



Every Step Of The Way

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023



## PAAR's Mission

# Respond, Educate, and Advocate to End Sexual Violence

Victim Response

Adult, Child & Family Counseling

Project RISE

Education & Prevention Services

## We work with...



Court Systems



Businesses



Schools & Colleges



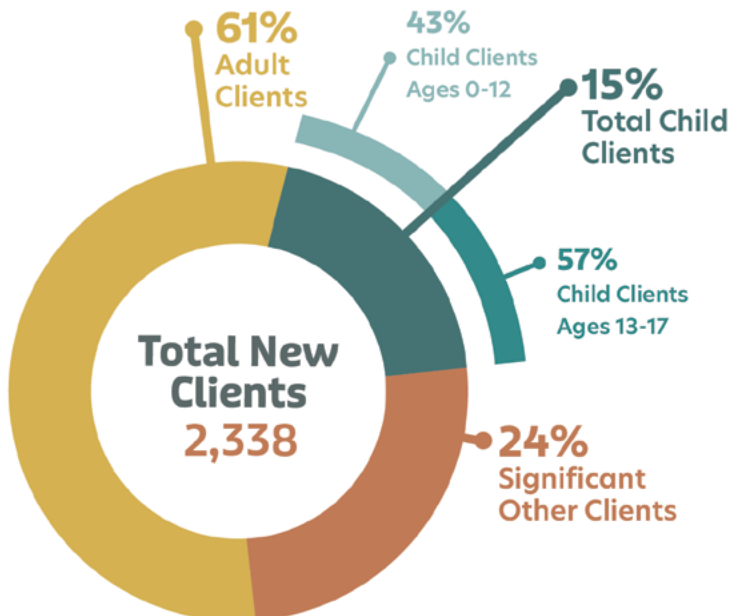
Healthcare Systems & Social Services



Law Enforcement



Survivors, Loved Ones, & Communities



# 2,338

new clients received direct services from PAAR this year

# Letter From the Interim Executive Director

## Dear Supporters and Allies,

I want to take a moment to reflect on the progress we've made and express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support. As we close out this past fiscal year, we find ourselves reflecting on the journey we've taken alongside survivors of sexual assault and the incredible strides we've made together. Pittsburgh Action Against Rape (PAAR) is honored to share with you the impact we've achieved this year in our unyielding commitment to providing essential services to survivors. Our mission at PAAR has always been to offer support to those who have experienced sexual violence, fostering an environment of healing, empowerment, and growth. Throughout this year, we have stood as a pillar of strength for survivors, guided by our dedication to their well-being and our belief in their resilience.

**Counseling and Support:** Our counseling services have provided a safe space for survivors to share their stories, process their emotions, and embark on a journey of healing. Our skilled therapists

have offered individual and group counseling, equipping survivors with the tools they need to reclaim their lives and find hope after trauma.

**Victim and Crisis Response Services:** Our 24/7 helpline has been a lifeline for survivors in need of immediate support. Trained volunteers and staff have been on hand around the clock to listen, provide information, and offer comfort to those seeking help during their most vulnerable moments. Our advocates provide a crucial bridge between legal support, medical care and emotional support, helping survivors navigate one of the most challenging times in their lives.

**Education and Prevention:** PAAR's commitment to prevention and education has led us to schools, workplaces, and community centers, where we've engaged in meaningful conversations about consent, healthy relationships, and bystander intervention. Our educational initiatives have reached schools, workplaces, and community organizations, sparking essential conversations and fostering a safer environment for all.

None of this would have been possible without the incredible commitment of our staff, volunteers, partners, and donors.

On behalf of the entire PAAR team, I want to extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who has stood by us throughout this journey. Your belief in our mission, your generosity, and your willingness to engage in these vital conversations are the driving forces behind the change we are making.

Looking ahead to 2024, we are filled with hope and anticipation. We will continue to push boundaries, challenge stigmas, and advocate for systemic change. With your continued support, we aspire to expand our reach, offer even more comprehensive services, and create a society where survivors are met with empathy, justice, and respect.

**With sincere gratitude,**

**Sadie Restivo**

PAAR Interim Executive Director

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# PAAR GETS SMART

## What is SMART?

SMART stands for Sensory Motor Arousal Regulation Treatment, an innovative mental health therapy for children and adolescents who have experienced complex trauma to help them with emotional, behavioral, and interpersonal regulation.



**SENSORY MOTOR  
AROUSAL REGULATION  
TREATMENT**

## SMART @ PAAR

All PAAR therapists are trained in the SMART modality and are receiving monthly consultation. SMART has enabled PAAR therapists to meet the unique needs of survivors who need more than traditional talk therapy.



*In 2021, PAAR received a call from a community member seeking trauma processing treatment for their child who is non-speaking. At that time, PAAR was in the beginning stages of researching and applying for funds to bring SMART to PAAR to ethically provide treatment to more survivors in Allegheny County who needed something different than talk therapy. The clinician completing the intake with the family explained PAAR's goal of bringing SMART to the community, and the family asked to be kept on the waitlist "for however long it takes".*

**Two years later, PAAR was finally able to make the call to the waiting family and provide SMART, giving this family the trauma-informed care they needed.**

# Community-Based Spaces

During 2023, PAAR focused on providing advocacy and supportive services in the community and in spaces that are already accessible and comfortable for survivors to access. Advocates are available in several locations throughout the community providing a range of services including providing information about a survivor's rights and options, assisting them in accessing services and resources, engaging in safety planning, and developing coping skills. These community-based spaces help to reduce the barriers survivors encounter when seeking support, by placing confidential, supportive services in locations that are already familiar and reachable.

Bringing advocacy services into the community improves...

Cultural Responsiveness

Trust Accessibility Collaboration Empowerment

Find PAAR at:

- The Community Engagement Center (Homewood)
- UPMC Center for Adolescent and Young Adult Health (Oakland)
- University of Pittsburgh at the Cathedral of Learning (Oakland)



*16 year-old "Devon" knew about PAAR from several providers in his life, but had always hesitated to reach out on his own. During an appointment at the adolescent clinic, Devon heard about a PAAR staff member who would be on-site the following week. The clinic encouraged Devon to try the walk-in hours and worked with him on a plan to return. The clinic became a place where Devon could access healthcare, behavioral health services, and confidential, trauma-informed advocacy all in one building. Through walk-in hours, Devon received validation and support surrounding his experiences with trauma and was connected to a PAAR therapist who he has been in treatment with since.*

# Emergency Room Kits

When a sexual assault victim is discharged, they receive discharge instructions, all the medication they need, and a pre-scheduled clinic appointment so they don't have to worry about going to the pharmacy or calling to schedule a follow-up appointment. PAAR partnered with Magee to design a wellness kit with hygiene and self-care essentials that will be provided alongside other discharge items.



PAAR has created 100s of these kits and have them available to any of the emergency departments in Allegheny County

## Volunteering @ PAAR

Time donated by  
PAAR Volunteers  
this year:

**5,929**  
Hours

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As a PAAR volunteer, you help to support our mission and ensure vital services are available to the community and survivors.

#### Volunteers Matter:

- Take a Helpline call
- Support survivors in the hospital setting
- Listen and believe a survivor
- Equip callers with self-care practices
- Link survivors to supportive services
- Encourage and empower resilience

Volunteer opportunities are remote and flexible - shifts are available 24 hours a day. To learn more about opportunities email [info@paar.net](mailto:info@paar.net).

*We ♥ our  
Volunteers*

# Civil Remedies

In addition to the criminal legal system, survivors have the option to pursue civil remedies. Advocates provide information about someone's rights and accompany them through the process of seeking civil justice, including filing protective orders.

Most often this is in the form of:

- Protection from Abuse Order (PFA)
- Sexual Violence Protection Order (SVPO)



For "Laura" seeking a protective order provided a sense of safety and security within her workplace. Prior to the hearing, Laura navigated many challenges and traumatizing moments in the process, leaned into her support network, and remained focused on the "why" in seeking justice. Following the hearing, the SVPO was granted and Laura began planning how to return to work and her routine while continuing to work through her journey in healing. It was nine months after the sexual assault when Laura sent this message to her advocate:

*"Just now, I was washing my hands in the bathroom and looked up into the mirror. It is the first time in 9 months that I recognized myself looking back. Thank you for all that you do and have done to make that happen."*

For Laura, the opportunity to be heard by the judge provided an important piece in her healing, including bringing back her sense of self and identity.

# Prevention and Education



5,088

Participants

K-12 Programs



3,257

Participants

Colleges and Universities



2,894

Participants

Community Members

316

school programs conducted

11

participating Universities  
and Trade Schools

142

programs and events  
conducted by PAAR

## Coaching Boys INTO MEN

## Prevention Program offered by PAAR

### What is Coaching Boys into Men?

This training is an evidence-based sexual violence prevention program for middle school, high school, and college male athletes to empower them as leaders in the prevention of sexual violence. Utilizing the unique bond between coaches and athletes, this program is designed as a weekly discussion around topics of violence prevention. Coaches involved in the program work with PAAR educators who provide them with the CBIM toolkit and any assistance the coach needs when it comes to facilitating the program.

**111 Coaches Trained & 1,015 Athletes  
Participating This Year at:**

- Allderdice High School
- Arsenal Middle School
- Brashear High School
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Carrick High School
- Chartiers Valley High School:
- Chartiers Valley Middle School
- Chatham University
- Cornell High School
- East Allegheny High School
- Environmental Charter School High School
- Elizabeth Forward High School
- Hard Ball Academy
- Mt Lebanon High School
- North Hills School District
- Obama High School
- Penn Hills High School
- Pine-Richland High School
- Plum Senior High School
- Steel Valley High School
- Woodland Hills High School





# Prevention Partners in the Community

Prevention happens throughout the community. PAAR provides on-site programming to meet community needs. We bring prevention and education to:

- Schools
- Colleges and universities
- Neighborhoods
- Community organizations
- Partnerships
- Businesses

## Schools

Baldwin High School  
Chartiers Valley High School  
Chartiers Valley Middle School  
Community School West  
Community Schools East  
Communities In Schools  
Cornell High School  
East Allegheny- Logan Elementary  
East Allegheny High School  
Environmental Charter School- High School  
Environmental Charter School -Intermediate School  
Environmental Charter School-Middle School  
Environmental Charter School-Primary School  
Elizabeth Forward High School  
Mt Lebanon High School  
North Hills School District  
Penn Hills Charter School of Entrepreneurship  
Penn Hills High School  
Pine-Richland High School  
Plum Senior High School  
PPS Allderdice High School 9-12  
PPS Arsenal 6-8  
PPS Brashear High School 9-12  
PPS Brashear High School 9-12  
PPS Brookline K-8  
PPS CAPA 6-12  
PPS Carrick High School 9-12  
PPS Sci Tech  
Provident Charter School  
Shadyside Academy High School  
Steel Valley High School  
Woodland Hills Edgewood Elementary  
Woodland Hills Wilkins Elementary  
Woodland Hills High School

## Community Training Partners

A Second Chance  
Adagio Health  
Allegheny County Jail  
Ameri-core KEYS Service Corps  
Cafe Momentum  
Community Kitchen  
Empire Beauty School  
Empire Beauty School-North Hills  
Family Links  
Futures Without Violence  
Girl Scout Troop 52908  
Hard Ball Academy  
Holy Family Institute  
Homeless Children's Education Fund  
Jada House  
Life's Work  
Mattress Factory Museum  
Mix Tape  
Mixed Culture  
Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants  
Pittsburgh Brewer's Guild  
Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy  
Passages to Recovery  
Pittsburgh School of Mortuary Science  
Sojourner House  
Sojourner Moms  
SET Point Self Defense

## Universities, Colleges & Trade Schools

Chatham University  
Carlow University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Duquesne University  
Penn State-Greater Allegheny  
La Roche University  
Point Park University  
Robert Morris University  
University of Pittsburgh  
Community College of Allegheny County  
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary  
Pittsburgh Technical College  
Bidwell Training Institute  
Community Kitchen  
Institute of Medical and Business Careers  
Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science  
Pittsburgh School of Massage  
Rosedale Technical Institute  
Phlebotomy Training Center  
Vet Tech Institute  
Triangle Tech Institute

# Victim Response

## Spaces where we provide support and accompaniment:



### Hospital

**326 clients**

were accompanied in hospitals this year

**We also provide assistance in:**

- **All 20** emergency departments in Allegheny County along with additional clinic and community-based spaces



### Title IX

**82 clients**

received assistance with the Title IX process at colleges and universities

**We also provide assistance in:**

- Weekly drop-in services on Pitt and Point Park's campuses



### Legal System

**370 clients**

received assistance in the criminal legal system

**We also provide assistance in:**

- Reporting to the police
- Court proceedings in criminal court
- Hearings in juvenile court

## Additional mental health services:

### Brief Supportive Counseling

PAAR provides a range of crisis and supportive services, including appointments during which survivors can learn more about their rights and options, identify trauma-related symptoms, process their emotions, and develop coping skills. This short-term, supportive counseling is available to survivors and their family members or loved ones who want to learn more about supporting a survivor in their life.

**651**

**Supportive Counseling Appointments**

### Options Counseling

Options counseling includes providing information about a survivor's rights and understanding their options including what it might look like to engage and seek care in the hospital, report to the police, file a protection order/ providing the survivor the information they need to make decisions for themselves.



**Appointments with incarcerated survivors: 54**

# Group Support @ PAAR



## Coping Strategies for Trauma Group

provides psychoeducation around the impact of trauma to individuals who have experienced sexual trauma



## LGBTQ+ Support Group

provides space to share thoughts and feelings as survivors who are also in the LGBTQ+ community



## Trauma Processing Group

allows those who have experienced sexual trauma a space to share thoughts, feelings, and their experience with others who have experienced similar traumas



## College Student's Virtual Support Group

is a closed processing group for current undergraduate college students who have experienced sexual trauma



## Men's Virtual Support Group

allows those who identify as male to receive support from others who have experienced sexual violence, understand the dynamics of abuse, learn coping skills and improve their self-esteem



## Trauma Informed Caregivers Group

open to any adult who is supporting a child experiencing trauma. Guidance in talking to your children about their trauma experiences, and how to best support them in healing



## Strengthening Families Group

creates a space for parents/caregivers and children to grow bonds and spend quality time together



## SHIFT Our Mindsets Teen Group

allows teens to build awareness of the impacts of sexual trauma, build coping skills and self-care practices, express feeling, & create healthy boundaries and relationships



## Child & Family Counseling Center

# BACK to SCHOOL

### Wellness Event

We were excited to partner with local businesses to provide students with what they needed to start the school year feeling confident. With an incredible crew of staff and volunteers we were able to provide backpacks and school supplies, generously provided by Centimark, while having fun by enjoying treats, giveaways, and activities that empower students to stay well throughout the school year.



# Believe Survivors March

4.16.23



# TRADER JOE'S Flowers

Weekly Donation to PAAR



Trader Joe's in South Hills has been generously providing flower donations to PAAR for over two years, brightening the days of staff and clients at our Southside office every week. ♥

## Client Quotes & Reactions:

*"Sometimes, the only thing that gets me out of the house, is knowing that there are flowers waiting for me at PAAR that need love."*

*"This isn't something I would do for myself, I would never just buy myself flowers. But it really does brighten my day and I look forward to every Tuesday knowing I can take some home."*

*"Thank you to everyone who makes having these flowers possible. They really do brighten up a sometimes very dark day."*



# Teal Ball



PAAR hosts the Teal Ball each year to honor and celebrate the strength of survivors of sexual violence while recognizing those who help to end sexual violence in our communities.

**This year \$240,000 was raised to support PAAR services.**



These crucial funds allow PAAR to increase awareness, honor survivors, provide services at no cost to individuals, and offer programs and trainings to the community about the need to continue the fight to end sexual violence.

On behalf of the thousands of survivors and their families served this year, we thank everyone who contributed to such an incredible evening honoring survivors and celebrating those in support of our mission to end sexual violence.



## Teal Ball Award Recipients

*In order as pictured on the left*

### **2023 Laura Ditka Visionary Award**

The Honorable Jill Rangos

### **Community Champion Award**

JADA House Int'l / Terri Shields

### **Inspiring Hope Award**

Hilary Ballard

### **Every Step of the Way Award**

Rocco Magnelli

### **Legacy Award**

Virginia White (awarded posthumously)

### **Volunteer Appreciation Award**

Michael Lain





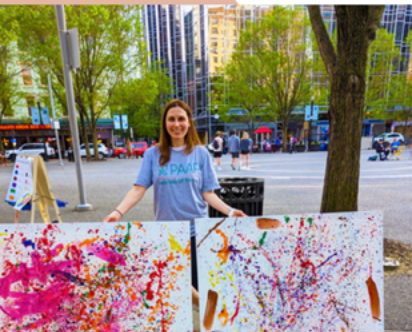
# PAAR Staff Retreat



**millie's**  
HOMEMADE ICE CREAM

Now offered at  
PAAR's Southside  
office for clients  
(and staff!)

# End Street Harassment Event





# PAAR 'Monarch' Beer Collaboration

with



## GRIST HOUSE craft brewery

### Yoga Fundraiser



## Summer PAARty at



# Bill & Joyce Toms Annual Thanksgiving Eve Benefit Concert



## SAAM Crossfit Benefit Event

with



## PAAR Benefit Wine Dinner with



# Ways to Support PAAR

If you are looking for ways to make a greater impact for the Allegheny County community, please consider supporting PAAR in our efforts to respond, educate, and advocate to end sexual violence.



## Individual

### Online

Donate instantly online by visiting [paar.net/donate](https://paar.net/donate)

### Mail

Mail in your donation checks payable to PAAR:  
81 S. 19th St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15203

### Amazon Wishlist

Purchase essential items to help support survivors by visiting the [PAAR Amazon Wishlist](#)

### Host a Fundraiser

Give a reason to celebrate by hosting an event that raises essential funds for PAAR

### Shop

Make your online purchases count by choosing PAAR when you shop on Amazon Smile or with Scrip

### United Way #216



## Business

### Sponsor

Make your business a community PAAR-tner by sponsoring a PAAR event

### DipJar

Host our DipJar device and encourage customers to dip their cards to donate to PAAR.

### Give Back

Host an event or donate a portion of sales to PAAR

## Let PAAR Help

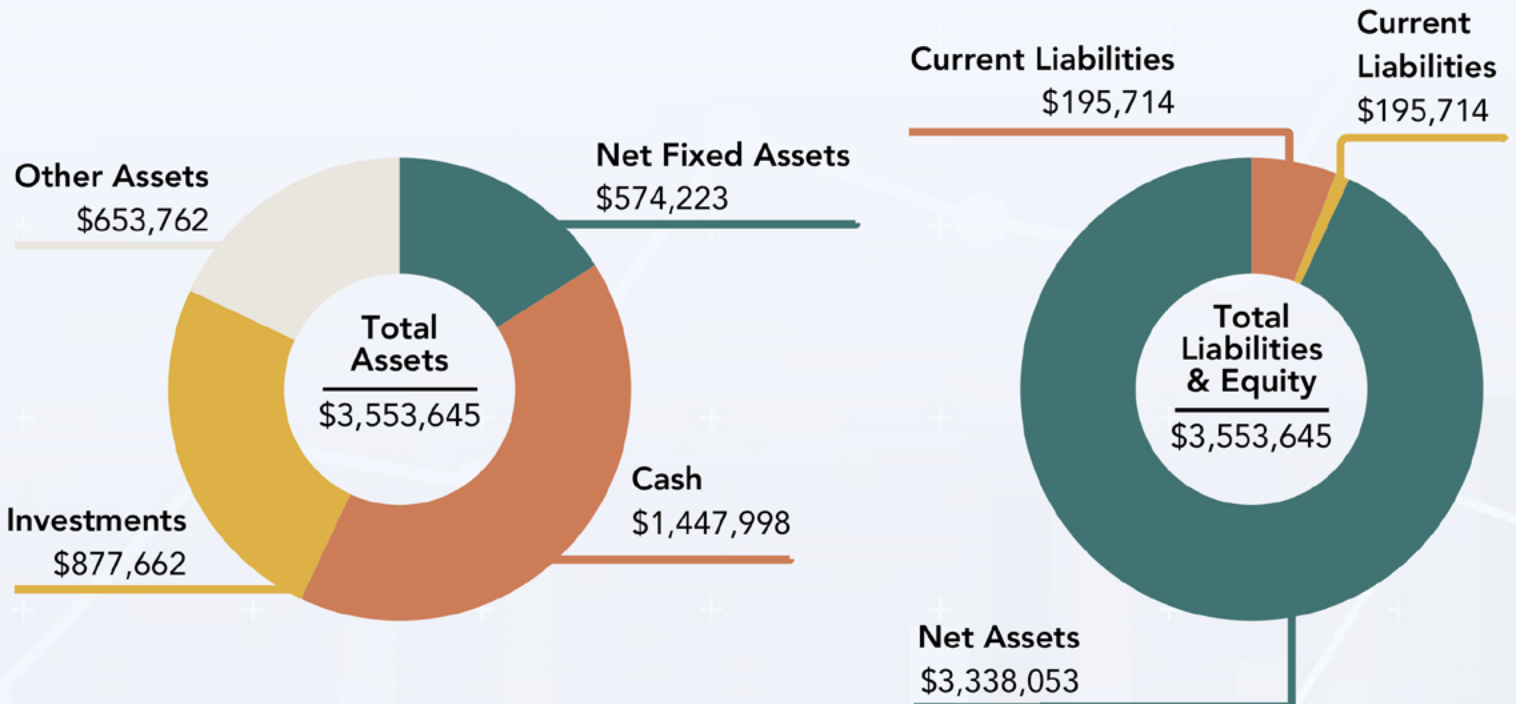
PAAR can help with your fundraising efforts by creating a personal donation website and other resources.



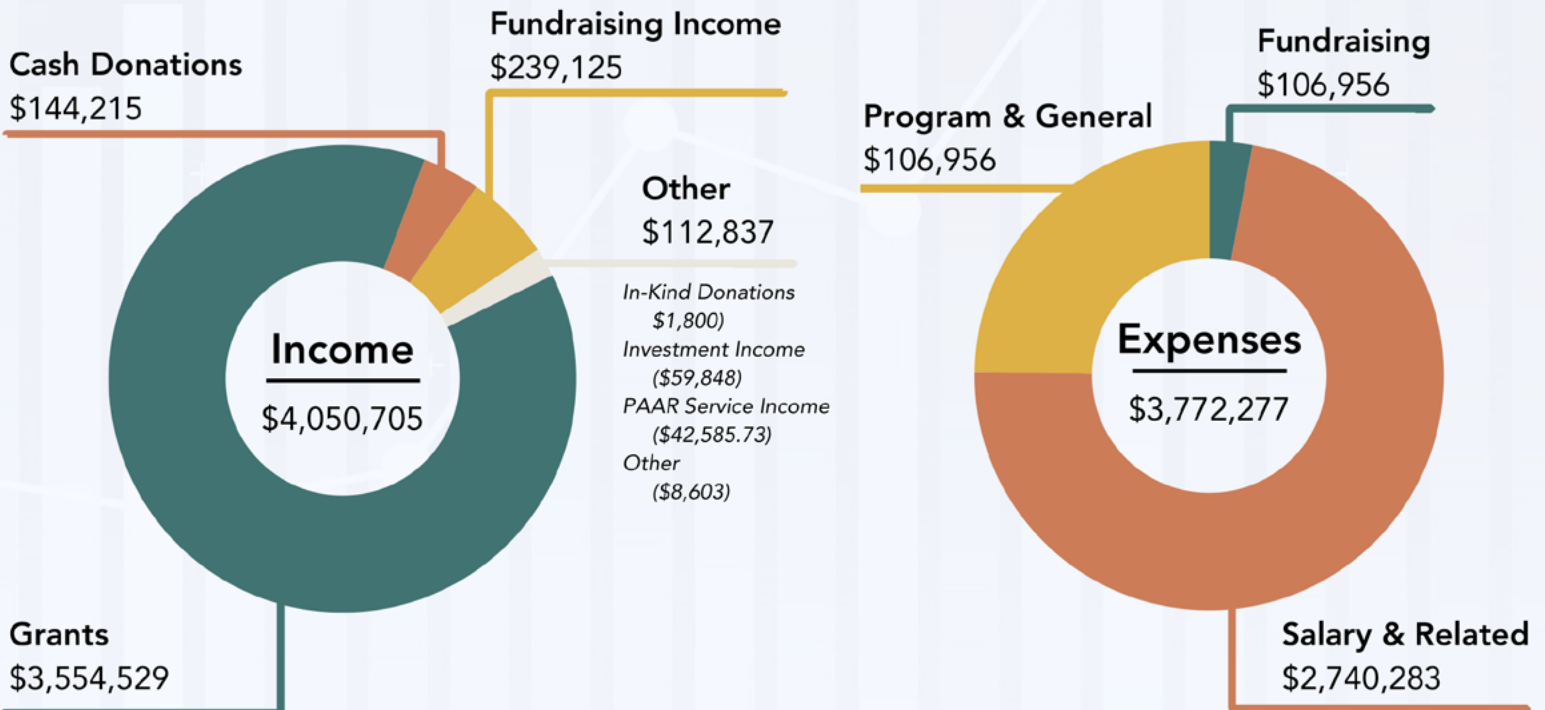
To learn more, please email Cory Hart at [coryh@paar.net](mailto:coryh@paar.net)  
or call **412-431-5665 X 1101**

# Financial Highlights 2022-2023

## Balance Sheet



## Income Statement





# Teal Ball

2024

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## Save the Date

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Saturday, May 4th 2024

Wyndham Grand Downtown Pittsburgh

PAAR continues to strive for a more diverse and inclusive space for our clients and our staff. This past year PAAR became a proud member of Vibrant Pittsburgh and also participated for the second year in a row in the Vibrant Index 3.0. The Vibrant Index is an annual process for organizations to benchmark themselves against other organizations in the Pittsburgh region that are working toward equitable and inclusive organizational cultures, and to receive feedback regarding your diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.



# Donors & Funders

## **\$25,000+**

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on Crime and  
Delinquency  
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Southwestern PA  
Viatrix

## **\$24,999-\$10,000**

Angela & Paul Campbell  
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Miracle Bar  
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Women's Hospital

## **\$9,999-\$5,000**

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Drew Braeseker  
John Bratton  
Eric Brinkhoff  
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Hilary Brown  
Erin Brown  
Carole Brown  
Jennifer Brown  
Rachel Bukowitz  
Michael Buoni  
Burgatory - Cranberry  
Burgatory - McCandless  
Burgatory - Murrysville  
Burgatory - North Shore  
Burgatory - Robinson  
Burgatory - Waterfront  
Burgatory - Waterworks

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Jodi Butler  
Amanda Cain  
California Cycle Path  
Lourdes Cano  
Trish Cawley  
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Alivia Chapla  
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Deborah Comay  
David Compo  
Robert Cone  
Carol Congedo  
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Christopher Connors  
Kathleen Cook  
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Susan Dattalo  
Hugh L. and  
Gen Davidson  
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#### A conflict of rights

Often landmark court cases — those with the greatest effect on society at large — pit the rights of one party against those of another. Each "right" may appear equally valid by itself, but neither is absolute and often they conflict.

One such case involves the refusal of two local rape counseling centers to turn over names of counselors' interviews with victims to defense attorneys. The victims' right to privacy comes squarely up against the attorneys' right to a fair trial.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court will make the final ruling on whose right is more right after hearing arguments late next month. The justice's decision will not be an easy one.

The court case arose last month when Anne Pride, director of the Pittsburgh-based Pittsburgh Action Against Rape, was held in contempt for refusing to let the defense see PAAR's records of a counseling session with a woman raped last March. And another defense attorney has subpoenaed records of the Center for Victims of Violent Crime concerning a counseling session for the woman who accused his client.

Representatives of the rape counseling centers say their roles are of no use to the defense attorneys because they give the attorneys' impressions of the victims' ability to handle the stress of being raped. But the specifics of rape itself, which can be found in the victims' statements to the enforcement officials. They argue that these notes could be misinterpreted if released months after the crime, because a woman who says she feels guilty for being raped did not necessarily commit the rape.

The subpoena already have had a "chilling effect" on the willingness of rape victims to seek counseling, although the centers remain very much in operation. They argue, further, that the victims' privacy should not be violated and that the principle of confidentiality created by doctors, lawyers and other professionals is a part of the fabric of our society. But state attorneys general have charged a long list of professionals with a duty to report child abuse. From a defendant's perspective, there is little reason to believe that knowing who a victim is related to some facts that would not be known otherwise. That information should conceivably include the date of the rape, the date of the counseling session and the name of the counselor. It would not get the names of the victims' relatives, friends or attorneys. Only if there is a compelling reason to believe that the victim is relating different accounts of the crime should the records be made available, and then only if the victim consents to the release. If such a ruling is made, counseling centers will have to be able to live with arrangements under which the records in their possession are not available to the defense. That the centers deny that the release of such records would be a "chilling" effect on their purpose for aiding rape victims, and they must continue to exist.

Representatives from county advocacy agencies, county police and officers from municipal police forces discussed how to improve the situation at a recent seminar at the county's Police and Fire Academy at North Park.

The speakers presented their side of the story: what is it like for a victim and what characteristics to look for in identifying a rapist. Then the police officers gave their side of the story: what are the difficulties in questioning a rape victim and how can the investigation be executed more efficiently.

Ann Pride, executive director of Pittsburgh Action Against Rape, called rape victims the "forgotten figures." The victim is twice-victimized: first by the offender, and then by the system.

To illustrate this point, Ms. Pride said victims must pay for all hospital expenses resulting from the attack and the victim must also pay the fees for evidence-gathering. She said that in some cases, these services will be billed through the victim's employer, which is an invasion of privacy.

Ms. Pride concluded that insensitive intervention by the police is more harmful than no intervention at all and she encouraged police officers to immediately accredit the victim with the PAAR HOTLINE (765-5731). The phone answers 24-hours and the services range from emergency shelters and victim transportation, to holding the victim's hand while she answers questions at the police station.

"The conviction for the rape is not the end," according to Paul "Ray" Kany, director of Victims of Violent Crimes. "The popular stereotype of a baby male attacking out of sexual frustration is not true. The act of rape is chiefly retaliatory. The rapist is hostile and angry and he uses rape to prove his power. There is an absence of close, intimate relationships with other people, women and men."

Ms. Kany offered some clues to the police officers to help them recognize offenders. "Rapists don't take blame for what they've done. They blame it on society, alcohol and drugs and will deny contact with the victim."

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