# Sinai Assisted Housing Foundation

2023 – 2024 Annual Report





Our mission is to enable families to move from homelessness to independence by providing safe and affordable housing, comprehensive social services, and financial support.

3100 Military Road NW, Washington, DC 20015

www.sinaihouse.org

#### From the President and the Executive Director

We have recently observed significant changes in the needs of the families seeking our program. These shifts are largely influenced by the effects of D.C.'s drug epidemic and gentrification, which are exacerbating homelessness, as well as the options provided by the mayor's homelessness initiative for the low-risk population we have traditionally served. In response, we are exploring how to better align our services and capabilities with the needs of D.C.'s homeless families.

One step we have taken is to partner with Generation Hope <u>https://www.generationhope.org/</u> to provide housing and social services to young mothers who are pursuing college degrees at D.C. schools. As a number of Generation Hope's scholars are dealing with housing insecurity – on top of raising children and pursuing higher education – we are excited to be able to bring them into our program as part of our mission to – "enable families to move from homelessness to independence". We plan to offer shelter and services to two Generation Hope participants initially and to recruit families from the broader population for our other two units.

We have introduced a new focus in our financial support program. Rather than concentrating solely on budgeting and credit maintenance, we are now addressing the emotional factors that influence our clients' financial behavior. Our new Financial Navigator, Bridgett Graham, MSW, who also serves as the Financial Empowerment Manager at the National Disability Institute. She is helping our mothers identify and implement strategies to improve their relationship with money.

We anticipate that all four of our current resident families will have transitioned to new housing by Fall 2024 and we look forward to welcoming four new families into our residency program.

*Amy Schear* President, Board of Directors Renetta Davis Armstrong Executive Director

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### Welcoming our new Financial Navigator



Bridgett Graham passionately guides communities, families, and individuals through financial literacy, empowering youth with disabilities to embrace financial independence. **Bridgett** facilitates dynamic financial assistance training and streamlined partner referrals for agencies seeking financial support. With a solid educational foundation-a bachelor's and master's in social work–Bridgett is on a continuous journey of professional growth, pursuing certifications such as Certified **Financial Planner and** Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training.

She will be implementing a program with the Sinai House mothers that builds their esteem as heads-of-households, empowers their decision making, and assists them in identifying financially damaging relationships.

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#### **Renovation of Our 100-year-old Buildings**

The renovation took much longer than anticipated as new problems came to light while making repairs, but we are thrilled to welcome four new families to our refurbished spaces.

Click on the picture below to see a video of a refreshed Sinai House.



#### Homes & Hearts Shabbat

Attendees at the annual Sinai House Homes & Hearts service on Friday, November 17, 2023, were inspired by our guest speakers, DC Councilmember Matt Frumin and Sinai House's new Executive Director, Renetta Armstrong. After the service there was delicious food and wonderful live music.

Click below to listen to Renetta Armstrong's moving presentation.



#### Sinai House Holiday Party

The annual Sinai House Holiday Party held on Saturday, December 9, 2023, marked a return visit by Santa Claus to Temple Sinai. It was attended by current and former Sinai House families, current Board Members, service providers and tutors. Sinai House families enjoyed browsing the donations of new or gently used items at the Secret Santa Shop. Four members from former Girl Scout Troop #34008 once again volunteered to help the children at the Arts & Crafts table.



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#### **Our Volunteer Community**

Thank you to the many individuals and organizations who shared their time and talent this past year.

- **Members of our all-volunteer Board of Directors** attend bimonthly meetings, which have been virtual while Temple Sinai was undergoing renovations, help plan programs, write grants, and serve on our Building and Community Outreach committees.
- Volunteer tutors and mentors work one-on-one with our resident children and adults.
- Temple Sinai members donated many items for the Holiday Party Secret Santa Shop.
- Temple Sinai Men of Reform Judaism raised over \$3,500 for Sinai House at their annual Comedy Night fundraiser.



Volunteer Susan Kidd and her former tutee at the 2023 Sinai House Holiday Party

To volunteer or learn more about Sinai House, visit <u>www.sinaihouse.org</u> or email <u>sinaihouse@gmail.com</u>.

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### Tricia Davis 5K for Sinai House

The sun came out just in time for our 2024 5K and Flower Power Fun Run for over 260 participants and volunteers this past Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th. We thank them and over 280 donors who contributed more than \$175,000 for helping us reach our fundraising goal!

<u>Click on this link to view all the race photos taken by JDBaker Photography</u>.



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#### Fundraising

The increasing costs of meeting our clients' needs are one of our most significant financial challenges. For example, in the past year, two of our residents were victims of domestic abuse. To address these emergencies, we paid to temporarily re-shelter one of the families and to secure outside clinical support. The situation also alerted us to the need to upgrade our security system, at a cost of \$22,000. To enable one of our residents to clear her credit rating, a necessary step towards finding housing, we paid off her accumulated parking fines. In addition, although we invested substantial money in renovating and upgrading our buildings during our previous funding cycle, we had to pay \$50,000 for additional work necessitated by recent water damage.

We intend to continue to raise money through our annual Tricia Davis 5K. Last year's event was the most successful so far. We will continue to identify foundations that support our work. We also expect to partner with other service agencies in the city, which, in addition to leveraging our services, should help reduce expenses.



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### Sinai Assisted Housing Foundation, Inc. Financial Summary

	Fiscal Year Ended	
	6/30/2024	6/30/2023
Support and revenue		
Contributions and grants	\$ 120,766	\$ 178,648
Tricia Davis 5K Run	173,387	162,815
Other income	31,926	27,135
Total support and revenue	326,079	368,598
Expenses		
Program services	310,049	294,063
General and administrative	27,008	26,274
Fundraising	6,714	7,054
Total expenses	343,771	327,391
Net Income	(17,692)	41,207
Statement of Financial Position		
Assets	869,963	885,972
Liabilities	18,547	16,864
Net assets	\$ 851,416	\$ 869,108

More detailed financial information is available on request to <u>sinaihouse@gmail.com</u>.

We gratefully thank all 2023 – 2024 donors,

# Including those not listed here!

List includes gifts made or pledged between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024. Click on a logo to check out that organization's website.

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