



Franklin Wright Settlements

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*I have a dream ...*



# Annual Report

# 2022



# A Letter from the President & CEO

Franklin Wright Settlements, Inc. is serving more seniors, families, and individuals than ever before in our long and rich history. We have also increased our collaborations with other providers and institutions to maximize our impact on the community we serve. Several of our new collaborations are important to note. Franklin Wright Settlements has worked with the Autism Alliance of Michigan for several years. The Alliance is an advocacy organization laser-focused on children on the autism spectrum. Our organization is perfectly aligned with their mission. We believe that all children should be valued and have the opportunity to learn.

We have extended our engagement with the autism community by partnering with Behavior Frontiers, an organization providing support, education, and care for children on the autism spectrum. Behavior Frontiers is now housed at our Youthville location, and through our agency's education team, we frequently refer children in need of their services. Behavior Frontiers is, at the time of this printing, one of only a few autism-focused learning centers located within the City of Detroit. We are proud to be connected with such a meaningful service to our children. Also, our *Pathways to Hope* programs for children have gained much recognition and interest from stakeholders wishing to partner with us.

We have continued to maintain our partnerships with the Governor's office of the State of Michigan. Recently, I was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Humanities Council. From this platform, I can advocate for greater cultural exchanges between Michiganders which fosters growth and stability for all.

Our continued collaboration with the Detroit Area on Aging is producing amazing results for seniors needing therapy, household chores, and other services they cannot afford on their own. Franklin Wright Settlements Inc. has emerged in the minds of funders and policymakers as the "go-to" agency on all matters related to family preservation, growth, and development. We embrace being subject matter experts in all ways to help people live a high quality of life.

The staff, volunteers, and board members of Franklin Wright Settlements, Inc. are a credit to the great work we are able to accomplish here. We continue to carefully nurture the possibilities of our families in profound ways. We inspire senior citizens to get active, families to eat healthier meals, and students to place no limits on what they can achieve inside and outside of the classroom. I am eternally grateful for all the support we receive from everyone connected to this great organization.

I often tell friends and family that my role as CEO of Franklin Wright Settlements is not a job; this is my mission. Our mission is not accomplished until every senior citizen, family, and child have the opportunity and tools to live a happy, healthy, productive life. The team at Franklin Wright Settlements stands head and shoulders above others. Let's keep going team there is much work to be done. Thank you.

*Teamwork makes the Dream work!*



Monique Marks, LMSW  
President & CEO

# A Letter from the Board Chair

Greetings!

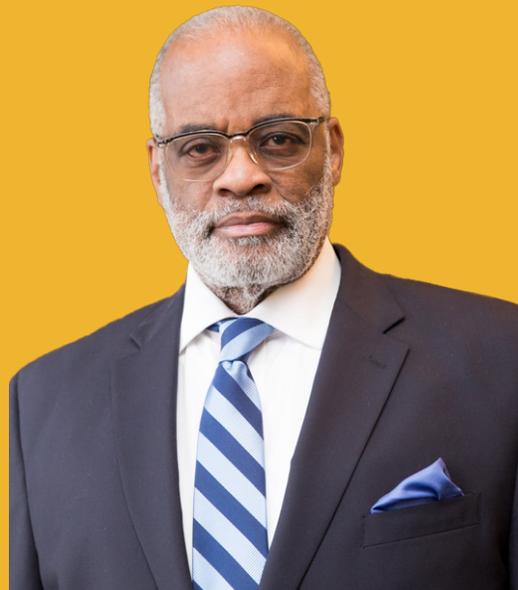
As I reflect on the past year, it was both a year of challenge and opportunity. It was a year of challenge because we have yet to discover a new “normal” in our daily lives. It was a year of opportunity because this new world has taught us that this is the season of change.

This new world has taught us to count our blessings. Nothing is taken for granted. Life is a precious gift that keeps on giving. Most of us have suffered the loss of family and friends. Yet, we have been privileged to wake up each day and go about serving God by serving others.

For those of you who work at Franklin Wright Settlements, you are part of a team whose sole purpose is to seek and serve those in need. Each day, hundreds of precious souls look to FWS for empathy, compassion, and love. Families, seniors, teens, children, toddlers, and others look to FWS for assistance. FWS has been blessed with the people and material resources to meet those needs with grace and love. Each of you are participants in this good work.

As Board Chair of FWS, I am please to announce that the state of affairs at FWS is strong. Along with an outstanding President/CEO, a faithful Board, gifted employees, and a faithful God, we are blessed with faithful supporters and friends who keep on giving so we can continue to give.

Thank you for your service!



Rev. Dr. Kenneth E. Harris  
Board Chair



## Mission Statement

Franklin Wright Settlements, Inc. is a leading Detroit neighborhood human services organization existing to assist individuals, families, groups and the community with basic life, family and social needs. Embracing the settlement house philosophy, a multi-service holistic approach in cooperation with the community, Franklin Wright Settlements focuses on the prevention, treatment and amelioration of social problems through advocacy, programs, projects, activities, services and facilities. The enduring strength of Franklin Wright Settlements lies in the flexible, responsible programs that recognize ongoing basic needs, despite changing societal priorities and funding.



# 2022 Overview

Franklin Wright Settlements is proud to have passed a financial audit at a rate of 100 percent, leading to a 25+ year streak. Our Senior Outreach Services initiative continued to visit seniors safely in their homes, assisting them as part of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, Franklin Wright Settlements received three Childcare Stabilization Grants for the Early Start program, a grant from Comcast and a grant from the Rocket Foundation to revamp the computer lab at Youthville, along with a generous donation from Priority Health for our *Pathways to Hope* program!

## SENIOR OUTREACH SERVICES



340,120

SERVICE HOURS

Direct care service hours for the Senior Outreach Services Program.

## FAMILY GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT



26,409

SERVICE HOURS

Therapeutic service hours provided by the Family Growth and Development team.

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Food program participants including meals and food boxes delivered to seniors.



Senior participant dances at the 2022 Mother's Day Brunch hosted by the Senior Outreach Services team at Stefan's Banquets in Redford.

## EARLY START



64,800

SERVICE HOURS

Total service hours provided to Early Start students ages 6 weeks to 6 years.

100

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Early Start students ages 6 weeks to 6 years.

## OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME



42,000

SERVICE HOURS

Total service hours provided to Out-of-School Time students ages 5-24 throughout the year.

500+

PARTICIPANTS

Out-of-School Time students ages 5-24 were serviced throughout the year.

## PATHWAYS TO HOPE



124,150

SERVICE HOURS

Total service hours provided to youth ages 6 weeks to 24 years of age through various Franklin Wright Settlements programming.

# Celebrating 141 Years



Franklin Wright Settlements has been a tour de force in the southeast Michigan community for 141 years, and is a cornerstone of strength in supporting individuals, families and groups; providing community members with the resources they need to succeed.

The values of Franklin Wright are based on the settlement house concept of self-help for the continuous improvement and preservation of the family. Franklin Wright strives to achieve this through excellence in service and equality of treatment.

Franklin Wright is rooted in a geographical neighborhood district and has expanded to a centrally-based location in the city for easier access for families. Its goal is to know and understand the neighborhood and to help develop its potential by providing aid in obtaining the services people need.



# The Spirit of Giving Gala 2022

On Friday, December 9, 2022, Franklin Wright Settlements hosted The Spirit of Giving Gala benefiting the *Pathways to Hope* program at the MGM Grand Casino in Detroit. Honorary chairs Mayor Mike Duggan and Dr. Sonia Hassan Duggan spoke about the impact Franklin Wright has made in the community, and why it is vital for those with means to come together to support Franklin Wright in order to help those in need.

Former Franklin Wright youth and current Franklin Wright teacher, Janay Edwards, took to the stage to perform a dance to the song *Break Every Chain* by Tasha Cobbs.

Current Franklin Wright youth Noura Alfoaady spoke at the podium about her short but impactful time at Franklin Wright. She spoke about her personal journey through the foster care system and how she is now at Vista Maria and Franklin Wright is her new family and support system.

At the Gala, our 2022 Honorees were also recognized for their years of incredible and selfless service to the organization. The Honorees included Missionary Hattie Humphrey, the Honorable Teola Hunter, George Nicholson, III, Hali Giessler, and posthumously, Richard L. Halsted.



**Missionary Hattie  
Humphrey**

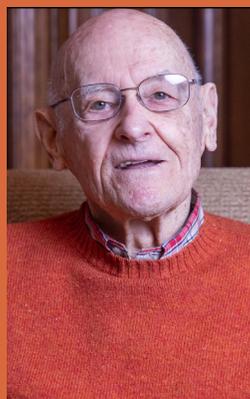


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**Richard L.  
Halsted**



**Honorable Teola  
Hunter**



**George  
Nicholson, III**



**Hali  
Giessler**



Attendees dance at the end of the night during the Millennial Mingle portion of the evening.



Janay Edwards dances during the program to the song 'Break Every Chain' by Tasha Cobbs.



Honorary Chairs Mayor Mike Duggan and Dr. Sonia Hassan Duggan speak about the lasting impact Franklin Wright has on the community.



Honorary Chairs Mayor Mike Duggan and Dr. Sonia Hassan Duggan along with President & CEO Monique Marks give the Honorable Teola Hunter an award for her decades of dedicated service.



President & CEO Monique Marks poses for a picture with Franklin Wright youth Noura Alfoady.



Board Chair Rev. Dr. Kenneth E. Harris poses for a picture with Board Member Dan Pitera and his wife Allegra Pitera.

# Senior Outreach Services



Senior and Board Member Missionary Hattie Humphrey reads a book to Early Start student Andie.

Senior Outreach Services (S.O.S.) comprises several programs through our partnership with Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAA), Molina Healthcare of Michigan, and Focus Hope to support area residents who are of senior age.

As a service provider, Franklin Wright Settlements' goal is to make sure seniors remain healthy, safe, and independent. We support our seniors by offering congregate meals, transportation, socialization, enhanced fitness, and access to community resources and the most appropriate and affordable combination of services that help them stay vibrant and active in the community for as long as possible with our help.



## 340,120

### SERVICE HOURS

Direct care service hours for the Senior Outreach Services Program. By securing a dedicated team who are trained in First Aid, CPR, blood borne pathogens, fraud, elder abuse, and much more, the Franklin Wright Senior Outreach team provides outstanding service to seniors in our community. We work every day to exceed our seniors' expectations and provide an unequalled experience for every event and program.

## FWS SENIOR OUTREACH PROGRAMS

- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
- Food & Friendship
- Focus Hope
- Urban League Mature Workers
- Friendly Reassurance
- Chore Service
- Personal Care Services

## OUTINGS AND EVENTS

- Mother's Day Luncheon
- Movie Outings
- Detroit Zoo
- Tiger's Game
- Detroit Princess Riverboat
- Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist Thriving Seniors Tour Kick-off at FWS
- Gingerbread House Building & Christmas Shopping
- Other various shopping trips for necessities



Ms. L. McGruder poses for a picture at the Franklin Wright Settlements Mother's Day Luncheon for the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program at a banquet hall in Redford.



## 9,100

REFERRALS

### KINSHIP/GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

In partnership with Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAA), this program provides grandparents with valuable resources, referrals, and support services. More than 9,100 resources and referrals in 2022.

# Franklin Wright's Impact

## MS. FLORENCE'S STORY

Franklin Wright Settlements' Direct Care Workers play an essential role in helping home-bound seniors live a happy and healthy life in the comfort of their own home. Although the pandemic has presented many challenges over the past three years, our caregivers have triumphed over COVID-19's toughest battles, while continuing to provide the critical care our seniors need and deserve.

Ms. Carrie Florence is a recipient of direct care services from Franklin Wright Settlements and as an enrollee, Ms. Florence receives daily assistance with personal grooming, housekeeping, grocery shopping, prescription medications, food preparation, and companionship from her caregiver.

During her annual assessment, Ms. Florence expressed her gratitude for Franklin Wright and the services she receives: "I didn't know anything about Franklin Wright Settlements until my daughter reached out to a friend who spoke highly of the program. The fact that the program allows qualified family members to be employed as your personal caregiver is an additional plus! My caregiver, which is my granddaughter, has been assisting me with my personal care needs since February 2022. Since enrolling in the program, I can honestly say that I've seen an improvement in my overall health and quality of life. I'd like to thank all the staff at Franklin Wright Settlements for all that you do for the community and may God continue to bless this program."



*Ms. Carrie Florence has been a recipient of direct care services from Franklin Wright Settlements since February 2022 and is happy her granddaughter can be her caregiver in the program.*

## ELDER AND SHANNON VERNADO'S STORY

I started attending Franklin Wright Settlements' Food and Friendship program after being invited to a 70's themed cookout for the Seniors in the late Summer of 2022. I had such a great time that I couldn't wait to get home to tell my husband about how much fun we had and how nice everyone was.

My husband came with me the following week and he too has been coming ever since. The drawing card for us is the other participants who attend weekly and the wonderful staff of Franklin Wright Settlements. We enjoy fellowship with like-minded individuals, the Senior outings, food, games, chair exercise, and so much more!

We know it was in God's infinite wisdom and direction that led us to Franklin Wright...it's like He hand-picked each staff member personally to work there. We look forward to Tuesday and Thursday each week and all of our appointments are scheduled around those days so that we can attend each day.

*Sincerely,  
Shannon Vernado*



*Elder and Shannon Vernado have participated in Franklin Wright's Senior Outreach Program since Summer 2022.*

# Family Growth & Development



*Volunteers from First Community Church and Franklin Wright Settlements gather at Youthville to prepare hot meals, toiletry bags, and warm blankets to distribute to people around the community with limited resources.*

## **Family In-Home Reunification**

The FWS Family In-Home Reunification program has had a significant impact on the reunification of children and families. This multi-faceted program employs master level clinicians who provide court mandated home-based individual and family therapeutic services. The goal of the program is to reunify families and increase their level of functioning.

## **Virtual Therapy**

Through this initiative, southeast Michigan residents that have been impacted, directly or indirectly, by COVID-19 can receive the mental health services they need to heal from this traumatic experience. The goal is to assist our community members reduce symptoms of depression, and anxiety in order to return to an improved level of functioning.

## **Spirit of Brown — Feeding the Homeless**

Franklin Wright provided hot meals, fruit, snacks, and water, warm blankets, hygiene kits, safe sex kits and clothing to the community members that are faced with homelessness through this initiatives throughout the year. Staff and volunteers prepared delicious fresh hot and home-made hot meals, toiletry bags (hygiene kits, toiletries, safe sex kits, etc.) and provided warm weather gear (hats, blankets, gloves) for over 150 people. Clothing and shoes were also donated by volunteers. Additionally, Chase Bank donated hats and gloves for this critical community event.

## **Warming Center**

At our Charlevoix location, Franklin Wright hosts a Warming Center for those who are without shelter or heat during cold months. We offer access to beds, clean sheets and blankets, a free food pantry, and ancillary support services.

## **Community Closets**

Both our Charlevoix and Midtown locations host a community closet where residents can “shop” and take home items such as suits, interview clothes, everyday clothes, accessories, and home items such as sheets, blankets, and more.

## **Substance abuse counseling**

Franklin Wright plays a large part in the solution to the opioid epidemic. Our counselors speak to youth and adults about the dangers of beginning drug use and how it evolves to Fentanyl use. We also discuss treatment options for those who have already begun using drugs.

# Franklin Wright's Impact

## MS. PERRY'S STORY

Ms. Perry began receiving individual counseling services at Franklin Wright Settlements in September 2021. At the time of her referral Ms. Perry not only needed to participate in counseling services to work on having her children returned to her care, but needed to secure appropriate housing, and gainful employment, as well as. Ms. Perry's major barriers were lack of transportation and unstable housing as she was living "friend to friend and family member to family member." Despite her barriers she was persistent and secured employment and after several months of working she secured housing through a family member. Later she discovered that the house required a lot of work and the landlord was not in any hurry to get the work completed in spite of Ms. Perry being on a time crunch. Ms. Perry went to live with her grandmother who is her major support system. She decided that she was going to get a better job



*Ms. Perry poses with her children after her mattresses and beds are delivered.*

that paid more money, again with persistence she acquired a better paying job so that she could identify and afford appropriate housing. Ms. Perry was consistent in compliance with all recommended services. Ms. Perry finally secured appropriate and affordable housing in a new housing complex in October 2022. Ms. Perry was then presented with the barrier of needing to secure appropriate beds for each of her children for the process of reunification to be completed. Ms. Perry identified this need and FWS provided this family with the resources to assist her with securing items for her home and eliminating this barrier; 3 beds, one for each child. She was granted unsupervised visits with her children, then overnight visits, and as of December 2022 they were returned to her care. Unfortunately, Ms. Perry still faces the lack of transportation as a major barrier, however, she states that she is saving to purchase a reliable and affordable car. Her therapist believes that she will achieve this goal as Ms. Perry has demonstrated that she is capable of identifying and successfully completing her goals. She is pleasant and cooperative and an inspiration.

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### Community Resource Day

Franklin Wright Settlements hosted a Community Resource Day at the Youthville location (in Midtown Detroit) where 22 community vendors attended including the Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAA), Brilliant Detroit, Chase Bank, Molina Healthcare, Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, Black Family Development, Aetna, Detroit Health Department, and many more. Chase Bank donated \$5,000 worth of hats, gloves, and scarves for Franklin Wright to distribute to the community. Franklin Wright also opened the free community closet for attendees to take items they needed including one winter coat per attendee and attendees also took home gently used clothes, accessories, blankets, and bags such as suitcases. The event occurred near Thanksgiving so Franklin Wright also distributed 30 turkeys to help families celebrate the holiday.



*Participants of Community Resource Day visit vendors to learn more about ways they can receive services to advance their life goals.*

# Pathways to Hope

The Out-of-School Time (OOST) Program strives to provide youth ages 6-18 with a fun and safe atmosphere where children can learn, grow, and participate in diverse educational activities ranging from academic enrichment, Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), life skills, and career readiness.

Our philosophy is that if youth have somewhere productive to go when they are out of school, they are less likely to engage in negative behaviors. Our goal is to cultivate youth by providing the skills, resources, and support necessary to help close the achievement gap and overcome peer pressure and other challenges that youth often face.

We work with several community partners such as the United Way for Southeastern Michigan and the Grow Detroit's Young Talent (GDYT) initiative to provide enrichment activities and support services in the areas of conflict resolution, mentoring, and career exploration.

## After School Enrichment Program (ASEP)

The After School Enrichment Program is a comprehensive student success program designed to enhance the lives of under-represented urban youth between the ages of 6 – 18. With over 42,000 service hours provided in dedicated enrichment programming, students development & evolve through mentoring, tutoring, academic enrichment, life skills, social skills enhancement, and conflict resolution.

## Summer Enrichment Program (SEP)

This day camp-like program incorporates enrichment programming similar to the ASEP, but for longer durations of time. Students also go on weekly or bi-weekly field trips that intertwine with programming while having fun in the process. Students experience music technology & production, yoga & meditation, digital media & technology, STEM, home economics, arts & culture, and much more!

## Grow Detroit's Young Talent (GDYT)

GDYT is a six week long citywide summer jobs program for Detroit youth ages 14-24. In this program, youth gain meaningful on-the-job training experience while utilizing a curriculum to learn about various career fields, complete career assessments, financial literacy courses, and identify career areas of interest.



Summer Enrichment Youth in the Pathways to Hope program were excited to be on the big screen at Comerica Park during a field trip to a Tigers game.



# 42,000

SERVICE HOURS

Total service hours provided to Out-of-School Time students ages 5-24 throughout the year.

# 500+

PARTICIPANTS

Out-of-School Time students ages 5-24 were serviced throughout the year.

# Franklin Wright's Impact

## NOURA'S STORY

My name is Noura, and I am 16 years old. As a kid, I hated going home, because what was supposed to be my home was actually my nightmare. My biological mom left me when I was little. Instead of being a mom, she was a minor background character in my story.

Learning is my favorite thing to do, but as a kid, I was constantly told I was not smart enough. I was constantly put down and my efforts were ignored. When I would try my best, my dad would see imperfection. Instead of trying to nurture me so I would excel, he would beat me and think that would "fix" me.

Eventually, the bullying I experienced at school and my everyday life added to the abuse, and school became less of a priority. My depression and anxiety worsened and eventually the hatred I faced from others caused me to hate myself. I started self-harming. I believed it was the only form of control I had over my life. I hated waking up and eventually, my self-harm turned lethal. I believed no one wanted me and I didn't even want myself.

My life was filled with hospital trip after hospital trip. I identify as agnostic, and I was in a very religious and cultural household. I hated being forced to be Muslim when that wasn't who I was. Yet, I kept myself hidden, and along with my religious preferences, I struggled with my sexuality. I also identify as a lesbian, but I was terrified to come out, knowing the horrors that I could experience.

In August 2021 I went to Vista Maria, a residential facility for troubled and fostered youth. After working with a therapist and psychiatrist, I started gluing the pieces back together. I worked through my trauma and was placed on proper medication. Every day I felt stronger and healthier than the day before. I learned new life skills and grew into the best version of myself. I enjoyed going to school again and felt more alive than ever before. I entered a loving foster home during the summer and was placed into a summer camp at Franklin Wright.

I entered the camp feeling awkward and out of place and I saw a group of teens sitting at a table, so I decided to go and sit there as well; at the time I had no clue they were part of the Growth Detroit Young Talent (GDYT) program. President and CEO Ms. Marks walked through the door and stood in front of us, introduced herself and started talking about a program called GDYT. I realized I was in the wrong place. After she finished her speech, she asked us all our names, and when she got to me, I told her I wasn't in the program.

After being offered a summer youth leadership position, I was able to gain experience at Franklin Wright and not only work with a fantastic team, but work with what I would consider family. Ms. Marks welcomed me and made me feel loved and safe. Franklin Wright was my first job, and I couldn't think of any other job better than that one to start with. Franklin Wright is a family that works to keep kids safe and to enrich the lives of as many people as possible regardless of age or ability. There, everyone is equal. There, everyone is supported, and most importantly there, everyone is loved. Franklin Wright saves lives and opens doors for kids who might not get those doors anywhere else. Franklin Wright is family.



*Noura poses with Mayor Mike Duggan and Dr. Sonia Hassan Duggan at the Spirit of Giving Gala, where Noura spoke publicly about her journey.*

*Sincerely,  
Noura Alfoaady*

# Community Outreach

## Serving the community is what Franklin Wright Settlements does best.

The Community Outreach team partnered with Detroit Boxing Gym (DBG) in 2022 to bring two after-school enrichment programs together and provide inner-city youth top tiered learning opportunities. The two organizations hosted a flag football match between FWS and DBG.



*Director of Community Outreach Bertram Marks, II and a Summer Intern, De'Angelo Himander, attend the Rocket Mortgage Classic upon being awarded a Digital Inclusion grant to expand access to a computer library.*



*Director of Community Outreach Bertram Marks, II and Director of Operations Colleen Laules attend the Connect 313 Digital Inclusion Week hosted by Wayne State University.*

In addition to collaborating with DBG, Franklin Wright's Community Outreach team worked with Detroit Equity, Inc. and major corporations in Detroit to promote greater equality for our most vulnerable citizens. The Community Outreach team expanded relationships with K-12 schools in the Detroit area, leading to an increase in youth participation in our *Pathways to Hope* program.

The team visited the 51st Annual Legislative Conference (ALC) in Washington D.C. The theme of the conference was "Advancing Our Purpose. Elevating Our Power." The conference took place from Sept. 28 through Oct. 2, and leaders of the Congressional Black Caucus discussed policy analysis, research, initiatives, and more.

The team networked with key representatives on the local, state, and national levels, spreading the word about Franklin Wright Settlements and the obstacles our community faces daily.

Upon the award of a digital lab grant from Rocket Mortgage, the team attended various events during the Connect 313 Digital Inclusion Week. Various topics were discussed such as how to form connected communities, engaging youth in a meaningful way, and a research symposium regarding digital inclusion.

The Community Engagement Team worked throughout the year to form relationships with different religious institutions to spread the word about Franklin Wright Settlements' services and programs.



*President & CEO Monique Marks & Community Outreach Director Bertram Marks, II meet with City Council President, District 5, Mary Sheffield and Rep. Brenda Lawrence at the 51st Annual Legislative Conference.*

# Franklin Wright's Impact

## THE FUNDERBURG FAMILY'S STORY

My children have been going to Franklin Wright Settlements (FWS) for about two years now. I am extremely grateful for the location and convenience of the FWS organization. The free bus pick up from my 9-year-old's school helps me out tremendously as a single mother working a 9-5 job. My 4-year-old autistic daughter is also in the childcare program and the hours she can be there from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. is extremely helpful to my work schedule. She was also able to receive special services due to her disability. FWS also has a summer enrichment program, again, with convenient hours for my schedule. My kids absolutely love it there and the staff are awesome. 10 out of 10 would recommend!



Aubrielle and her two children who are in Franklin Wright Settlements programs. One is in the Pathways to Hope after school program and another in the Early Start program.

*Sincerely,  
Aubrielle Funderburg*



Rep. Brenda Lawrence, Rep. Maxine Waters, and President & CEO Monique Marks pose for a picture at the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Legislative Conference.



Chase Bank donated over \$5,000 worth of warming gear such as hats, scarves, gloves, and jackets for Franklin Wright to distribute during the Community Resource Day and Spirit of Brown events.



Bert Marks, II attended the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Legislative Conference to promote Franklin Wright Settlements' mission.

# Early Child Development

We invest in our children.

Franklin Wright believes in the importance of providing children with high quality, developmentally appropriate, learning environments to give all students the very best start at learning. All of our classrooms implement the HighScope Infant & Toddler or HighScope Preschool Curriculum, placing an emphasis on active participatory learning. The interests and choices of children are the foundation of our classrooms, as our staff supports them by playing an active, and intentional, role in guiding and extending student learning. Our Early Childhood Programs provide a daily balance of developmentally appropriate learning, while also incorporating curriculum elements of our district's Kindergarten classrooms.



*President & CEO Monique Marks, LMSW plays with an Early Start toddler at the Family Fun Fest event at our Charlevoix location in August 2022.*

*An Early Start student tries on a Firefighter uniform while learning about fire safety.*



*Children in the Early Start program read books in Ms. Regina's class, an essential part of the Early Start program.*



# Franklin Wright's Impact

## THE GERONIMO FAMILY STORY

Our family started attending the Franklin Wright Settlements Early Start Child Development Center in March 2020. Our daughter at the time was 11 months old and attended one week before the world shut down due to the pandemic. Although the center was closed, this did not stop the staff from continuing to provide educational programming virtually for the children, giving parental support through providing free food, winter clothing, etc. and sharing other resources available in our community.

When the center reopened, we were impressed and have continued to be impressed with the measures the staff have taken to keep everyone safe. Our daughter, Aelli will be turning 4 years old in a couple of months, and it's been three years that FWS has been apart of our family. We have been wonderfully impacted and blessed by this organization.

We are thankful for Ms. Regina who greets us everyone morning and ensures drop offs and pick-ups are running smooth. We love Ms. Regina's quick and often humorous reviews of what Aelli said or did that day, along with any welcoming tidbits of advice.

We are thankful for her teacher, Ms. Karen who continues to teach Aelli, nurture her curiosity, assist her and us in navigating through the different stages of Aelli's development and appreciate Ms. Karen's willingness to just be silly and playful with her. Aelli often tells us that she wants to be a teacher just like Ms. Karen or a mermaid, when she grows up. This makes us so happy that our daughter looks forward to school and that she and Ms. Karen seem to have genuine love for one another. Lastly, we are constantly amazed with all that she's learning from school and attribute that to Ms. Karen.

We are thankful for Ms. Erika, who works tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure the program runs smoothly. When we first started FWS we participated in a program that helped to partially subsidized the cost based on our income. When that program ended, we had no idea how we were going to continue to pay and struggled to do so week by week. Ms. Erika was able to get a grant that allowed Aelli to attend tuition free for 12 weeks. This was such a blessing to our family. At the time, we had no idea that me and my husband would unexpectedly have to go on unpaid medical leave for two months. The peace of mind that came with knowing we didn't have to worry about Aelli's education allowed us to focus on healing. When those 12 weeks were up, we were still recovering from the financial strain of being off for those two months. Ms. Erika again, got another grant allowing Aelli to attend FWS tuition free this time for a year. I'm tearing up, even as I'm typing this. I can't tell you how that has helped our family stay afloat in the most challenging season, we've ever had to experience to date. Because of Ms. Erika and the FWS staff, Aelli was shielded from these struggles and was able to continue life as normal. We will be forever grateful for this.

The FWS entire staff have become extended family. Whether it's the warm welcome greetings in the mornings, the amazing classwork Aelli brings home, the community fairs, encouragement, resources or any of the many things that the staff does to go above and beyond, we are so grateful to have such an amazing organization in our community that services children with such excellency, love and care. We recommend FWS constantly to our family and friends.



*A child plays and learns at the Franklin Wright Settlements Early Start Child Development Center.*

*Sincerely,  
The Geronimo Family*

# Community Park

Franklin Wright Settlements is advancing its Community Park project. This communal park is designed in partnership with architects at University of Detroit Mercy with American with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility in mind.

The Phase 1 blueprint is completed and implementation of Phase 1 will begin in 2023.

Our goal is to have a place where all humans can come together, gather, and play. The community park will include ADA park features such as:

- Wheelchair access
- Basketball with half-stack hoops
- Wheelchair-friendly dining area
- Double-width serenity walking path to accommodate multiple wheelchairs
- Serenity walking path with shock absorbing materials to accommodate seniors
- ADA accessible stage
- Resting benches



FRANKLIN WRIGHT SETTLEMENTS | PERSPECTIVE CONCEPT  
Detroit Collaborative Design Center

*A rendering of the community park, which will be located adjacent to our Charlevoix campus.*

# Community Activism

The Lt. Governor kicked off his Thriving Seniors Tour in Detroit and met with more than 30 seniors from Franklin Wright Settlements, Inc. in summer 2022.

Franklin Wright's Youthville location was his first stop on his tour, an essential task to understand the challenges older adults face in our community. Lt. Governor Gilchrist met with seniors one-on-one to get to the root of issues our community faces.

"I am excited to kick off my Thriving Seniors tour," said Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist II. "Over the next few months, I will be traveling across Michigan and having face-to-face conversations with seniors about the issues that matter. Governor Whitmer and I are committed to advocating for seniors, repealing the retirement tax, boosting access to affordable healthcare and housing, and building a senior-friendly Michigan that is the best place to retire."

Franklin Wright works with a local, state, and national leaders to enact change for the community we serve and are always fighting for the betterment of our community.



*Lt. Gov. Gilchrist, his staff, and Ms. Marks tour the facility.*



*Early Start student, Jonah, Ms. Marks and Lt. Gov. Gilchrist read out Bingo numbers.*



*Lt. Gov. Gilchrist speaks with an FWS senior about community concerns.*



*The Early Start teachers pose for a picture with Ms. Marks and Lt. Gov. Gilchrist.*

# 2022 Financials

## Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2022

### Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,007,344
Accounts Receivable	228,061
Prepaid Expenditures	62,246
Fixed Assets	4,631,736
Funds Functioning as Endowments	3,307,531
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>9,236,918</b>

### Liabilities

Accounts & Accrued Expenses	65,810
Deferred Revenue	63,726
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>129,536</b>

**Total Net Assets** **9,107,382**

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets** **9,236,918**

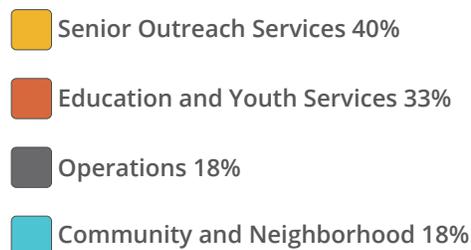
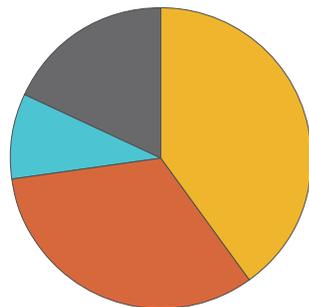
## Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as of December 31, 2022

*\*Completed January 27, 2023 unaudited*

*A financial audit will be conducted by George Johnson & Company, an independent auditing firm in June 2023.*

	Revenue	Expenditures
Education and Youth Services	1,567,123	1,045,469
Senior Outreach Services	1,857,203	1,453,686
Community and Neighborhood Operations	409,061	191,433
	852,178	*1,576,811
<b>Total Revenue/Expenditures</b>	<b>4,685,565</b>	<b>4,267,399</b>

## REVENUE



Franklin-Wright Settlements (FWS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides multi-generational human services support to residents in Southeast Michigan. To support programs, we rely on philanthropic dollars, grants, in-kind donations, fundraisers and partnerships to ensure that Detroit's most vulnerable residents are serviced.

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