



Franklin Wright Settlements

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Empowering Generations, **Building Futures**

2023 Annual Report



A Letter from the President & CEO

As we reflect on the past year, Franklin Wright Settlements celebrates a period of unprecedented growth and impact in our long-standing history of service to seniors, families, and individuals within our community. Through enhanced collaborations with like-minded organizations such as Behavior Frontiers and Detroit Phoenix Center, we have expanded our reach and effectiveness in fulfilling our mission hand-in-hand with the community.

Continued collaboration with the Governor's office of the State of Michigan has facilitated the enactment of landmark legislation related to domestic and gun violence, reaffirming our role as a catalyst for positive change within our community.

Our partnership with the Detroit Area Agency on Aging continues to yield remarkable outcomes for seniors, providing essential services and support to enhance their quality of life. Franklin Wright has emerged as a trusted resource for funders and policymakers seeking expertise in family preservation and community development.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and board members, whose unwavering commitment and passion drive the impactful work we do each day. Together, we inspire healthy lifestyles, academic achievement, and personal growth among our constituents, fostering a community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

As CEO of Franklin Wright Settlements, I am honored to lead this mission-driven organization, where our collective goal is to ensure every individual, regardless of age or circumstance, has the support and resources to lead a fulfilling life. Let us continue to work together, united in our mission to empower and uplift our community.

Sincerely,

Monique Marks, LMSW
President & CEO



A Letter from the Board Chair

Greetings!

Allow me to express my appreciation to the FWS family for allowing me to serve as your Board Chair. When I think about our partnership in this good work, I am humbled by this opportunity.

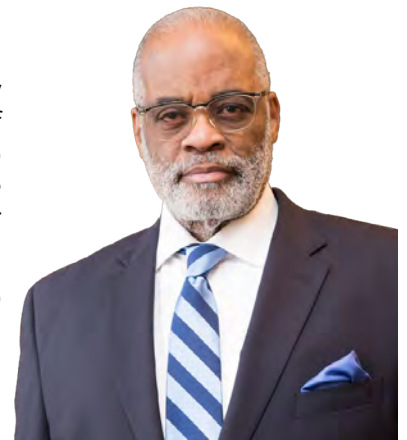
I salute our team: Our dynamic and visionary President and CEO, Monique Marks, our faithful and dedicated Board members, our courageous and highly-effective Staff, our generous donors, and the people we serve – THANK YOU!

When serving a community like metropolitan Detroit, there are many needs. While we often think of food, shelter and other basic life necessities, there are those needs that money can't supply. Things like someone who cares and demonstrates it by not just dropping off food but takes the time to talk and spend time with them. Things like providing a place to go after school that's safe and nurturing. Things like a safe place to leave children while parents go to work. Things like field trips, college tours, boat rides, parties, and other events to socialize with peers.

I am blessed to be a part of this work, and my sincere prayer is that FWS will continue to serve this community with love, compassion, care, and competence.

Grace, Peace and Divine Health,

Rev. Dr. Kenneth E. Harris
Board Chair



CELEBRATING 143 YEARS



For 143 years, Franklin Wright Settlements has stood as a formidable force in the southeast Michigan community, serving as a steadfast pillar of support for individuals, families, and groups. Rooted in the settlement house concept of self-help, our values revolve around the continuous improvement and preservation of the family unit. Embodying these principles, Franklin Wright is committed to excellence in service and the promotion of equality in treatment.

Franklin Wright has evolved to two centrally-based locations within the city, ensuring easier access for families. Our goal is to intimately know and understand the neighborhood, actively contributing to its development by providing essential aid in obtaining the services people need. Franklin Wright Settlements remains dedicated to fostering community growth and empowering individuals to succeed.



2023 Overview

Franklin Wright Settlements is proud to showcase an impeccable track record, achieving a 100% success rate in our financial audit for over 25 consecutive years, underscoring our unwavering commitment to transparency and accountability. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, our Senior Outreach Services initiative persevered, ensuring the safety and well-being of seniors in their homes. This year, our dedication to community growth has been further exemplified through the acquisition of a grant from the Michigan Department of Education to support our out-of-school time programming, as well as support from Priority Health to sponsor multiple projects including our transformative College Tour. These achievements highlight our ongoing commitment to fostering positive change and strengthening the communities we serve.

SENIOR OUTREACH SERVICES



343,000

SERVICE HOURS

Direct care service hours for the Senior Outreach Services Program.

FAMILY GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT



13,228

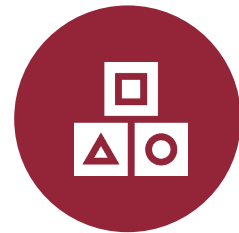
SERVICE HOURS

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.

EARLY START



67,200

SERVICE HOURS

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

94

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Early Start students ages 6 weeks to 6 years.

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.



Husband and wife in the Senior Food & Friendship program give each other a big hug on stage during the Senior Fashion Show at the 2023 Family Fun Fest & Back-to-School Rally.

OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME



64,285

SERVICE HOURS

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

1,057

PARTICIPANTS

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

PATHWAYS TO HOPE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



131,485

SERVICE HOURS

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

1,151

PARTICIPANTS

Out-of-School Time students ages 6 weeks - 24 years were serviced throughout the year.

Cultural Arts & Enrichment CollegeTour

In 2023, Franklin Wright Settlements proudly continued its tradition of offering a transformative College Tour experience to students, marking over two decades of commitment to higher education access. This year's tour took participants on a journey through the Northeastern United States, visiting prestigious institutions such as Princeton, Yale, Rutgers, Columbia, and the City College of New York, among others. For nine days, students had the opportunity to explore campus life, engage with faculty and students, and envision their future academic endeavors.

The College Tour program, provided at no cost to participants, aims to inspire and empower students from vulnerable backgrounds to pursue higher education. Recognizing that many families lack the resources to visit colleges, Franklin Wright Settlements offers this invaluable experience to motivate and guide students towards a brighter future. The impact of the program speaks volumes, with an astounding 95% of participants enrolling in institutions of higher learning, 85% earning undergraduate degrees, and 47% pursuing graduate studies.

Originally conceived as a response to the challenges faced by foster children and African-American males at risk of falling into cycles of poverty and incarceration, the College Tour has evolved into a beacon of hope and opportunity for students living in severe poverty. For many participants, the tour represents their first time leaving the city of Detroit, opening doors to a world of possibilities beyond their immediate surroundings.

At its core, the College Tour embodies Franklin Wright Settlements' mission to guide children and families from crisis to self-sufficiency, breaking the cycle of generational poverty one student at a time. Through this transformative experience, participants are empowered to envision and pursue a future filled with educational attainment, personal growth, and success.



Students take a group picture in front of the New Jersey Institute of Technology after learning about fascinating majors and career exploration.



On tours, students learn about various financial aid opportunities including how to apply for different scholarships to make higher education affordable.



Students learn communication and leadership skills as part of the College Tour program. They also bond with teens from various backgrounds.

Community Activism

GOV. GRETCHEN WHITMER SIGNS BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION AT FWS!



The speakers pose with the Governor after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signs these bipartisan bills at historic Franklin Wright.

On November 6th, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed bipartisan legislation at Franklin Wright's Youthville location, aimed at bolstering support for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. The new laws improve access to support services, safeguard victim's privacy in court proceedings, and enable the provision of virtual oral impact statements. Franklin Wright Settlements community proudly stands in solidarity with these legislative efforts, reaffirming our commitment to supporting and advocating for survivors and upholding their rights to safety and justice.

GABBY GIFFORDS SPEAKS AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE AT YOUTHVILLE

Franklin Wright Settlements hosted former Arizona congresswoman Gabby Giffords, a prominent advocate for gun safety. Despite surviving a tragic shooting in 2011, Giffords has become a leading voice for sensible gun control laws. During the event, she emphasized the urgency of addressing gun violence. Monique Marks, President and CEO of Franklin Wright Settlements, also spoke, highlighting the impact of gun violence in Detroit's communities. Giffords' presence served as a powerful reminder of the need to address gun violence as a public health issue. The event united advocates, community members, and lawmakers in a shared commitment to protecting our youth from the devastating effects of firearms misuse.



Giffords poses with youth who are actively involved in community activism, along with President & CEO Monique Marks.

The Spirit of Giving Gala

2023

On the evening of Thursday, December 14, 2023, Franklin Wright Settlements hosted The Spirit of Giving Gala at the MGM Grand Casino in Detroit, a splendid event benefiting the *Pathways to Hope* program. The esteemed Mr. Tommy Stallworth and Mrs. Nicole Stallworth, serving as honorary chairs, eloquently expressed the profound impact Franklin Wright has had on the community. They emphasized the crucial importance of uniting individuals with means to support Franklin Wright, thereby extending assistance to those in need.

Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist II shared poignant reflections on his experiences at Franklin Wright Settlements and

underscored the significant contributions the organization makes to the community. In a special moment, Board Member Cathy Nedd presented Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist with a Community Hero Award on behalf of Franklin Wright, acknowledging his commitment to the cause.

The gala also featured remarks from President & CEO Monique Marks, who bestowed awards upon distinguished honorees, including Rashida "The Glam Doctor" Williams, Tarence Wheeler, Stacie Hunter, Elder Varnado, and Rebecca Slay, recognizing their outstanding contributions to the community.



Rashida Williams
The Glam Doctor



Stacie Hunter
JPMorgan Chase



Elder Varnado
Retired



Tarence Wheeler
River Rouge Public Schools



Rebecca Slay
United Way



President & CEO Monique Marks and Board Member Cathy Nedd present a Community Hero award to Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist II for his exceptional dedication to the community.



Mistress of Ceremonies Dr. Geneva Williams, Honorary Chairs Mr. and Mrs. Tommy and Nicole Stallworth, and President & CEO Monique Marks pose for a picture.



Rashida Williams, of the Glam Doctor, accepts her award for the great work she does for Franklin Wright Settlements' Pathways to Hope Program.



Joy fills the air as patrons dance throughout the evening after the program and awards ceremony.



Lt. Governor Gilchrist and his wife Ellen enjoy dinner during the program.



Attendees dance all through the night following the program and awards ceremony.

Senior Outreach Services



Seniors participate in a Financial Literacy class taught by Stacie Hunter at JPMorgan Chase.

Senior Outreach Services (S.O.S.) encompasses multiple programs developed through our collaboration with the Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAA), Molina Healthcare of Michigan, and Focus Hope, aiming to assist local residents in their senior years. As a dedicated service provider, Franklin Wright Settlements is committed to ensuring the health, safety, and independence of seniors. Our support includes providing congregate meals, transportation, opportunities for socialization, enhanced fitness programs, and access to community resources. We strive to offer the most suitable and affordable combination of services that enable seniors to remain vibrant and active in the community with our assistance for as long as possible.



343,000

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



A senior visits the Forgotten Harvest table during Franklin Wright Settlements' Annual Family Fun Fest & Back-to-School Rally.

OUTINGS AND EVENTS

- Mother's Day Luncheon
- Movie Outings
- Detroit Zoo
- Tiger's Game
- Detroit Princess Riverboat
- Living Green for Seniors
- Physical Fitness Classes for Seniors
- Other various shopping trips for necessities



9,508

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 2023.

Franklin Wright's Impact

A TESTAMENT OF GENERATIONS: MS. THOMAS' STORY

In the heart of Detroit, Franklin Wright Settlements isn't just a community center — it's a cornerstone of family legacies. Carolyn Thomas, a proud member of the Franklin Wright community, embodies this legacy spanning eight generations.

Ms. Thomas' journey with Franklin Wright began in her childhood, where she reveled in the vibrant array of activities, from roller skating to sewing classes. It was more than a center; it was a second home, nurturing her growth and shaping her memories.

Her connection with Franklin Wright deepened as she transitioned into adulthood. As a mother, Ms. Thomas entrusted her children to the care of the center, knowing they were in good hands while she worked. It wasn't just a babysitting service; it was a lifeline for a working parent, offering peace of mind and a sense of community support.

After a distinguished career spanning 45 years with the Internal Revenue Service, Ms. Thomas found herself returning to Franklin Wright, this time as a participant in the senior program. Here, she discovered a new world of relaxation and camaraderie, relishing in activities she never had the chance to explore during her working years.

The senior program at Franklin Wright became more than just a place to unwind—it became a sanctuary where Ms. Thomas found solace and companionship. Through excursions to museums, the zoo, and apple orchards, she discovered the joy of retirement, embracing the simple pleasures of life alongside fellow seniors.

For Ms. Thomas, Franklin Wright isn't just a center; it's a lifeline that has supported her through various stages of life. From her childhood adventures to her golden years of retirement, Franklin Wright has remained a constant source of community, connection, and belonging.

As Ms. Thomas reflects on her journey, she recognizes the profound impact Franklin Wright has had on her life and the lives of countless others. It's more than a building; it's a beacon of hope, resilience, and generational continuity—a legacy that continues to enrich the fabric of Detroit's community.



Ms. Thomas creates a vision board as part of one of the project activities during weekly Food & Friendship programming.

Program Accomplishments

1,500+

WELLNESS CHECKS

performed throughout the year on seniors as part of our Friendly Reassurance Program.

350+

ENROLLED

in one or more programs for older adults.

100+

CARPETS

cleaned for seniors.

100+

HOURS

of Enhanced Fitness provided for seniors.

8,000+

SERVICE HOURS

for our Chore Services program.

200+

LAWNS

cut and maintained for seniors.

80+

CAREGIVERS

on staff serving seniors every day.

Family Growth & Development



Volunteers from First Community Church and Franklin Wright Settlements come together at Youthville to assemble hot meals, toiletry bags, and warm blankets for distribution to individuals in the community facing limited resources.

Family In-Home Reunification

The FWS Family In-Home Reunification program has made a significant impact on reuniting children and families. This comprehensive initiative involves master-level clinicians delivering court-mandated, home-based individual and family therapeutic services. The primary objective is to reunify families while enhancing their overall functioning.

Virtual Therapy

This initiative provides mental health services to southeast Michigan residents directly or indirectly affected by COVID-19. The goal is to help community members alleviate symptoms of depression and anxiety, facilitating a return to an improved level of functioning.

Food Pantry & Distribution

Franklin Wright offers a weekly food pantry and free food distribution program every Monday, providing essential groceries to individuals and families in need. Our pantry is stocked with nutritious items generously donated by local partners, ensuring that everyone in our community has access to wholesome food options.

Spirit of Brown — Feeding the Homeless

Throughout the year, Franklin Wright actively engages in providing hot meals, fruit, snacks, water, warm blankets, hygiene kits, safe sex kits, clothing, and more to community members experiencing homelessness. Staff and volunteers prepare fresh, homemade hot meals and assemble toiletry bags, ensuring support for over 200 people. Donations from volunteers and Chase Bank, including hats and gloves, contribute to the success of this crucial community event.

Warming Center

Located at our Charlevoix facility, Franklin Wright hosts a Warming Center for individuals without shelter or heat during the cold months. The center offers access to blankets, free food, and additional support services.

Community Closets

Both of our locations feature community closets where residents can “shop” and take home items such as suits, interview attire, everyday clothing, accessories, as well as home items like sheets and blankets.

Substance Abuse Counseling

Franklin Wright plays a significant role in addressing the opioid epidemic. Our counselors actively engage with youth and adults, educating them on the dangers of drug initiation and the progression to Fentanyl use. Treatment options are discussed for those already using drugs.



Staff pose with some of the toiletry kits they assembled for a Spirit of Brown event in December. These kits included essential supplies such as a toothbrush, toothpaste, body wipes, sanitary napkins, safe sex kits, deodorant, and more.



Volunteers and staff pack hot meals lunches and toiletry bags to distribute to displaced community members throughout the City of Detroit.

Franklin Wright's Impact

EMBRACING RESILIENCE: A JOURNEY THROUGH TRAUMA AND TRIUMPH

My name is Kierra. I'm 33 years old with a one-year-old baby girl. I have experienced the loss of both of my parents, my son, and many more loved ones. I went through some very traumatic and life-changing experiences, but I overcame them with the help of my amazing therapist, redirection, prayers, and walking by faith. I still have some days where emotions are everywhere, but who doesn't? The biggest part of my success is that I never gave up!

My advice for other people is to never be afraid or embarrassed to get help. We all need a mental break. Don't let yourself get to the breaking point where it's too late. The ways I cope with mental health are coloring, drawing, journaling, listening to music, taking some self-care days, and going to work! Never be afraid to tell your story; you never know who it could help.



Kierra, 33, has experienced traumatic loss in a short period of time. With the help of Franklin Wright's therapeutic services, Kierra has persevered and learned different coping strategies.

Pathways to Hope

The Out-of-School Time (OOST) Program is dedicated to creating a enjoyable and secure environment for youth aged 6-18. Here, children can learn, grow, and engage in a variety of educational activities encompassing academic enrichment, Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), life skills, and career readiness.

Our philosophy revolves around providing productive spaces for youth during non-school hours, aiming to deter them from engaging in negative behaviors. Our objective is to nurture youth by equipping them with skills, resources, and support to bridge the achievement gap and navigate challenges like peer pressure.

Collaborating with community partners such as the United Way for Southeastern Michigan and the Grow Detroit's Young Talent (GDYT) initiative, we offer enrichment activities and support services in conflict resolution, mentoring, and career exploration.

After School Enrichment Program (ASEP)

ASEP is a comprehensive student success program tailored to uplift under-represented urban youth aged 5 – 18. With over 64,000 service hours dedicated to enrichment programming, students evolve through mentoring, tutoring, academic enrichment, life skills, social skills enhancement, and conflict resolution.

Summer Enrichment Program (SEP)

This day camp-like initiative mirrors ASEP's enrichment programming but extends for longer durations. Students participate in weekly or bi-weekly field trips aligned with the curriculum, exploring music technology & production, yoga & meditation, digital media & technology, STEM, home economics, arts & culture, and more.

Grow Detroit's Young Talent (GDYT)

GDYT is a citywide, six-week summer jobs program for Detroit youth aged 14-24. Participants gain valuable on-the-job training experience and follow a curriculum covering various career fields, career assessments, financial literacy courses, and the identification of areas of career interest.



Youth enjoyed a variety of enrichment classes throughout the year, including The Glam Doctor, which teaches self-love, self-esteem, confidence, and social-emotional learning.



64,285

SERVICE HOURS

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

1,057

PARTICIPANTS

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

Franklin Wright's Impact

NURTURING YOUNG MINDS:

KENZIE AND KHLOE'S JOURNEY AT FRANKLIN WRIGHT

In the vibrant atmosphere of our afterschool program, Kenzie, aged 8, and his sibling Khloe, aged 6, radiate with boundless energy and curiosity.

Kenzie and Khloe's parents sought a nurturing environment where their children could flourish. Thus, they joined our community, eager to embark on a journey of exploration and growth.

Immersing themselves in our diverse range of enrichment classes, the siblings found their true calling in structured recreation and artistic expression. With each session, their spirits soared, fueled by the joy of discovery and the thrill of creative expression.

In this safe and supportive environment, Kenzie and Khloe blossomed into confident, curious individuals, eager to embrace new challenges and explore new horizons. Their journey is a testament to the transformative power of our afterschool program, where young minds are nurtured, talents are cultivated, and dreams are ignited.

As we celebrate Kenzie and Khloe's growth and achievements, we are reminded of the profound impact Franklin Wright has on the lives of young learners. Through structured recreation and artistic expression, we empower children to unleash their full potential and embark on a journey of lifelong learning and discovery.



Kenzie and Khloe pose with artwork Khloe created after a class taught by College of Creative Studies.

AVAH'S JOURNEY: FROM SHYNESS TO CONFIDENCE

In the heart of our community, a shy 2nd grader named Avah embarked on a transformative journey of self-discovery and growth through our art therapy and performing arts sessions.

At first, Avah hesitated to express herself, her voice stifled by shyness and uncertainty. Yet, with each session, she found solace and freedom in the world of art and performance. Through brush strokes and melodies, Avah discovered a voice she never knew she had—a voice that spoke volumes through her creativity and imagination.

As time passed, Avah's confidence blossomed like a flower in bloom. From timid beginnings, she emerged as a radiant presence, her once-muted spirit now shining brightly for all to see. No longer confined by her insecurities, Avah embraced each session with enthusiasm and courage, eager to explore the depths of her creativity and self-expression.

Avah's journey is a testament to the power of art therapy and performing arts in nurturing young minds and fostering personal growth. Through our program, she discovered the courage to embrace her true self, unlocking a world of endless possibilities and potential.

As we celebrate Avah's journey, we are reminded of the profound impact our programs have on the lives of children like her—children who dare to dream, who dare to believe in themselves, and who dare to shine brightly in a world waiting to be illuminated by their brilliance.



Avah's confidence has blossomed in our art therapy program.

Community Outreach

Serving the community is what Franklin Wright Settlements does best.

Franklin Wright Settlements fosters vibrant communities and empowers individuals throughout the year. Led by our dedicated Community Engagement team and Director of Community Organization, Bert Marks II, our initiatives have focused on revitalizing communal spaces, forging strategic partnerships, and providing enriching opportunities for youth and families.

Community Garden Revitalization:

In anticipation of spring, the Community Engagement team initiated efforts to revamp and revitalize the community garden. Through the procurement of new supplies and active community involvement, the Charlevoix garden underwent a transformation, becoming a hub for collaboration and healthy living. Community members eagerly participated in the planning and planting process, fostering a sense of ownership and pride in cultivating fresh produce for themselves and their neighbors.



Volunteers from around the city visit in the spring to plant the Community Garden, nurturing both bodies and communities.

Strategic Partnerships and Outreach:

Bert Marks II spearheaded strategic outreach efforts to strengthen partnerships and expand opportunities for community involvement. Collaborations with local sports teams, including the Pistons and Tigers, provided families in our programs with tickets to Spring and Summer home games, enriching their leisure experiences and creating lasting memories. Furthermore, the reignited partnership with the Detroit Police Athletic League (PAL) paved the way for the launch of Project AMG (Affirmations, Mentorship, and Growth), offering invaluable mentorship opportunities for young males in our community.



Bertram Marks II meets with other professionals from the Metro Detroit area while in Washington D.C. while attending the Congressional Black Caucus.

Youth Empowerment and Enrichment Programs:

Throughout the year, FWS remained dedicated to providing enriching opportunities for youth through afterschool and summer programs. The revival of the Community Garden served as a platform to promote healthy eating habits and environmental stewardship among youth, fostering a deeper connection to nutritious food and sustainable practices. Collaborations with esteemed community partners, such as Grow Detroit's Young Talent and Detroit PAL, expanded access to workforce training and recreational activities, empowering youth to realize their full potential.

Inaugural FWS Invitational Basketball Tournament:

November marked a significant milestone for FWS with the launch of the inaugural FWS Invitational Basketball Tournament. Under the leadership of Bert Marks II, the tournament brought together eight organizations for a weekend of friendly competition and fundraising. The success of the tournament not only raised crucial funds for agency initiatives but also strengthened community bonds and highlighted the importance of teamwork and sportsmanship.

As we reflect on the past year's achievements, Franklin Wright Settlements remains steadfast in our commitment to building stronger, more resilient communities. Through collaborative efforts, strategic partnerships, and innovative programming, we continue to empower individuals and families to thrive and succeed. Looking ahead, we are excited to build upon our successes and further expand our impact on the lives of those we serve.



Two players of the pose with the trophy from the Turkey Bowl Tournament after Franklin Wright Settlements defeated the opposing team in an epic game.



Team members pose with a trophy after the winning game.

Early Child Development

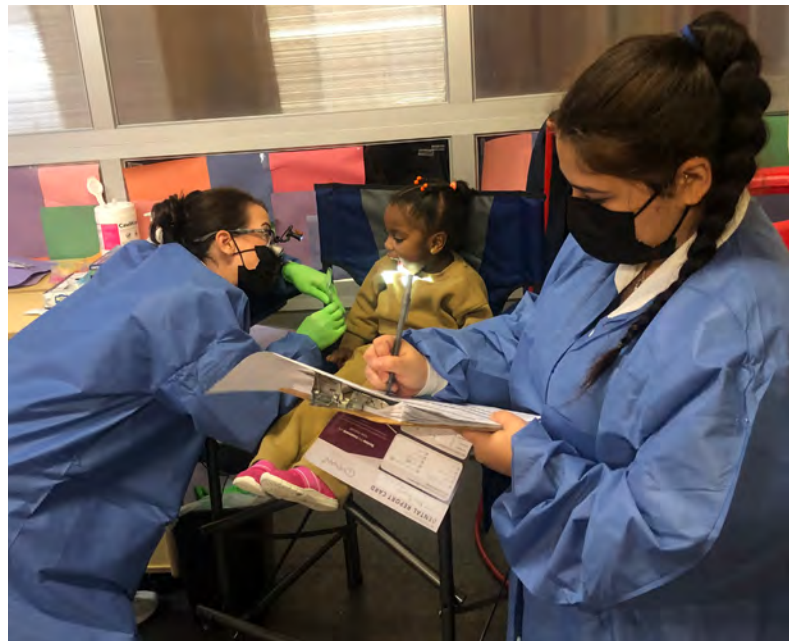
Exploring and playing in nature at the park provides young children with valuable sensory experiences and opportunities for imaginative play, fostering their cognitive development and creativity.



We invest in our children.

At Franklin Wright, we prioritize furnishing children with enriching, developmentally suitable learning environments to ensure each student receives an optimal educational foundation. Our classrooms universally adopt either the HighScope Infant & Toddler or HighScope Preschool Curriculum, promoting active participatory learning. Central to our approach is honoring the interests and autonomy of children, forming the cornerstone of our classroom dynamics. Our dedicated staff actively engage in guiding and extending student learning through intentional interactions. Furthermore, our Early Childhood Programs strike a harmonious balance, delivering developmentally appropriate learning experiences while seamlessly integrating components from our district's Kindergarten curriculum.

Early Start students receive a dental hygiene check-up during the program.



Franklin Wright's Impact

PROVIDING HOLIDAY JOY, ESSENTIAL SUPPORT, AND EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT

In the heart of Detroit, Franklin Wright Settlements' Early Start Program has become a beacon of support and learning for families like Alexandria's. Alexandria, a devoted mother, found herself facing financial challenges last summer and during the holiday season while striving to provide for her two young daughters, Ariana, age 4, and Kacey, age 2.

Despite the obstacles, Franklin Wright stepped in to make a significant difference. Recognizing Alexandria's situation, the organization went above and beyond, purchasing and wrapping Christmas presents for Ariana and Kacey. Thanks to this thoughtful gesture, the girls experienced the magic of the holiday season, filled with smiles, laughter, and cherished memories.

Franklin Wright also provided essential items for Alexandria's children last summer, including clothes, underclothes, soap, lotion, shampoo, toothbrushes, shoes, and toothpaste. These essentials ensured the family's basic needs were met, contributing to their well-being and security.

Beyond holiday and material support, Ariana and Kacey are regular attendees of Franklin Wright's Early Start Program. Under the guidance of dedicated teachers, they have thrived and grown in a nurturing environment. Through engaging activities and personalized attention, Ariana and Kacey have not only developed essential skills but have also cultivated a love for learning that will serve them well in the years to come.

Franklin Wright Settlements' commitment to supporting families like Alexandria's goes beyond providing educational services; it extends to fostering a sense of belonging and joy in the community. Through acts of kindness, provision of essential support, and a dedication to holistic education, Franklin Wright continues to make a meaningful impact on the lives of families, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive and succeed.



Kacey, who is 2-years-old, poses with one of her favorite babydolls while taking a break during storytime.

Ariana, who is 4-years-old, takes a snack break in Ms. Regina's class.



2023 Financials

Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2023

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	432,106
Accounts Receivable	393,247
Prepaid Expenditures	38,251
Fixed Assets	4,512,284
Funds Functioning as Endowments	3,809,460
Total Assets	9,185,348

Liabilities

Accounts & Accrued Expenses	54,344
Deferred Revenue	50,426
Total Liabilities	104,770

Total Net Assets **9,080,578**

Total Liabilities and Net Assets **9,185,348**

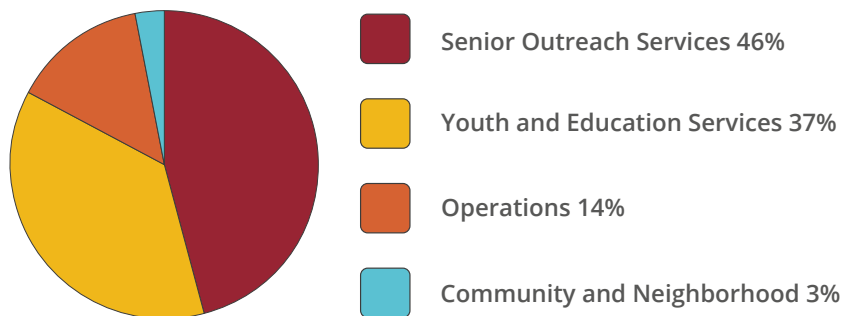
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as of December 31, 2023

**Completed January 31, 2024 unaudited*

A financial audit will be conducted by GJC CPA's & Advisors, an independent auditing firm in June 2024.

	Revenue	Expenditures
Education and Youth Services	1,714,687	1,176,641
Senior Outreach Services	2,177,720	1,682,873
Community and Neighborhood Operations	141,653	83,303
	660,617	1,700,754
Total Revenue/Expenditures	4,694,677	4,643,571

REVENUE SOURCES



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.

Special Thanks to Our Partners & Donors

PARTNERS

Assured Family Services
Behavior Frontiers
City of Detroit
Connect Detroit
Detroit Area Agency on Aging
Forgotten Harvest
Gleaners Food Bank
Lovely's Charity Foundation
Matrix Human Services
Molina Healthcare of Michigan
PAL Detroit
Patterson Bryant
State of Michigan - MDE
Total Health Care Foundation
United Way for Southeastern Michigan
Wayne RESA
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CORPORATE

360 Risk Management
Authority Health
Abrodos Music
Barton Malow
Comcast
Comerica Bank
DC Byers Detroit
GJC CPA's & Advisors
JPMorgan Chase Bank
Litigation Associates, PLLC
MGM Grand Detroit
Seel LLC
Tito's Handmade Vodka

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Black Family Development
Blackbaud Giving Fund
Blue Cross Blue Shield
Comcast NBCUniversal
Community Foundation SE Michigan
Ecumenical Theological Seminary
JPMorgan Chase Foundation
Neighborhood Service Organization
Orchards Children's Services
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The Children's Center
The Skillman Foundation
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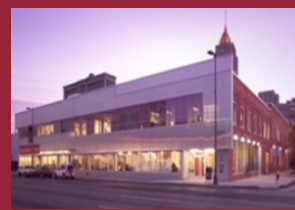
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