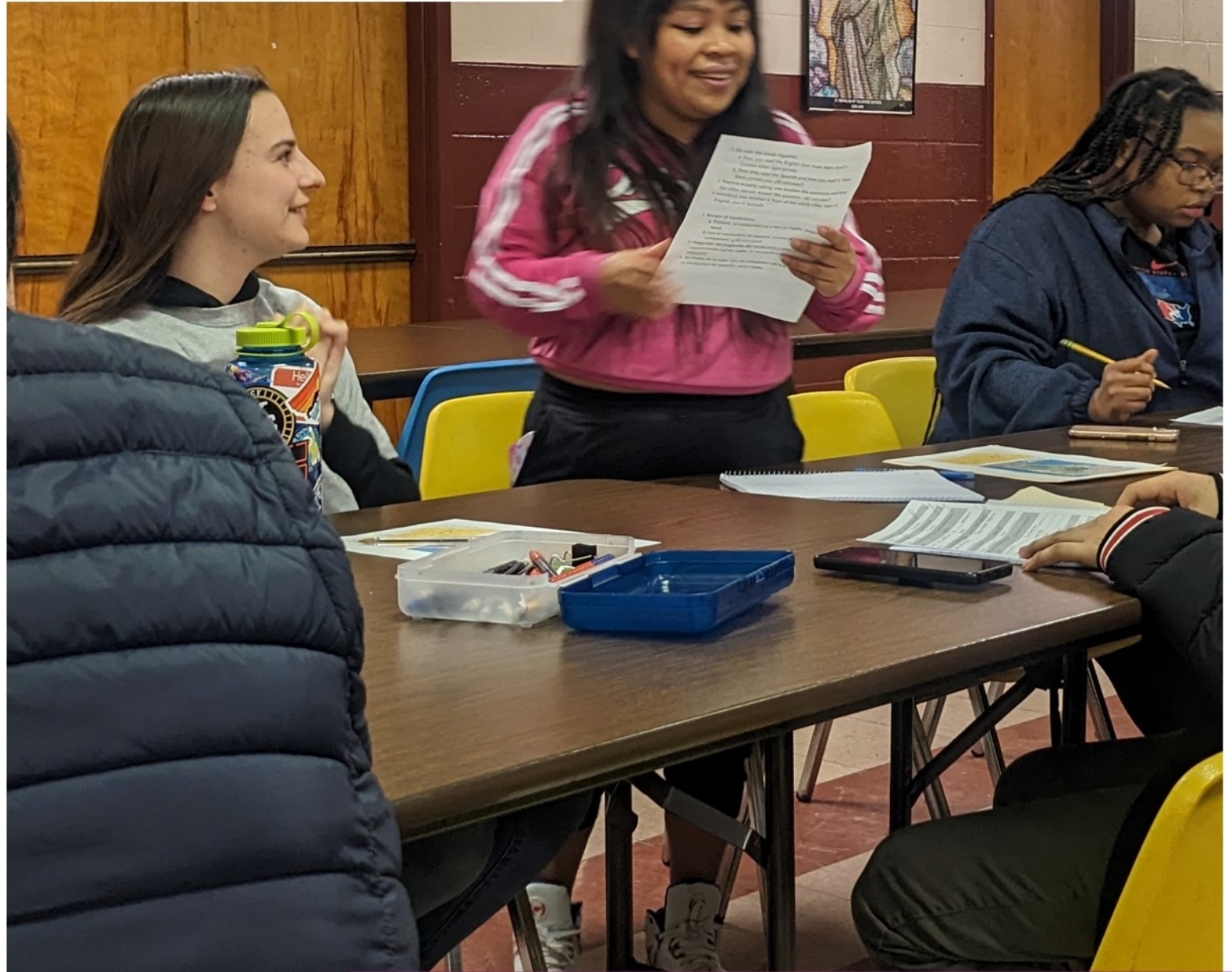




Augustinian Defenders of the Rights of the Poor

ANNUAL REPORT 2022 2023



*“For all those who are marginalized...
may there always be an Augustinian who can
proclaim with the manner of their life that
we are all made in the image and likeness of God.”*

-Fr. Robert P. Hagan, O.S.A., Prior Provincial

A Word from the Director



Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers for our ministries! We're proud of what we've been able to accomplish and excited by what is to come in the future—but none of it would be possible without your generous support. Some big changes are coming to the Unity Clinic as Veronica Olechna, RN, our long time Clinic Manager, is officially retiring after an amazing 15.5 years of service. We're so honored to have worked with Ronnie for so long and to have learned from her excellent expertise. Thank you, Ronnie for your time, dedication and loving service to this ministry. You will be missed!

Peace,
Soie Ann Michelson Tieschley



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: ESOL LEARNER SANTIAGO AND CLINIC SCHEDULER MEGA EMBRACE AT THE MASS OF THANKSGIVING. CENTER, RONNIE IS SURROUNDED BY THE UNITY CLINIC STAFF ON THE OCCASION OF HER 80TH BIRTHDAY. RIGHT, LARRY MOORE AND FR. JEREMY HIERS, O.S.A. AT THE ADEODATUS FALL RETREAT.

2022-2023 GOALS

Continue bridging and expanding both Restorative Justice ministries. This would include developing a donation based “coffee shop” at the Cascia Center.

Continue to hold flu and COVID-19 vaccination clinics for Unity Clinic patients and in the surrounding neighborhood for people most in need. This would include partnering with local churches and community centers.

With the closure of the Augustinian Volunteers, consider the ways that A.D.R.O.P. might fill those gaps left by the volunteers across the Province, especially in Massachusetts and New York.

Maintain status of a free clinic with government and expand patient population including hiring interpreters of other languages besides Indonesian.

Continue to expand services to immigrants by offering legal aid services through trained accredited representatives in partnership with St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

RESULTS

Fr. Jeremy created a number of new initiatives this past year including various walking pilgrimages against gun violence. Great strides were made for the coffee cart, including securing a grant and acquiring all the necessary supplies and hiring a worker. The cart should officially open this summer.

Hundreds of community members were vaccinated with the flu and COVID vaccines at clinics this past year at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, St. Nicholas of Tolentine, the National Shrine of St. Rita, The Arab American Development Center, and at the

This is an ongoing process and we hope to have more success in the upcoming fiscal year.

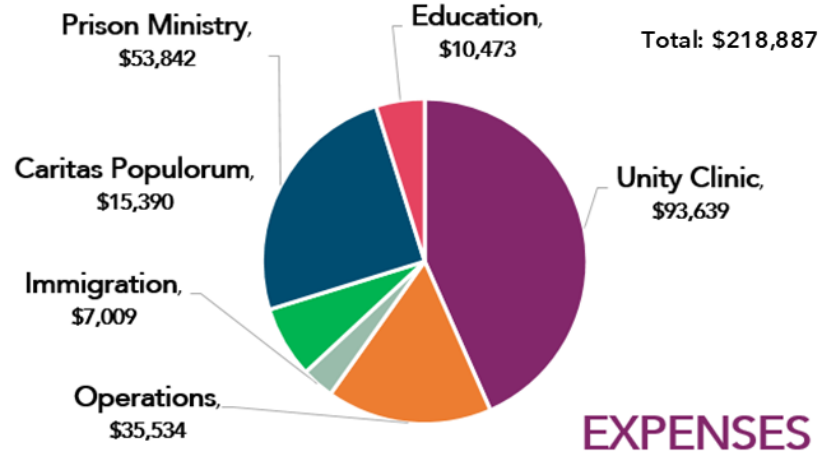
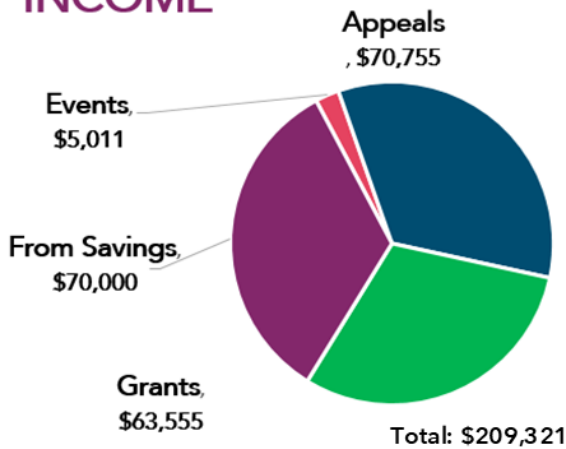
The Unity Clinic continues to maintain its status of a free clinic with the government and recommitted to partnerships with the Villanova College of Nursing and the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

Unfortunately, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish’s application to be an accredited organization was rejected. Instead, we have focused on accompanying community members to immigration court and offering translation services.

Financial Report

A.D.R.O.P. employs an Executive Director and Clinic Manager. Stipends are provided for expenses to the Restorative Justice Coordinator and Language Interpreters. In addition, hundreds of hours are provided by various volunteers without whom A.D.R.O.P. would not be able to offer its many services to the community.

INCOME



EXPENSES

Financial Collaboration Grants



Connelly Foundation
 Augustinian Province of St. Thomas of Villanova
 Independence Blue Cross
 Sisters of Saint Francis
 Catholic Campaign for Human Development
 St. Thomas of Villanova Stewardship Council
 Methodist Hospital Foundation
 CVS-NAFC
 Penn Cares
 Windmill Foundation
 Jefferson Methodist Hospital
 -Provides in kind coverage to Unity Clinic Labs

Goals for 2023- 2024

- This year we will have our grand opening of our Coffee Cart. As a joint project with the National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia, we will hire a formerly incarcerated person to work the cart providing free coffee to the community while simultaneously receiving professional development.
- Continue to hold flu and COVID-19 vaccination clinics for Unity Clinic patients and in the surrounding neighborhood for people most in need. This will include partnering with local churches and community centers.
- Continue exploring and developing ministerial outreach program to the Bronx, NY and Lawrence, MA based on the needs and resources available.
- Maintain status of a free clinic with government and expand patient population including continuing to hire interpreters of other languages besides Indonesian.
- Working with board, community, and staff members develop a new strategic plan for the future of A.D.R.O.P.
- With volunteers from the University of Pennsylvania, A.D.R.O.P. will begin a creative writing class for people formerly incarcerated.

The Mission of the Augustinian Defenders of the Rights of the Poor is to build bridges between providers, recipients and community leaders across economic, political and religious spectra. A.D.R.O.P. accomplishes its Mission by matching individuals with identified needs to known resources in order to build better communities.

A.D.R.O.P. is an action arm of the Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova.



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