



COMMONPOINT
QUEENS

2023 Annual Report

DANIELLE'S DESK

Commonpoint Queens celebrated its fifth birthday in 2023—a milestone of merging two legacy institutions, the Samuel Field Y and the Central Queens Y. In the five years since Commonpoint came into being, we have lived through a global pandemic, an attack at the heart of our democracy, and inflation not seen in decades. Throughout it all, our doors remained open. We adapted to the changing needs of our community by changing not only our resources but how we provide programs.

We know we must continue to adapt and plan to ensure we remain at the forefront of providing the engaging and effective programs you have come to depend on. To meet our mission, we engaged in a strategic planning process to ensure our community's needs are met.

We use evidence-based models alongside our data to build the most effective programs to support individuals in moving to long-term stability. I am proud that our staff are experts in helping people reach their full potential.

Transformative. Innovative. Efficient. Effective. These are words used to describe Commonpoint and our holistic approach to care. We ensure that each and every person who enters our doors is treated as the individual they are, with dignity and care. Our diversity of services includes a full menu of services to address the various needs of all the members of our community regardless of age, ethnicity, or ability level. We build partnerships with other organizations who are experts in their fields to provide supplemental services, such as legal assistance with the New York Legal Assistance Group and low and no-interest loans with the Hebrew Free Loan Society.

As we celebrate Commonpoint's fifth anniversary, we remember the decades-long history of our founding institutions. Much has changed in the 60-plus years, while sadly, much has remained the same. Commonpoint is the one constant, the one commonpoint. We continue to care for our most vulnerable, and you have been with us as our advocates, ambassadors, partners, and supporters every step of the way. We thank you.





Color Run at Island Quest

ABOUT US

Our Mission

Commonpoint Queens is dedicated to sustaining and enhancing the quality of individual, family, and communal life throughout Queens through services to people of all ages, ability levels, stages of life, and backgrounds.

Our Vision

Commonpoint Queens aims to accommodate all community members and provide them with the skills they need to achieve long-term success.

Our Values

INNOVATION: We are positioned to move quickly to innovate to provide clients with customized, effective resources that meet their needs.

COMMUNITY COMMITMENT: We are deeply connected with our community and are committed to hearing and acting on their voices to guide our work and do what it takes to help them thrive.

EQUITY AND INCLUSION: We respect and include all cultures, religions, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, and political views. Everyone deserves the opportunity to live their full potential and our programs and community are stronger when we embrace people of all identities, backgrounds, and perspectives.

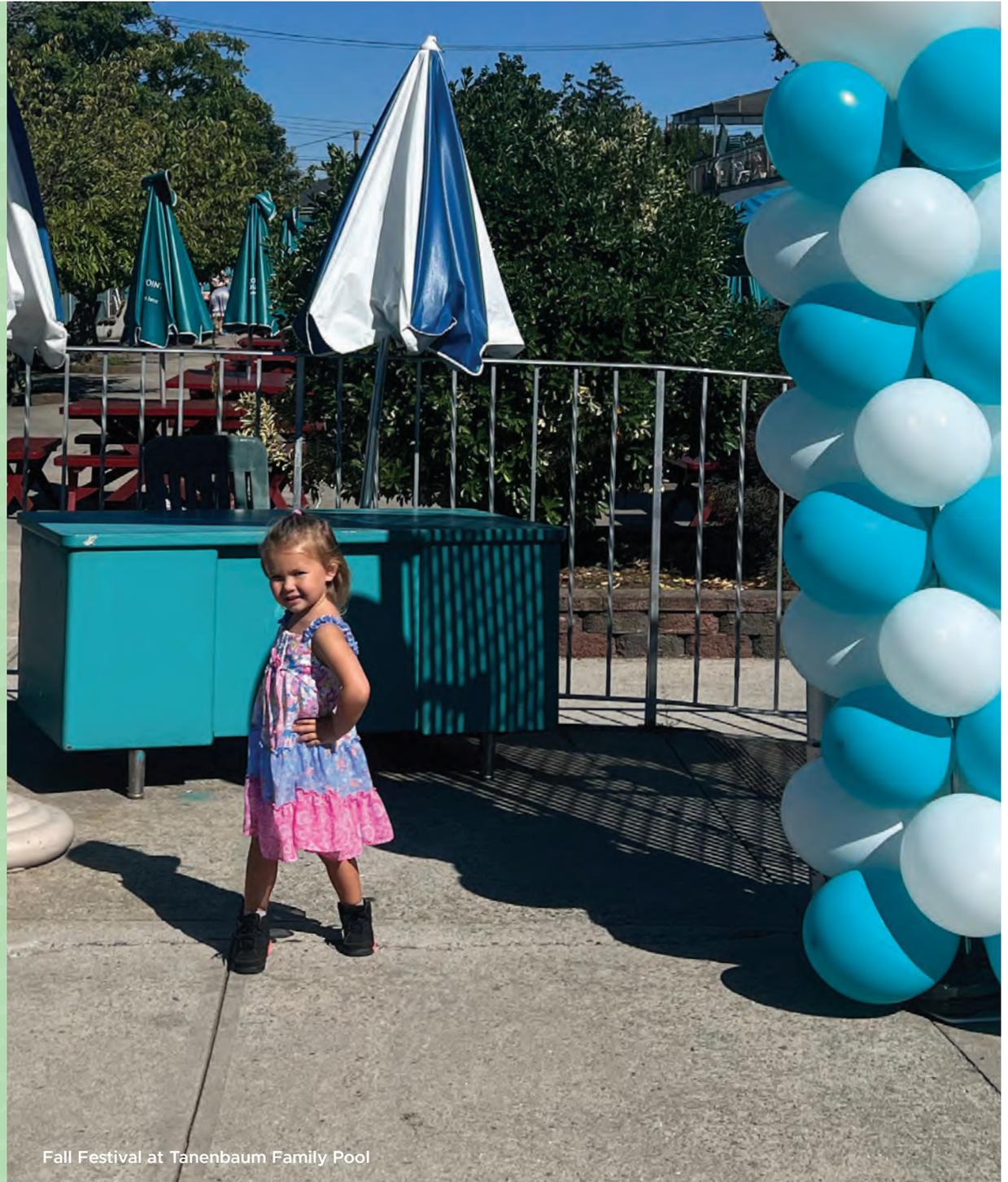
RESILIENCE: We are passionate and tireless in our mission to help all people persevere through all obstacles to reach their goals.

TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY: We strive to be open and honest in our relationships and accountable to our constituents. We encourage honesty and transparency while upholding the highest ethical and professional standards. We take responsibility for our performance and help our team deliver services with integrity and accountability to all stakeholders.

WHAT WE DO

Guided by the Jewish values of service and justice, we were founded to meet the evolving needs of our community, which we continue to do today.

Commonpoint Queens has grown from being your local community center to providing a depth of services to people of every religion, ethnicity, cultural background, gender identity, ability, and age.



Fall Festival at Tanenbaum Family Pool

Mental Health

When one in five individuals experience mental health issues but less than 50% of those receive care,* there is a mental health care crisis. Since 1978, our Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Service Programs have provided high-quality mental health services for adolescents and adults.

* NAMI



I was working with a therapist at CAPE before the pandemic regarding my grief over my partner's recent death. During COVID, we started to meet weekly on video, which helped me through the worst of the pandemic, a time when I felt my loneliest. Words can't fully express how meeting with a therapist has improved my mental health. —JD



15,942

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED, INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP THERAPY, CASE MANAGEMENT, AND OUTREACH.

Refugee Resettlement & Integration

Individuals admitted through the US Refugee Admission Program are provided resettlement services helping them become self-sufficient, contributing members of society. Services include English language; temporary and permanent housing; furniture and household items; clothing; facilitation of health screening; cultural orientation; trauma-informed case management; mental health; employment training and placement.



I arrived in the United States two years ago and got asylum status last year. In February of 2023, I submitted an application to Commonpoint Queens. They helped me go through several steps to find work—updating my resume, practicing for interviews, and then completing my onboarding paperwork. They even helped me with my English. I could not have resolved my problems without their assistance.
—Elena

800

INDIVIDUALS AFFECTED BY HUMANITARIAN CRISES IN MORE THAN 20 COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD RECEIVED COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT.

OUR PROGRAMS

Supportive Services

Eight Digital Food Pantries throughout Queens use a client-choice model that enables customers to place their orders online and schedule a pick-up time, thereby increasing dignity and control and allowing working families to access the pantry.



This is really helpful for me because I don't have any income right now. I really like the people and the service.
—Mamnur

Very professional. The staff has a lot of knowledge of public benefits. Very happy for the help I received at Commonpoint Queens.
—Elia

692,701 MEALS

PROVIDED TO 27,984 PEOPLE

Older Adults

We serve thousands of older adults annually to improve emotional, intellectual, and physical wellness in a warm and inclusive offering of social, recreational, and educational programs focusing on continued growth and enrichment. Our full array of programs and activities helps stave off isolation and loneliness, sharpen memory skills, improve cognitive function, and lower the risk for diseases like heart disease and diabetes.

Our volunteer services provide additional support to engage older adults and help them age in place with dignity.



6,467

VIRTUAL, HYBRID, AND IN-PERSON SOCIALIZATION, SUPPORT, RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL, AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

I really enjoy my (animatronic) dog, Romeo! I love him and talk to him. I make him sleep and cover him when he's cold. He's good company when I'm crocheting. Sometimes, I put him on my walker and walk with him. Everyone should have one if they're alone. He's so loveable! He's like having a real puppy! —Agatha

3,239

OLDER ADULTS RECEIVED 11,209 TELEPHONE REASSURANCE AND CASE ASSISTANCE CALLS.



Employment

Recognizing individuals' challenges in developing the workplace skills necessary to succeed in today's fast-paced environment, we created a unique service model based at the Jack and Shirley Silver Employment Hub. This innovative model removes barriers to success and gets individuals on the path to careers paying a living wage and opportunities for growth.

Our supportive services include food pantries; mental health services; legal and financial counseling; and benefits assessment and enrollment.



We are thrilled to have Commonpoint as a valued partner in our recruitment efforts. Their commitment to sending us qualified and motivated candidates has significantly contributed to the success of our fulfillment center. —Amazon

Partnering with Commonpoint has been a game-changer for On-the-Go (OTG). Their employment partnership team goes above and beyond, organizing impactful job fairs and info sessions that spotlight the myriad opportunities at the airport. —OTG

7,581

PEOPLE ENROLLED
AT THE JACK AND
SHIRLEY SILVER
EMPLOYMENT HUB

1,412

PLACED IN JOBS

1,636

IN VOCATIONAL
TRAINING

1,235

SCREENED
FOR BENEFITS

257

IN GED CLASSES

676

IN ESOL CLASSES

Summer Camp

Commonpoint campers enjoy unforgettable summers filled with lasting friendships and unique experiences. From sports to the arts to STEM to outdoor activities, each Commonpoint camp is a safe, nurturing, welcoming environment with trained staff ensuring every camper has their best summer ever.

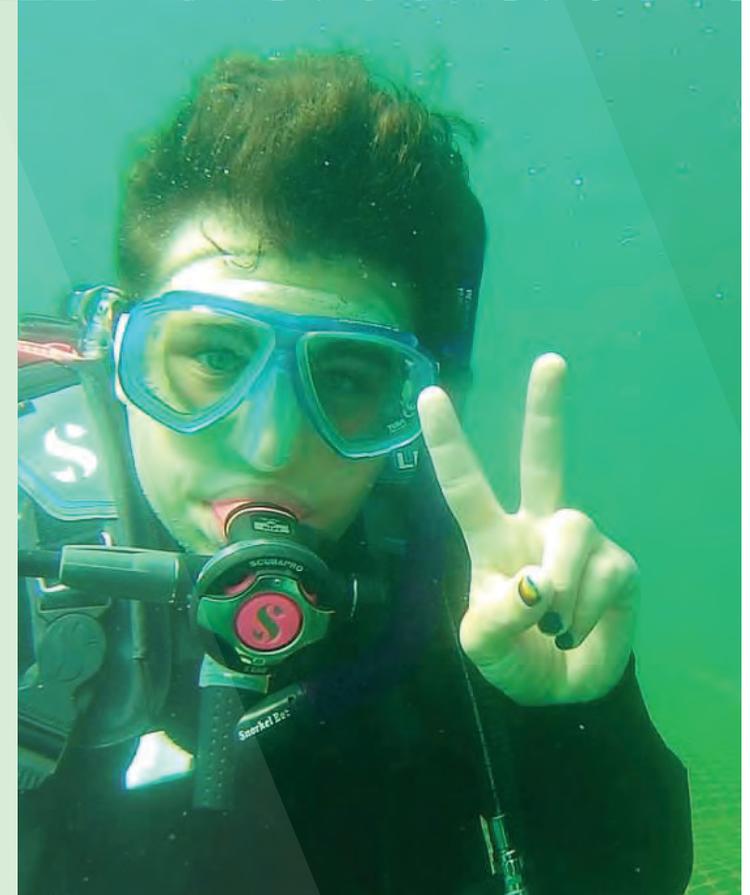


4,876

CHILDREN IN 9 SUMMER CAMPS
AND 18 SUMMER RISING PROGRAMS

What separates Island Quest from other camps is that it teaches and empowers campers to make their own choices, enhancing their social growth while having a fabulous summer. —David

Last night, while managing the stress of school, sports, and the war, my daughter burst out, 'I just want to go to the beach and surf. I want to be back with my friends at Sababa!' Thank you for creating a safe space for her and so many other kids who dream about it during hard times. —Caroline



Youth

Youth programs include infant care, early childhood education, after school programs, and summer camps offering a safe, nurturing environment that develops each child's educational potential, self-confidence, and social skills. Working parents are confident that their children learn and play in a secure and supportive environment.



I feel that after school is amazing!
The counselors are amazing, and so
are the activities! My favorite activity
is science; no, gym is my favorite!
—Jonathan

5,722

YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN
26 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Volunteers

Our 800+ volunteers are skilled, dedicated, and passionate about giving back to their community. They connect with fellow volunteers, staff, and program participants to form friendships and support our most vulnerable community members. We offer one-time and recurring opportunities for individuals, families, corporations, and community groups.



I first learned about Commonpoint Queens when I was in between jobs. The staff were really helpful and friendly. I attended the Women and Tech workshop. Using what I learned, I was able to land a great job and now I volunteer at Commonpoint whenever I can to help them continue their valuable mission!

—Susan

33,194

HOURS VOLUNTEERED BY
COMMUNITY MEMBERS



Health & Wellness

Health & Wellness offers opportunities to meet your health and fitness goals and support your fitness journey with options for every body, at every fitness level, all within a caring, safe, non-judgemental community. We have everything you need to fulfill your goals, from training for fun to a marathon.



20,000+

CHILDREN AND ADULTS,
RAN, WEIGHT-LIFTED,
LEARNED TO SWIM,
PARTICIPATED IN GROUP
EXERCISE CLASSES,
DANCED, PLAYED TENNIS,
PICKLEBALL, BASKETBALL,
BASEBALL, AND MORE!

I was born with Cerebral Palsy, which means that my lower extremities are limited, and I walk with assisted devices like crutches and wheelchairs. Playing sports has saved me from the darkest days, and whether it's fitness, health, or sports, don't stop trying everything because there is always someone who believes in you and knows there's more you can do in your life. My goal is to become a Paralympian. This is just my beginning. —Tyrell

OUR PROGRAMS

High School & College Success

Our High School & College Success Programs, including the Youth Opportunity Hub, address the obstacles young people face in completing high school, applying to college and persisting to graduate college, and gaining high-quality work experiences. We provide wraparound services such as food, mental health counseling, and health and wellness alongside all the services students need to support them to complete their schooling, explore career options, and stay healthy in body and mind.



Working as an intern at Mount Sinai is an experience I thought I had only dreamed about. It feels like I am one step closer to pursuing my dream as a cardiothoracic surgeon. —Rayna



5,520
YOUNG PEOPLE PLACED IN PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

\$16M
IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS RECEIVED



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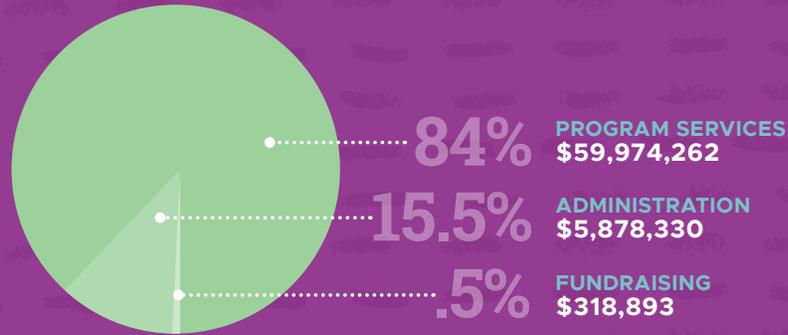
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2023 in pictures: (left to right, from top): Performing at dance recital; John Bowne High School Future Forward visits Meta office; LIT teen campers in Israel; Resilience Holocaust Survivor Sukkot Celebration; families at toy and coat drive; Mini Camp at the Commonpoint Queens Tennis and Athletic Center

Expenses



Revenues



2023 in pictures: (left to right, from top): Thanksgiving celebration with A Time for Us; Arturo speaking at the first Commonpoint Gala; Infant Care at Sam Field; Youth Empowerment Awards at Youth Opportunity Hub; Pathfinders Campers performing at Island Quest talent show; MLK Day volunteers