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# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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## OUR VISION:

Youth who suffer trauma can  
become our future leaders.

# Dear Friends & Supporters,

In the 2021 UCAN annual report, we highlighted the agency's strategic commitment to build on our history of excellence in youth services. We are proud and forward-looking to report that our building is unending; that our integrated programs, direct services and financial standing stabilized in this post-pandemic period. We are energized and focused on helping those we serve unlock their potential today to set the table for their brighter tomorrow.

Serving the community as a vibrant agency that has a positive impact on children, youth and families means continually assessing and refining UCAN's programs and operations. Like other non-profits, we know the critical importance of being flexible during and after a pandemic that required establishing and streamlining ways of communicating and engaging with each other and those we serve. In Fiscal Year 2022, that reality was a driving force behind our multi-pronged Strategic Direction that guided our work agencywide.

The plan enabled us to revisit and refine our program structure and create three hubs that even more accurately define UCAN's evolution: Foster Care & Transitional Services; Therapeutic & Clinical Services; and Prevention & Empowerment Services. We know, however, that regardless of labels, our dedicated staff remain the change agents and dream facilitators for those who need and rely on UCAN's expertise. We are working with our funders, partners and peers to ensure that these three hubs smartly reflect our plan to further integrate our work that is the foundation of UCAN's Continuum of Care.

In other words, we continue to care about the children, youth and families in Chicagoland who are and always will be the centerpiece of UCAN, and the axis on which our hub spins.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lourdes M. Gonzalez".

Lourdes M. Gonzalez  
Chair, UCAN Governing Board



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Christa A. Hamilton  
President & CEO

# Foster Care & Transitional Services

96%

of youth in specialized foster care maintained the same placement for at least 12 months

89%

of youth in counseling made progress in mental health treatment

95%

of youth are in school or working



“

It was by the grace of God that I was connected with UCAN. UCAN provided me with a support system that has been essential in my journey of gaining control of my circumstances.

I call them my dream team.”

— FOSTER PARENT



“

UCAN provided support to move my life forward and create a successful grounding for myself and my son.”

— **TEEN PARENTING SERVICE  
NETWORK PARENT**

“

Over the last three quarters, our licensing rates hit yearly highs, securing the top position in the state for months. Remarkably, we’ve maintained an 80th percentile compliance statewide. Additionally, our adoptions exceeded the goal.”

— **FOSTER CARE ASSISTANT  
VICE PRESIDENT**



# Therapeutic & Clinical Services

## UCAN ACADEMY

- 100% of teacher lesson plans include social and emotional learning and 100% of social work lesson plans include diversity at both campuses.
- APEX's Credit recovery program resulted in students graduating on time and/or putting them closer to being on track for graduation.
- Established a partnership with Chicago Area Alternative Education League and brought a basketball team to the campuses, allowing students to learn skills needed to work as a team.

82%

of students said UCAN connected them and/or children in their care to supportive, caring adults who help them achieve their goals

## BEHAVIOR HEALTH SERVICES (BHS)



I liked that I was able to express myself and I was never pressured to talk about something that I didn't want. I loved that I never felt judged or ignored.” — **BHS PARTICIPANT**

100%

of participants said UCAN staff care about them

98%

of youth said UCAN has helped them to learn and grow

## RESIDENTIAL

- The Residential Therapeutic Home implemented an exciting new music therapy group that focuses on youth relating music to their thoughts, actions, and behaviors. This program allows them to write and create music, learn the music industry, break down music, process the meanings of the songs, and relate them to their lives and situation. This program has served over 40 youth, while providing a sensory room to allow them an escape to drain emotions and meditate on their coping skills.
- Youth were able to attend a 4-day camp retreat in Outdoor Wisconsin Leadership School camping site in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. The youth participated in high ropes, motorboat rides, water, and jet skiing and many other team and fun recreational activities while lodging on the camp site.
- Fiscal Year 2022 had an increase of successful youth discharges to foster care and Transitional Living Program placements — six within the UCAN continuum of care and three youth to return home.

85%

of youth made progress in treatment

# Prevention & Empowerment Services

181

youth and adults were placed in jobs

455

youth and adults completed a work-based learning program

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SUCCESS STORY

Dajuan Matthews is one of our Chicago Housing Authority/Employee Placement Services participants. Dajuan was placed with Addus Healthcare and is still on their work schedule doing a great job. He also attends Olive Harvey College where he is a member of the Black Student Organization and the After School Activities President. Dajuan spends a lot of his time advocating for his peers and connecting them to resources that were available to him. Through his connection with UCAN, he shares flyers of hiring events, community events, and training opportunities with his peers to promote personal and professional development. Dajuan is devoted to the success of himself and everyone else around him.

235

youth participated in youth development groups

96%

of our youth were not charged with a violent crime

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SUCCESS STORY

Mariell Macon, a high school junior, joined UCAN Survive in September 2022, referred by his youth development coach due to challenges in his social environment. After a traumatic event in 2019, his family moved to Plainfield, Illinois, seeking a better environment. Struggling to adjust, Mariell faced bullying and isolation in his predominantly white neighborhood. With UCAN's support, he accessed academic help and joined social groups. Encouraged by his coach, he also joined school sports teams, which boosted his confidence and focus on academics. Mariell aspires to attend college on an athletic scholarship, recognizing the impact of his actions on personal development and success.

884

community mediations took place in the North Lawndale and Roseland communities



“

Everyone is so patient here at UCAN. It's not a role being played; it's real. You can feel the love the moment you walk into the building.”

— **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PARTICIPANT**

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of June 30, 2022

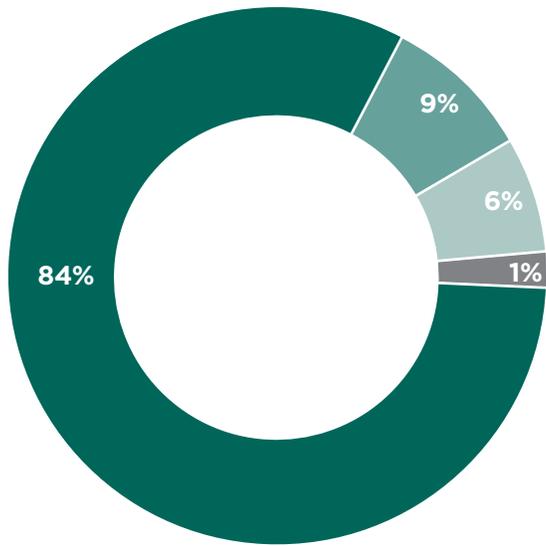
Total Assets	\$79,019,873
Total Liabilities	\$35,146,783
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$43,873,090</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$79,019,873</b>

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022

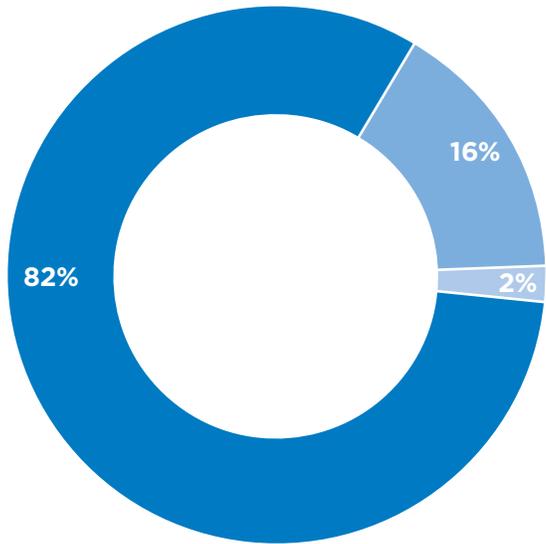
<b>Revenue</b>	
Program	\$41,479,242
Fundraising	\$4,476,603
Trust	\$577,984
Investment	\$2,965,394
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$49,499,223</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Program	(\$39,586,959)
Management & General, Support	(\$8,013,461)
Fundraising	(\$975,694)
Other	(\$0)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>(\$48,576,114)</b>
<b>CURRENT YEAR CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$968,734</b>
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$42,904,356
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$43,873,090</b>

Financials reflect UCAN Operations only. Title Holding Company information not included.



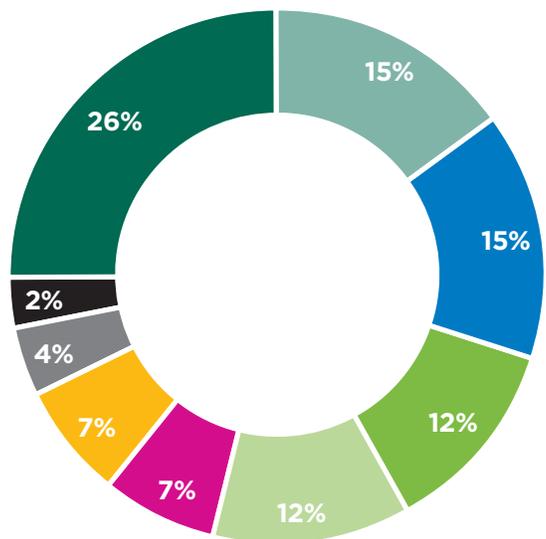
## SUPPORT

- Government Grants & Contracts
- Private Revenue
- Investment Income
- Trust Income



## EXPENSES

- Program Services
- Management & Support Services
- Fundraising



## PROGRAM EXPENSES

- Therapeutic Youth Home
- Professional Foster Parenting
- UCAN Academy
- Independent/Transitional Living
- Violence Intervention & Prevention Services
- Teen Parenting Service Network
- Workforce Development
- Counseling & Youth Development Services
- Other Programs

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