

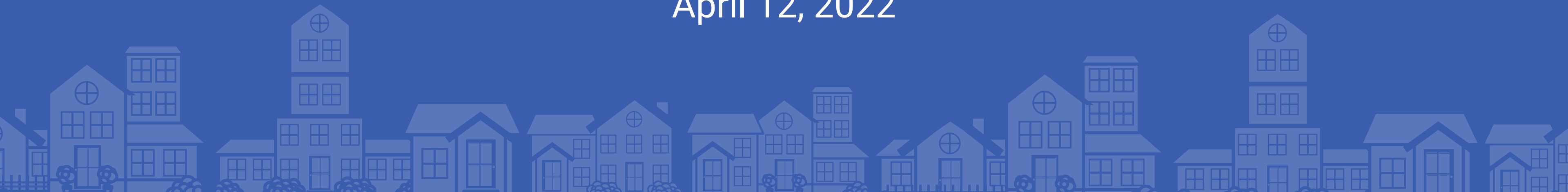
Inspirica

from homeless to home

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ABOUT INSPIRICA

OUR MISSION: Inspirica strives to end homelessness and housing insecurity by helping individuals and families achieve independence through support services and affordable housing.

OUR VISION: A community where everyone has a stable, affordable home and hope for a bright future.



OUR WORK



Supporting individuals and families with housing

- Emergency and Transitional Housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Deeply Affordable Housing



Pathways toward stability

- Case Management
- Career & Vocational Services
- Children's Services and Early Childhood & Parenting Program
- Housing & Employment Retention Services
- Homeless Prevention Program, Rapid Re-Housing & Community Support Program



Community engagement

- Harvest for Hope & Holiday Wishes serve our neighbors in need
- Partnerships with The Housing Collective, Opening Doors of Fairfield County, Vita, Children's Learning Centers of Fairfield County, and the City of Stamford
- Health partnerships with Stamford Health, Community Health Center, and Optimus Health



OUR PROPERTIES

Inspirica's housing portfolio serves approximately 425 individuals each night (475 pre-COVID), and provides temporary and permanent housing solutions to our community's most vulnerable populations.

FAMILY HOUSING



WOMEN'S HOUSING



ATLANTIC PARK



COLONY APTS.



FRANKLIN APTS.



GILEAD HOUSE



MCKINNEY HOUSE



METCALF HOUSE



ROSE PARK APTS



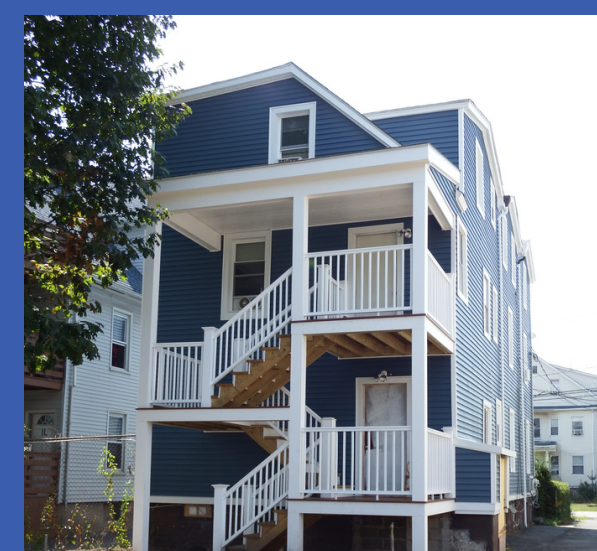
SUMMER PLACE



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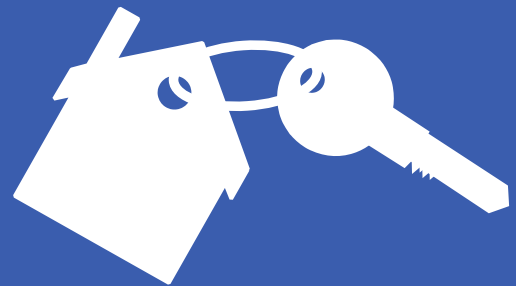


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2021-22 HIGHLIGHTS

2021 Calendar Year Results



Moved **111** men, women, and children into permanent stable housing

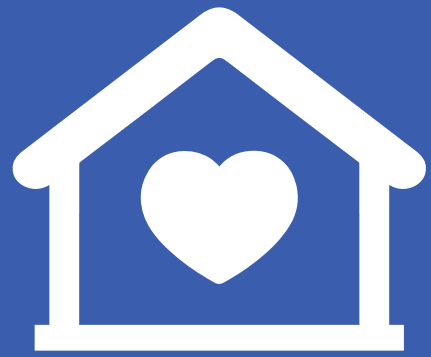


Made **143** job placements, with an average starting wage of **\$15.49**



Served **132** individuals in our homeless prevention efforts, including Rapid Re-Housing and the Homeless Prevention Program

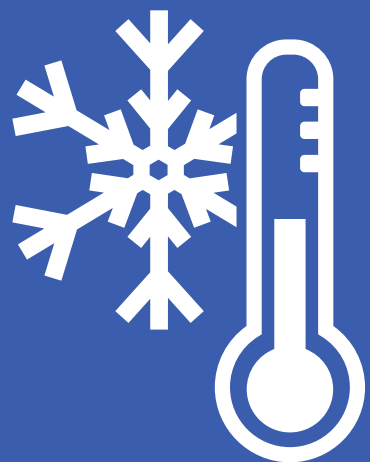
2021-22 HIGHLIGHTS (CONT.)



Increase in number served in shelter from FY20 to FY21

7/2020 - 6/2021: **198** men, women, and children

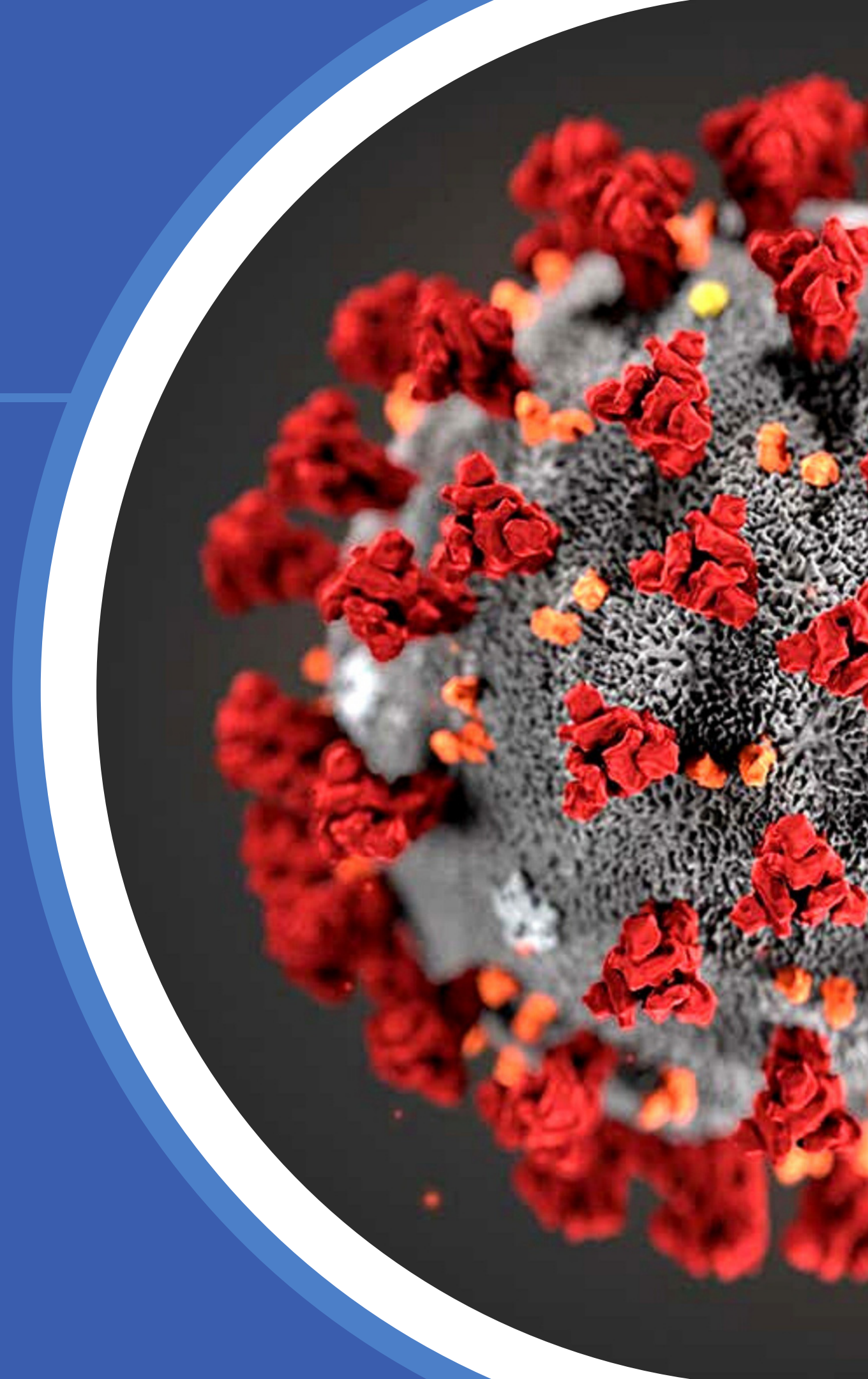
7/2021 - 2/2022: **199** men, women, and children



Served **111** men, women, and children, including **26** families, in our Warming Shelter from November to March

OUR COVID-19 RESPONSE

- In March 2020, Inspirica pivoted support services and programs to a hybrid model - in person and remote to maintain 24/7 coverage
- Utilized hotels to house most vulnerable shelter clients
- Upgraded technology to support remote access to programming and telehealth
- Partnering with local healthcare providers to provide on-site COVID-19 testing and vaccinations
- Ongoing PPE distribution to all clients and staff



2022-23 ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES & FOCUSES

In 2021, Inspirica implemented a 3-year strategic plan with 6 key goals focused on: housing, support services, partnerships, fundraising, marketing and talent development.

In Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023, our main focus will be:

- **Housing:** Seeking to expand our housing portfolio through building and/or acquisition to provide more affordable housing in the Stamford community.
- **Fundraising:** Increasing our donor base to support growth and sustainability.
- **Branding & Marketing:** Broaden community awareness and outreach to build more substantial commitment, participation, and financial support for Inspirica.

2022-23 EXPANDED SERVICES & PROGRAMS

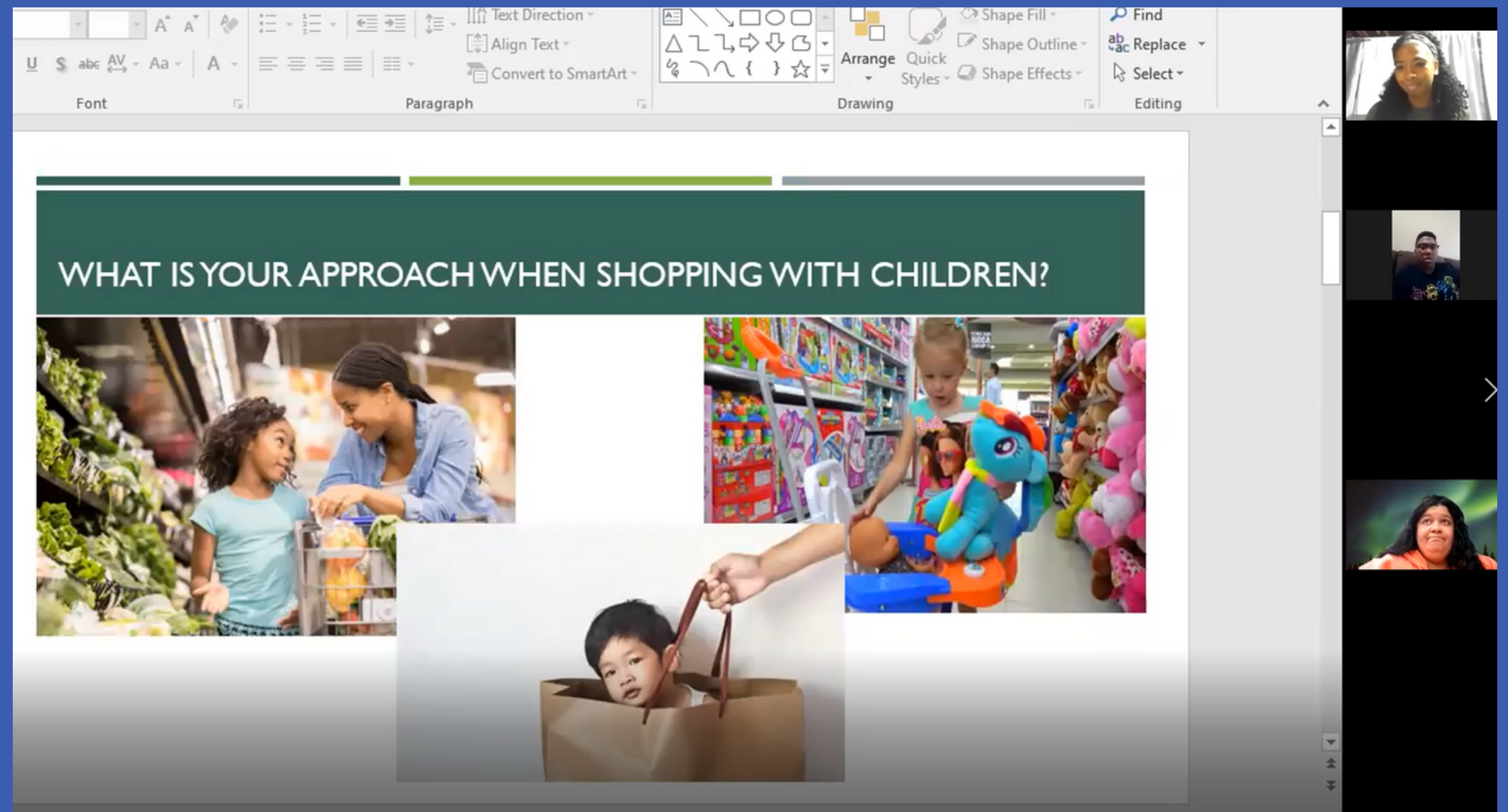
- **Mental Health:** Launching a new in-person mental health service for our shelter guests.
- **Advocacy:** Enhancing our community advocacy efforts to focus on affordability and housing, specifically for those in the 30% AMI bracket, while continuing to support the CAN (Coordinated Access Network).
- **Data:** Develop the framework for a new integrated database, inclusive of data for DOH, DMHAS, CDBG, and other funding sources.
- **Client Services & Partnerships:** Expand our services and deepen our partnerships based on recently conducted client needs assessment.

2022-23 MODIFIED/CURTAILED SERVICES

FY 2022 - 2023 will maintain hybrid program service delivery model due to high client engagement levels.

This includes:

- Early Childhood & Parenting Program
- Jumpstart Career Program
- Socialization & skills classes for seniors



The screenshot shows a virtual meeting interface. The main content is a presentation slide with a green header that reads "WHAT IS YOUR APPROACH WHEN SHOPPING WITH CHILDREN?". Below the header are three images: a woman and a young girl shopping in a grocery store, a young girl with a large blue and orange stuffed toy, and a young boy sitting inside a brown paper shopping bag. The interface includes a Microsoft Office-style ribbon at the top with tabs for Font, Paragraph, Drawing, and Editing. On the right side, there is a vertical column of three video thumbnails showing participants in the virtual class.

Virtual Early Childhood & Parenting Program Class, 2022

2022-23 CHALLENGES



Increase in Mental Health Challenges & COVID-19-Related Anxiety



Limited & Competitive Housing Market



Maintaining 24/7 Staffing



Reduced Funding for Homeless Prevention



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