

Dear CV Community,

We are pleased to share our Annual Report with you. The accomplishments reflect how we all continued to develop resilience and flexibility in these ever-changing times. We leaned into technology, found new ways to have small gatherings, and focused on building partnerships and fostering relationships.

We certainly do not want to ignore the hardships – staff shortages, health concerns, changing guidelines, and missing out on events – but ultimately, we worked together to overcome these obstacles.

In addition to adapting to the pandemic, we experienced a leadership transition. I stepped into the Executive Director role in February, as Joe focused on developing housing options for people with disabilities. I am honored to serve in this capacity, and continue to build on the legacy of supporting people to live the lives they choose. We also took the year to come together as a team and think about what is next for CV. We aim to remain at forefront of services for people with disabilities, and developed a strategic framework to guide our work in the years ahead.

These six goals will drive us:

1. Develop affordable, accessible housing options

3. Braid technology into overall support strategies

- 4. Explore green jobs for people with disabilities
- 2. Enhance support options for people to live independently 5. Create opportunities for relationships with community
  - 6. Build awareness and disability inclusion at local and state levels

Moving the needle in these areas will take partners of all kinds. We invite you to get involved in helping us move this critical work forward. Together, we can build an inclusive world.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collective successes over the past year. We look forward to this new year with hope and renewed determination to ensure that people with disabilities direct their own lives. We will work with our community to foster inclusion, enhance accessibility, and achieve systems change.

With appreciation and hope,

Jennifer Knapp **Executive Director** 



# PROGRAMS



## **SUPPORTED LIVING**



People living in their own home People living with their families Hours of support provided



The entire team of direct support staff, supported individuals, coordinators, and administration came together to keep everyone safe this past year. We found ways to continue to connect, such as a covid-friendly Cornhole Tournament in our garage. Over several days of small gatherings, we played and enjoyed the fresh air and each other's presence. It was a highlight for many.

**EMPLOYMENT** 

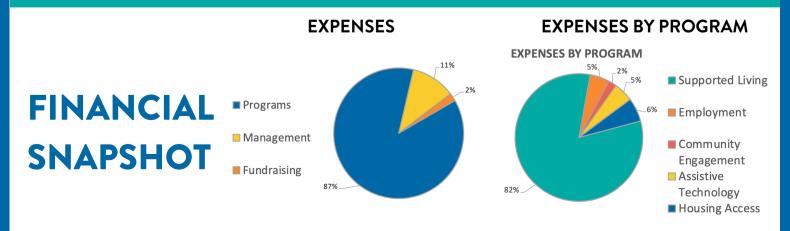


New jobs



People receiving job support
People have been at their jobs a year or more

Matt got a job at Bridgetown Trucking in North Portland. His workday consists of emptying trash cans, relining the bins, and sweeping the facility. Matt has been welcomed as a critical part of the team, and his co-workers even threw him a 40th birthday party during his shift. His sister reported back to the team, "Bridgetown has been the best thing to happen to Matt since moving to Portland - he comes home every day brimming with pride and good vibes, and he is so happy to head back to work the next day."



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## HOUSING

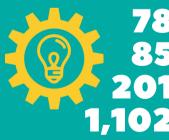


Individuals completed steps towards housing Extremely-low income renters matched to housing Hours of opportunity development



We supported two people who are married but were living in separate group facilities move into their first apartment together. Kim approached us at a community event to say she and her wife were interested in living in the community. For several months, we advocated on their behalf to have a proper Individualized Support Plan (ISP) meeting and a plan that reflected what they wanted. The new ISP gave the couple new opportunities. We began applying for apartments in January and they were approved in February. The next several weeks was a flurry of getting rep payees to send the deposit, arranging for moving their things, allaying fears of their providers and case managers, and starting to make their new place a home. Kim and Corin are thrilled with their new apartment. Their in-home supports are wonderful, and they are living happily as a couple.

## **ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY**



78 People receiving consultations
85 Items loaned through the loan closet
201 Hours of of partner collaboration
1,102 People trained



The City of Portland received CARES Act funding to distribute devices and internet assistance cards to help Portlanders who struggle with digital access in a time when this is more crucial than ever. The AT Lab acted as a contractor to deliver 540 iPads and assistive devices to Portlanders with disabilities. We worked with 17 local organizations during this incredible opportunity. We were able to deliver the iPads, protective cases, styluses, and many adapted keyboards to the organizations, and supported their community work by developing an extensive, easy to read iPad Orientation Guide, available in 14 languages. As a result of this funding, we were also able to develop extensive Digital Inclusion resources on the AT Lab website: https://cv-atlab.org/digital-inclusion/

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