



2021 Annual Report

**BOTTOMLESS
CLOSET®**

A Note from our Executive Director & Board Chair

Dear Friends of Bottomless Closet,

We are happy to share our 2021 Annual Report with you.

Last year, we were in the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic. The majority of our clients were laid off, dealing with illness, the loss of loved ones, and in many cases, struggling to homeschool their children during a period of prolonged unemployment. By September of 2021, there was finally a sense that we could securely open our doors more fully again with COVID safety protocols in place, as we went from a fully virtual organization to a hybrid model.

This year, many of us are balancing the transition back to our pre-pandemic lives. For Bottomless Closet clients, their transition has been very different. As low-income women, and in particular women of color, who make up 83% of our clients – they continue to struggle to recover from the ongoing and long-term effects of the pandemic and we know that this recovery will take time.

As a result of the pandemic, and in addition to loss of employment, many of our clients have lost their confidence. They continue to need our help to recover. In this, our 22nd year, we have spent a lot of time listening to our clients, hearing their needs and responding. We continue to expand our vital programmatic offerings – from in-person interview and job readiness programs, to remote interview coaching, professional development coaching and virtual workshops on financial management, digital literacy, and physical and mental well-being. Also, we offered contactless clothing pickup to help these women get back on their feet again.

In 2021, we served 637 individual women with Job and Career Readiness programs, through a combination of both remote and in person services. We also had 2,370 attendees in our Upskill at Home Virtual Workshop Series. This series included: 13 Financial Management workshops, 61 Professional Development workshops, 28 Personal Enrichment workshops and 3 Technology for Life workshops. Overall, we had 3,499 client interactions. There are a lot of reasons to be hopeful for the future of Bottomless Closet.

Despite the unique challenges of this past year, you supported us and together we made a difference in the lives of disadvantaged New York City women, whether it was assisting in their job searches, helping them to gain new skills or keeping them hopeful about their prospects, we were there for them in the ways that they needed us the most.

Our work was only possible by the continued generosity of our entire community of donors, volunteers, corporate partners, board and staff. On behalf of the women we serve, we thank you. In the face of such uncertainty, we are more grateful than ever for you. We couldn't do the work we do without you.

With gratitude,



Melissa Norden
Executive Director



Lisa Primeggia
Board Chair

2021 By The Numbers



3,499
**Client
Interactions**



637
**Individual
Women
Served**



3
**Technology
for Life
Workshops**



13
**Financial
Management
Workshops**



61
**Professional
Development
Workshops**

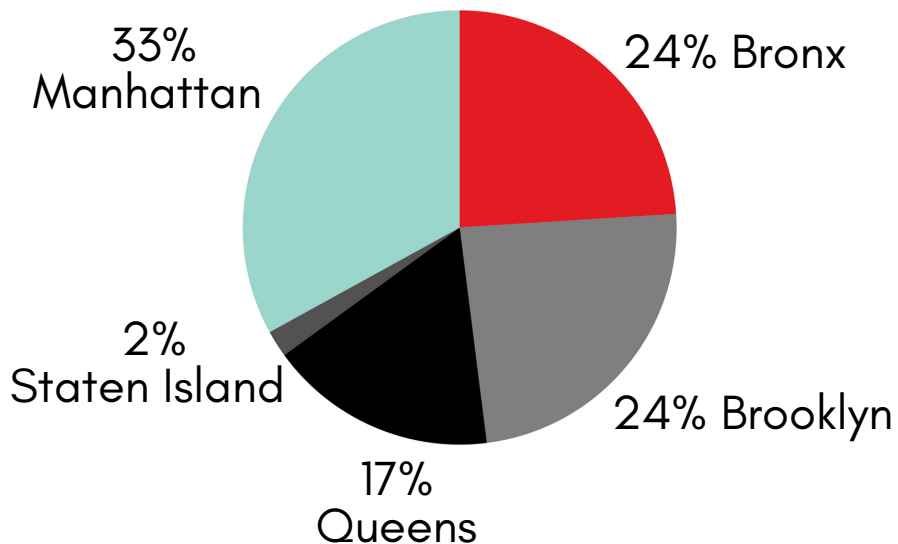


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**Personal
Enrichment
Workshops**

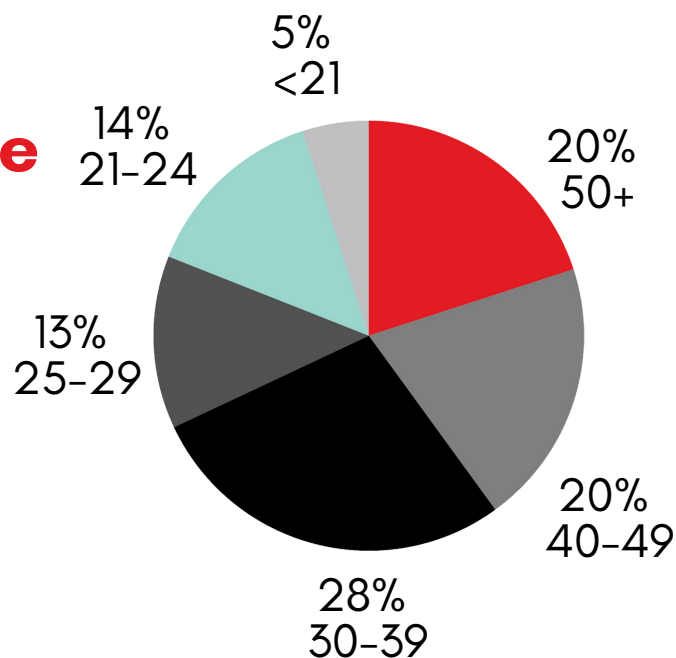
...and over 2,370 workshop attendees!

The Women We Serve

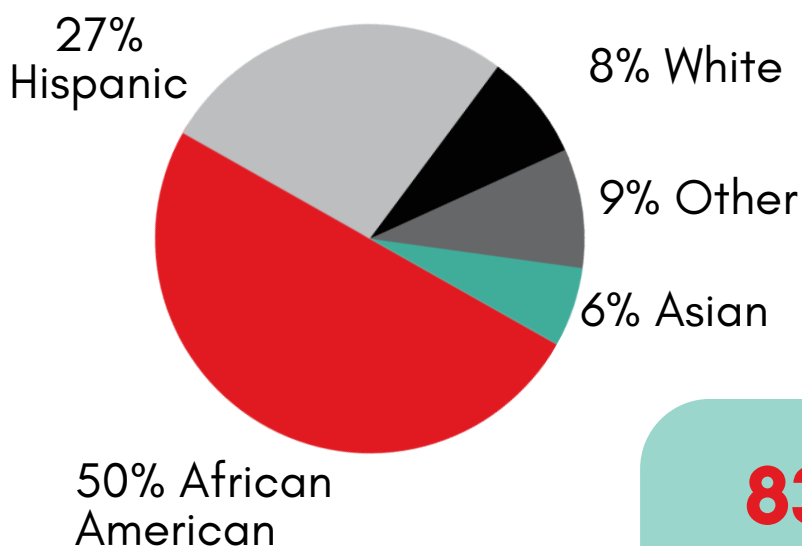
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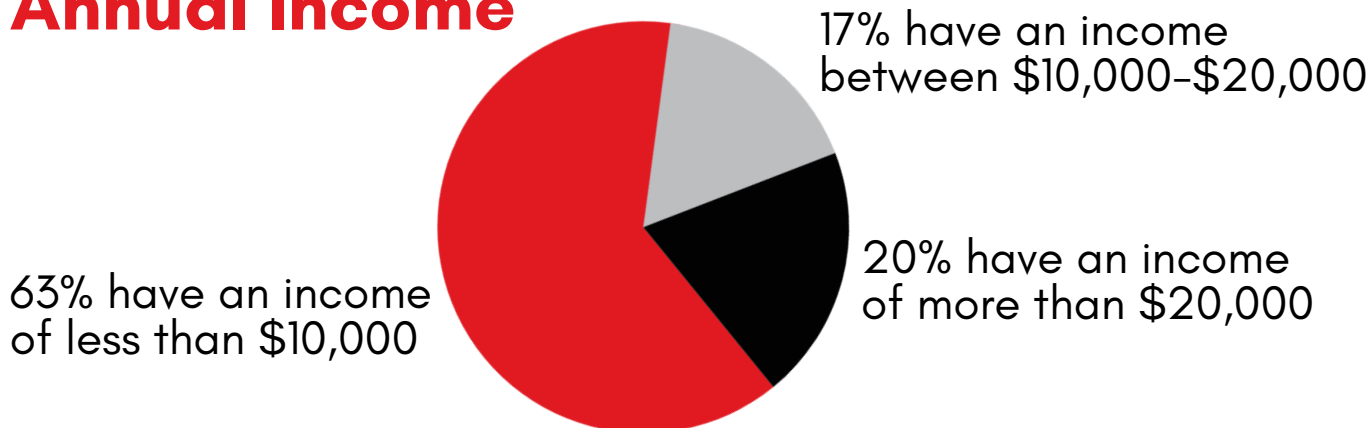
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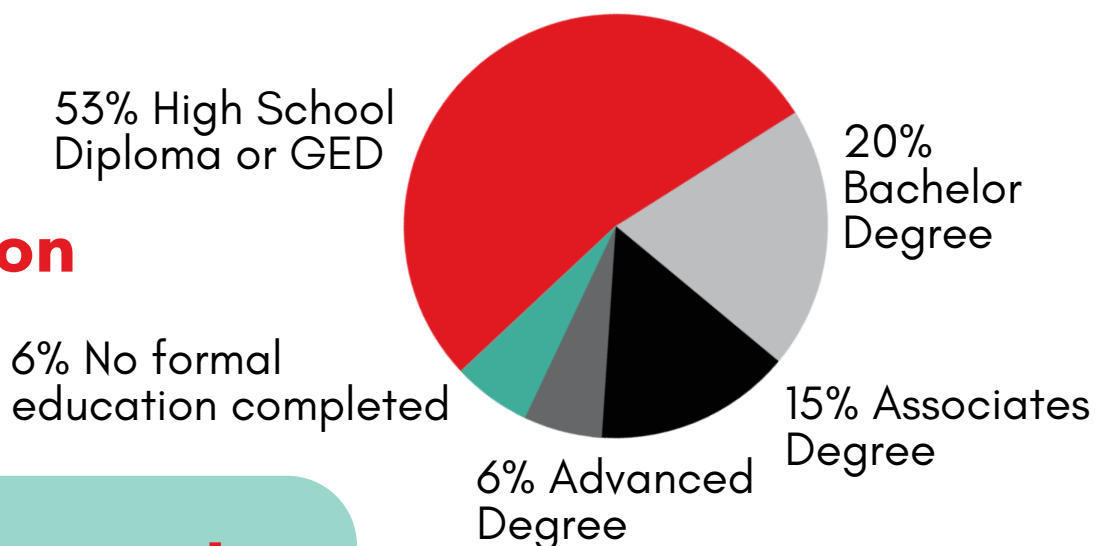
83% of Bottomless Closet Clients are Women of Color

The Women We Serve

Annual Income

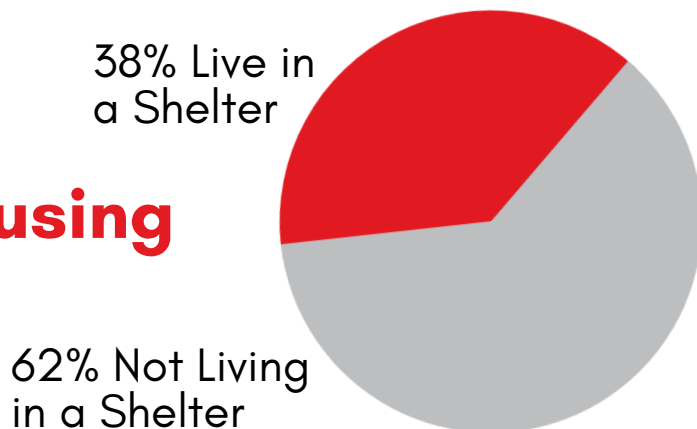


Education



67% of clients who have children are single mothers

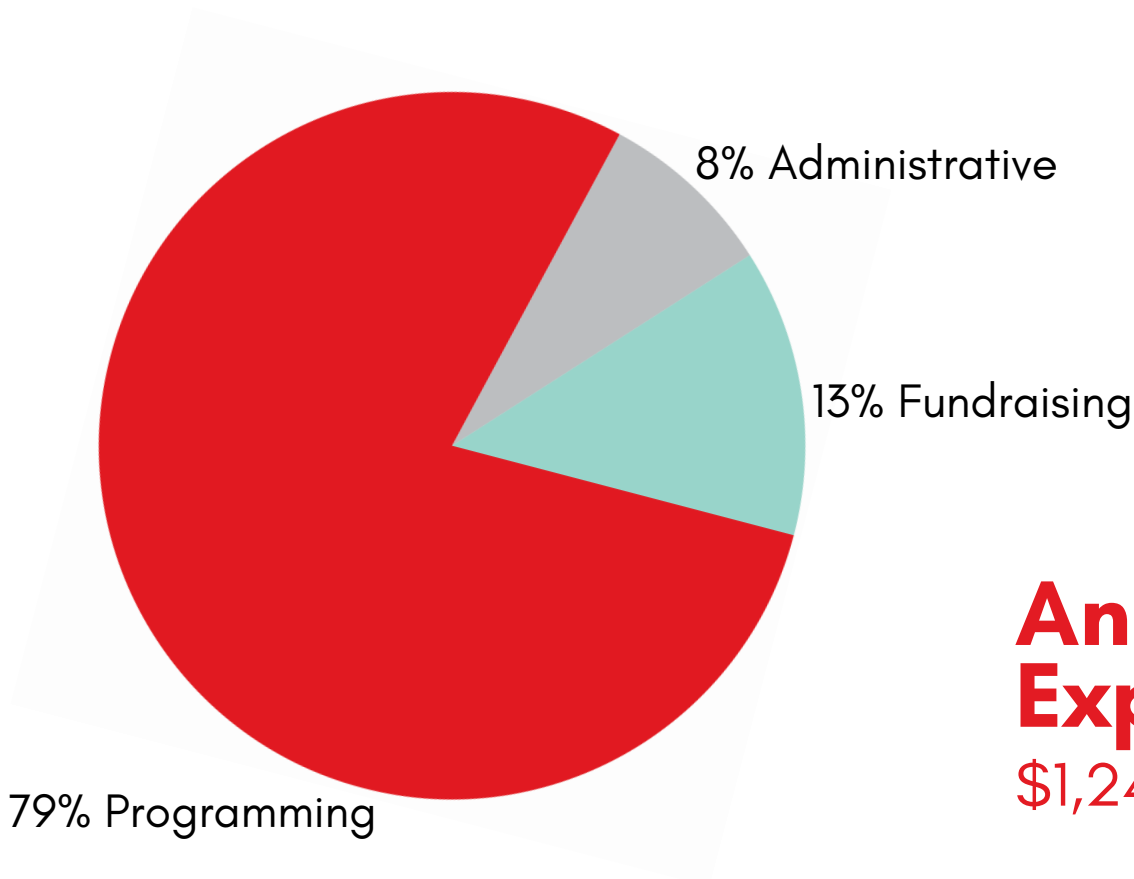
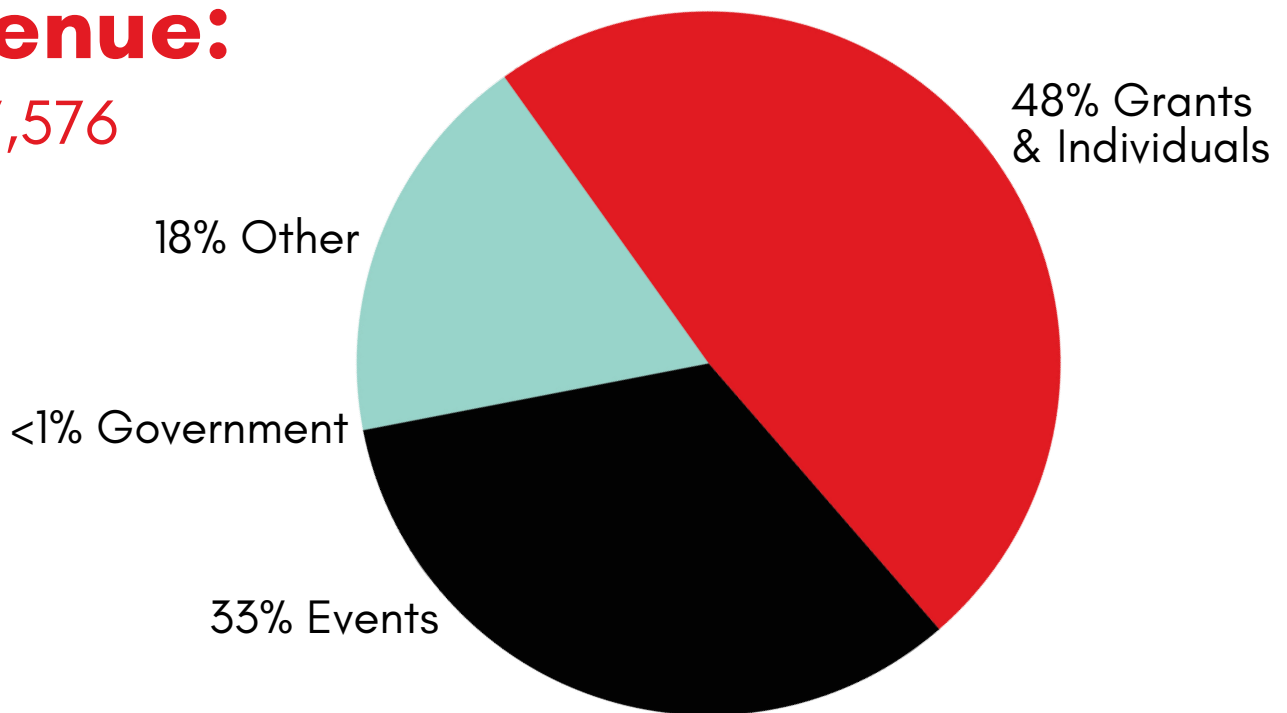
Housing



Our 2021 Financials

Annual Revenue:

\$1,557,576



Annual Expenses:

\$1,244,272

Our 2021 Volunteers

Our caring and dedicated volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization. Their support enables us to provide meaningful, individualized attention to the women we serve.

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Each financial gift we receive, no matter how big or small, helps us fulfill our mission to empower New York City women in need. Below is a list of gifts we received of \$500 and above.

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Donate

Change the life of a woman in need today. You can make a gift online at bottomlesscloset.org.

Give

Your gently worn work-appropriate clothing, shoes, purses and accessories will enable a woman to see herself in a new way.

Volunteer

You can join our network of dedicated and caring Career Coaches and begin changing lives!

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