

# Annual Report

2021 - 2022

Fiscal Year

**CESC**

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*Connecting Everyone  
with Second Chances*

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# Letter from the Board Chair



Dear Members of the Community and CESC Supporters,

Our clients have endured many challenges since our last annual report in 2019. I'm pleased to share that over the last year, we continued to adapt Connecting Everyone with Second Chances in directions that best serve our community members in poverty.

As of July 2021, management of The Dwellings and Westgate were transitioned to Royal American Management. The Kearney Center and CESC Health Services remain the core focus of CESC. Through The Kearney Center and CESC Health Services, we continue to provide emergency shelter, food, case management, free healthcare, and more to those experiencing homelessness.

The onset of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 was a shock to all. Thanks to community support we persevered, kept our clients safe, and in January 2022, CESC Health Services was approved to administer vaccinations to our clients and the public. Though it feels like we've made it out of the fog, there will always be obstacles to overcome. CESC will always find the best solution to protect our most vulnerable neighbors.

Through the pandemic, our clients' lives became even more difficult with rising costs of living, and other concerns that make homelessness a convoluted problem in the Big Bend region. CESC is ensuring we can guide them to a self-sufficient future, including placement into transitional and permanent housing. As you continue reading this annual report, you will see we have expanded our diversion services at The Kearney Center, launched a new outreach program, and developed an Enrichment Center program to address mental health issues and provide sustainability courses.

Thank you to our partners, supporters, donors, volunteers, staff, and board members for helping CESC get through challenging times. As we reflect on the past year, we have made terrific progress and increased stability for all. Our progress wouldn't be possible without community support. Thank you SO MUCH for your participation in that success!

Sincerely,

**Rick Kearney**  
Board Chair



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## Mission

To offer help and hope by creating solutions that provide a path to self-sufficiency to those in poverty.

## Vision

To transform lives by connecting everyone with second chances.

# What We Do

Founded in 2015, CESC is the parent organization of The Kearney Center and CESC Health Services. We help lead those experiencing homelessness or economic hardship in the Big Bend region to an independent, sustainable future by providing food, shelter, job placement services, case management, free medical and dental care, and so much more.







Serving at least 600 meals daily



Providing emergency shelter  
to at least 350 individuals



Offering medical assistance  
to at least 150 every night





The Kearney Center is a 24-hour comprehensive emergency service center for individuals experiencing homelessness or economic hardship in the North Florida region. As a point of entry into assistance, The Kearney Center first provides the basic necessities such as a warm shower, hot meal, clean clothes, and a bed to sleep in. Since there is no one path to self-sufficiency, our case management team works with each client to connect them with permanent housing and resources at an appropriate time.

The Kearney Center has 27 partner agencies that visit weekly to provide clients with services such as job placement, identification assistance, education, food stamp access, and more. We are a one-stop shop for those in poverty thanks to our community partners!

In 2022, The Kearney Center expanded its services with the following programs:

**Kearney on the Go**

*Outreach program*

**The Enrichment Center**

*Offers services and courses to clients that promote self-sufficiency and sustainability*

**Kearney Center Garden**

*On-site fruit and vegetable garden that allows our kitchen to serve meals with homegrown produce*



## CLIENT SUCCESS EDWARD'S STORY

Edward struggled with health issues that prevented him from staying employed and ultimately led him to homelessness. During the few months he stayed at The Kearney Center, Edward worked with our case management team to find affordable, permanent housing and get connected with resources to ensure a sustainable future. He was resilient through the housing process, and after receiving financial assistance to cover the first month of rent, he was able to move into a new place to call home.



# The Kearney Center | Highlights



**FOOD**  
**103,188+**  
meals served



**290**  
received housing-  
focused case  
management  
services

## SHELTER

**910** individuals  
sheltered



In 2022, The Kearney Center's bed count increased to 325. Additionally, intake hours were expanded to better serve our community members in need.

**257**

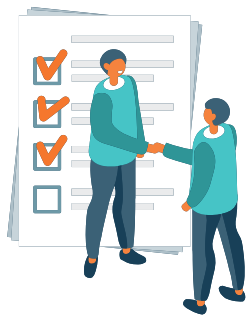
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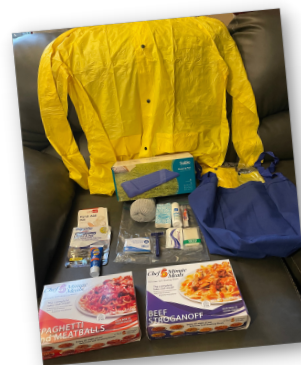
The Kearney Center's diversion services connect people with immediate solutions to prevent homelessness such as rental assistance, bus passes, and gift cards for food and gas.

## SELF-SUFFICIENCY

**337**  
confirmed  
employment



**526** identification provided  
(birth certificate, license)



**200+**  
survival kits  
delivered to  
unsheltered  
individuals

Since April 2022, Kearney on the Go has provided over 200 meals, 300 water bottles and 65 all-day bus passes to unsheltered individuals in the community.

# Life-Saving Highlights



5,052

visits to the Evening Clinic

320 healthcare interventions



990

prescriptions purchased for clients at an average cost of \$8.23

300+ COVID-19 vaccinations

\$177,481

value of dental services provided



# CESC Health Services

Located in The Kearney Center is CESC Health Services, home to our Evening Nurse Clinic, the Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare Transition Center, and the CESC Dental Office. All healthcare services are provided to clients at no cost.

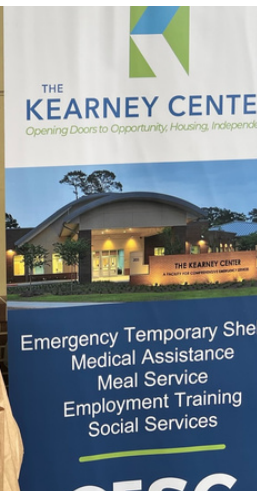
Through CESC Health Services we can provide a holistic approach to healthcare to revolutionize treatment options and care for individuals in our community who have always been underserved and misunderstood.

## SERVICES

- Screenings & First Aid
- Vital Assessment
- Diabetic Monitoring
- Glucose Testing
- Over-The-Counter Medication
- Medication Assistance
- Health Education
- Oral Hygiene
- Extractions
- X-rays
- Oral Cancer Screenings
- Fillings
- Crowns
- Dentures
- Root Canals
- Mental Health Support
- Substance Abuse Support
- Internal Medicine
- Wound Care
- Dermatology
- Specialty Consults







# Volunteers

Individuals and organizations from all over the Big Bend region help reduce the effects of poverty in our community by volunteering. We have immense gratitude for the support we receive on a daily basis from churches, students, partner organizations, medical professionals, civic groups, community leaders, and more.

CESC relies on volunteers to support our program needs and change lives, one person at a time. We welcome you to join our mission by volunteering your time or talents!

# 1,209

**volunteers made it possible for those in poverty to find second chances this year...**

# Community Partners

CESC partners with over 50 agencies and organizations to meet the unique needs of every client, including:



Ability1st

Apalachee Center

Big Bend Cares

Bond Community Health Center

Bright Future Behavioral Health

Career Source

Capital Area Community Action

Florida Blue

Florida Department of Children and Families

DISC Village

Divine Glories Ministries

Employ U

H3lp Florida

Safelink Wireless

Legal Services of North Florida

My Choice Adoptions

Silver Palm Credit Repair

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

St. Johns AME Church

Tobacco Free Florida

United HealthCare

Veterans Affairs (VA)

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)

Voting Rights Project

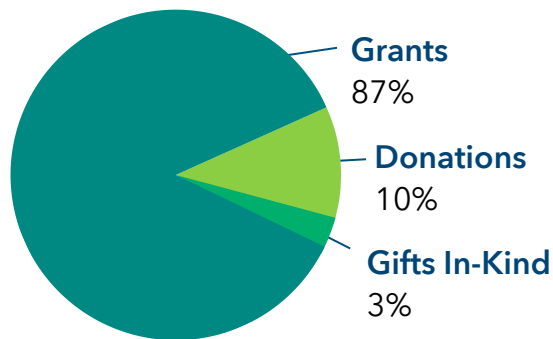
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# Financial Report

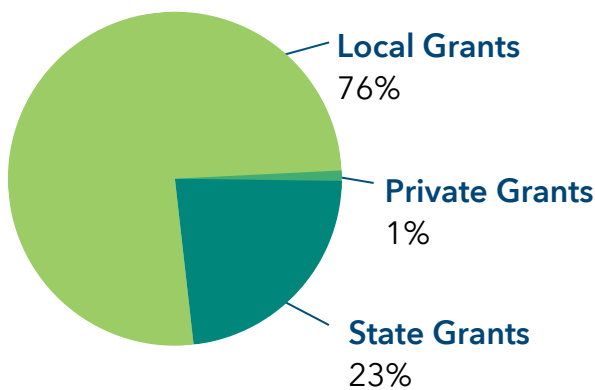
CESC, Inc. recently changed its fiscal year to July 1 - June 30.  
This report reflects the period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022.

## CONTRIBUTIONS & GRANTS:

# \$3,642,172



## GRANTS



**475**  
Individual Donors

**1,220**  
Individual Gifts

**47**  
Organizations\*

**\$265**  
Average Gift

Donations are designated by the donors and may have certain restrictions for food, program support, dental and prescriptions, operations, or covid-19 expenses.

Grants are restricted to various programs at CESC, Inc. to include prescription and vaccination support for client's health, diversion activities, case management to identify temporary or permanent housing, temporary emergency shelter, full day meal services, legal support, etc.

Thank you to our donors and funders for your continued support in meeting our mission goals.

*\*Organizations include businesses and charitable foundations.*

*\*\*All numbers provided within this report are currently unaudited and may be subject to change.*



# Board of Directors



**Rick Kearney**  
*Board Chair*



**Russell B. Rainey, DMD**  
*Vice-Chair*



**Ana Melendez**  
*Treasurer & Interim Secretary*



**Tony Grippa**



**Ken Kniepmann**

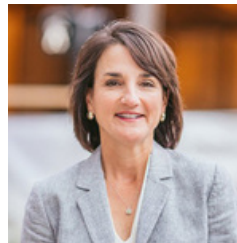


**Patrick O'Bryant**



**Jamal A. Sowell**

## Advisory Board



**Sue Dick**



**Steve Evans**



**Tomi Gomory Ph.D.**



**Glenda Thornton**



**Claude Walker**

# CEESC

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CEESC, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) public non-profit organization committed to offering help and hope by creating solutions that provide a path to self-sufficiency to those in poverty.

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