

2024 Annual Report



72,000+

children, adults, and families supported

30,000+

program participants

2,000+

employees

143

sites

101

programs

Helping children, adults, and families thrive!

mission

Driven by the belief that each of us can thrive when life has hope and opportunity, Rising Ground provides caring support and proven paths to positive change, helping children, adults, and families rise above adversity.

vision

Rising Ground envisions a future for New York where every child has an equal opportunity to succeed; where vulnerable individuals and families have the resources and support they need; where people with disabilities can access opportunity and fully participate in their communities; and where all are supported as they navigate life's challenges and positively direct their lives.

values

Rooted in an unshakeable belief in every individual's ability to change and grow, we value accountability, connection, tenacity, and service as we help children, adults, and families pursue their dreams and goals.

TRANSFORMING
LIVES

From Our Leaders

Dear Friends,

With recent continued growth, a greater positive impact across the region, and substantial investments in our workforce, physical locations, and operations that improve the efficacy, philosophical underpinnings, and responsiveness of our work on behalf of our neighbors, it continues to be an exciting time at Rising Ground. Rising Ground now provides direct support to over 30,000 individuals through our diverse programs and services, while also helping over 72,000 family and community members via activities and events, as well as with direct service and helping them support people they care about. We operate more than 100 programs at 143 sites throughout New York City and lower Westchester County.

We saw several significant program expansions and openings in 2024 — some anticipated and some unexpected. In February we opened **Foundation Place, New York City's only Center-Based Respite Program**, providing support for up to 21 days for children aged from birth to 14-years-old whose parents are temporarily unable to care for them. Foundation Place fills a gap in family stabilization services by allowing parents and caregivers to find temporary care for their children without having them enter the child welfare system.

In the spring, a colleague agency (St. Christopher's Inc.) closed its **Residential Treatment Center (RTC)** and as a result, Rising Ground was invited to affiliate with Greenburgh-North Castle (GNC) Union Free School District to support youth attending their schools who need a higher level of care through our RTC. GNC is a public school district specifically designated to support students with special education needs. Rising Ground is now the sole organization providing RTC care to GNC students. With this affiliation Rising Ground again elevates its work with children with special education needs.

Our immigration services also expanded with the new **From Hope to Home** program. Consisting of home studies to further assess the safety of homes and potential sponsors of children in our Passage of Hope unaccompanied migrant child program, From Hope to Home also provides post release services to assist the sponsor/family with the support and resources they need to ensure the child's physical and mental well-being. The new program creates a continuum of care for unaccompanied children by helping to facilitate their successful and safe integration into their new communities.

As we acknowledge these achievements in service and expansion of reach, we note that significant changes in federal policy and funding are altering the landscape for human services, making the need for private support even greater. What Rising Ground achieves can only happen with unflagging support and generosity from our donors.

Thank you!



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Matt Del Percio
President,
Board of Directors



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Alan Mucatel
Chief Executive Officer



In 2024, Rising Ground...



Provided Services to

1,082

survivors of intimate partner violence including therapy, advocacy, and case management.



Stabilized the families of

2,206

children facing serious challenges, with 95% of the families remaining intact.



Assisted

3,400

runaway and homeless youth who visited our Queens-based Drop-in Centers for meals, showers, and assistance with housing, counseling, and other supports.



Provided

400

low-income individuals with access to healthcare services and related supports through our Community Education & Healthcare Navigation project.



Supported

1,366

children within our Unaccompanied Migrant Child program.



Helped

80%

of high school seniors in foster care graduate with **87%** of these enrolling in post-secondary education through our Rising Futures program.





Conducted

2,210

in-person and

10,653

tele-health appointments through our State-licensed Mental Health Clinics.



Provided

183

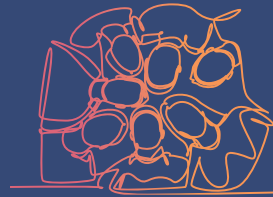
beds for runaway and homeless youth each night in our 10 residences, and placed 67 individuals in stable housing through our Rapid Re-housing services.



Helped

94%

of participants in our Atlas Community Violence Intervention Program complete their pretrial period with no violent felony re-arrest.



Supported

267

individuals with Intellectual/ Developmental Disabilities with 140 individuals residing at 29 permanent Rising Ground community residences.



Provided

42%

of Close to Home residential beds in New York City within our Justice for Youth & Families division.



Saw a

20%

average increase in child development scores by children in our Early Head Start program.



The Yard - East Flatbush Family Enrichment Center Thanksgiving turkey and food giveaway.



Volunteers from United Nations Federal Credit Union packing backpacks with school supplies.

Community Connections

Throughout the year, Rising Ground holds targeted donation drives to provide direct support to tens of thousands of children, young people, and families. This includes an Essentials Drive for homeless young people, a backpack and school supplies drive for children aged pre-k to high school, Thanksgiving food drives, a holiday toy and gift drive, and a winter clothing drive for runaway and homeless youth. In addition to providing much-needed items, the drives provide an opportunity for volunteers to connect directly with our work and distribution events allow us to partner with community organizations and provide hands-on direct support.



Family Resource Center back-to-school event in The Bronx.



Volunteers from Ernst & Young, including Board member Ellen Polansky, distributing donated toys at the Ames Center.



Back Row, L-R: Carol Chen, Ellen Polansky, Matthew Porter, Gary Moross, Rakesh (Rick) Jain, Graham Thomas, Susan Benedict, Karen Myrie, M.D., Dr. Colleen Griffin Wagner, Matt Del Percio, and Robert Schanz. Front Row, L-R: Allen Waxman, Jason Kyrwood, Margery E. Ames, Esq., Alan Mucatel, and Dorothy Mehta. Photo by Ben Asen Photography.

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Morgan Stanley Challenge

Rising Ground was selected to participate in Morgan Stanley's 2024 Strategy Challenge. Over 10 weeks, staff from our senior management and mental health services teams worked with Morgan Stanley employees to address strategic challenges, specifically how Rising Ground could grow its community mental health services. The team's final recommendation was to open a clinic in the South Bronx. For their efforts, the Morgan Stanley staff were awarded 3rd prize among their colleagues based on their work on Rising Ground's behalf, and Rising Ground was provided a grant to go towards implementing the plan.



Morgan Stanley and Rising Ground staff on the Strategy Challenge team.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FY 2024



For the fiscal year ending **June 30, 2024.**

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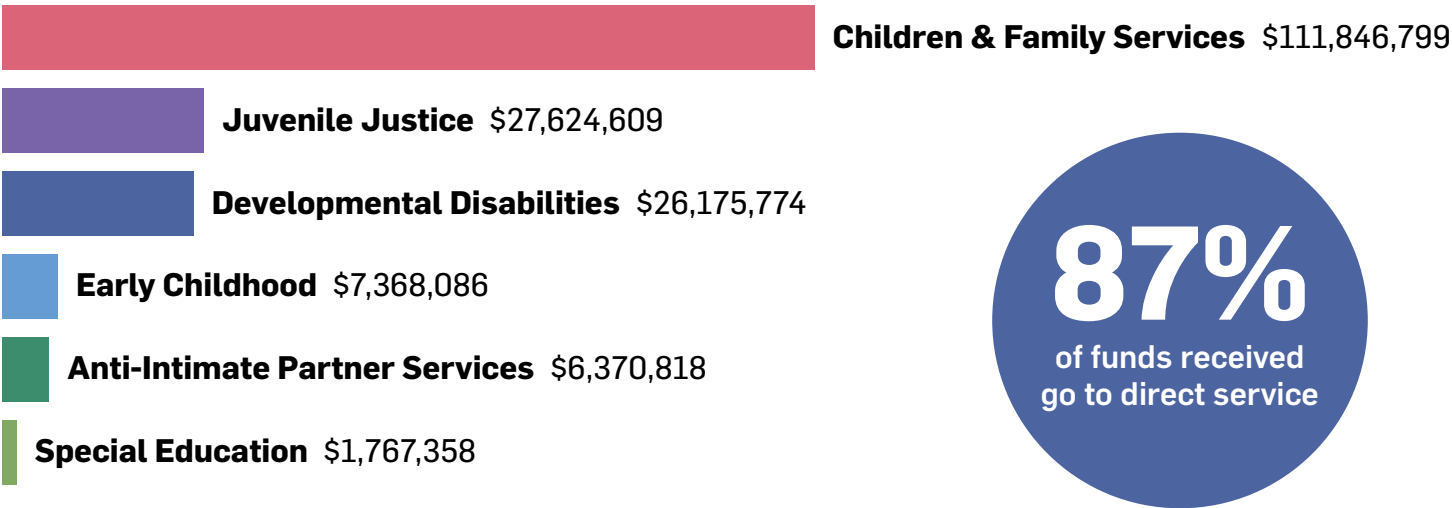
Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$5,474,989
Investments, at fair value, current portion	\$49,603,699
Accounts receivable	\$40,221,495
Other receivables	\$150,495
Prepaid expenses	\$943,947
Assets Limited as to Use	\$19,194,071
Other Assets – Net	\$54,270,049
Total Assets	\$169,858,745

Liabilities & Net Assets

Liabilities	\$103,450,964
Current Liabilities	\$61,716,521
Long-Term Liabilities	\$41,734,443
Net Assets	\$66,407,781
Unrestricted	\$64,046,685
Restricted	\$2,361,096
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$169,858,745

Operating Expenses



While public contracts make up a large portion of Rising Ground's funding, individual, foundation, and corporate contributions are critical to ensuring we can provide the highest quality of support to help New York City area children, adults, and families overcome adversity.

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Revenue & Other Support

Program Services	\$196,904,186
Individual, Foundation & Corporate Contributions	\$1,761,361
Special Events	\$481,381
Direct Costs of Special Events	(-\$110,331)
Investment Income	\$6,776,882
Other Income	\$1,663,482
Miscellaneous Income	\$207,000
Total Revenue	\$207,683,961

Operating Expenses

Program Services	\$181,153,444
Supporting Services	\$26,037,986
Management & General	\$25,553,804
Fundraising	\$484,182
Total Expenses	\$207,191,430

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Rising Ground is deeply grateful to all our supporters and partners!

We have made every effort to create an accurate report of donors for the period from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. If we have inadvertently omitted your name or listed it incorrectly, please bring this to our attention at Advancement@RisingGround.org.

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