

## Statement of Financial Position (6/30/23)

ASSETS	Gateway
Cash	\$3,893,619
Grants Receivable	\$5,312,025
Land, Building, and Equipment	\$29,150,984
Right-of-use asset	\$2,664,758
Investments	\$168,119
Other Assets	\$116,000
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$41,305,505</b>

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	Gateway
Accounts Payable	\$4,194,135
Deferred Revenue	\$1,111,412
Lease Liability	\$2,510,979
Mortgage/Notes Payable	\$3,089,420
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$10,905,946</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$30,399,559</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$41,305,505</b>

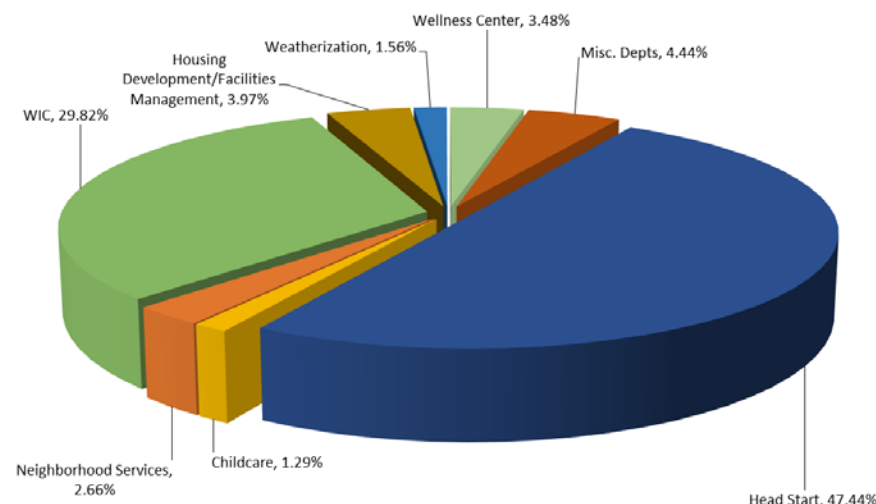
## Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets (6/30/23)

SUPPORT & REVENUE	Gateway
Grants and Contracts	\$69,771,974
Contributions	\$300,953
Contributed Good and Services	\$17,845
Program Fees	\$326,853
Rental Income	\$24,850
Interest Income	\$16,008
Other Income	\$402,982
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT &amp; REVENUE</b>	<b>\$70,861,465</b>

EXPENSES	Gateway
Program Services	\$65,475,943
Management and General	\$3,998,493
Fundraising	\$112,786
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$69,587,222</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,274,243</b>
<b>NET ASSETS BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$29,125,316</b>
<b>NET ASSETS END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$30,399,559</b>

The financial statements of Tri-County Community Action Agency, Inc. (T/A Gateway Community Action Partnership) as of June 30, 2023, which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and related notes to the financial statements have been audited by Martini & Martini, Certified Public Accountants. Financial statements are available upon written request to Denise Castley, Chief Financial Officer.

### AGENCY PROGRAM BUDGET ALLOCATIONS



## LEADERSHIP

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## ANNUAL REPORT



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### ***Dear Friends of Gateway:***

As I look back on 2023, I am proud of the accomplishments of Gateway Community Action Partnership and a staff that works so hard every day to advance our mission “to provide services that improve the quality of life and promote self-sufficiency.”

We made another positive step in bringing our mission to the people of Philadelphia with the opening of the Gateway Early Head

Start Infant-Toddler Learning Center. With its bright, colorful classrooms and a staff eager to provide children with an exceptional early learning educational opportunity, this center will be a beacon of hope for families. Our Shop With A Hero program – which connects law enforcement and first responder personnel with children for a holiday shopping and trust-building experience – just gets bigger and better every year. Our Gateway CAP Wellness Center had another year of phenomenal growth as we provide much needed mental health services. More staff joined the ranks of Certified Community Action Professionals, undergoing a process where they are recognized nationally for demonstrating mastery of leadership and knowledge relating to Community Action.

These are just some of the things that Gateway and staff accomplished in 2023. I could go on and on. I know I am blessed to be at the head of an agency that does so much good in our communities. I thank our staff for that.

Yes, we faced challenges locally, nationally and globally in 2023 that are likely to remain in 2024. COVID-19, gun violence, a divided nation and war unfortunately are still with us. But I am comforted in knowing that there is still much good in our world, and good people to carry out the work that needs to be done.

As we head into 2024, I promise that Gateway Community Action Partnership will continue to make our communities better places to live.

### **Albert B. Kelly, CCAP**

*President & CEO,*

*Gateway Community Action Partnership*

## **GATEWAY OPENS EARLY HEAD START CENTER IN PHILADELPHIA**



Gateway welcomed families and partners to a ribbon-cutting for the new Gateway Early Head Start Infant-Toddler Learning Center on 5th Street in Philadelphia in October. The building features five colorful classrooms filled with educational materials and hands-on activities to aid in child development. The center will allow 40 children to enroll and receive Early Head Start services.

Located at the Roberto Clemente Homes, the new center is the result of a long-time partnership with Esperanza. After a Nor’easter storm rendered the previous Early Head Start center in the area uninhabitable in 2018, this partnership came to life and allowed for the creation of this beacon of hope for the Philadelphia community.

The event featured walkthroughs of the classrooms, pumpkin painting and fall activities for the children, and tables with resources and referrals provided by our partners for families in attendance. Edward Bethea, CCAP, Gateway’s Executive VP and COO, cut the ribbon with other dignitaries, officially opening the center.

“This has been a long time coming, but we are here, finally. We are very proud and pleased,” said Bethea. “When you go inside and see what the five classes look like, I think you will agree that it was definitely worth the effort and the wait.”

## **GATEWAY CAP WELLNESS CENTER EXPANDS TO MULTIPLE COUNTIES**

As a response to COVID-19, Gateway Community Action Partnership provided aid to assist with the mental health crisis impacting communities across New Jersey due to the pandemic by opening its first mental and behavioral health facility, Gateway CAP Wellness Center. The Wellness Center has been in operation for three years to date, led by Mental Health Director and Licensed Professional Counselor, Ashlee Todd. Starting as a small therapeutic space at Gateway’s central office, Gateway CAP Wellness Center has expanded to providing in-person services at two stand-alone locations in Cumberland and Salem counties, and telehealth services to communities throughout the state.

Gateway CAP Wellness Center provides community-based treatment and supportive services to individuals and families. The Wellness Center’s mission is to ensure community-wide access to services that promote health and wellness. The team of 20 mental health professionals is made up of culturally competent and diverse clinicians. Services at the Wellness Center are designed to provide residents with holistic approaches and evidenced-based interventions to address assessed community needs. Gateway CAP Wellness Center continues to expand its programming with the goal of providing services to underserved and marginalized communities, as well as areas in need of resources for mental and behavioral healthcare. Gateway CAP Wellness Center is presently preparing a satellite office in Passaic County, which is scheduled to open in March 2024.



## **GATEWAY CAP BRIEFS**

### **BETHEA PRESENTS AT HOUSING PROGRAM**

Edward Bethea, CCAP, Gateway’s Executive Vice President and COO, presented at the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey’s JumpStart program on December 1. This program provides training and certification to nonprofit community agencies developing affordable housing, with a focus on Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) developers, with a goal of closing the racial wealth gap in New Jersey. Bethea was the featured presenter at the first meeting of the series, discussing Gateway’s experience in affordable housing development and neighborhood revitalization. Bethea served as Vice Chair of the Housing and Community Development Network, and became Chairman in 2024.

### **PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS FOR ROBINSON, YOUNG**

Two Gateway staff members, Carolyn Robinson and Nina Young, received prestigious awards in 2023.

Robinson was presented with the Region II Head Start Innovation Award in October at the Region II Professional Development Conference. Carolyn Robinson has dedicated much of her life and career to Gateway’s Head Start. Rising through the ranks, she is now the Gateway Community Service Manager and the Supervisor for the County Council for Young Children.

Young, Gateway’s Special Projects Coordinator, received the Liberty Bell Award in May 1 at the Law Day Breakfast of the Cumberland County Bar Association. Young was recognized for her service to the community, particularly her work with the Code Blue program in Cumberland County.

### **5 FROM GATEWAY EARN CCAP STATUS**

Gateway Community Action Partnership’s Denise Castley, Ashlee Todd, Leslie Rivera, Jenise Graves, and Miguel Maldonado officially joined the ranks of Certified Community Action Professional (CCAP) on August 24. Castley, Todd, Rivera, Graves and Maldonado were presented their certificate and CCAP pin at the National Community Action Partnership (NCAP) annual national conference in Atlanta. The CCAP presentation was held during the conference’s gala awards dinner which is a keynote event at the annual gathering.

### **ANOTHER SUCCESS FOR SHOP WITH A HERO**

Gateway wrapped up yet another successful year of our Shop With A Hero initiative in December, providing children in Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem counties with the chance to connect with local law enforcement and first responders to shop for holiday gifts. Joining the heroes and Gateway staff volunteers were Albert B. Kelly, CCAP, Gateway’s President and CEO, and Edward Bethea, Gateway’s Executive Vice President and COO. As part of the program, each child was provided with a \$150 gift card to shop for their gifts of choice. This program aims to make sure that children in low-income families still have gifts “under the tree” for the holiday season, especially when finances are tight. With the support of our partners, our wider goal for Shop With A Hero is to build trust and positive relationships within communities, reducing the gap between police officers and first responders and the general public.



## **SOUTHEAST GATEWAY MURAL ENHANCES REVITALIZATION PLAN**

Southeast Gateway celebrated the completion of another successful neighborhood revitalization project, a new mural on Terrace and Spruce Streets in Bridgeton, with a ribbon cutting ceremony held in November. Albert B. Kelly, CCAP, Gateway’s President and CEO, opened the ceremony with gratifying remarks addressed to Gateway staff members and partners who worked tirelessly to plan and complete the mural. As the City’s Mayor, he expressed his love and appreciation for the Great City of Bridgeton, as he proudly calls it, and applauded everyone involved in this transformational and beautifying project.

The mural project was led by Esaul Martin, SEG Neighborhood Revitalization Coordinator and his then assistant Cassandra Avila, who is now Site Coordinator at Gateway Wellness Center in Salem. Michelle Lopes Barakat, Grantmaking and Program Manager for Justice Outside’s Liberated Paths Program (Philadelphia) - which granted funds to help make this project possible - congratulated everyone on a job well done.

Other speakers and attendees at the ribbon cutting ceremony included Lisa David, the Head Artist in charge of directing the artwork for the project; Tara Sherman, Art Teacher at Bridgeton High school, accompanied by students in the Art Club who assisted in painting the mural; Lona Gaines, a local artist who also assisted with the project artwork; Celeste Merriweather, Bridgeton Public Schools Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction; Omarey Williams, Shared Service Coordinator, Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission; Lucia Osborne from the American Littoral Society, Millville; Matthew Brenner, Bridgeton Public Schools Supervisor of Creative and Performing Arts; and Ruth Hands, Board President of Cumberland County Technical Education Center, Vineland.

## **ALBERT B. KELLY RECEIVES COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

Albert B. Kelly, CCAP, President and CEO of Gateway Community Action Partnership and Mayor of the City of Bridgeton, was selected by the South Jersey African American Chamber of Commerce (SJAACC) as the recipient of the Community Service Award in recognition of his contributions and exemplary performance in Cumberland County. Mr. Kelly accepted the award during SJAACC’s “In The Black” event, which was held at The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City in November.

The Community Service Award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, innovation, and leadership. President of SJAACC, Curtis M. Lackland, commended Mr. Kelly for this remarkable achievement in his award notification letter. “Your unwavering commitment to excellence and your significant impact in the community has truly set you apart as an exemplary professional,” Lackland said.



## **Please Help Us Help Others**

Gateway Community Action Partnership makes a difference in helping our less fortunate neighbors. We provide dozens of programs that advance our mission “to provide services that improve the quality of life and promote self-sufficiency.”

**Certain core programs that embody our mission are under- or unfunded, such as food recovery. Please make a donation to help us fulfill our mission. Send checks made payable to: Gateway CAP, 110 Cohansey Street, Bridgeton, NJ 08302**

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