

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on 2023 and look forward to the opportunities for growth in 2024, we are grateful for your continued support of Sara Holbrook Community Center, it is your generosity that enables our work to happen. In the past year, we have expanded and contracted programs with an eye on long-term impact and sustainability, challenged ourselves to maintain the highest programming standard, identified new ways the community needs our support, and continued our decades-long legacy. We continue to focus on the incredible impact your support has made possible for children and their families as they learn, explore, play, and grow within our programs.

We believe that every child deserves a safe, nurturing environment outside of school and home - a third space where they belong, are heard, and make meaningful connections. This is the heart of our work. Sara Holbrook Community Center is that place for so many children. Your continued support has provided over \$75,000 in scholarships for families this year alone, allowing us to hold true to our commitment to never turn a family away due to a lack of financial resources. Your commitment to SHCC provides the foundation for us to build resilience in our youth by fostering quality adult relationships, a sense of belonging, and a connection to the ever-changing world around them.

SHCC is more than just a place where young people go after school, during school breaks or spend their summers, it's a space where they find mentorship, encouragement, and the chance to **explore who they are and discover who they can become.** To positively impact the lives of youth, we first must support their sense of belonging in the larger community. SHCC has been that connection to the community for tens of thousands of children over the last 86 years; and with your support, we can continue that legacy well into the future. **Our community needs us, now more than ever.**

Thank you for your ongoing care of the youth in our community. Your gift this year will enrich the lives of the young people who rely on us each and every day, and for that, we are incredibly grateful.

Our Best to You and Yours,



Christine Lloyd-Newberry

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Executive Director



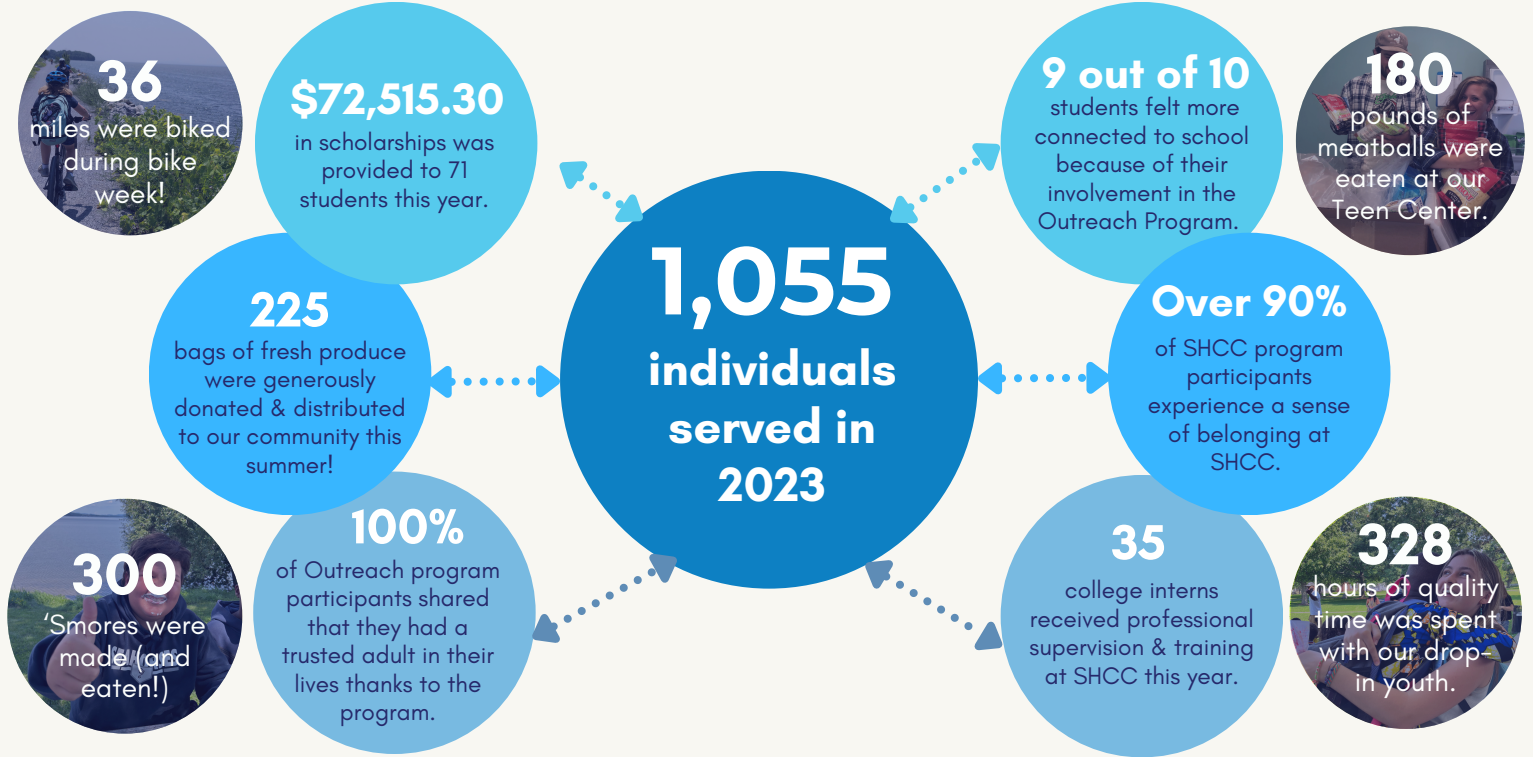
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Board Chair





Our Impact in 2023



ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

We are happy to announce that our Elementary Afterschool program is expanding - SHCC will be increasing capacity for enrollment by **15** students in grades K-5!

\$600

in summer snacks were donated by Healthy Living Market!



MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

The 6-8th graders are exploring these nine clubs and more through our afterschool programming: Sports Club, Art Club, Drama Club, Games Club, Jazz Club, Dungeons & Dragons Club, Paddleboarding Club, Survival Club, and the Linking Engineering to Life Club!



TEEN PROGRAMS

Teens are enjoying time at our drop-in center and also experiencing adventures through our YAP and Outreach programs where they are exploring and building skills through paddleboarding, skateboarding, rock climbing, mountain biking, hiking, golfing, snowboarding, and more!

4 out of 9

students went on their first backpacking trip!

Our 2023 Partnerships

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Our Impact in 2023



Fostering Consistent Engagement in School

As we enter into our third year of this successful pilot program, we highlight the incredible work that our Outreach team has done among local middle school students who are, or are at risk of being chronically absent. The SHCC Outreach Program started in the Spring of 2021 as students began returning to school during the Covid-19 pandemic, a program that initially began to solely help reengage young people. Over the last two years the program has adapted based on the needs of the students, transitioning into a mentorship model that connects adventure learning and vocational opportunities to youth facing various adversities, with the goal of fostering consistent, successful school engagement.



Note: Photo taken from 2023 Youth Adventure Program

"Even our most challenging students, who have significantly struggled inside our building, have been very successful with SHCC's Outreach Program. Their approach to building communication, self-regulation, and social-emotional skills through authentic relationships, helps our students generalize these skills into our building, all while creating access to experiences these students would not otherwise have.

The SHCC Outreach team does a fantastic job meeting our needs at Hunt Middle School, adapting to our ever-changing population, tracking data, and communicating both with our school and parents. We hope that SHCC can garner enough support to continue this wonderful program that we rely so heavily on."

**— Jelena Lovric, School Psychologist
Hunt Middle School**

New Board Members



Samuel Dingba

Youth Programs & Case Manager
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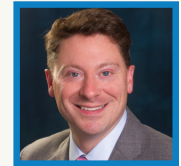
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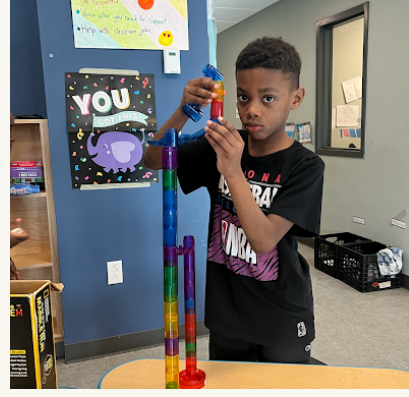
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Our mission is to create enriching life experiences for young people – enabling them to safely learn, grow, and explore new possibilities.



In 2004, I arrived in Vermont as a young refugee, lost and in need of a haven. The Center became that sanctuary, changing my life and filling my heart with happiness. It provided a nurturing, playful, and educational environment where I bonded with classmates, learned English, and grew as a person. Those moments were pivotal, sparking a lifelong passion for learning and creating lasting friendships.

Today, as a proud donor, and new Board Member, I invite you to join me in making a difference. Your donation uplifts local youth who need it most, filling their hearts with joy and potential. Together, we can continue transforming lives and building a brighter future for our community.

Join me, in donating an end-of-year gift to be a part of their journey toward happiness and success.

-Sasha Kapriyelov
Board Member & SHCC Alumnus



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