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Annual Report FY 2023



Last Thursday, with Xing's help, I asked students what they liked about the class. Many mentioned the opportunity to be creative, but another common response was "being with everyone." Said one participant: "It gets everyone together."

In my 10th year at LBFE Boston, and my first as Executive Director, I am grateful to have the privilege of doing work that connects us to one another. In the larger world we too often see the consequences of division and social isolation. With your continued support, LBFE Boston will remain a small but bright beacon, bringing joy and connection to older adults throughout Boston and helping to build community wherever we go.

Cynthia W. [Signature]

Cynthia Wilkerson, Executive Director

LBFE Boston Programs

Since 1979, LBFE Boston has sought to alleviate social isolation among older Bostonians. While our programs have evolved over the years, our motto remains the same: "Flowers Before Bread." We understand that opportunities for joy, surprise, and growth are essential throughout the lifespan, and we remain committed to creating inclusive, joyful, and expansive programming for Boston's older adults.



"I thought the program was fantastic and can't wait to see it grow."
Tony, CitySites Older Adult Participant



Today, our innovative work focuses on a unique range of intergenerational, technology, and arts programming through CitySites, Digital Dividends, and Creative Connections. We are pleased to share our IMPACT in FY 2023 across LBFE Boston's programs.

Programs by the Numbers

2,178

Volunteer hours from students, supporters, donors, community partners, and Board of Directors

711

Older participants in CitySites, Digital Dividends, & Creative Connections

222

Digital literacy training hours in Digital Dividends

114

Younger participants in CitySites & Digital Dividends

16

Boston neighborhoods where programs were held

9

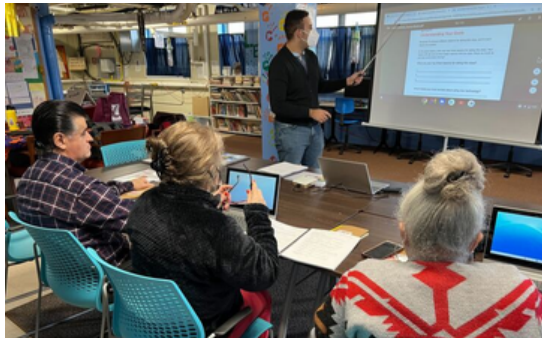
Languages and dialects LBFE Boston programs were held in

Intergenerational Programs: CitySites & Digital Dividends

Intergenerational engagement, which includes bringing together older adults and younger college students for weekly activities and tech classes, is one of the organization's key areas of focus.

CitySites

In partnership with service-learning and community engagement programs at several Boston colleges and universities, we offer weekly intergenerational activities in public/affordable senior housing and senior centers.



Digital Dividends

Classes of 10-15 adults in public/affordable senior housing are given laptops and internet connectivity free of charge along with weekly training provided by LBFE staff and college students from our partner institutions.

Creative Connections

In 2022, we began offering classes led by professional instructors in painting, dance, and other arts. For many program participants, it was an opportunity to explore a new area of creative engagement.



New Program: Gen2GenQ

In 2023, LBFE Boston Executive Director Cynthia Wilkerson became part of the inaugural cohort of Eisner Prize Fellows. The Eisner Foundation identifies, advocates for, and invests in high-quality and innovative programs that unite multiple generations for the enrichment of our communities, and the Eisner Prize Fellow is a new program designed to support leaders pioneering innovations in intergenerational connection.

Cynthia's project, Gen2GenQ, will create opportunities for intergenerational connection between older and younger LGBTQ+ community members in Greater Boston.



Special Community Events

Each year, LBFE Boston hosts one-time community events, programs, and holiday celebrations. Here are just a few of those special moments.



*BC Common Tones performing
at Springhouse Senior Living*



*Summer Picnic at Larz
Anderson Park in Brookline*



*Ice Cream Social at Talbot House
with Bay Cove Human Services*

*"I am very grateful for the community we have
built... where we all learned and grew together."
Jahnavi, Digital Dividends Student Participant*

*"I love the socialization and activities
that the students bring..."
Barbara, CitySites Older Adult
Participant*

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Older adults across all programs from 2Life Communities, Franklin Field, and Hassan Apartments joined Friends on the Harbor 2023



Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon at Hyatt Regency Boston Harbor



LBFE Boston Staff & Board delivered over 300 holiday gifts to older adults.

"I love Little Brothers!"

John, Digital Dividends Older Adult Participant

"I'm going to have tears in my eyes, but I accomplished something that I always wanted to do."

Dolores, Digital Dividends Older Adult Participant



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**Thank you to everyone who joined us in
supporting and celebrating 44 years of
community, connections, and programming!**

BrooklineBank

"Working with LBFE opened my eyes to the power of intergenerational interactions and community."

Logan, Digital Dividends Student Participant



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*"While working with older adults, the majority of them say:
'Art brings joy.'"*

Mimi, Instructor, Creative Connections



FY23 LBFE Boston Staff

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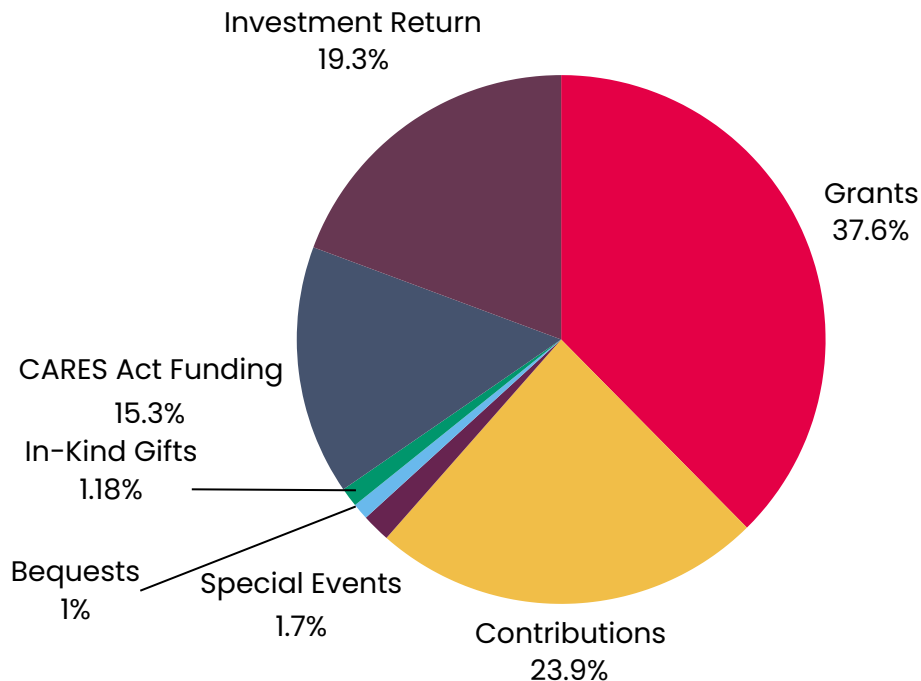
Paula Trevino

Kiki Wang

"It was an opportunity to visit with people of various ages and mingle with them, and I really enjoyed doing things together."

Anthony, CitySites Older Adult Participant

Operating Revenue



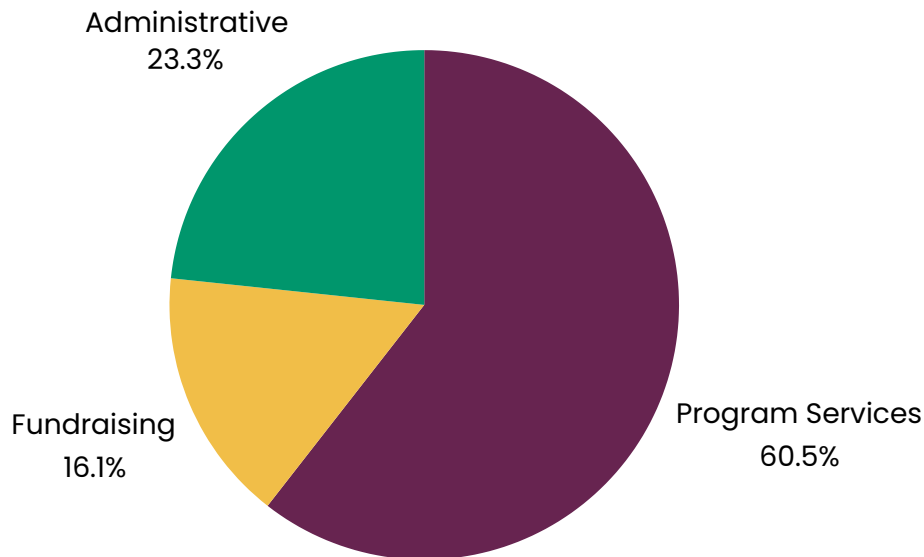
Grants	\$366,015
Contributions	\$232,603
Investment Return	\$188,131
CARES Act Funding	\$148,561
Special Events	\$16,942
In-Kind Gifts	\$11,500
Bequests	\$9,706

Total Revenue	\$973,459
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Operating Expenses

Program Services	\$601,312
Administrative	\$231,752
Fundraising	\$160,163

Total Expenses \$993,227



Your Legacy. For Generations to Come.

We are eternally grateful to the fourteen members of the LBFE Boston community who bequeathed, on their passing, nearly \$500,000 to the organization over the last ten years. They helped us build three major programs – and hundreds of friendships.

And we thank the following supporters for recently committing to leaving a legacy gift to LBFE Boston in the future:

Andrew L. Bass
Mr. Steven Jackson and Rev. Catherine Senghas
Jane Kaiser
Jean Marino
Bob and Christa Murray
Jeffrey Neil



INTRODUCING JEFF

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I saw what LBFE Boston meant to my great aunt, *Sal*.

She received services from age 90 until age 105, so I know the importance of the cause and leaving a legacy beyond just family. Having served on LBFE Boston's Board of Directors — and several local church boards — I have also seen first hand how bequests are literally a gift from God, allowing the organization to address the biggest needs in the moment. It's amazing what an unexpected difference they can make.

Contact Jean DeMayo, Director of Development,
to discuss planned giving.
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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 throughout the year. For more information on how to join, go to www.lbfeboston.org.

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"I loved being with young people."

Debbie, CitySites Older Adult Participant

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Barbara A. Baker



*"Digital Dividends also helped me recognize
how desperately our communities need
more programs like this..."*

**Megan, Digital Dividends Student
Participant**

LBFE Boston thanks the following community partners who welcome us into their buildings, connect us with talented students who take part in our programs, and support aging services in Boston:

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Bay Cove Human Services
Boston Centers for Youth & Families
Boston College
Boston Housing Authority
Boston Senior Home Care
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