



# Bastrop County Cares

We listen. We connect. We empower.



2023 Annual Report



## About

Bastrop County Cares, a nonprofit organization, is a county-wide partnership working to develop comprehensive community initiatives by identifying community priorities, collecting and analyzing data, and bringing together collaborative partnerships that will result in community solutions. We identify large community issues that one organization cannot tackle on its own and build public will, advance policy, and mobilize and leverage funding.

We want to ensure that all individuals in Bastrop County can share in the social fabric of our community, access great educational programs, be economically stable, and to live healthy full lives in our wonderful Bastrop County community.

As an intermediary organization, Bastrop County Cares supports the provision of services by other organizations rather than providing direct services itself.



## Mission

Bastrop County Cares brings people together to collaborate around large community challenges that no one organization can solve on its own to improve the conditions where our neighbors live, work, pray and play.



## Values

Bastrop County Cares achieves its mission through a variety of community partnerships and coalitions that bring together individuals and public, private, faith-based, and nonprofit organizations and institutions committed to creating the best Bastrop County. Our work must embody our core values of equity, inclusion, respect, trust, courage, and kindness. We connect, empower, collaborate, support, advocate and act together to build the best Bastrop County.



## How We Do Our Work



### Connect

We connect with our community around large issues no one organization can solve on its own.

### Empower

We empower leaders from marginalized communities by including their voices at the table in shared decision-making.

### Collaborate

We collaborate with a diverse group of stakeholders to review data and create action steps to impact systems change.

### Support

We support emerging leaders to take action and provide training and capacity building to learn and grow.

### Advocate

We advocate for our partners and seek funding for county wide equity projects and new initiatives.

### Act

We take action alongside our coalition partners and move towards a more equitable and inclusive future for our community.

Funding

Launched the Bastrop County Care-A-Van, a mobile recreation and well-being unit to serve the community and provide access to resources.

Launched the Nourish Coalition, a sustainable food systems collaboration aimed at increasing food security.

Launched the Fatherhood Collaborative, which seeks to break the cycle and provide community and access to resources to dads and father figures across Bastrop County.

Secured 2 years of funding for BCACH.

Secured Preschool Development Grant funds (through DFPS PEI) and Help Me Grow National to develop a Bastrop County Help Me Grow site.

Secured 2 years of funding for the Recreation and Wellness Work.

Secured 2 years of funding for the Community Resource Network and the Faith Collaborative, CHWs.



Breast Health Respite Retreat

Youth gymnastics camp at The Lone Star Missionary Baptist Church



▶ 1 Year Growth Profile

2022

8 Funders

7 Full-time Employees

1 Part-time Employee

12 Contracted Partners

12 Program Areas

\$1,336,856  
Annual Budget



2023

7 Funders

13 Full-time Employees

1 Part-time Employee

30 Contracted Partners

12 Program Areas

\$1,435,549  
Annual Budget

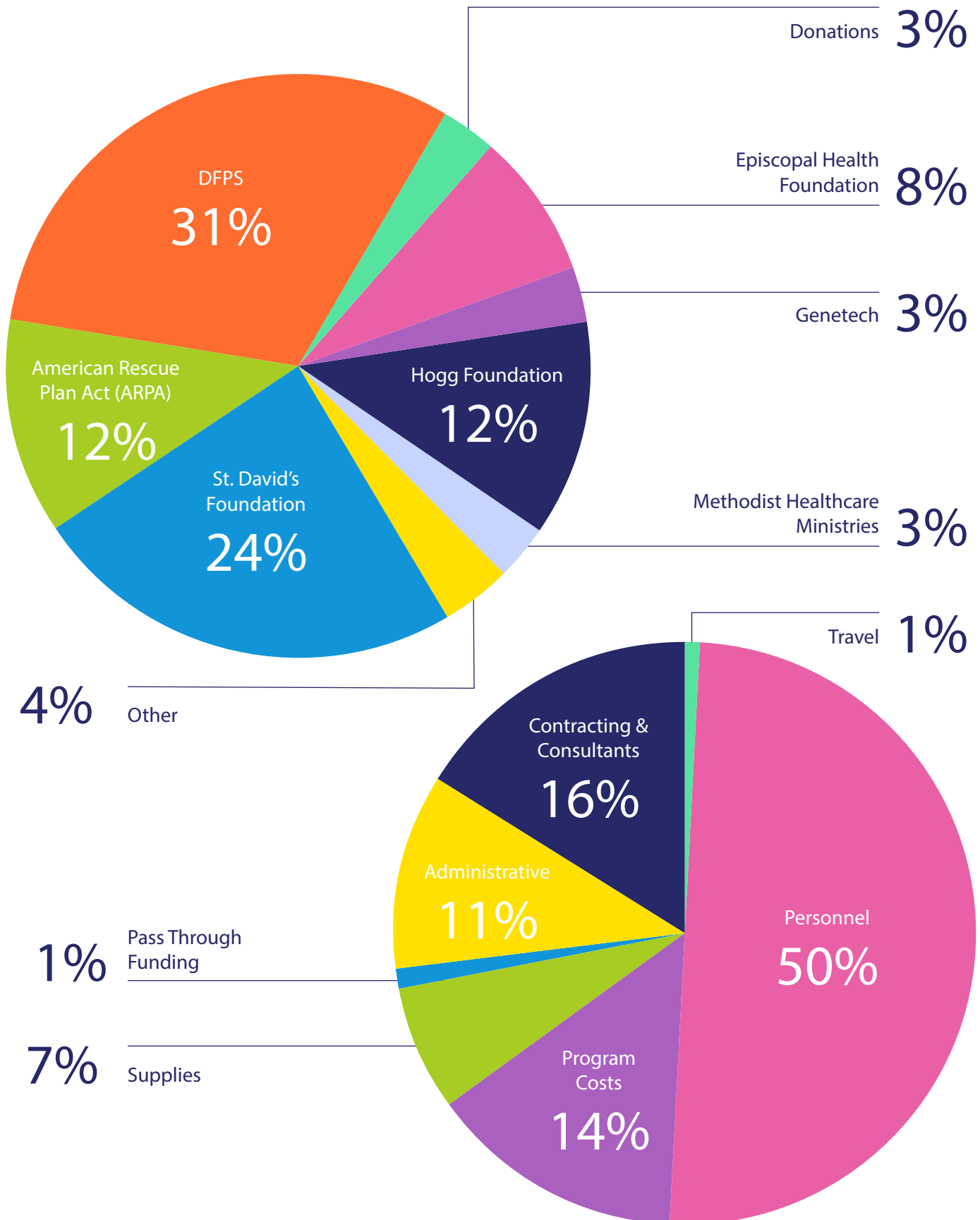


# Infrastructure

- Underwent a Strategic Plan and Organizational Assessment
- Relocated to 806 Water Street

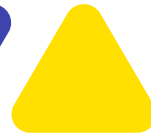


## 2023 Revenue & Expense By %





## Coalition Highlights



### Faith Collaborative

- Hosted Holy Currencies Retreat - A network of Bastrop County churches as we learn and work together to create a CYCLE OF BLESSINGS.
- Hosted Bridges to Hope - "Bridges to Hope," a workshop tailored for faith leaders, staff, and outreach volunteers. This workshop equips participants with valuable tools and resources to create supportive Mental Health Communities.
- Thanksgiving Unity Choir - A talented group of Bastrop County residents came together for an evening of song and thanksgiving.

### Early Childhood Coalition

- Help Me Grow (HMG) Bastrop County was given a "Certificate of Excellence" for outstanding performance in Help Me Grow Model Implementation and dedication to families in our community.
- The Early Childhood Coalition launched Best Place for Working Parents® Bastrop County to offer local business leaders the opportunity to instantly determine whether their organization qualifies to earn a Best Place for Working Parents® designation, positioning them among the leading family-friendly businesses in the U.S.

### Resilient Bastrop County Collaborative

- Monthly Veterans Bowling Night - Each month, the Veterans Collaborative meets for an evening of camaraderie, laughter, and impressive bowling skills.
- Movies in the park with ROTC - The RBCC participated in 'Movies in the Park' on November 4, an evening dedicated to honoring our veterans.
- RBCI: NAMI Training - The recent NAMI mental health training, conducted by the RBCI initiative on November 4, 2023, surpassed all expectations, achieving resounding success. The knowledge acquired proved to be invaluable, helping attendees to actively advocate for mental well-being within their community.





# Coalition Highlights



## Breast Health Initiative

- Lost Pines Toyota donated \$5,000, which was matched by Toyota Corporate to cover a gap in access to care for women under 40 in Central Texas. These women now have access to receive free breast cancer screening and diagnostics.

## Change Agents

- BCC introduced Change Agents, a group of community members trained to help their neighbors find access to the health resources they need. When people are connected to their community and its resources, they are better able to thrive.

## Other Noteworthy

- BCC partnered with the Bastrop County Historical Commission for a landmark event that commemorates the 75th anniversary of the "Delgado v. Bastrop ISD Latinos in Texas. The conference brought together a diverse community of advocates, elders, educators, and students, to share their perspectives on the impact of the ruling over the past 75 years and explore ongoing challenges and injustices that exist in our educational systems today.
- BCC hosted community-wide resource events:
  - Bastrop County Family Expo and Resource Fair
  - Bastrop County Volunteer Fair
  - Community Conversation
  - Sit-A-Spell



Nourish Coalition Presentation to Commissioners Court

Breast Health Awareness Event

