

**CITY LIVING NY**

**2021**



**ANNUAL REPORT**

## MISSION STATEMENT



*At City Living NY, our mission is to empower youth aging out of foster care to transition successfully into adulthood by providing concrete resources, tools, and support services.*

*We work with our clients to overcome complex and varied challenges so that they have the same opportunities as any young adult on the road to independence.*



*When foster care ends, our work begins.*

# A LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDER

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As we began work on our first annual report, I reflected on how far we have come since our founding in November 2015. In our first six months we helped 7 people...today we have helped more than 160 youth on their path to independence. We have come so far but know there are so many more in need of our services.

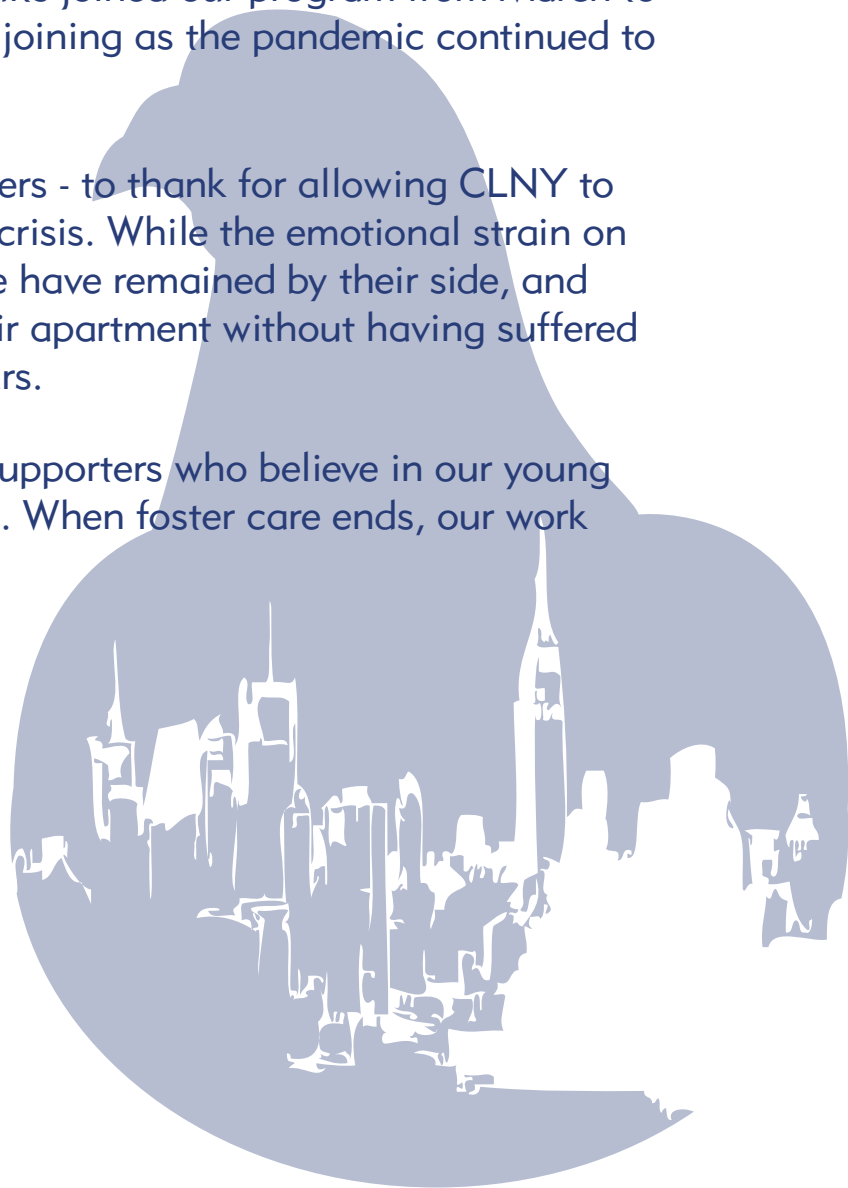
2020 brought a new set of challenges, as the world faced the unprecedented pressures of the Covid-19 pandemic. The pandemic did not stop youth from aging out of care, and it did not stop CLNY from serving them; 36 young adults joined our program from March to December 2020, with even more joining as the pandemic continued to ravage the country in 2021.

We have you - our amazing partners - to thank for allowing CLNY to ensure our clients navigated this crisis. While the emotional strain on our youth has been enormous, we have remained by their side, and every CLNY client remains in their apartment without having suffered food shortage or significant arrears.

We are so thankful to our many supporters who believe in our young people and believe in our mission. When foster care ends, our work begins.

With Gratitude,

**Liz Northcutt, LMSW**  
Executive Director/Founder



# WHY CLNY?

## OUR PROGRAMS:

### Home Goods Advocacy (HGA)

We first welcome our clients through our Home Goods Advocacy (HGA) program. This is the time when we help our clients set up their homes, get to know them and their needs, and figure out together what level of support they need. For some clients, this stage is enough. If so, we still maintain contact, calling every three months to ensure housing stability. These youth are invited to any workshops we have and are welcomed as a part of the CLNY community.

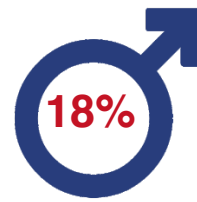
### Comprehensive Services Program (CSP)

40% of our clients want more support and join our Comprehensive Services Program (CSP). In this program, we continue to work with our clients after helping to set up their first apartments. Our social workers offer support and guidance to them as they work toward their educational, employment, and socio-emotional goals.

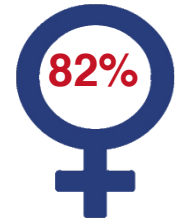
### CSP Services include:

- ✓ resume writing
- ✓ job searches
- ✓ career counseling
- ✓ interview readiness
- ✓ education needs
- ✓ tuition issues
- ✓ internship guidance
- ✓ enrollment challenges
- ✓ tutoring referrals
- ✓ GED or vocational programs
- ✓ academic advisement programs
- ✓ financial literacy training
- ✓ parenting resources
- ✓ nutrition workshops
- ✓ positive self-care
- ✓ housing stability

## OUR CLIENTS IDENTIFY AS:



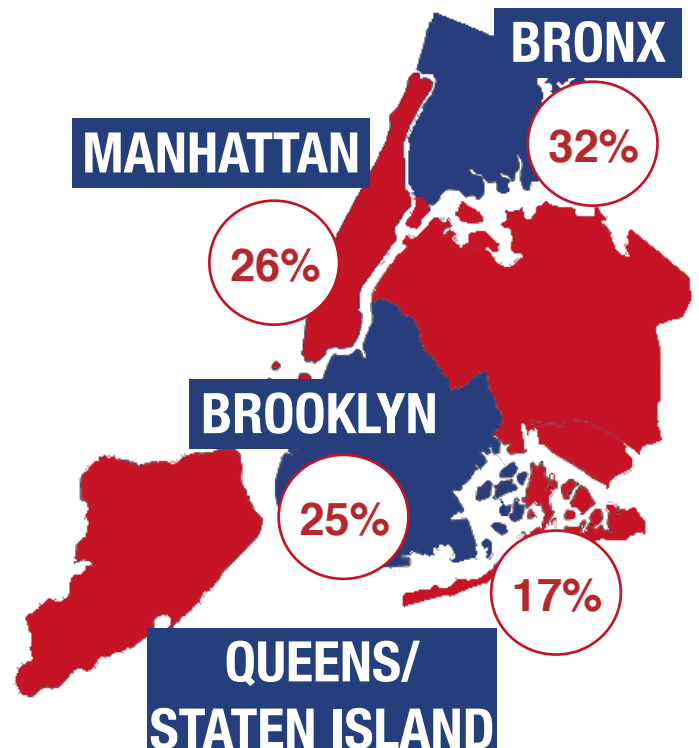
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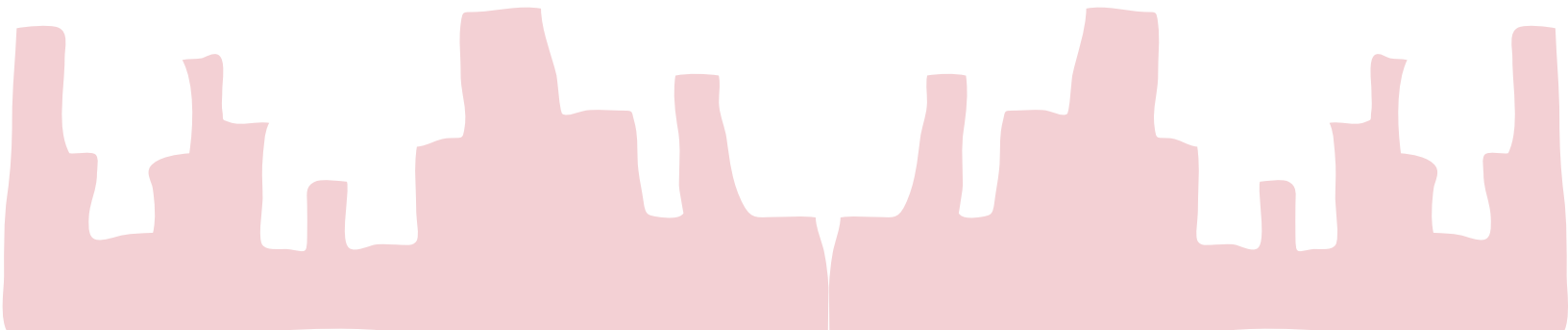
## THEY LIVE IN:



# OUR IMPACT

- At the start of the pandemic, City Living NY reached out to our individual supporters and they answered generously. These funds allowed us to help almost 60 youth in these first weeks – we delivered food, formula, diapers and ensured means of communication remained open and available.
- City Living NY partnered with the Robin Hood Foundation in the summer of 2020 to provide COVID-19 Emergency Response grants to 125 youth – 95 youth referred by the NYC Administration for Children’s Services and 30 youth on our waitlist.
- City Living NY remained connected with our youth via phone and video, making curbside deliveries of home goods and other needed household items. As New York City began to open, we returned to our model of in-home support.
- As we did in 2020 and 2021, we will continue to advocate and assist our clients with employment, educational and housing issues.

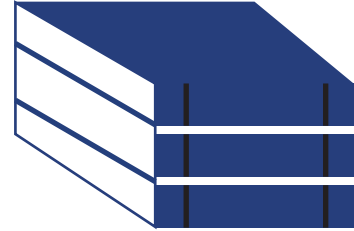
***“ City Living NY has been tremendously helpful during 2020. I was affected by Covid-19 financially and health-wise. I am truly grateful for their assistance. ”***



# *In the past year...*



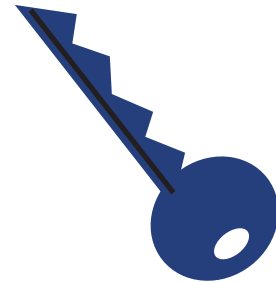
**100%** of our clients remained in housing, despite 40% being at-risk of homelessness & in spite of financial uncertainty during Covid.



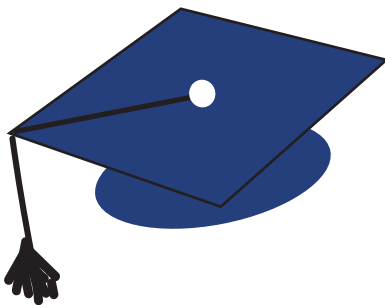
Over **65%** of our youth were engaged in either an educational pursuit or employed part or full-time.



**35%** were enrolled in an educational program (from HSE classes to college).



We have assisted **15%** of our current clients to secure the apartment they now reside in.



**13%** of our youth have now graduated from their associate or bachelor program while working with CLNY, including 3 during Covid.



**36%** of our youth are parents, and we assisted over 2/3 of them with childcare, parenting supplies, and school issues during Covid.

# HEAR FROM OUR NEW YORKERS!

*“City Living has been there through every endeavor in my life. I feel supported by them, and I’m grateful to know I have an organization that will always help me.”*



*“Thank you City Living for being in my corner, my support team; always easing my mind that everything will be okay.”*

*“City Living is the sole reason I am able to keep going today.”*



*“City Living is my answered prayer! Divinely guided mentors is how I define City Living, they are truly heaven sent in my life. I am forever grateful for all the opportunities provided to learn, grow, and be inspired.”*

*“They have been a big help in my life. They have been emotionally and physically supportive, and above all understand everything that I’m going through.”*



# MEET OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

*“Our Leadership Team at City Living NY includes passionate advocates for youth from a variety of fields, offering decades of experience, and deep knowledge and sensitivity about the fragility of the unique population we serve.”*

- Liz Northcutt, LMSW  
Executive Director/Founder

## STAFF

Young In-Shin, LCSW - Program Director  
Gabrielle Breslow, LMSW - Social Worker  
Danielle Clarke, LMSW - Social Worker  
Lili N. Glauber, LCSW - Therapeutic Coach  
Sarah Johnson, LMSW - Social Worker  
Abby Kamen, LMSW - Social Worker  
Kashana Wilson, MSW - Social Worker

*“Staff are helpful, caring, compassionate, and provide useful resources.”*

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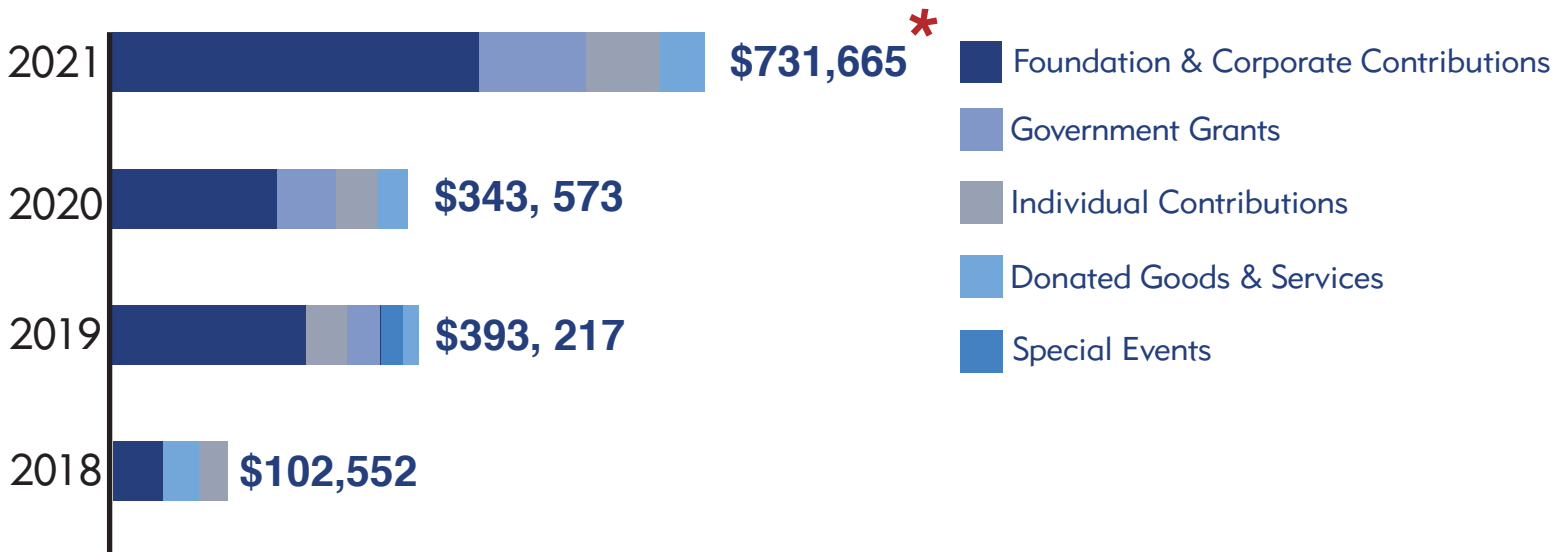
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- » New York City Council
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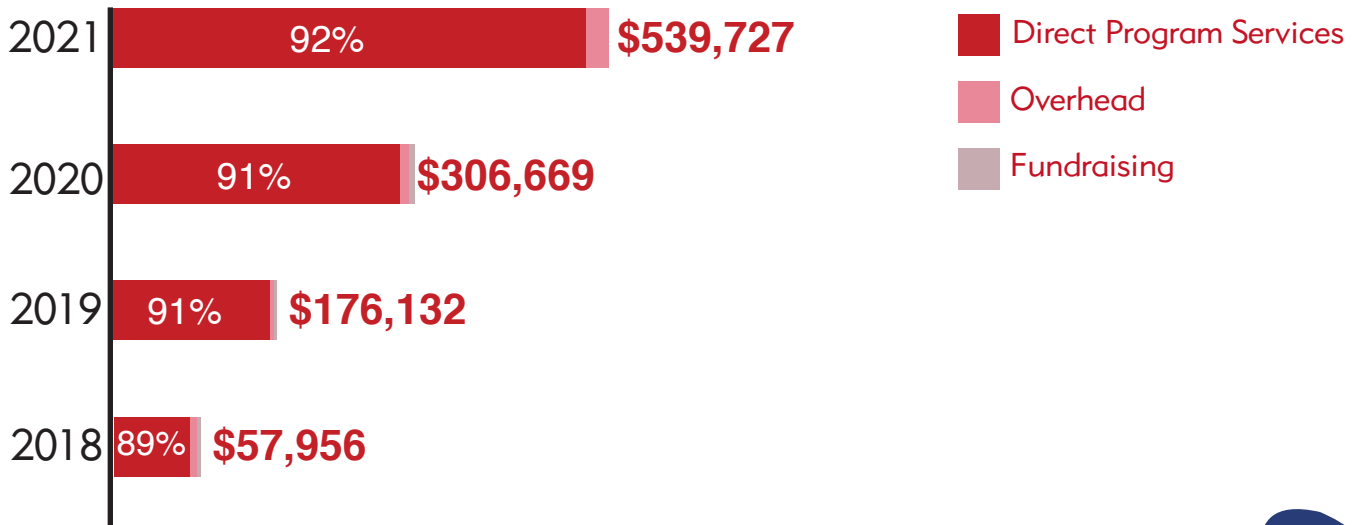


# OUR FINANCIALS

## REVENUE



## EXPENSES



\* Financial statements for 2021 have not been reviewed at time of publication and no assurance is provided on the numbers.



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