

# PROUD HAVEN ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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# Mission

Provide a safe shelter for LGBTQIA+ youth (ages 18-30) who are experiencing homelessness in Pittsburgh.

Additionally, they offer emotional support and resources to help these young individuals develop the skills needed to live independently.

# Vision

Improve the quality of life for homeless LGBTQIA+ youth and young adults and promote inclusivity and acceptance.



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# Our Story

**Troubling national statistics reveal that 40% of youth experiencing homelessness identify as LGBTQIA+. These numbers hit close to home, echoing the challenges faced by our vibrant city of Pittsburgh.**

**In response to this urgent national and local crisis, Proud Haven was born in 2012. Our vision? To create a haven—a place where acceptance, safety, and empowerment converge. We officially incorporated in Pennsylvania in April 2013, and the IRS granted us 501©(3) nonprofit status in September 2014. Our passionate board kicked off its work in November 2015.**

**But we didn't stop there. We planted our roots, our very first physical office, in the heart of Lawrenceville. And in 2019, we took a bold step forward, relocating to the northside at 517 East Ohio St. Our commitment remains unwavering: to uplift, support, and celebrate our LGBTQIA+ youth. Together, we're building a brighter, more affirming future—one where every individual finds their place under the rainbow.**

**Disproportionately impacted:  
40% of homeless youth are  
LGBTQIA+. LGBTQIA+ folks only make  
up 10% of the population.**

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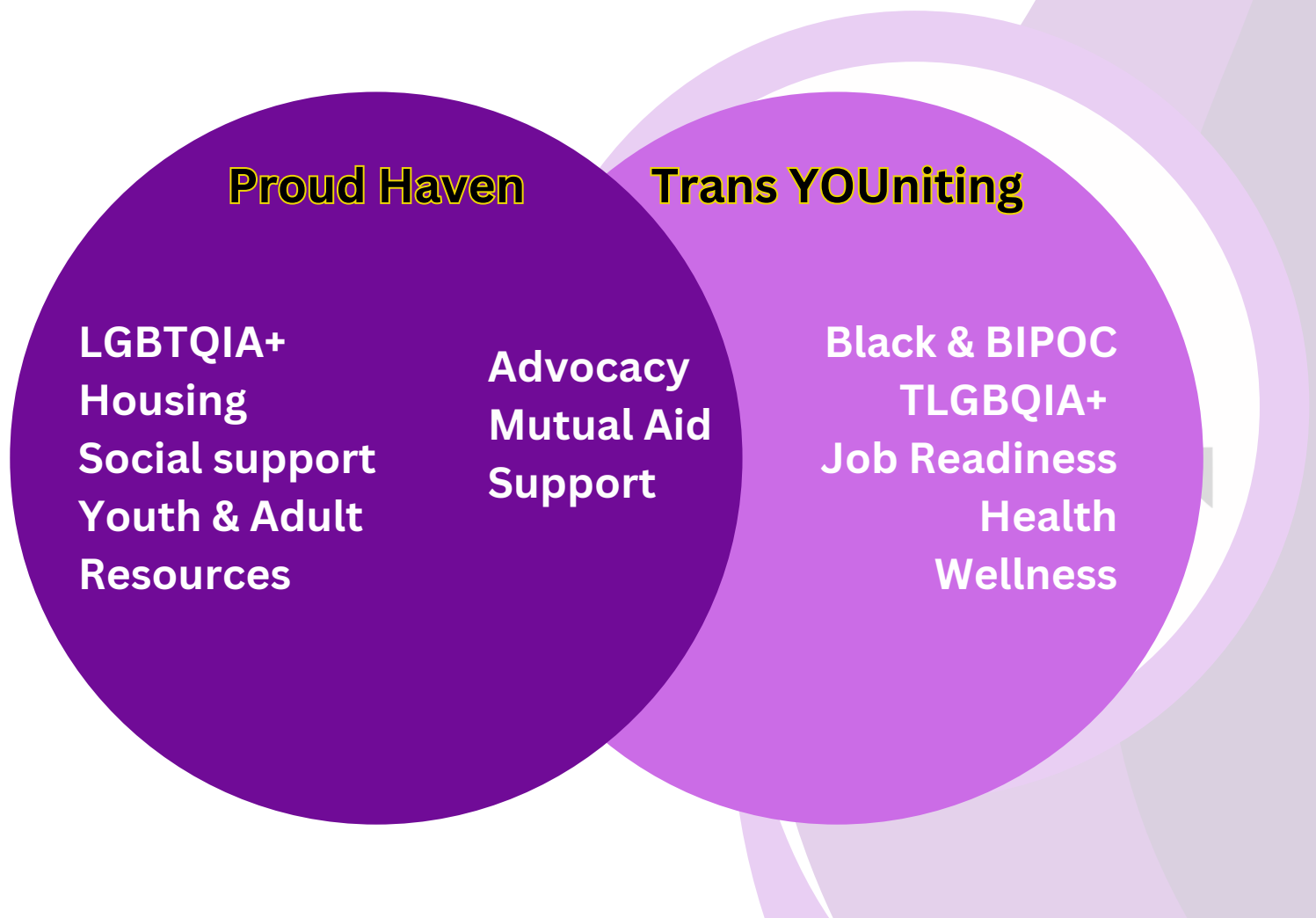
In further support of growing our mission, In November 2020, we amped up our efforts by forging a dynamic collaborative partnership with Trans YOUning. This collaboration empowered us to launch Haven House, now named YOUr Haven Shelter, a vibrant 4-bed dorm-style shelter specifically designed for trans, non-binary, and gender non-conforming youth aged 18-25.

In our unwavering commitment to our community and in continued collaboration with Trans YOUning, we took a bold step: expanding our age range for direct housing services. As of Jan 2020, we welcomed individuals up to 30 years old into Haven House. On December 1st of 2022, Proud Haven, in collaboration with Trans YOUning, opened QMNTY (said community) Center, our office spaces with programming and adaptable community use space. In November of 2023, we opened a second shelter and renamed, Haven House to YOUr Haven Shelter to more accurately reflect our collaborative nature of our shelter. Our mission remains clear: to create a space that is not just safe but also affirming and empowering for all.



**In Dec of 2022, We opened, in partnership with Trans YOUning, QMNTY Center. The QMNTY Center serves as an office space for both organizations and an adaptable mixed-use community space.**

**In Nov of 2023, we opened a second shelter, increasing our bed capacity from 4 to 11 and updated our shelter program name to YOUR Haven, to more accurately reflect the intimacy of our partnership with Trans YOUning.**



# **STRATEGY**

**Increase collaborations**  
**Increase funding sources**  
**Expand Programs**

## **Looking back at 2023**

### **HIRED STAFF**

- **Community health worker**
- **QMNTY Organizational Manager**
- **RA/ House Mother of YOUr Haven**

### **EXPANDED HOUSING**

**YOUr Haven expanded from 4 beds to 11 beds**

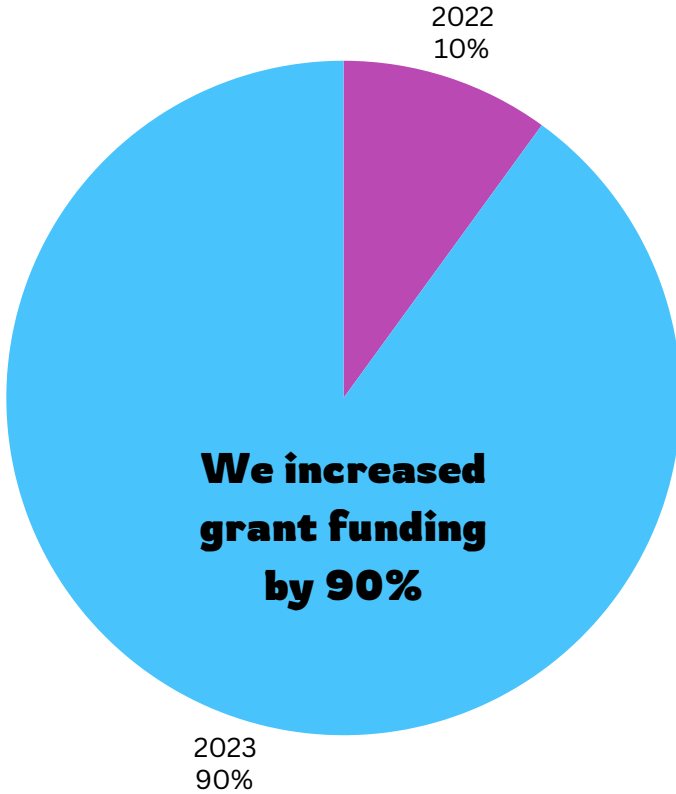
### **TRAINING & TRANSITIONS**

- **Community health worker trained to be Caseworker**
- **Caseworker trainer hired to be QMNTY Operations Manager**

### **EXPANDED YOUr HAVEN SHELTER PROGRAMS**

- **HAVEN DORMS emergency housing for 1 day to 1 month**
- **YOUr HOME up to 12-14 months**

# FINANCE

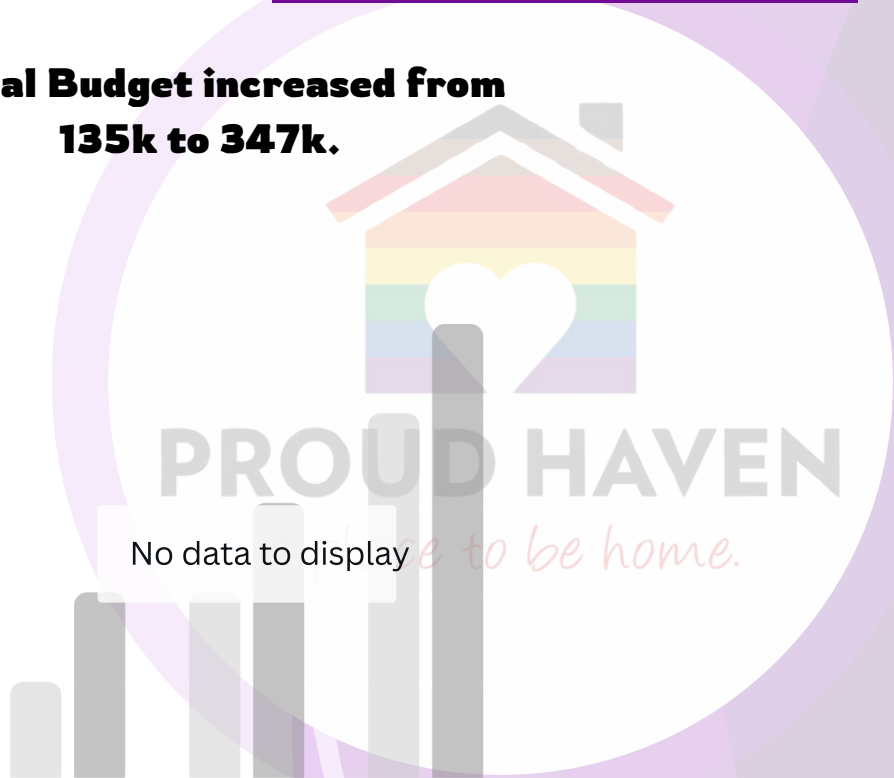


**Fundrasier  
1st Annual GAYla**

**Second year  
Au Noir Fundraiser**

**Presented:  
TransPride YOUniting  
Health and Wellness  
Conference**

**Annual Budget increased from  
135k to 347k.**





# PROJECTS

**DROP IN**

**Youth**

**Adults**

**Quarterly Lock In**

**QMNTY QLOSET**

**Hygiene**

**Clothing**

**Shelf Stable Goods**



**Our deepest gratitude and thanks to everyone who has helped support Proud Haven in 2023. We could not have done it without you.**





## **How You Can Support Proud Haven:**

**Visit our website: [www.proudhaven.org](http://www.proudhaven.org)**

**Learn more about their programs and initiatives.**

**Consider making a donation or volunteering to make a difference in the lives of LGBTQIA+ young people.**

**Remember, every small action counts in creating a more compassionate and supportive community!**

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