



KIDS FIRST HEALTH CARE

# ANNUAL REPORT

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2021-22



Keeping kids healthy today & for all of their tomorrows

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE

As Kids First Health Care's Executive Director, I continue to be be impressed by our team's unwavering commitment to the infants, children and youth in our community.

As we've transitioned out of our global pandemic, it is encouraging to see patients returning to our clinics to catch up on vaccinations, well-child checks and other important medical visits. In addition to our day-to-day operations, we have been planning our future and building new partnerships to provide greater access to care in our communities.

## Looking Back

We had a lot to celebrate throughout the 2021-22 school year.

- Thanks to generous capital funders, Kids First moved into a new, state-of-the-art clinic in Commerce City, marking our organization's first independent space in 44 years!
- We expanded our mental health care team with the hiring of a lead mental health professional and an additional four mental health professionals.
- All three Kids First Student Wellness Committees at Adams City High School, Brighton High School and Thornton High School are all back up and running after COVID disruptions.
- I participated alongside the Commerce City Community Resource Hub partners at 7190 Colorado Blvd. to engage in extensive training for trauma-informed design, as we continue revitalizing the former Adams County Human Services building and surrounding property.

## Looking Forward

One very exciting process underway is the development of a comprehensive strategic plan that will outline our goals, objectives and outcomes for the next three years. We are excited to share updates on our strategic planning work with our stakeholders! Kids First is embarking on a new partnership with Maiker Housing, Adams County's housing authority, to plan a new pediatric clinic at their Alto Community on 71st and Federal Blvd.

I feel incredibly fortunate to work alongside pediatric medicine's best here at Kids First Health Care. We work tirelessly to reduce barriers to care, while addressing the social determinants of health, to create more equitable health outcomes for ALL children.

In good health,  
Whitney Gustin Connor, Executive Director



Equitable  
Health  
OUTCOMES  
FOR ALL  
CHILDREN



# OUR VALUES

In 1978, Kids First Health Care founded Colorado's first school-based health center with the belief that all children deserve access to affordable, high-quality health care, regardless of their family's ability to pay. Kids First now offers comprehensive primary care services at eight clinics in four school districts and provides school nursing services in two school districts in Adams County.

## ACCESSIBILITY

Serving ALL children regardless of financial status, nationality, race, gender or sexual orientation.

## QUALITY

Providing high-quality and affordable health care that is patient-centered and evidence-based.

## RELATIONSHIPS

Building quality relationships based on mutual respect and trust with families, community and partners, and with one another.

### PEDIATRIC HEALTH CENTERS

#### BRIGHTON:

Brighton High School

#### COMMERCE CITY:

Commerce City Clinic

Adams City Middle School

Kearney Middle School

Adams City High School

Lester Arnold High School

#### THORNTON:

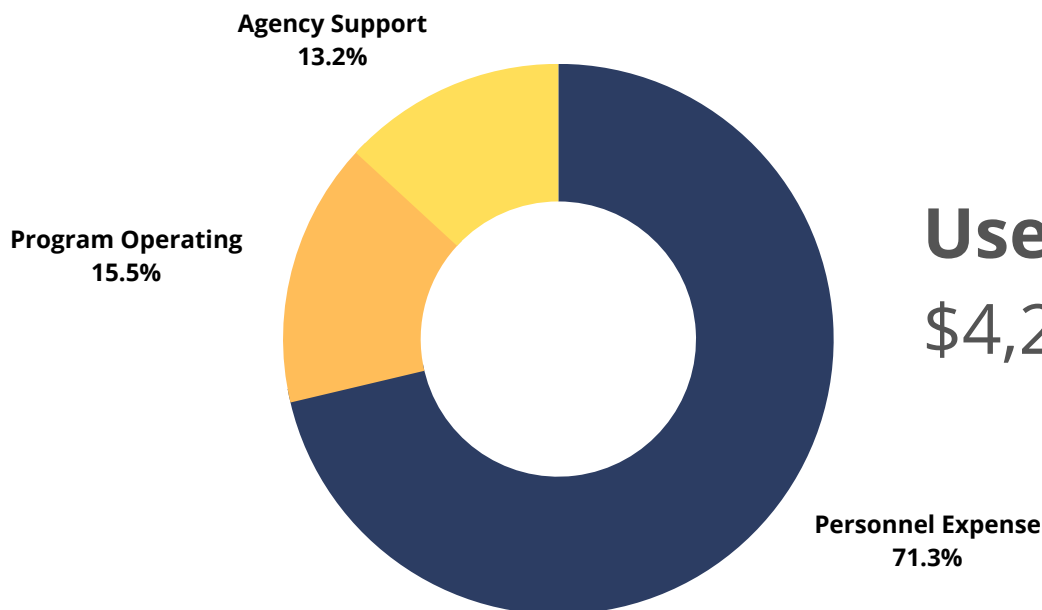
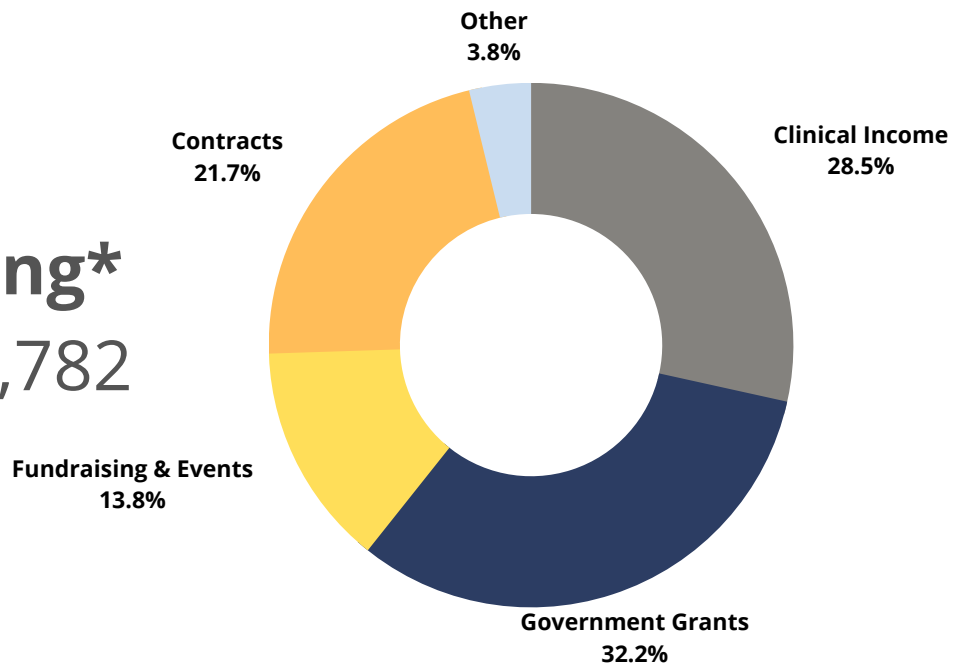
Thornton High School

#### WESTMINSTER:

Gregory Hill Early Learning Center

## Sources of Funding\*

\$4,663,782



## Use of Funds

\$4,212,195

*\*Net revenue was largely dedicated to capital expenses attributed to Kids First's new Commerce City clinic.*

# Our Finance OVERVIEW





# 2021-22 By The Numbers

- MEDICAL/MENTAL/DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
- INSURANCE ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE
- SCHOOL NURSING SERVICES



**10,201**

HEALTH CARE  
VISITS FOR  
CHILDREN



**3,996**

INFANTS  
CHILDREN AND  
TEENS SERVED



**6,850**

IMMUNIZATIONS  
ADMINISTERED



**626**

CHILDREN AND  
ADULTS ASSISTED  
WITH INSURANCE  
APPLICATIONS



**95%**

PATIENTS WHO  
RECEIVED AN ORAL  
HEALTH SCREEN AT  
THEIR WELL CHILD  
CHECK



**21,838**

SCHOOL NURSE  
SCREENINGS  
PROVIDED IN  
TWO DISTRICTS



**72%**

PATIENTS SEEN  
WHO WERE  
SCREENED FOR  
DEPRESSION



**\$1,488,398**

IN  
UNCOMPENSATED  
CARE PROVIDED

The providers from Kids First Health Care's community clinic in Commerce City recently met a family living in an Access Housing shelter who were facing profound obstacles. Through a recently established resource and referral sharing platform, Access Housing was able to refer this family to their partners at Kids First Health Care for help.

A group of nonprofits in Commerce City opened Adams County's first Community Resource Hub (the Hub) at 7190 Colorado Blvd., giving families innovative and convenient access to a vast array of health and social services.

Research shows that overall wellness not only requires medical care, but social, psychological, cultural, financial and individual supports. The community Hub is occupied by collaborating social service agencies – including Kids First Health Care, The Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County, Kids in Need of Dentistry, Creative Treatment Options, Adams County Health Department, Adams County, City of Commerce City and United for a New Economy – that are committed to addressing the Social Determinants of Health and promoting equitable health outcomes for all.

Upon arrival at the Kids First Health Care clinic, the providers quickly learned that this family was not only facing a housing crisis, but challenges accessing food and basic necessities. They came to Kids First Health Care suspecting that their five-year-old child may have autism.

The child had not been formally diagnosed and had not received any additional services. Kids First's team provided them with a diagnosis and connected the family to therapy services through the school district. Kids First also provided referrals to Children's Hospital for additional evaluations and testing, as well as to a therapy center that specializes in therapy for children with autism.

Kids First's Enrollment Coordinator then spent time with the family - even accompanying them on the elevator to visit our partners at the Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County (ECPAC) to help them access food, clothing, diapers, wipes and more from their Family Resource Center. Our Enrollment Coordinator also helped connect the family with other vital resources, including support for electrical bills, housing and long-term food.



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Patient

SUCCESS STORY