

Ellen O'Brien  
**Gaiser**  
**CENTER**

Leading  
Recovery  
Since 1971



RESILIENT *Recovery*

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2021/22 Annual Report



## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**The Ellen O'Brien Gaiser Center laid important groundwork for the future in 2022, rebounding from pandemic challenges, achieving some major successes and gearing up for further program expansion.**

In April of 2022, Gaiser earned Center of Excellence designation for inpatient opioid use disorder treatment from the Pennsylvania Department of Health following a months-long application process. We proudly display this badge of honor, which shows we are a trusted and established resource in the fight against opioid addiction.

In September 2022, Butler County Prison awarded Gaiser a contract to provide Medication Assisted Treatment services for inmates, and we're honored to assist incarcerated individuals in their recovery process and re-entry into society.

In addition to these two crowning achievements, Gaiser has continued to bolster programming under the leadership of our full-time medical director. We served 268 outpatient clients and 285 inpatient clients in 2022 and are well positioned to finally see these figures rise beyond pre-pandemic census numbers in 2023.

And Gaiser continues to recover from the financial challenges also posed by COVID-19. We are immensely grateful to have secured state funding which enabled us to navigate these difficult times and ensure our stability well into 2023.

With more than a year into my tenure as Gaiser's executive director, I am delighted with the progress we've made on numerous fronts and excited about opportunities to broaden the center's reach and impact in Butler and beyond.

*Joseph Mahoney*

Executive Director

## EXCELLENCE Recognized

**In April of 2022, Gaiser was named a Center of Excellence for inpatient treatment of opioid use disorders by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services.**

Gaiser is among a select group of Pennsylvania substance use disorder treatment providers, primary care practices, hospitals and federally qualified health centers evaluated and selected as Centers of Excellence skilled at identifying and treating individuals with opioid addiction issues.

Centers of Excellence not only treat individuals for substance use disorders, but improve their overall health and well-being by coordinating care across multiple domains. Physical, mental and behavioral health issues are addressed and peer-to-peer support is provided through a care management team including social workers, counselors, certified recovery specialists, nurses, peer navigators, care managers and physicians.

Social support like job training, childcare and housing, transportation and educational support services may be coordinated by the Center of Excellence through a network of community partners.

The Gaiser team is proud to be part of a network of distinguished multi-disciplinary providers who deliver high quality services to combat the opioid epidemic across our state.

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EXCELLENCE**  
Opioid Use Disorder Treatment

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## REIMAGINING Therapy

Building on the solid foundation of mindfulness activities and **trauma-informed yoga courses** provided in Gaiser's inpatient program, our team implemented new, complementary therapy options in 2022 to meet our goal of treating the whole person.

Partnering with Glade Run Lutheran Services, our clients benefit from **equine therapy programs** designed to help individuals learn about themselves by engaging both their mind and body. Equine assisted learning helps individuals better understand their thoughts, relationships, life circumstances and challenges through caring for horses. The therapy can increase self-awareness and self-esteem, reduce anxiety and depression, and build social skills, trust and personal responsibility in a unique and relaxing environment.

A **certified music therapist** provides additional therapeutic options, helping clients focus on wellness and healthy everyday living through exercises tied to listening to and making music.

**In addition to new, creative therapies, Gaiser is also proud to have expanded its psychiatric service offerings to make a broader scope of treatments accessible to all clients.**



## BUILDING Relationships

The Ellen O'Brien Gaiser Center provides medication management and counseling services to inmates at Butler County Prison. Through this partnership, Gaiser aids incarcerated individuals with substance use disorders as they prepare for a healthy re-entry to society.

By working with inmates while they are in prison, we establish a relationship that fosters continuity of care through our programs upon their release.



*By addressing individuals' addiction issues, we equip them to adopt a healthy lifestyle, make good choices and avoid subsequent incarceration, which benefits not only the individuals, but also their families and the citizens of Butler County.*

*Joe DeMore*

Butler County Prison Warden



## REDEFINING *Our Reach*

**Welcoming our full-time medical director in 2021 has allowed Gaiser to continually expand the scope of medical services we provide.** We offer Medication Assisted Treatment options on both an inpatient and outpatient basis, improving the continuum of care between the two programs and achieving our goal of meeting patients where they are.

**To reach even more people, we've partnered with ARC Manor, an addiction recovery center serving Armstrong, Indiana and Clarion counties, to share medical services between our various sites.**

*C. Thomas Brophy*  
Gaiser Medical Director



## REVITALIZING *Community Services*

Changes in regulations and policies at the state level translated into an increased focus on community-based treatments. Gaiser drew attention to its outpatient center in 2022 through increased promotion and advertising, including a highly visible billboard campaign.

**Internally, we've bridged gaps between inpatient and outpatient programs to create a more robust model of care to meet individuals' needs at each stage of their recovery journey.**

We served 268 clients in our outpatient programs in 2022 and are poised for growth in the years ahead. To prepare for an influx of clients, Gaiser tackled much needed aesthetic enhancements at our outpatient center in 2022, making the space more modern and inviting.



# REINVESTING *in the Future*

Historically stable, but fiscally conservative, the center examined new investment options in 2022 and determined professional investment oversight would benefit the organization.

The executive and financial committees of the board of directors evaluated numerous options and secured WesBanco to manage investments and grow our accounts for the future.

Gaiser also held its most lucrative fundraiser ever, generating \$20,000 net funds for a client scholarship account at its second annual fashion show. The show proved a monetary success while also providing excellent visibility in the community of Gaiser's mission and programs.

## OUR BOARD MEMBERS

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## MEET OUR LEADERSHIP



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Executive Director



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Medical Director



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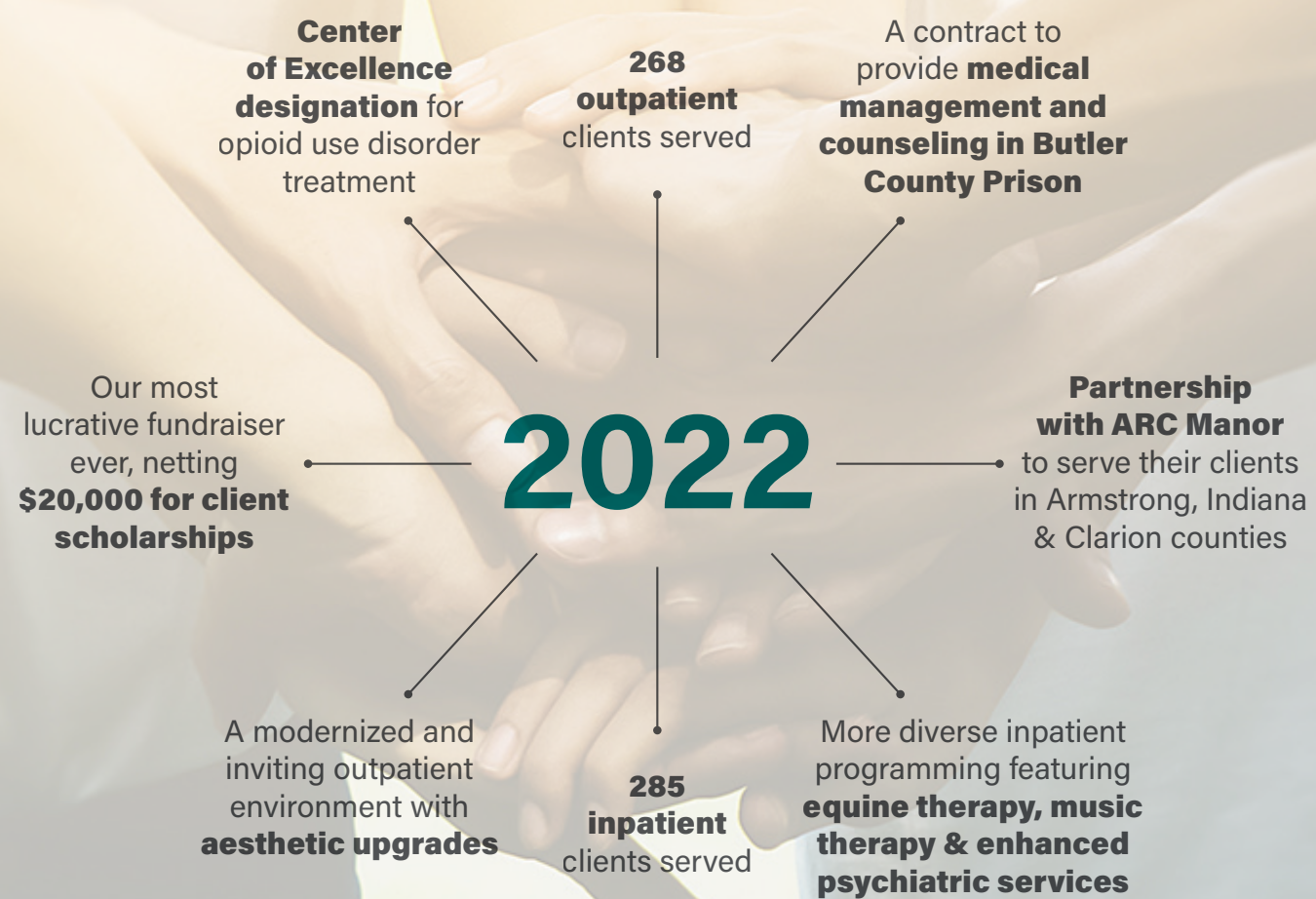


**Gretchen Howard**  
HR Specialist

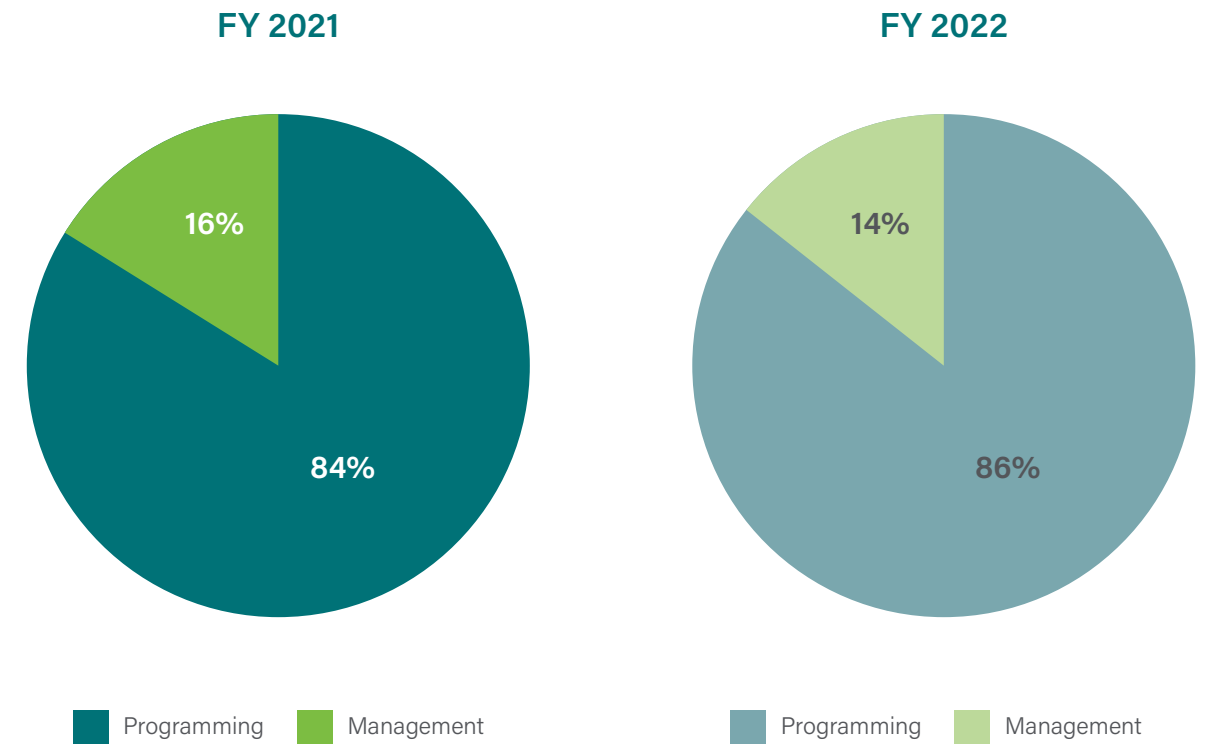


**Chet Garland**  
Facilities Manager

# YEAR at a Glance



## FINANCIAL SUMMARY



## REVENUE VS EXPENSE



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