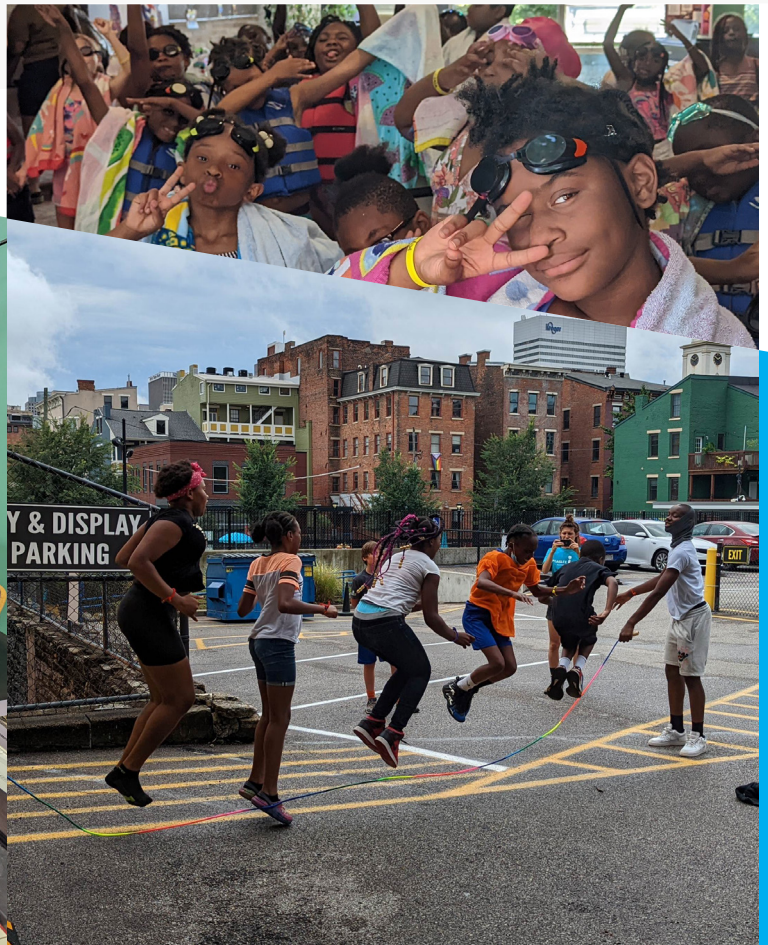
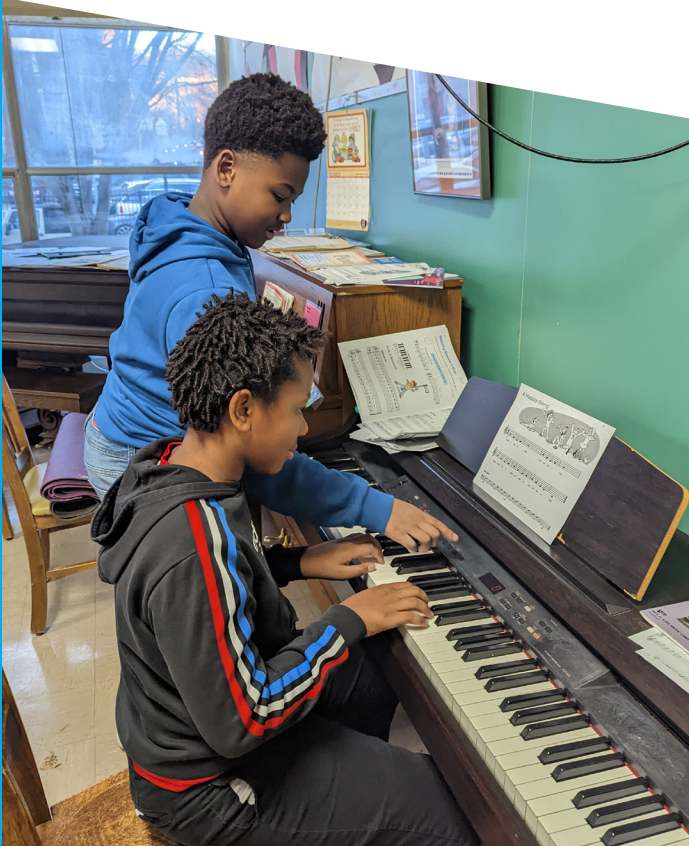




PEASLEE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



MESSAGE FROM PEASLEE

Dear Friends,

For 38 years, Peaslee Neighborhood Center's students, educators, families, and supporters have grown together through struggles and triumphs. Peaslee's annual report highlights our collective work as a small but mighty community hub with deep roots. Despite the uprooting of families and community anchors by gentrification, our community remains determined and persists in maintaining Peaslee as an accessible resource benefiting working class families in our city.

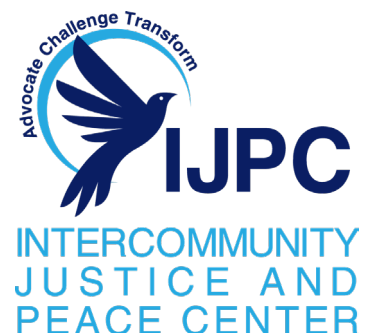
Alongside determination, we hold hope and aspirations. In 2023 we are excited to expand our summer camps and build an Agents of Change alumni program to maintain connections with program graduates ages 16 and up, providing them ongoing educational, social, and economic opportunities. We continue to invest in education and coalition building to foster strong grassroots democracy in our neighborhoods for equitable development. Your connection to education and justice makes this work possible, and we are grateful for your gift at this time to be a part of Peaslee's growth.

In solidarity,
Peaslee Staff and Board



COMMUNITY HUB AND PARTNERS

Peaslee is home to three non-profit partners that are also engaged in education and social change work: **Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center**, **Co-op Cincy**, and **Intercommunity Justice & Peace Center**. Sharing a building encourages collaboration and strengthens our collective impact. In 2022 Peaslee and our partners hosted events attended by at least 2,000 community members. Most gatherings brought folks together to learn about, discuss, and take action on justice issues in our city. Peaslee also hosted events for showcasing artistic accomplishments and celebrating in community with neighbors. The *Colores, Voces y Expresiones Iberoamericanas* art show was exhibited in our lobby for the third year, featuring stunning works by local artists. The seeds of grassroots change are sown in community, and Peaslee is privileged to be a nurturing space for our community to grow, thrive, and generate connections among justice seekers.





PEASLEE KIDS SUMMER CAMP

This year, it was awesome to engage both new and returning campers ages 6-9 in our Peaslee Kids Summer Camp (now back inside in the air-conditioning!), a safe space supportive to the campers' learning and social-emotional development. Peaslee Kids participated weekly in swim lessons, gardening, drawing, and drumming, and enjoyed local field trips. Camp curriculum emphasized reading and social justice issues within our society, including bullying, animal rights, recycling, racial justice, and immigration. At the end of the program, campers presented their learnings at a public showcase for their families, friends and community members.

RISERS

Risers Summer Camp focused on helping campers ages 10-12 cultivate a sense of self and value of community. In 2022, Risers participated in creative projects focused on social justice issues, exploring media including storytelling, protest posters, and music production. One highlight of the summer was at the **Contemporary Arts Center**, where the Risers and Agents of Change hosted a program hour at the *People Moving* exhibit. Campers enjoyed sharing the "human barometer" with museum visitors: a regular program activity that helps students practice expressing their opinions. At this event they were the facilitators, reading aloud statements they had written, and directing participants to show much they agreed or disagreed by positioning themselves along the barometer.



INAUGURAL SUMMER FIELD DAY

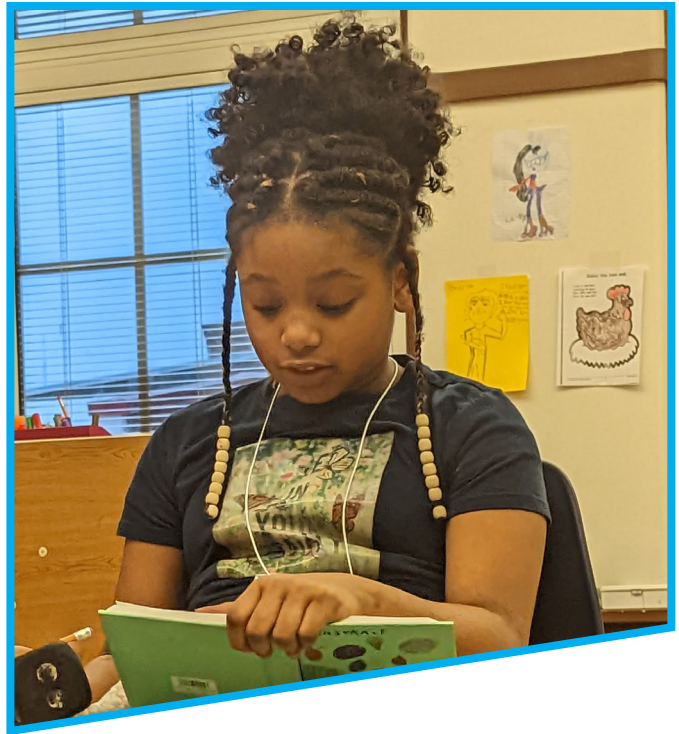
In 2022 campers participated in our inaugural summer Field Day, with challenges including cup-stacking, speed-crafting, and launching water balloons from a giant slingshot. Peaslee Kids were the winners of the final challenge and look forward to defending their title in 2023!



WRITING CIRCLES

In partnership with **Rothenberg Preparatory Academy** and **Pleasant Ridge Montessori**, the Girls Writing Circle continued to be a safe space for girls in grades 3-6 to develop their voices and express their creativity. In 2022, we engaged over 50 girls in our writing process that offers time for reflection, expression, and affirmation.

*"I'm going to keep doing
what's in my heart
I'm still going to love myself
and keep climbing
until I reach the stars."
—Ja'Rya, 6th grade*



PIANO

In May, we celebrated Sr. Terry Thorman's 32 years of teaching piano and building community at Peaslee! Families and staff gathered for Sr. Terry's final recital to honor and thank her for her dedication to music education. Though she is no longer teaching full-time, Sr. Terry is still connected to Peaslee. She helped us welcome our new Piano Program Coordinator Elena Kraineva in June. Elena and our other new instructor, Mary Emmett, taught 23 students ages 5-87 in fall 2022, most of whom are beginners. For many of them the fall recital in December was their first performance!

AGENTS OF CHANGE

Agents of Change, our program for students ages 13-15, was back in action with full participation numbers during our 2022 summer program. During summer camp, we focused on social justice movements and the different areas in which change can be made, such as through art and sports. We were also able to bring back summer program staples including drumming, the overnight camping trip, and an end-of-summer trip to Kings Island.

Continuing our program into the school year, we also hosted our first Agents of Change alumni event! Ten of our Agents alums came to hang out with current program participants at our Halloween kickback where we debuted our exclusive Agents of Change Alumni hoodies.



SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION



We have continued to creatively rebuild our collaborations with school groups and other visitors in the wake of COVID interruptions. This year, our social justice education offerings engaged 493 people. Participants were welcomed into our community's rich history of activism, and challenged to analyze and resist injustice in the forms of disinvestment, gentrification, systemic racism, lack of affordable housing, and more. About one-third of these individuals participated in ongoing, in-depth coursework with us throughout the year, via our close partnership with **Miami University**. We also deepened some of our high school relationships, focusing less on one-time volunteering and more on connecting with justice-oriented content in the classroom.

EDUCATION-BASED ORGANIZING

Through our educational resources for community organizing, we continued our work alongside Cincinnati residents to pursue equitable development in our city. We engaged 874 people in educational forums, public hearings, coalition meetings, and more. We supported members of multiple community councils in ongoing training on the use of our Equitable Development Rubric toolkit, and engaged over 100 people in a two-part public series on inclusionary housing policy, featuring nationally renowned expert Rick Jacobus.



Our public testimony and presentation to City Council about national best practices in inclusionary housing policy provided guidance to and demanded action from our newly elected public officials. In coalition with other partners, Peaslee also continued to push for a robustly funded and smartly targeted affordable housing trust fund.

REMEMBERING MISS JUNE ALEXANDER

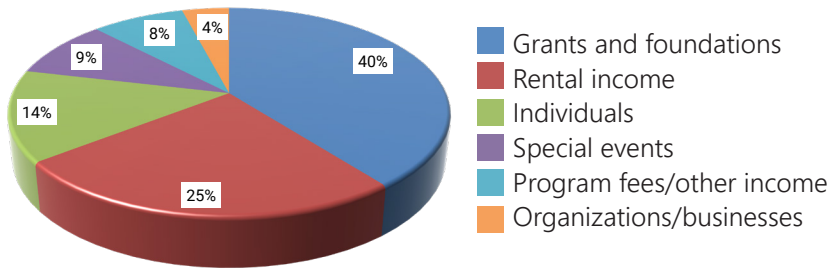
In September we lost a Peaslee matriarch, Miss June Alexander. June and Peaslee were a natural fit for each other—both humble, yet powerful; warm, yet tough; down-to-earth, yet visionary. Neither easily captured by a quick blurb or mission statement. June touched nearly every program of Peaslee's, and they each touched her back. June was a participant in Writing Circles, a Community Mentor, a board member, a piano student, and an advocate for housing justice. Miss June often sat in Peaslee's lobby as though it were her front porch, greeting everyone who came through and telling stories. June used her voice to challenge racist, sexist, and classist structures, and called us all to love one another. We are grateful for the light, wisdom, passion, wit, talent, and resiliency she shared with us, and her memory is a blessing to all who knew her.



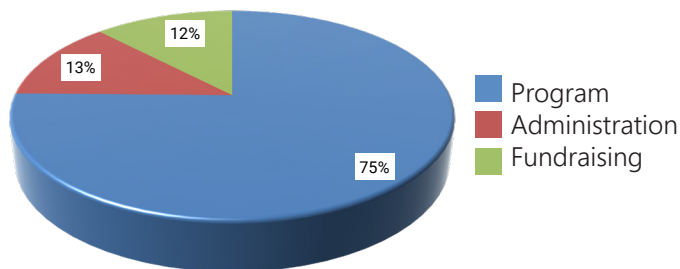
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Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center	Miami University Center for Community Engagement in Over-the-Rhine	St. Ursula Academy
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2022 INCOME



2022 EXPENSES



Income

Grants and foundations	163,179
Individuals	58,486
Organizations/businesses	17,021
Rental income	103,917
Special events	37,785
Program fees/other income	<u>33,556</u>
Total Income	413,944

Expense

Direct program	40,461
Personnel	349,873
Professional fees	16,448
Occupancy	70,522
Office	9,585
Outside services	1,959
Training and development	5,382
Special events	4,782
Other	1,179
Depreciation	<u>14,892</u>
Total Expense	515,083

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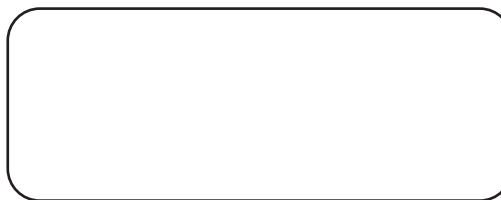
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