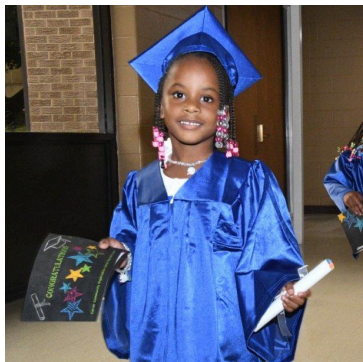




2023 Annual Report





Executive Director Summary

In early 2025 I will retire, and Early Childhood Director and 26-year Carver veteran Deiona Clayton will assume the role of Executive Director.

Just like my predecessors before me, one consideration has driven all of our decisions in my 35 years as Executive Director: doing what's best for our participants and community. The strong results you'll read about in our annual report matter because they're proof, we're upholding our commitment to our stakeholders.

Nearly 42 years here have left me with absolutely no doubt that these values will continue to guide this extraordinary organization to new heights under Deiona Clayton's leadership. Thank you for trusting me and Carver!

David Wagner, Executive Director





Childcare

We have been at Carver for 10+ years and love it so much.

Hannah L.

My daughter loves Carver. She has been here since she was six months old, and she is now 3 years old, she has learned so much!

Deja P.

Senior Program

I have been coming to Carver Senior Services Center for over 10 years. I enjoy the people that come to the center and the staff does an excellent job!

Mrs. Rose M. Casterman

I started about three-years ago. I enjoy the fellowship but find it hard to remember all the names of participants in the program. Hope to be able to continue at my age.

Joan Maxwell

I've been coming to Carver since the senior building opened. I enjoy my friends, the staff, and everyone I come in contact with daily.

Tee Tee Redding



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Programs and Services Highlights

EARLY CHILDCARE & PRESCHOOL

The Carver Day Care and Preschool is a state-licensed program that uses the Creative Curriculum to provide child centered environments in literacy, math, science, writing art and music for ages 6 weeks to 12 years old. For the convenience of our clients, Carver Community offers quality childcare during the 1st and 2nd shift hours. The mission of the program is to promote a healthy learning environment for all children to achieve the social, emotional, cognitive, and physical well-being necessary for the effective growth leading toward future educational successes. The purpose/goal of the childcare program is: 1. To treat each child as an individual. 2. To promote self-confident learners through developmentally appropriate practices. 3. To encourage active participation of the entire family and the community. To achieve our goals, it is our objective to:

1. Encourage parent/family engagement in the classroom and at home with their children.
2. Increase childcare providers' knowledge of quality early learning experiences by providing learning environments and lesson plans that are conducive to learning and development.
3. Increase parents/families' and childcare providers' knowledge and skills associated with early childhood development practices.
4. Expand access to quality early childhood development

2023 Accomplishments

Served a total of 117 children.


- 90% of pre-school participants are prepared for kindergarten
- 90% of infants and toddlers ages 6 weeks to 24 months mastered the developmental milestones in Language/cognitive, social/emotional, gross motor and physical development.
- 90% of the families served report they are satisfied overall with the quality of care provided to their child.
- Maintained Level 3 on PATH'S To Quality. 90% of staff, with 20 hours of professional development training and 9 family engagement opportunities, were provided.



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YOUTH PROGRAMS



Carver's Youth Programs provide fun and enlightening educational opportunities for students in grades K-12. The goal of Carver youth programs is to impact school age children and youth living in underserved communities through academic achievement, self-esteem, and life opportunities.



Afterschool Program






The afterschool program operates year-round serving students from kindergarten through 8th grade.

This year our program had an average enrollment of 28 students. The primary goals of the program are to provide youth with safe harbor (a safe and nurturing environment under the supervision of a caring adult), academic enrichment activities (e.g., tutoring, homework assistance), and educational extra-curricular activities (music enrichment classes, Boy Scouts of America, culinary and nutrition education, field trips, etc.). We are currently in the initial planning phase of the Reading for Leisure Initiative. We have placed great value on the input of our parents and community partners as we launch this initiative.

The after-school program is offered weekdays from 2:30pm-5:45pm, at both the Carver Neighborhood Center and the CK Newsome Center Community Center.

Summer Camp

The summer camp activities run from May, beginning the day after Memorial Day, through August, ending the week before school starts. This year, we reached a maximum enrollment of 40 participants. The 40 participants were members of 22 families, denoting the multiple-child participant families. The greatest success of this year's programs was the level of parent and family engagement. Nearly 90 percent (19 of 22 families) attended opening orientation activities. And over 60 percent (13) participated in mid-session open house activities. We would be remiss if we did not express our heartfelt gratitude to the community organizations and volunteers who partnered with Carver to ensure participants, and their families had access to high-quality programming.





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Summer Camp continued:

Their support and dedication have been invaluable. Special thanks to the Evansville Art, Science, and History Museum, University of Evansville Athletic Department, Deaconess Aquatics Center, Evansville Aquatic Foundation, Evansville African American Museum, Purdue University Nutrition Outreach Program, Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library, AARP Foundation Experience Corps Evansville, and dedicated volunteers.

Pathfinders

Our semi-annual (Fall, Spring) Pathfinders, now in its 12th year, is a six-week session where youth from 3rd to 8th grade participate in project-based activities aimed at increasing their capacity to take advantage of future educational and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (S.T.E.A.M). As is our tradition, we partnered with the University of Southern Indiana and Ivy Tech Community College to design activities that would challenge, engage, and inspire participants. Featured topics this year included “The Great Egg Drop Challenge” and “Using Simple Machines to Solve Complex Problems.” With the help of our corporate partners, Metronet and Kimball International, participants had opportunities to experience firsthand real-life applications of the things they learned. The impact of the Pathfinders program on the participants is profound, inspiring them to explore and excel in S.T.E.A.M fields.





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CARVER SENIOR SERVICES CENTER FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM

The Senior Friendship Program fosters lifelong learning and empowers participants with access to diverse opportunities. The program's objectives are to enhance social connectedness, foster a sense of purpose, and improve overall well-being, ultimately enabling participants to age in place while remaining active members of their families and communities. Activities include arts and crafts, board and table games, health and wellness presentations, screenings, and educational sessions, as well as book discussions, music appreciation and performances, and connection to limited community resources.

2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Senior Friendship Program

The Friendship Program has seen remarkable growth, with a year-end enrollment of 62 members, marking a significant 15% increase from the previous year. This success is a testament to the support and contributions of our stakeholders, who have made possible the introduction of the Community Lunch and Learn, monthly birthday celebrations, and the First Ladies Book Club.

AmeriCorps Seniors Retired Senior Volunteer Program-RSVP

Seniors looking to get involved can lead with experience in the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Participants apply their skills, talents, and wisdom at public agencies and local non-profits where help is needed most. As one of the largest volunteer networks in the nation, AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP brings people 55 and older together to tackle the country's most pressing challenges through national service and volunteering. AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities and help to make service to others a cornerstone of our national culture.

RSVP volunteers provide aging in place services – transportation and companionship for homebound and disabled adults. Volunteers assist with increasing food security, provide support for multiple veteran service projects, and serve within disaster preparedness causes. RSVP Evansville Vanderburgh is funded in part by AmeriCorps Seniors and sponsored by Carver Community Organization. Carver has been the sponsor of RSVP Evansville-Vanderburgh since April 2009.





Programs and Services Highlights

AmeriCorps Seniors Retired Senior Volunteer Program-RSVP continued:

2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Volunteers served 830 hours helping in our community, which equates to \$27,797 saved by local agencies.
- RSVP actively works to fight hunger in our community and strives to make sure families have access to good quality foods, as such, 700 individuals were served in local food pantries.
- 135 individuals were served during our disaster preparation event.
- In 2023 the number of participants, clients, volunteers, and workstations served totaled 16 stations, and 9,144 individuals served.
- We served 75 Veterans at our Veterans Recognition & Resource Fair with a total of 100 people in attendance.





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AARP Foundation Experience Corps. Evansville

Seniors have a unique opportunity to guide the next generation of children in Evansville. Through the AARP Foundation Experience Corps Evansville, participants give back to our community and impart valuable experience on young minds. AARP Foundation Experience Corps Evansville accepts volunteers interested in helping children with reading, math, and science.

This program places individuals over 50 in local schools tutoring and mentoring children in kindergarten through the third grade. Volunteers assist 2-3 days per week for up to three hours a day. Our goals are to improve children's literacy, strengthen our community, help instill inspiration in our schools, and support hard working teachers.

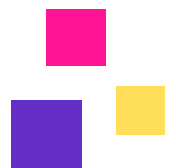
2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- In 2023, 22 tutors volunteered in 9 Title 1 schools. Those schools were Caze, Delaware, Fairlawn, Evans, Dexter, Lincoln, Carver's Afterschool Program (C.K. Newsome Center), Oakdale, and Chandler.
- Experience Corps tutor volunteers served 90 students.
- The middle and end of the school year data reflect 78 students who took the pre-fluency test, results showed 88.8% increase in the Oral Reading Fluency (ORF). The end of the year data showed an increase of 92.7%.



The Evansville Vehicles for Vaccine Project




The Evansville Vehicles for Vaccine Project provides transportation services for COVID-19 vaccines, booster shots, and other key essential needs for Vanderburgh County community members. In 2023 Carver received funding from Indiana Department of Health to continue the efforts of the Evansville Vehicles for Vaccine Project. Our dedicated van drivers provided over 750 rides to residence in Vanderburgh County.





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Community Guidance for Families Program (CGFP)

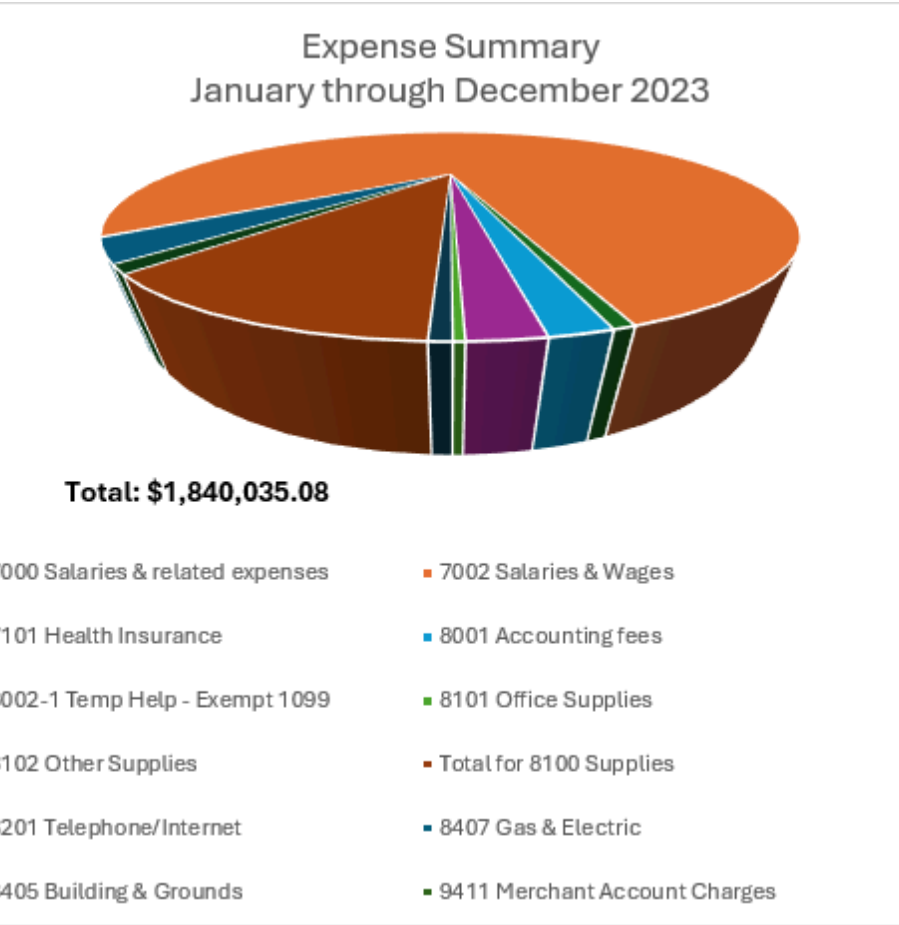
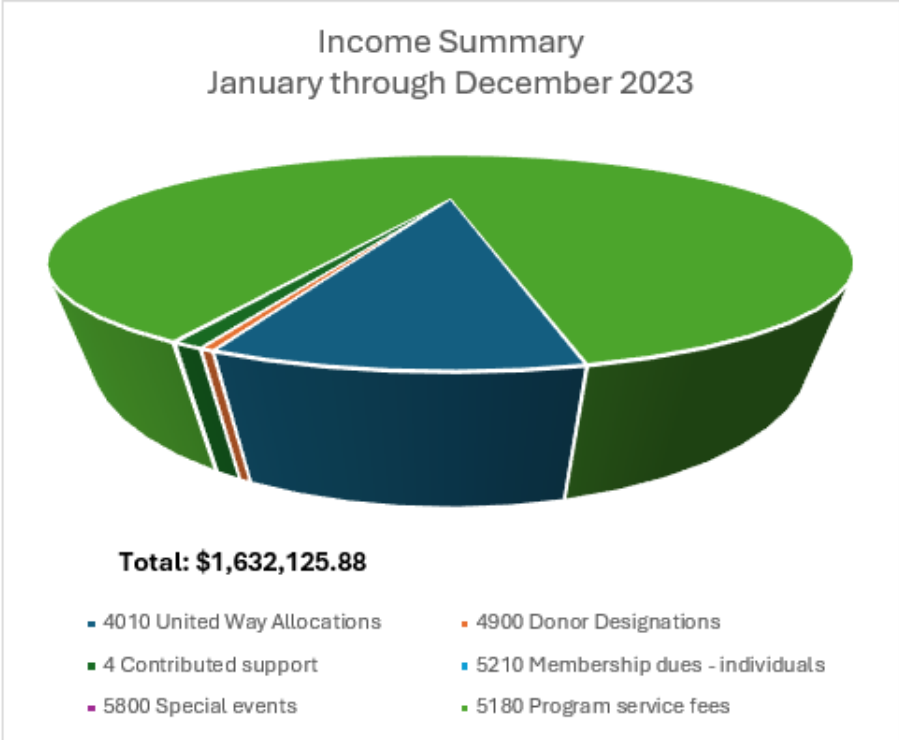


 Carver knows families may face many challenges today. That is why we have stepped up to create a program that actively connects families to community resources and works to benefit them in the present and future. The mission of CGFP is to provide a space to explore resources and opportunities that support families and their individual members. It is the goal of Carver's Community Guidance for Families Program to assist impacted families by connecting them to resources and assisting them in the development of family plans. Our service delivery model includes onsite, service delivery destinations, and virtual experiences.

2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Carver's partnerships with local universities, University of Southern Indiana, Ivy Tech Community College Evansville, Murray State University, & Indiana Wesleyan University, and other community partners to offer support and resources to our families continued to develop. We had 4 Bachelor of Social Work students who collectively provided a total of 900 hours of service to Carver which equates to an agency savings of \$30,141.

Volunteers are the greatest benefit to any organization. We had 25 volunteers who helped increase our quality of services by offering their time and skills in various areas such as administrative work, mentoring youth, and yard work. We value our volunteers and the dedicated time they spent at Carver.





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