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AMAZING PLACE 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



EMPOWERING FAMILIES FACING
THE CHALLENGES OF DEMENTIA
& ALZHEIMER'S. ADVANCING
BRAIN HEALTH FOR ALL.



2024 SERVICE IMPACT 7,887 SERVED

Amazing Place grew in every aspect of its programming last year. The number of enrollments increased in our Day Program, and we successfully launched Cognitive Stimulation Therapy. With an expanded number of educational offerings we touched caregiving friends and families in meaningful ways. Plus, our free brain health offerings were enthusiastically received by a record number of community organizations, corporations, congregations and healthcare providers.



EXECUTIVE UPDATE

Dear Friends,

In 2024, as dementia and brain health became increasingly public, open and important topics of conversation, Amazing Place was at the forefront of not just talk, but action. We supported those diagnosed with evidence-based care, respect and a sense of purpose. We gave hope and inspiration to caregiving families through education, support, and resources. With research indicating that up to 45% of dementia cases are preventable, we equipped area residents with vital knowledge to lead brain healthy, productive lives. Because of the generosity of our supporters, our second campus, Amazing Place West in Katy, will soon open its doors.

We are unique in what we provide. Last year with new, innovative programming, time-tested initiatives, and collaborations with volunteers, health providers, community partners and faith leaders, our organization served 1,000 more individuals than in 2023.



With our aging population projected to double in the next 25 years, our ability to expand and multiply the number of individuals we serve has never been more critical. Fortunately, because of your generosity, we set fundraising records last year that helped chart a course for excellence, scalability and accessibility to meet community needs. We could not be more thankful.

We are focused on the current and future cognitive needs of our community. Our neighbors know they can find hope here at Amazing Place. Your trust and faith in our almost 30-year mission make this possible. Together, we are incredibly optimistic about what we can do together.

In gratitude,

Tracey Brown
Executive Director

Cathy Stubbs
2024 Board President

DAY
PROGRAM
1,042
'SERVED



COGNITIVE
STIMULATION
THERAPY
200
SERVED

CAREGIVERS
3,900
'SERVED



BRAIN HEALTH
ENTHUSIASTS
2,264
'SERVED



SPANISH
SPEAKERS
481
SERVED



2024 HIGHLIGHTS



SPANISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS



In 2024, we successfully expanded on our Spanish language cornerstone **Cuidando con Respeto**, the first Houston area dementia caregiver education program in Spanish. Based on the growing need across our community, we added in-person and virtual **Support Groups** in Spanish in collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association and we piloted a Spanish language version of **Caregivers Connect**, our periodic informal gatherings of caregivers interested in a single topic related to dementia. All of these offerings are free and scheduled to be convenient and accessible to those in need.



COGNITIVE STIMULATION THERAPY



Amazing Place was the only area nonprofit to offer **Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (CST)** last year. Designed for those newly diagnosed with Mild Cognitive Impairment or early stage dementia, these twice-weekly, one-hour sessions have shown to slow progression of the disease while improving feelings of self-worth and empowerment. CST-trained, certified staff and volunteers help those in the sessions with communication and memory skills in a small group setting of peers.

"Our CST sessions are common ground for building friendships, encouragement and learning. It's a positive, accepting atmosphere where opinions, new ideas, and associations are shared."

— Emile Unverzagt, MA, AD/TXC
Director of Cognitive Education



An additional plus to the CST program is that participants' family caregivers have a chance to bond while their loved ones are in session. Over coffee and conversation, caregivers are able to connect with each other and are reminded they are not alone.



VOLUNTEER HOURS: 10,733



Our volunteers are the heartbeat of our organization and last year their impact was unprecedented. Almost 400 passionate, caring individuals stepped up to support us, clocking more than 10,000 hours, the equivalent of 12.4 full-time employees. From welcoming participants and families at the front desk to leading **Day Program** activities as well as **CST** and **Star-C Caregiver** initiatives, and helping our culinary staff prep delicious whole foods meals daily, these volunteers, including our summer student **STARS**, raised the bar in 2024 for what it truly means to make a difference.



OPENING DOORS TO THE FUTURE



\$3,000,000
LARGEST
SINGLE GIFT

2024 was a year of laying the foundation to serve our growing community in the years ahead. Our board solidified a three-year strategic plan centered on increasing the numbers of people we serve while ensuring sustainable operational and financial excellence. We also began reconfiguring staff needs and adding new dementia specialists to our existing team to accommodate our long-term growth, including the opening of Amazing Place West in Katy.



AMAZING PLACE WEST

By far the most visible testament to Amazing Place's ability to serve our greater Houston area was the ongoing transformation of our Katy property



into our second campus. Opening this summer, the 19,000 square foot facility on two acres is the culmination of the faith, hard work and perseverance from so many. At the end of the year we were blessed with our largest single gift ever, \$3 million from The Hamill Foundation. In honor of this remarkable gift, the campus will be named for The Hamill Foundation.



\$833,000
FUNDRAISING RECORD AT
OUR ANNUAL DINNER

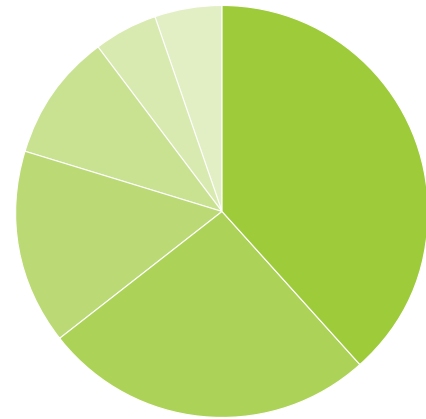
We were blessed in 2024 to far exceed our annual fundraising goals. In addition to the donations provided throughout the year from generous individuals, foundations, caregivers and faith communities, we held two very successful evenings: a record-breaking annual Fall dinner which was the largest single fundraiser in our history, and an inaugural event for Amazing Place West.



\$240,000
INAUGURAL
AMAZING
PLACE WEST
EVENT

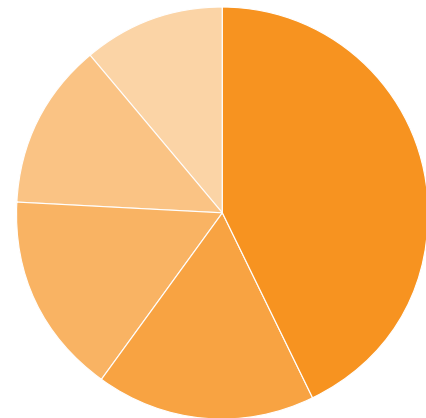
FINANCIAL REPORT

Because of the generosity of our supporters in 2024, we added programming and staff to meet the growing needs of our community's aging population while construction of Amazing Place West proceeded. The cash position of the organization was strong at the end of 2024 with **\$2,233,803** in operating cash and **\$5,240,285** million in restricted cash and investments. We are blessed by our remarkable donors, volunteers and advocates who are the enduring strength of our organization. Together we are building for the future with hope and optimism.



2024 REVENUE **\$8,592,172**

- Amazing Together Campaign **39%**
- Contributions **26%**
- Day Program & Related Revenue **15%**
- Special Events **10%**
- Net Investment Return **5%**
- ACL Grant Revenue **5%**



2024 EXPENSES **\$4,845,854**

- Day Program **43%**
- Fundraising **17%**
- Management and General **16%**
- ACL Grant Program **13%**
- Caregiver Support & Brain Health Programs **11%**

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Your gifts are blessings to those we serve. We are truly grateful for all of the generous donors who blessed Amazing Place in 2024.

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