

FEIC AMAL REPORT 202





# Directors



"Our mission is to advance the growth and well-being of individuals and families by providing educational, social, economic and cultural opportunities to our community. "

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### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** Steve Strange



Dear East End Community Members,

East End United Community Center (EEUCC) experienced major growth in 2022. The 47th year since the inception of East End United Community Center saw us land a 21st CCLC Cohort 11 out-of-school time grant for \$499,999 per year over the course of five years in August. This grant expanded our budget and provided us with more resources to serve the community and county going forward. And, as always, the amazing hard work and generosity of our staff, board members, volunteers, donors, participants, and partners made it possible.

In 2022 EEUCC's Little Legends Daycare tripled in size allowing us to focus on elevating from a STARS 2 to a STARS 4 rating in 2023, and to eye up a Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts grant that would provide free preschool to children in our community in 2024. Funding from the Staunton Farm Foundation laid the groundwork for a Helping Vets program designed to help veterans dealing with grief, and a grant from the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania led to English as a Second Language classes. While our core programming and services including truancy mitigation, monthly food pantry, free diapers, and community gardening continued to be refined, it was great to reach new groups of people in our community.

Throughout 2022 our board discussed whether to expand our building. By the end of 2022 it was clear that building expansion was necessary. Steps were taken, and we will have 450 feet of extra office space, and 468-foot addition to our Pre-K Daycare Room completed by May 2024. Because of our growth in 2022, we have simply run out of space for employees, children, and community members.

We also bolstered our staff in 2022, adding a full time administrative assistant, office assistant, and 21st CCLC Program Director. A decision was also made to outsource our financial management to Jeff McCue's accounting firm, and that has made EEUCC more efficient.

As you will read in the following pages, there are a lot of good things that happen at East End. The stories in this report will outline some of the ways East End positively impacts the local community and shed some light on how we will continue to make a difference.

The efforts of all East End community members have allowed us continued growth and success, and for that I am grateful. Thank you all for all that you do!

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Steve Strange Executive Director East End United Community Center

### **Program Spotlight**



#### EAST END UNITED COMMUNITY CENTER WAS AWARDED 21ST CCLC FUNDING!

In August 2022, EEUCC secured a \$499,999 annual grant for the next five years through 21st CCLC Cohort 11 funding. This grant will support out-of-school time services for students, focusing on academic enrichment during non-school hours. The program targets students in grades 1-5 at Benjamin Franklin, Lafayette, and Waynesburg Central elementary schools. Afterschool sessions are from Monday to Thursday, 3pm-5:30pm for Uniontown area schools and 3:15pm-5:45pm for Central Greene students at Waynesburg Central Elementary School. The program aligns with state academic standards and offers a five-week summer school from mid-June to late-July, along with hot meals provided through the Child and Adult Food Care Program and Summer Food Service Program. Collaborations with Uniontown Area School District and Central Greene School District enhance the program's success. EEUCC's longstanding partnership with these districts and our mission to provide educational and community opportunities will be amplified through this grant.



#### **EEUCC Diaper Bank**

EEUCC's partnership with the Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank (WPDB) has exemplified their unwavering commitment to the well-being of the community's most vulnerable members. By collaborating with WPDB, EEUCC has taken significant strides towards ensuring that infants in need experience the fundamental comfort of being clean, healthy, and dry. In the year 2022 alone, EEUCC's efforts reached an astounding 187 families, providing them with essential diaper bank supplies including diapers, pull ups, wipes, baby shampoo, baby lotion, and even feminine products. This partnership stands as a poignant reminder of EEUCC's dedication to fostering holistic support systems, as we not only address immediate needs but also strive to empower families for a better future.

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### **Did You Know?**

In 2022, EEUCC's unwavering dedication to nurturing the well-being of the community's voungest members shone brightly as we provided an impressive total of 25,170 nourishing meals and snacks to the Little Legends Daycare and out-of-school time students. This remarkable effort exemplifies EEUCC's commitment to not only academic growth but also the physical health and vitality of these young individuals. By ensuring access to wholesome nutrition, EEUCC continues to lay a strong foundation for the development and success of the children under our care, embodying our ethos of creating a supportive and thriving environment for every child to flourish.



#### **Little Legends Daycare**

In 2022, EEUCC's Little Legends Daycare stood as a beacon of early childhood education and care, providing a haven for 22 young learners. With a steadfast mission of fostering growth and development, the daycare offered a safe and stimulating environment where these little ones could explore, learn, and thrive. Little Legends' dedicated staff worked tirelessly to create a space that not only catered to the physical needs of the children, but also nurtured their cognitive development. Through Little Legends Daycare, EEUCC continues to demonstrate its profound dedication to laying a strong foundation for a lifetime of learning and success.



#### **EEUCC Out-of-School Time**

EEUCC's Out-of-School Time program emerged as a vital resource for approximately 70 students in 2022, offering far more than just a safe space. This initiative proved to be a holistic haven, encompassing essential elements for comprehensive growth. Beyond its role as a nurturing environment, the program provided nutritious meals, engaging field trips, enriching educational experiences, hands-on projects, insightful guest speakers, and a sense of belonging for each participant. EEUCC's commitment to these students extended well beyond traditional boundaries, reflecting their dedication to not only academic development but also social, emotional, and personal growth. The program's multifaceted approach showcased EEUCC's profound understanding of the diverse needs of its students, resulting in a transformative and empowering experience for all involved.



#### **Connect to Classrooms**

EEUCC is proud to collaborate with Fayette County Children & Youth Services to provide valuable support to families in need of truancy mitigation services. The Connect to Classrooms program served 62 families in 2022. If you're a resident of Fayette County and your child is facing attendance challenges at school, please know that there are free services readily available to assist you and your family. We want to emphasize that participation in these services is entirely voluntary, and you have the flexibility to discontinue them at any time. Our goal is to ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive academically, and we're here to lend a helping hand when you need it most.



#### **Silver Generation**

Silver Generation at EEUCC is a vibrant senior group, open to those aged 55 and above, that gathers every Wednesday for engaging social activities. Their meetings occur in person at 10am, except during the summer months of June, July, and August when they convene at 1pm. This group offers a wonderful opportunity for older adults to connect with peers in a warm and friendly atmosphere serving 15 aged adults in 2022. Participants enjoy a nutritious lunch, engage in fun games, and relish the chance to socialize providing a welcoming space where our seniors can embrace the joys of community and companionship.







### **EEUCC's Annual Fall Gala**

**FEUCC's 2022** Annual Fall Gala was a resounding success, achieved by the dedicated fundraising committee led by the exceptional fundraising chair, Mrs. Terry Burden. The 2022 gala surpassed all expectations by raising an unprecedented amount of over \$30,000, a milestone in EEUCC's history. The relentless efforts of the committee, under Mrs. Burden's visionary leadership, showcased a deep commitment to the organization's mission and a profound understanding of its importance. Their innovative strategies, tireless dedication, and skillful execution resulted in not only the most successful fundraising event to date, but also a testament to the enduring impact of collective determination and passion for a worthy cause.







### **Community Spirit Day**

In a heartwarming revival, EEUCC's 2022 Community Spirit Day made a triumphant return after a hiatus of several years. This highly anticipated event not only reignited a sense of community connection, but also brought forth a day of joy and giving. Thanks to the sponsorship from the Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration, the event united neighbors and families in a spirit of togetherness. Attendees were treated to a delightful array of offerings including complimentary hot dogs, the boundless excitement of a bounce house, the cool refreshment of shaved ice, imaginative balloon art figures, and a heartening gesture of free backpacks filled with essential back-to-school supplies. This vibrant celebration underscored EEUCC's unwavering goal of supporting the community and creating memorable moments that resonate with our vision of care and compassion.



### 2022 EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT Tawana Mills

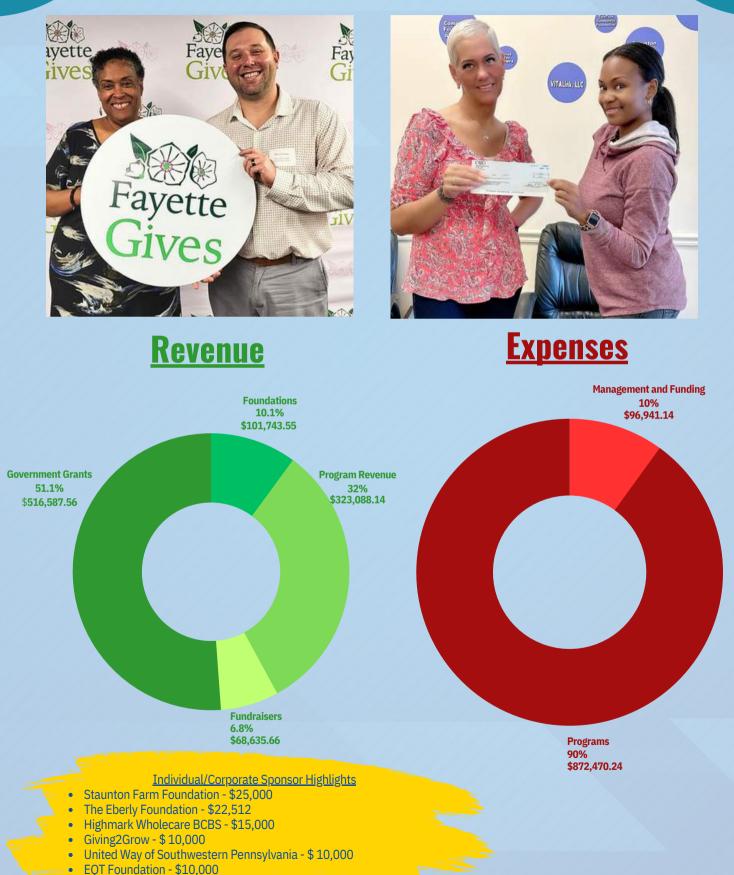
Tawana Mills, affectionately known as Miss Tawana by the children under her care, is a cherished figure at EEUCC's Little Legends Daycare. At the age of 50, she brings a wealth of experience and a heart full of passion for nurturing young minds. With an impressive three decades in the field of childcare, Miss Tawana's devotion to children is evident in her every interaction. A mother of two daughters, a grandmother of one granddaughter, and a godmother to 14, her love for guiding and supporting children extends far beyond her professional role. Originally from Uniontown, particularly the "East End" area, Miss Tawana's roots are deeply intertwined with EEUCC's history. Her journey with the organization began at the darling age of 13, dating back to EEUCC's original location next to Lantz Funeral Home, where she was even part of the drill team under the guidance of Mrs. Alice Hollingsworth. Reflecting on her enduring connection to EEUCC, Miss Tawana marvels at the unexpected path that has led her to remain an integral part of the organization. Since September 2014, she has been an instrumental presence in the Little Legends Daycare team. Her years at EEUCC have been marked by warmth, camaraderie, and a strong sense of family. Miss Tawana's unwavering commitment to the children's safety and well-being underscores her role as a guardian and mentor. Her enduring legacy as a caregiver is a testament to her boundless devotion to the children and the EEUCC community.

### BOARD MEMBER FOCUS Terry Burden Vice President



EEUCC Board Vice President, Terry Burden, stands as a remarkable example of impact within the community. As the recipient of the prestigious 2022 Impact Worker of the Year Award from the Human Service Council, Terry's commitment to making a difference shines brightly. Her involvement with EEUCC began in 2007, and over the years, she has embraced various roles within the organization. From her position as the board vice president and fundraising committee chair to her role as the site coordinator for out-of-school time programming, Terry's multifaceted contributions have left an indelible mark. Her leadership skills were showcased in her orchestration of EEUCC's 2022 Annual Fall Gala, where she exhibited exceptional expertise in securing sponsorships, curating auction items, promoting the event, and ensuring its overall success. In 2022, under Terry's guidance, EEUCC achieved a groundbreaking milestone by raising over \$30,000 at the gala, making it the most profitable event in the Center's history. Terry's impact extends beyond numbers; she is cherished by EEUCC's students as "Miss Terry," a positive role model and nurturing presence. Her tireless diligence to EEUCC's mission embodies the essence of the 2022 Impact Worker of the Year recognition.

# **2022** Financials





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