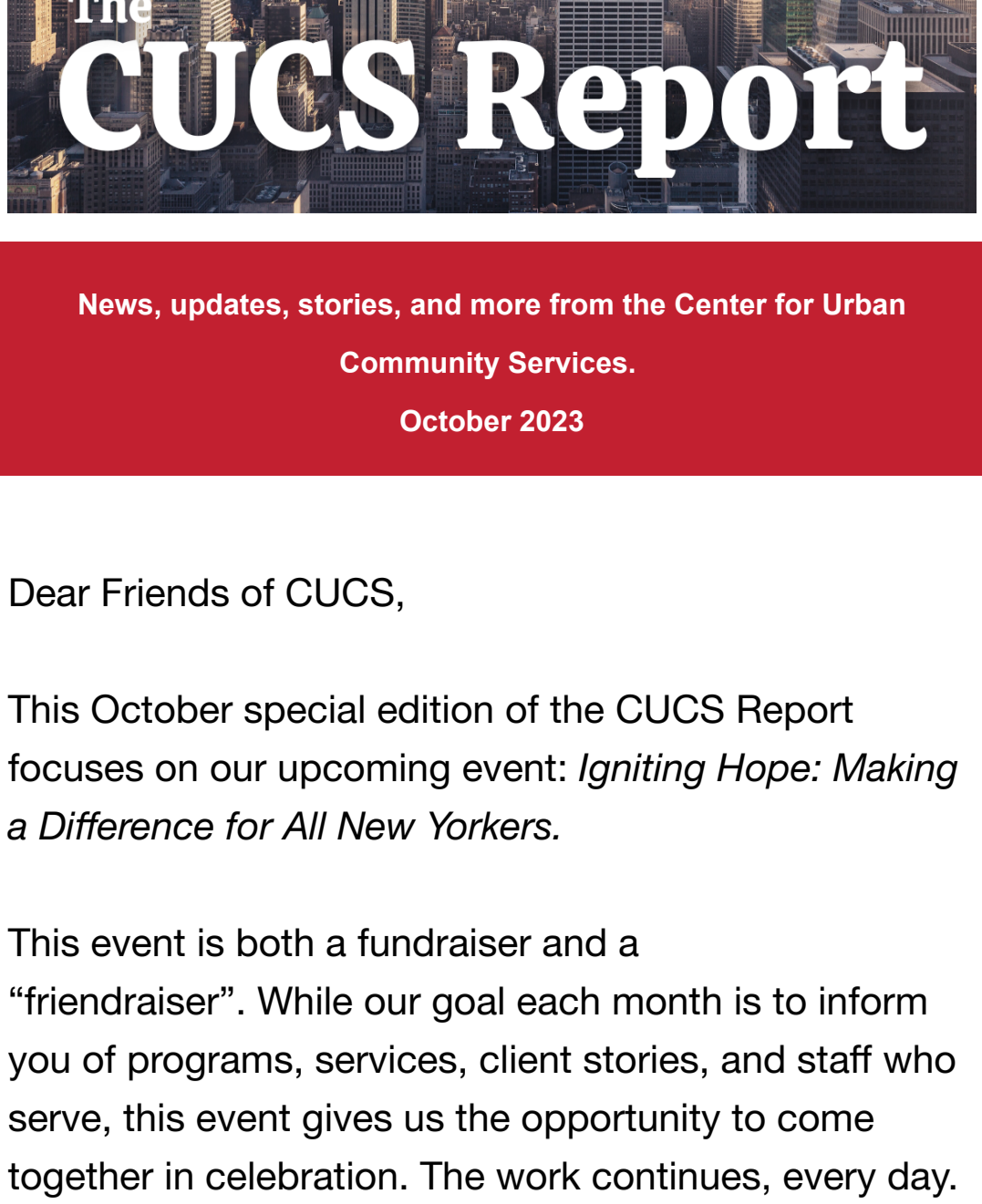


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October 2023

Dear Friends of CUCS,

This October special edition of the CUCS Report focuses on our upcoming event: *Igniting Hope: Making a Difference for All New Yorkers*.

This event is both a fundraiser and a “friendraiser”. While our goal each month is to inform you of programs, services, client stories, and staff who serve, this event gives us the opportunity to come together in celebration. The work continues, every day. We come together in gratitude for you, our supporters, and friends, who care so deeply about this cause and help us work towards an end to homelessness.

We invite you to join us and become a sponsor! We would love to celebrate together in person. Please click on this [link](#) to learn more.

For those of you who are unable to join us, we would like to share with you some highlights of the event.

We are sharing the story of Jennifer, a client who lives in a permanent supportive housing site in Brooklyn. Jennifer told us about her long and complex journey that led her to move into her home. Her story, while unique to her, helps us understand that so many share a similar version which includes trauma, addiction, unbearable loss, incredible resilience, gratitude, and hope. Jennifer has a love for life that is a lesson for all of us.



Jennifer (center) with her besties.

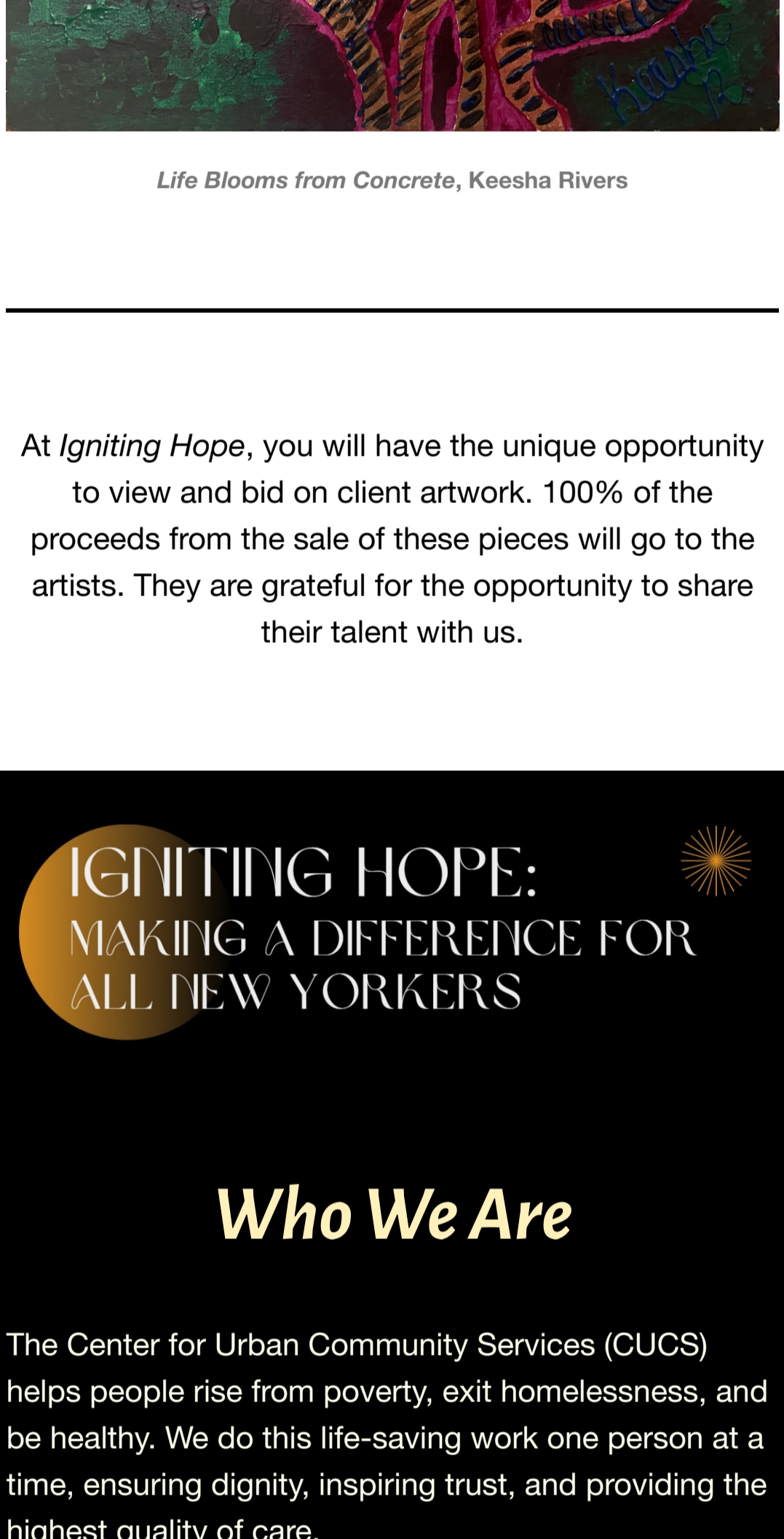
Her laughter comes from her heart and her warmth is infectious. Jennifer shared her story openly and honestly. I feel honored to work for an organization that supported Jennifer and gave her everything she needed to find her own home and the opportunity to feel at peace each night when she goes to sleep.

With gratitude,

Rise Roth

Chief Development and Communications Officer

## Healing Through Art



African Queen, Yvonne Saunder

CUCS clients represent a broad diversity of challenges and successes. Every journey towards healing is unique.

For some, expression through art is part of their healing process. It can help boost confidence and make the artist feel more engaged and resilient. This expression can also help alleviate anxiety, depression, and stress.

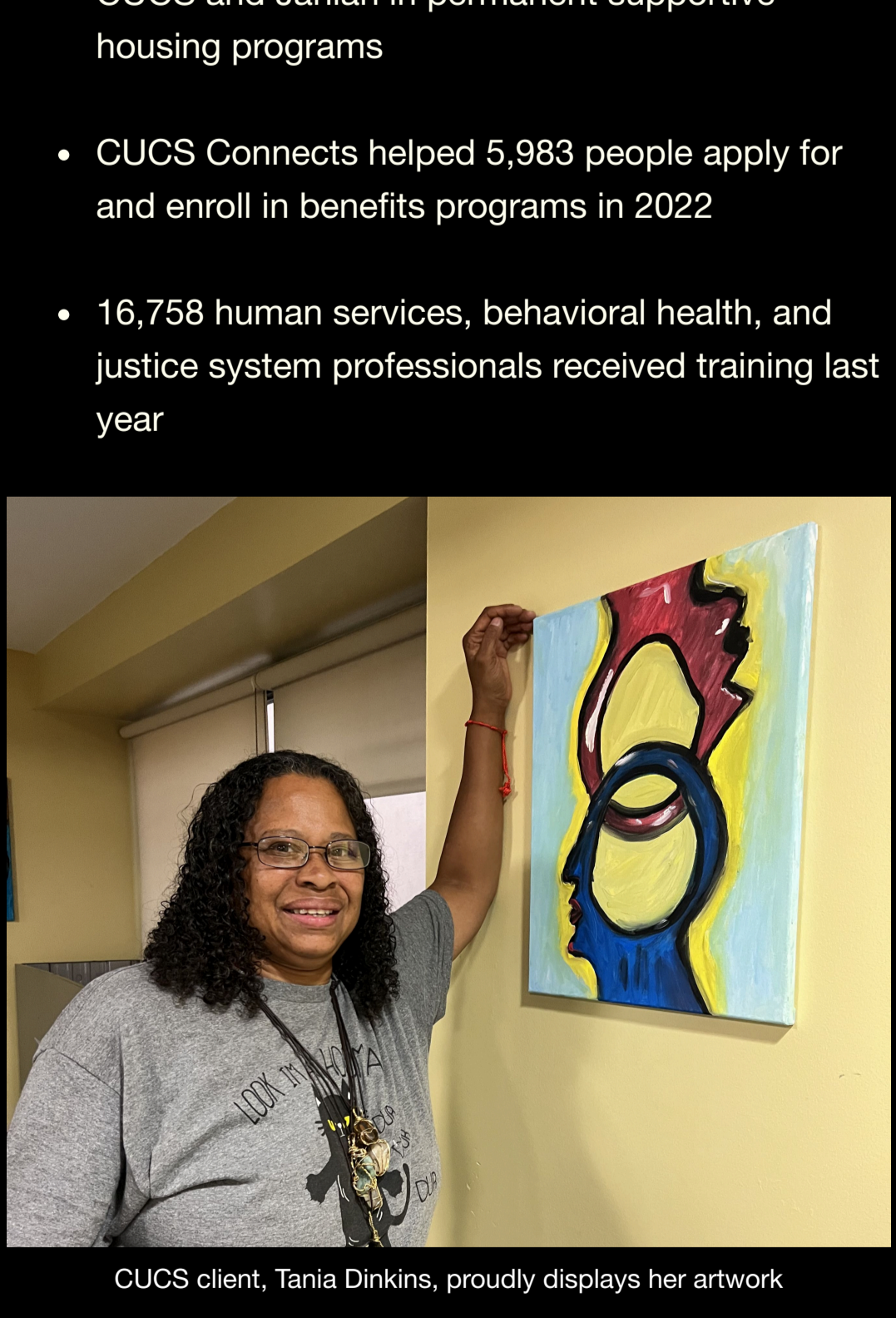
While only some of the CUCS permanent supportive housing sites have art therapy programs, each artist is supported to explore their creativity.

The art you see below represents a small number of the many talented artists we serve. They have responded to our request to display their artwork for our guests to help us all understand that they do more than survive: they thrive.

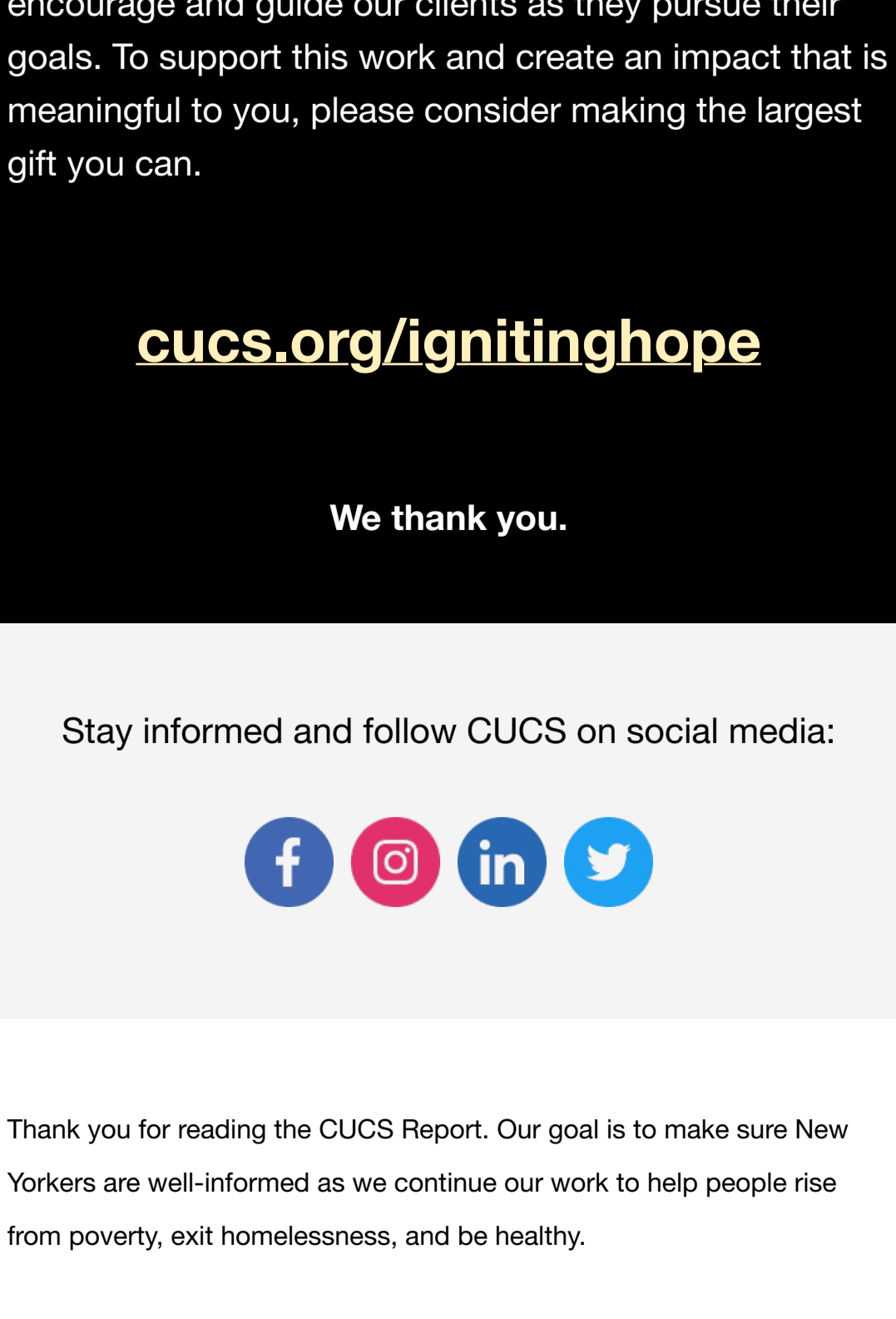
## Igniting Hope Art Auction Preview



Attitudes, George Rivera



Hooded Woman, Eddie Torres



Awakening, Tanisha Torres



Life Blooms from Concrete, Keesha Rivers

At *Igniting Hope*, you will have the unique opportunity to view and bid on client artwork. 100% of the proceeds from the sale of these pieces will go to the artists. They are grateful for the opportunity to share their talent with us.

## IGNITING HOPE: MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR ALL NEW YORKERS

### Who We Are

The Center for Urban Community Services (CUCS) helps people rise from poverty, exit homelessness, and be healthy. We do this life-saving work one person at a time, ensuring dignity, inspiring trust, and providing the highest quality of care.



CUCS Street Outreach teams canvass the community for those in need.

### CUCS provides services in our 38 programs, including:

- Street Outreach
- Transitional Housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Housing Placement Services
- Primary Medical and Mental Health Care through Janian Medical Care
- Street Medicine and Street Psychiatry
- Intensive Mobile Treatment and Assertive Community Treatment
- Employment Services and Placement Services
- Training for Human Services, Behavioral Health, and Justice-System Professionals
- Financial, Nutrition, and Health Care Benefits Support

### Our Impact

CUCS’s programs are data-driven. We consistently track and measure the impact of all of our programs to ensure the highest quality of service possible.



CUCS clients celebrate Mother's Day at a permanent supportive housing site

- CUCS led the outreach efforts to help move 1,511 people off the streets in 2022
- Last year, Janian Medical Care provided primary medical and psychiatry care in 20,785 appointments. Janian Medical Care practitioners provide psychiatric care services at 65 community-based sites across New York City
- 2,605 vulnerable New Yorkers are served by CUCS and Janian in permanent supportive housing programs
- CUCS Connects helped 5,983 people apply for and enroll in benefits programs in 2022
- 16,758 human services, behavioral health, and justice system professionals received training last year



CUCS client, Tania Dinkins, proudly displays her artwork

Your financial support is critical. It ensures that CUCS can continue providing a broad range of services that encourage and guide our clients as they pursue their goals. To support this work and create an impact that is meaningful to you, please consider making the largest gift you can.

[cucs.org/ignitinghope](https://cucs.org/ignitinghope)

We thank you.

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Thank you for reading the CUCS Report. Our goal is to make sure New Yorkers are well-informed as we continue our work to help people rise from poverty, exit homelessness, and be healthy.

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