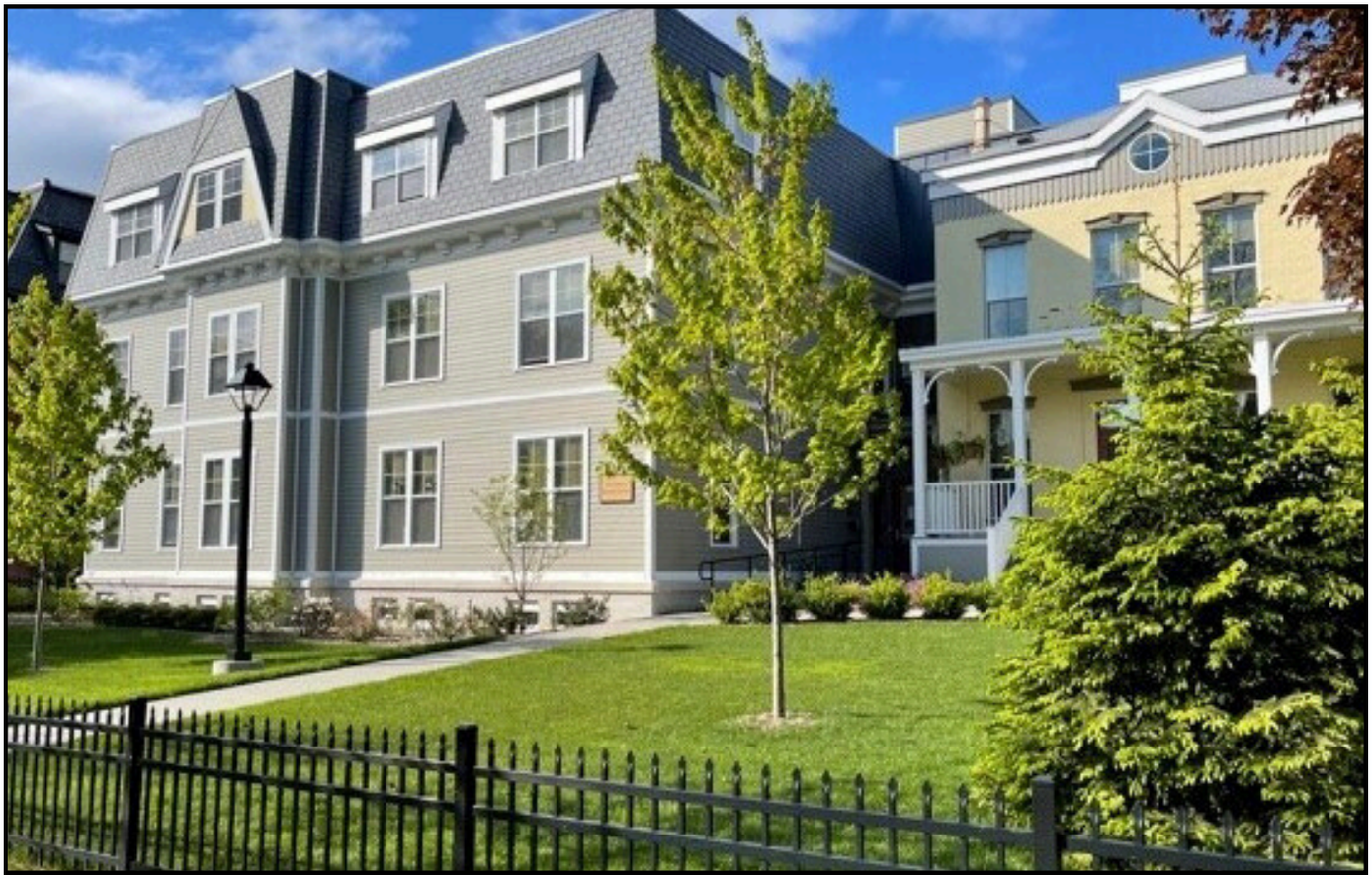

Albany Damien Center

2023 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

HEALTH EQUITY IN ACTION

History

The Albany Damien Center opened in 1988 and was incorporated in 1990 as the first AIDS drop-in center in the United States. Named after Saint Damien of Molokai, who ministered to people with leprosy in the 1800s, the Damien Center is not a faith-based organization, yet invites persons from all religious and spiritual paths to join in our efforts to participate in Damien Center services and activities.

Saint Damien of Molokai

Mission

To enhance the lives of people with HIV, mental health, and homelessness in a safe, inclusive environment.

Vision

A more equitable community, where people achieve their desired potential.

Values

Accountability	**We are each responsible for our words, actions, and results.**
Integrity	**We are honest, ethical, and do the right thing.**
Diversity	**We respect, support, and value our differences and each other.**
Empowerment	**We strive to provide opportunities for positive change, development, and independence.**
Respect	**We believe in the dignity and worth of every person.**
Trauma-Informed	**We provide a safe and trusting environment with choice, collaboration, and empowerment.**

Board of Directors

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Message From The Board President

Dear Friends,

A community that comes together grows together: The Albany Damien Center has demonstrated this principle through resilience, strength and compassionate, collective growth in 2023.

This remarkable progress would not be possible without the incredible work of our dedicated staff who support our members every day, Perry Junjulas, our executive director, the support of the board of directors and your support of our mission.

This year we set new goals with our strategic direction on the shoulders of the progress we achieved together last year. We aim to bring on more diversity, expand our programs, and amplify our resources.

The Albany Damien Center is where so many members call home. Together, we are in good company. Together, we are a strong community.

I am proud to be a part of the Albany Damien Center and I humbly thank you for your part in our vision.

- **Stephanie Fisher, Board President**

Message From The Executive Director

Coretta Scott King once said, "*The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members*."

Indeed, in 2023, I had the privilege of witnessing our community's collective effort, which rallied to help the people we serve at the Damien Center. This unified support is the very essence of our shared successes in assisting those in our community impacted by HIV, homelessness, and mental health.

The Damien Center's enduring strength over the years has been its adaptability to the evolving needs in our community. Our mission expansion and our vision of a more equitable community, where individuals can realize their desired potential, are direct responses to our recognition of health equity as a fundamental agency goal.

By providing housing, meals, education, social support, and unfettered access to medical services, we have significantly broadened our reach, working tirelessly to rectify years of injustice and inequities for each person we serve.

From the bottom of my heart, I extend my deepest gratitude to our donors, government partners, staff, board, volunteers, members, and tenants. Your compassionate efforts help transform lives and bring hope to those in need—a true measure of a great community I am proud to be a part of!

- **Perry James Junjulas, Executive Director & Person Living with AIDS**

HOUSING

100% Housing Retention

Of the **93 members** we provided with permanent supportive housing, **100%** remained housed or transitioned to permanent housing upon exit from our program. Further, **97%** of those members either maintained or increased their income in 2023.

DROP-IN LIVING ROOM

Since 1988, our living room has served as the beating heart of the Damien Center. Imagine a place where you are welcomed by name, a place where you are a part of a loving and diverse family. A place where you are both seen and heard. A place where you are respected and accepted for who you are in your journey, realizing that you can still have love and laughter. We are not alone. And neither are you....

SMART MEALS

> *Thank god for this wonderful program. This program has allowed me to eat. I get $24 in food stamps and I wouldn't be able to eat without the program. GOD BLESS.*
>
> *- Damien Center Member*

35,928 Meals Served!

10,938 Congregate Meals
8,360 Pantry Bag Meals
16,240 Food Voucher Meals
120 Emergency Bag Meals

MPOWER!

MPower! aims to improve the health, well-being, and quality of life for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual (LGB) & Transgender Non-Binary (TGNB) individuals and families.

594 **Health & human services provided**

30 **Name change services provided**

10 **Titles presented at new Queer Lit Library**

Our team at Albany Pride 2023!

HIV CASCADE OF CARE

95% of Members Virally Suppressed

The HIV Treatment Cascade is a model that outlines the sequential steps of medical care that people go through from initial diagnosis to achieving the goal of viral suppression, and shows the proportion of individuals living with HIV who are engaged at each stage. The Damien Center's data-driven approach to programming allows us to achieve optimum outcomes for our members while adapting to new trends in care.

- ☑ **220** members with HIV actively served in 2023.
- ☑ **208** members with at least one viral load test this year.
- ☑ **198** members were virally suppressed.

We're proud that 95% of members reach viral suppression.
The viral suppression average in New York State was 78% as of Dec 2022.

EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS

163 Employment Services Provided

Employment Pathways provides our members with the support they need to pursue their career goals. For many of them making a difference in the communities they live in is a priority. We assist each person on their journey to fulfilling, paid employment and educational/vocational opportunities.

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

NATIONAL WORKING POSITIVE COALITION

The Albany Damien Center and the National Working Positive Coalition have combined our expertise to provide training and technical assistance to service providers throughout New York State to strengthen responses to needs for employment-related information, services and resources relating to those living with HIV. In 2023, we **provided 11 webinars and 2 in-person hybrid training courses** for **444 people statewide** using 8 curricula we developed.

BEHAVORIAL HEALTH

Connecting our members to a social network free of the stigma of HIV is key to our approach to behavioral health. The Damien Center itself is alive with support groups, meetings, social events and more. And there is always someone ready to lend a caring ear. In 2023, we **served 57 individuals** with **647 behavioral health sessions.**

PAWS
PETS ARE WONDERFUL SUPPORT

In 2023, PAWS provided veterinary care assistance and made hundreds of home deliveries of pet food and supplies to ensure members stayed connected and pets stayed healthy.

90 Pets Served

86 Owners Served

8,500 Pounds of Pet Food & Supplies Provided

Staff from the NYS Department of Health AIDS Institute and The Albany Damien Center setting up for the 2023 ETE Summit & World AIDS Day

AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT

The **NAMES Project NY Capital Region Chapter**, established in 1991, became a program of the Albany Damien Center in 2019. We are the only chapter in NYS and one of the ten nationwide chapters.

It is a great honor to be facilitating and maintaining the NAMES Project as a champion for this historical National Treasure.

FUN-Raisers

Bowling for PAWS

Over 200 bowlers showed up to support Bowling for PAWS at Kingpin's Alley in Latham on March 10. Thanks to YOUR support, we raised over $28,000 for the PAWS program and had fun doing it!

Santa Speedo 2023

The Albany Society for the Advancement of Philanthropy coordinated the most fabulous event of the holiday season!!

Proceeds benefitted the Albany Damien Center and the HIV Program at Albany Medical Center!

2023 Financials

Assets & Liabilities (as of 12/31)

	2023	2022
Assets		
Current Assets	5,579,634	4,705,871
Fixed Assets	3,790,415	4,001,687
Total Assets	9,370,049	8,707,558
Liabilities & Net Assets		
Liabilities Current	302,149	319,212
Net Assets		
Unrestricted Net Assets	5,578,500	5,612,474
Board Designate Reserves-Building	1,393,196	1,174,868
Board Designated Reserves-Operating	2,096,204	1,601,004
Total Net Assets	9,067,900	8,388,346
Liabilities & Net Assets	$9,370,049	$8,707,558

Revenue & Income

Grants & Programs	5,430,891
Donors, Events, Foundations	149,762
Rental Income	61,102
In-Kind Contributions	29,894

Expense

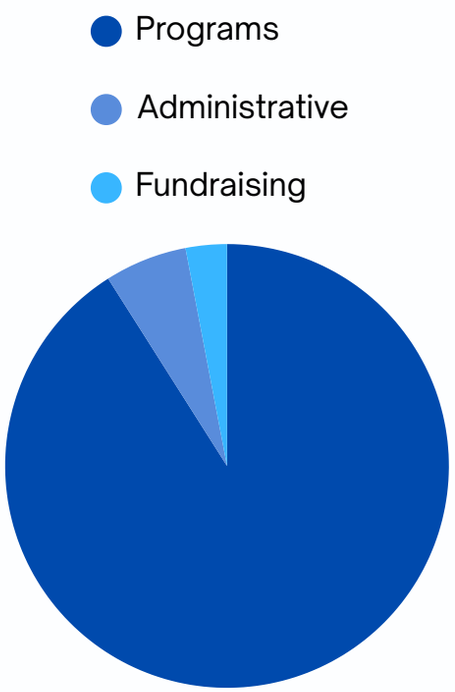
Programs	4,527,411
Administrative	301,651
Fundraising	164,363

2023 Expenses

We're proud that 91% of all funds we raise go to programming for our members.

*Note:
Financial information is from internal fiscal statements.

Our audited financial statements are available upon request.



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Dec 1, 2023 World AIDS Day
Damien Center Front Lawn

We are honored to remember and celebrate your loved ones!

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