORT

Isolation is a serious issue facing so many people, particularly for those living on the edge of stability. Our groups help people come together and form strong emotional support systems. Because of the pandemic and construction work within our space, our groups had to be postponed or limited. In spring 2022, we began groups again - one day a week.

“An additional, but mostly unnoticed mission of Samaritan Community is to bring people together from all walks of life to learn from each other that we are more the same than we are different.”

**-Sharon Krieger,
Program Director**



Did You See Us At Festival On The Hill??



Samaritan Community's story began more than 40 years ago as a food cupboard in the Bolton Hill section of Baltimore. While much has changed since then, some things have not. Samaritan Community continues to be a proud member of the Bolton Hill community. On a beautiful October day, Samaritan Community was part of the annual Festival on the Hill event in October. We joined fellow Bolton Hill groups, neighbors, clubs, and friends for a day celebrating all things Bolton Hill and what makes it a special place for so many. We sold coffee and muffins as a small fundraiser for Samaritan Community. We were also honored to be one of two local organizations who received proceeds from the event.

Thank you, Bolton Hill, for your kindness and generosity!

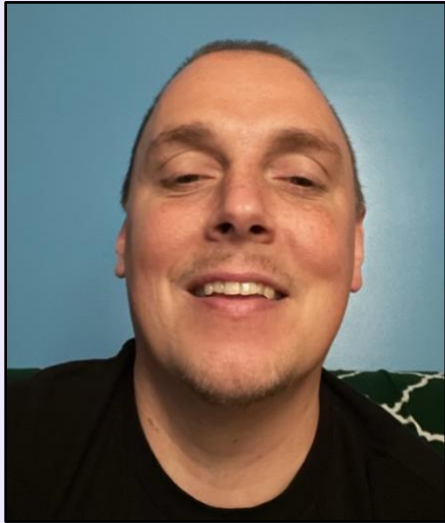
Samaritan Community Spends A Day In The Country

In summer, it was time to get out of the city and into nature. A group of Samaritan Community members went to a serene 600-acre farm in Howard County. It was a beautiful day for a picnic lunch, hayride, quiet walks, and community. Together they saw wildlife, wheat fields, livestock, woods, and took a hayride through the creek that feeds in Washington DC's main reservoir.

The power of community is at the center of Samaritan Community. Being together and sharing with one another promotes healing as well as builds and strengthens connections. After more than two years of the pandemic and the limitations it brought, it was particularly special and rewarding to gather together in the peaceful countryside, enjoying a meal as a group, and laughing and bonding as a community. And to do all of this on a glorious summer day was something no one will forget.



STILL MOVING FORWARD AFTER 12 YEARS



There are no requirements to receive services at Samaritan Community. Some people come to us for quick help during a temporary setback, while others need help to rebuild their lives. When this happens, we know the road to stability isn't a sprint. It's a marathon. We stay with our members, through successes and stumbles, for however long they need. Members like David.

David first found Samaritan Community around 2010 – on the day that he, his wife, and two small children became homeless. Our Program Director, Sharon, launched into action and found David and his family a safe and affordable home that exact same day. Samaritan immediately helped with rental assistance.

That first year, David struggled to earn enough income to pay the bills. So, in addition to helping with rent, we also covered David's 12-month HVAC course and other training. Since earning his certifications, David continues to do very well.

He and his family are still in the same home from that day 12 years ago. He is an assistant supervisor for a major residential company and now earns three times what he earned when he first came to Samaritan Community. As a result, his entire family is thriving. David and Sharon are still in touch, and he sometimes volunteers at Samaritan.

"I am eternally grateful for Sharon and Samaritan Community. If it were not for them, I would not be here today. That is a fact."

"David is such a wonderful man who has overcome many challenges since I've known him. He has met each one of these challenges with the determination to make life better for his family," says Sharon. "He is a loving husband and father and we are thrilled to have played a part in his success. It is a joy to hear from David on a regular basis. He will always be a member of our community and we are all very proud of everything he has accomplished."

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-David

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Samaritan Community has only one full-time employee, our Program Director, and six part-time staff. This means that our volunteers are a critical part of our organization and work. From the food pantry and clothing shop to the Board of Directors, our volunteers are a significant reason why we're able to help as many as we do for as long as we have.

We thank each and every one of our volunteers for selflessly giving their time and expertise to our members and to Samaritan Community.



SAMARITAN COMMUNITY MOURNS LONG-TIME VOLUNTEER & DEAR FRIEND, SANDRA FINK



In summer 2022, Samaritan Community mourned the loss of Sandra Fink. Sandra, with her husband Roger, was a dear friend of ours and much-beloved volunteer. At Samaritan Community, the importance of community has always been at the heart of who we are and is a vital part of everything we do. There was no better example of this than Sandra and Roger.

Roger first came to us about a decade ago as a Board Member. Then he and Sandra started volunteering in our Clothing Shop. They quickly got it organized into an efficient operation that provides gently-used clothing, home goods, and other necessities to our members and their families, free-of-charge. Sandra and Roger quickly became beloved volunteers, who we all looked forward to talking with every week.

Their good nature and humor put them in the center of the cheerful banter that permeated our space.

We will forever be grateful to Sandra for her dedication to others, her warmth, and her generosity in giving her time and talents to us.

2022 FINANCIALS

THE SAMARITAN COMMUNITY, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2022

ASSETS

	<u>2022</u>
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 194,347
Investments	569,390
Accounts receivable	202
Other assets	<u>1,062</u>
Total Current Assets	765,001
Property and Equipment	
Leasehold improvements	45,006
Furniture and equipment	<u>8,341</u>
Total fixed assets	<u>53,347</u>
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(18,574)</u>
Net fixed assets	<u>34,773</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 799,774</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ (135)
Payroll liabilities	<u>7,063</u>
Total Current Liabilities	6,928
Total Liabilities	6,928

NET ASSETS

Net assets without donor restrictions	792,846
Net assets with donor restrictions	<u>-</u>
Total Net Assets	792,846
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 799,774</u></u>

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**THE SAMARITAN COMMUNITY, INC.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT			
Contributions	\$ 279,136	\$ 74,156	\$ 353,292
Grants	750	117,650	118,400
Special events - net	8,550	-	8,550
Interest and dividends - net	6	-	6
Fair value of donated rent and food	56,000	-	56,000
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments - net	(68,475)	-	(68,475)
Net assets released from restrictions	341,806	(341,806)	-
Total Revenues and Other Support	<u>617,773</u>	<u>(150,000)</u>	<u>467,773</u>
EXPENSES			
Program services	569,469	-	569,469
Supporting services			
General and administrative	64,232	-	64,232
Fundraising	71,130	-	71,130
Total Expenses	<u>704,831</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>704,831</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS	(87,058)	-	(87,058)
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS WITH RESTRICTIONS	<u>-</u>	<u>(150,000)</u>	<u>(150,000)</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	(87,058)	(150,000)	(237,058)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>879,904</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>1,029,904</u>
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 792,846</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 792,846</u>

2022 FINANCIALS

**THE SAMARITAN COMMUNITY, INC.
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	Supporting Services			Total
	Program Services	Management & General	Fundraising	
Database management	\$ 5,255	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,255
Depreciation	2,030	-	-	2,030
Developmental expenses	-	-	2,225	2,225
Donated food & rent	56,000	-	-	56,000
Dues and subscriptions	-	1,313	-	1,313
Food	2,106	-	-	2,106
Group programs	1,000	-	-	1,000
Holiday support	530	-	-	530
Housing and utilities assistance	275,795	-	-	275,795
Insurance	-	16,196	-	16,196
Medical assistance	3,271	-	-	3,271
Office expenses	-	17,185	-	17,185
Other assistance	19,938	-	-	19,938
Other program expenses	5,973	-	-	5,973
Other taxes	58	-	-	58
Payroll taxes	18,154	1,136	4,745	24,035
Professional fees	-	13,039	-	13,039
Salaries and wages	161,970	15,363	64,160	241,493
Transportation assistance	16,848	-	-	16,848
Travel	541	-	-	541
Total	<u>\$ 569,469</u>	<u>\$ 64,232</u>	<u>\$ 71,130</u>	<u>\$ 704,831</u>

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The mission of The Samaritan Community is to provide assistance to individuals and families who are in crisis and wish to improve their lives. Our program is rooted in respect, hope, and healing.

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