



Dear Friends,

The last year was one of reunions and brighter skies. We began with the disappointing but necessary decision to bring our programs back online when the Omicron spike separated us again, but we finished strong with all our programs in-person in greater numbers than ever. In 22 locations across the city, five days a week, we brought hundreds of older adults and students together every week for social, technological, and creative programs. All designed to break down generational silos and foster enduring friendship across the ages.

As we emerge from the pandemic and are hopeful for more stability and normalcy, LBFE Boston is stronger than ever. Last year we launched TWO new programs: *Digital Dividends* and *Creative Connections*. We are creating new and different opportunities for older adults to engage with their community, learn new skills, share their talents, and make new friends.



Thank you for your support throughout the last few challenging years. Because of you, LBFE has kept moving forward and welcoming more older adults into our programs. You've made sure that through it all, our older neighbors have been given lifelines and connections to their communities, friends, and families.

I hope you enjoy reading our FY 2022 Annual Report and seeing your support in action. I look forward to the year ahead and the new friendships it will bring.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nikki Shults'.

Nikki Shults,
Executive
Director



CitySites

Weekly intergenerational social programs for older adults and local college students, offered in Boston's public senior housing & senior centers.



315

**Older
Participants**

Attended
CitySites



71

**Younger
Participants**

Attended
CitySites



304

Activities

Enjoyed
including
games, crafts,
projects, arts, &
more!



17

Sites

Total number
of senior
housing
buildings &
centers

Digital Dividends

Classes of 10-15 adults living in Boston's public senior housing are given laptops and six months of internet connectivity free of charge, along with weekly training provided by college students from our partner organizations.



129

**Older
Participants**

Attended
Digital
Dividends



41

**Younger
Participants**

Attended
Digital
Dividends



128

Training Hours

Teaching &
learning tech
skills



65

**Free
Chromebooks**

Distributed to
older adults

New Program: Creative Connections

Many older adults living in public/ affordable housing face barriers to accessing arts training. *Creative Connections*:

- brings arts instruction to residents where they live, free of charge;
- provides materials and supplies; and
- offers linguistically and culturally informed content.



In summer 2022, we piloted *Creative Connections* for the older residents of Doris Bunte apartments in Roxbury.



In September 2022, we celebrated the artists at our annual *Friends on the Harbor* gala & displayed their works! *Creative Connections* has grown to five sites.

Special Community Events

One-time social programs and holiday celebrations



171

Holiday Gifts

Given to
older
adults



30

Care Packages

Delivered to
newly-
housed
older
adults



30

Picnickers

Attended
summer
festivities



17

Ice Cream Social

Scoops
served





Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating 43 years of intergenerational friendships at Friends on the Harbor.



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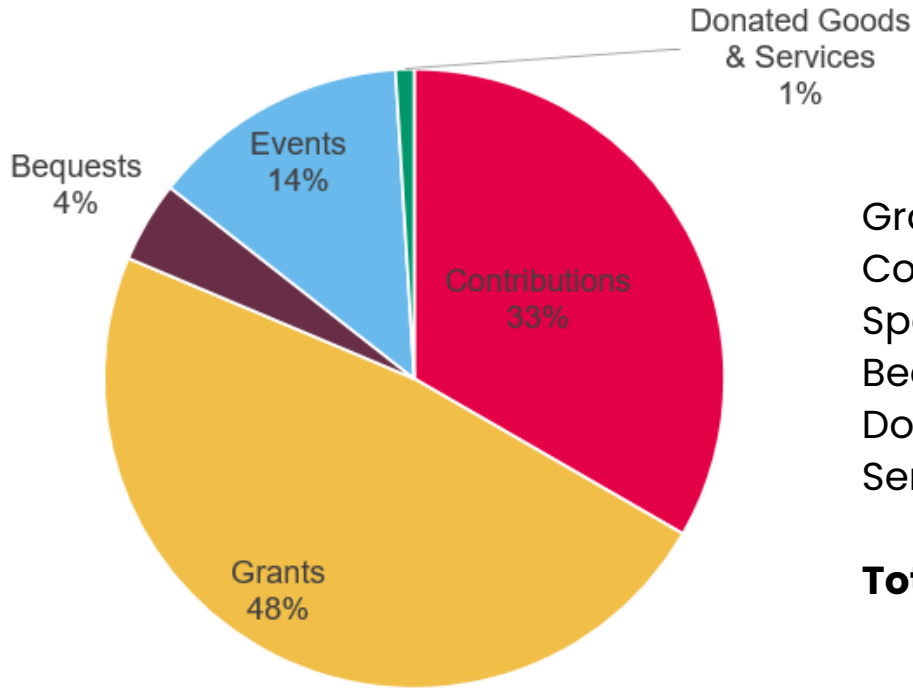
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Operating Revenue

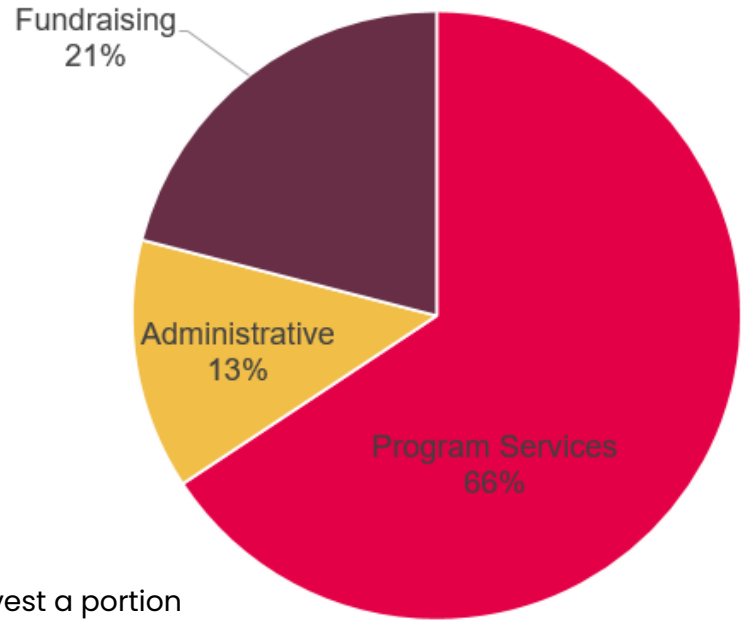


Grants	\$266,727
Contributions	\$208,195
Special Events	\$83,931
Bequests	\$26,402
Donated Goods & Services	\$6,049

Total Revenue	\$591,304
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Operating Expenses

Program Services	\$533,108
Fundraising	\$170,402
Administrative	\$107,924
Total Expenses*	\$811,434



*LBFE opted to operate in a deficit in FY22 to invest a portion of the previous years' surplus to fund program growth and broaden its impact.

Forever Friends

Leave a Legacy through Planned Giving

Charitable giving can be a meaningful part of your estate planning. It can help maximize tax advantages now and support philanthropic interests beyond your lifetime. You have the opportunity to develop a clear picture of funding priorities and benefits you want to achieve.

We encourage you to consider a planned gift to LBFE Boston as a resource for your charitable giving needs. We offer several planned giving options to provide benefits for you and your family.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss planned giving, please contact Nikki at nshults.bos@littlebrothers.org or 617-524-8882.



From the Field

"It gives me an opportunity to learn about Zoom. This way I can sit in my own home and still learn and it keeps me connected to my church. Many of my ministries are still on Zoom so this really was a lifesaver for me and I'm thankful for your patience with seniors and everything."

- Gwen, Older Participant (Spring 2022)

"It's been great working with the same person one-on-one. I've been working with Miss Annie [...]. She has never used a computer before taking this class, so it's been really interesting to teach her how to use the mouse and the keyboard and what the buttons do; and it's been nice because since we work with the same person every week, it allows us to create a rapport so when I go, we get to have a nice little conversation before we start and we get to pick up right where we left off and it allows us to do like a nice flow of learning for her."

-Nick, Biology of Aging Student (Spring 2022)

(Translated from a Mandarin-speaking older adult re: learning Google Translate on the Chromebook) "I can more precisely read and understand the English documents, mails, food labels, medicine drug labels. It increased my English level."

-Junxin, Older Participant (Spring 2022)

"Throughout my time working at LBFE, I was able to meet a lot of great people while also improving my interpersonal Chinese skills. When first starting out, I was nervous to meet all of the elderly and communicate with them, but I ended up looking forward to and loving my one-hour meetings with them. They were so passionate to learn English that it made it easy to teach to them. It forced me to think through how to explain more complicated topics with the simple Chinese that I know. I feel that after this experience, I've learned how to communicate more clearly and I've also learned more about various cultures. I hope to take what I've learned in service-learning and put it towards my future endeavors."

- Hana, Advanced Chinese Student (Fall 2021)

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A very warm thank you to the members of our *Friends All Year Long* monthly giving program! Monthly gifts allow for LBFE to plan for the future and support our older adult friends January-December. For more information on how to join, go to our website www.lbfeboston.org

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