

2022

ANNUAL REPORT



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2022: Whew! It was the quite the year for the Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati and my favorite year as the Executive Director of this organization. This year was a time when a lot of changes that we've had in the pipeline for a long time were finally realized and I truly believe that 2022 set the organization up for much success in the future.

Our K-8 program, Design LAB: Learn + Build saw post-pandemic growth and grew to reaching 1250 students. We were able to serve students in person again, which was very welcomed. Our students were tasked with building a model of a Learning Space - after their own schooling had seen so many changes over the previous years, we wanted to see how their ideas about the spaces that they learn had changed. Their models did not disappoint and we saw some very creative solutions - one that even taught the neighborhood squirrels how to behave better. There were a number of creative animal solutions. We also saw a lot of bedrooms, which we wondered about at the start of the program. And while the Bengals got a few learning spaces, I was personally a little disappointed that there weren't more with their client selection occurring the weeks leading up to the Super Bowl.

We were able to host the final exhibit in Miami University's OTR space. With prime retail on Vine St, it was great exposure for the organization and gave many of our projects visibility through the windows. The space was a little tight, so we partnered with Ensemble Theatre for the final Awards Ceremony, where we packed the house! It was wonderful to once again give our students the ability to present their work and come together to celebrate all of their hard work.

Another great success story for 2022 was our Dine with Design event. It's the biggest fundraiser of the year for us and we were able to bring in record funds to sustain the organization. Just as importantly, though, everyone who attended had a great time and we lucked out with great weather! We had the honor of awarding our beloved Design LAB Teachers with the Apple Award and the whole event was really an ode to all of the hard work that they do. The three educators have each been facilitating the program for their students for over twenty years. From working with them over the past seven and a half years, especially through the pandemic, I can tell you that they were the perfect group to bestow this honor upon.

We sold the event out at 300 people and we all gathered at Moerlein Lager House's lawn area and sent the whole crew across the city to check out five new eateries. It was incredible watching everyone take over the city. Of course, they all arrived back to an after party with a desert truck and a live band to end the night right.

Were able to grow our other programming as well, hosting Construction Tours and panel discussions about timely topics. My favorite construction tour this year was of the UC Health Emergency Room Expansion - which every person in this area's lives are moments away from being dependent upon. They thought of so many situations with this renovation that you would never consider needing. It was fascinating to tour the space!

We were also able to hire a new full-time employee who will focus on the details that come with marketing and programming, freeing me up to make more connections in the community and start to plan for the future of the organization.

2022 wasn't necessarily an easy year for the organization, it presented a lot of growing pains and situations that really forced us out of our comfort zones. The reason that I think of it as my favorite year so far is that we learned so much and set so much groundwork for the future and I feel like it was the year that set us up for that success. I'm excited to see where we take all of this work and hope that the community will be just as excited to join us for the ride!

We are so appreciative of the support, passion, and dedication of our members, corporate sponsors, program sponsors, and donors. They are the reason the AFC will be able to continue to expand on our mission to create appreciation, awareness, and education of the built environment.

Sincerely,



Christen Lubbers



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2022

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for year ending December 31, 2022

ACTIVITIES

SUPPORT AND REVENUES

Events/programs	\$ 1,623
Memberships	\$ 4,046
Corporate Partnerships	\$ 65,500
Dine with Design	\$ 64,891
Grants	\$ 20,000

TOTAL S&R \$156,069

EXPENSES

Events/programs	\$ 3,000
Education	\$ 7,186
Administration	\$109,235
Development	\$ 20,000
Operations	\$ 8,385
Communications	\$ 15,683

TOTAL EXPENSES \$144,489

FINANCIAL POSITION

Current assets	\$ 137,898
Current liabilities	\$ 36,630
Net Income	\$ 12,526

Compiled from statements prepared by Loftus & Loftus, CPA.

GRANTS

The Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati was the recipient of financial support for one or more of its programs from the following foundations:

- First Financial provided a grant to support Design LAB: Learn And Build in the amount of \$15,000
- Spirit of Construction provided a grant to support Design LAB: Learn And Build in the amount of \$5,000

2022 DINE WITH DESIGN

Our 2022 Dine with Design event (formerly the Apple Gala) returned for its second year, this time with Moerlein Lager's lawn hosting our 'home-base' for the event. Attendees had the opportunity to network before the Awards Ceremony kicked off, honoring our beloved Design LAB teachers with the once in a lifetime Apple Award. Everyone set off on their three restaurant adventure from there, getting the opportunity to try new places and new dishes. Best of all, the event sold out and we made \$64,891 in profits, the highest money-making fundraiser we know of.

CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

The following organizations were Corporate Partners of the Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati in 2022:

Platinum Level (\$5,000)

- Eagle Realty Group
- GBBN Architects
- Hixson Architecture Engineering Interiors
- J.S. Held
- Megen Construction
- SHP Leading Design

Gold Level (\$2,500)

- Champlin
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- Turner Construction

Silver Level (\$1,500)

- Graydon
- Pioneer Cladding & Glazing Systems

CORPORATE SUPPORTER SPONSORSHIPS

The following organizations provided financial support to the AFC at the \$1,000 level:

- CR Architecture + Design
- Enriching Spaces
- K4 Architecture
- North American Properties
- Peck Hannaford & Briggs Co

CONTRIBUTIONS

The following organizations provided contributions to specific programs or activities of the AFC:

Design LAB: Learn And Build

- GBBN Architects
- Pelican Studio Architect

IN-KIND DONATIONS

The following organizations provided in-kind donations to support our programming:

- Curbell Plastics
- First Financial Bank
- HGC Construction
- GBBN Architects
- Plaza Artist Materials
- Miami University
- Ensemble Theatre

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Additional support for the AFC was provided by the following individuals:

- MEMBER (\$75)
 - Amie Anderl
 - Denis Back
 - John Bentley
 - Zoe Gizara
 - Rachel Hock
 - Richard Krehbiel
 - Kathleen Norris
 - Amanda Tom
 - Linnea Woodward

SUPPORTER (\$100)

- Donald Beck
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- Peggy Loftus
- John Kornbluh
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PATRON (\$500+)

- John Gavigan
- Mark McKillip
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PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Design LAB: Learn And Build

Design LAB: Learn And Build had a wonderful year, finally allowing our volunteers back into the classrooms to work with our students. We also saw some post-pandemic growth as well and we were able to reach over 1200 students! We are hoping to see that growth continue until we are back to 2000 students each year.

Our students were tasked with re-imagining Learning Spaces. Since the previous couple of years of their schooling had changed the spaces they learned in so drastically, we wanted them to use that experience to push the limits of what they think of as learning spaces.

They pushed the limits of who can learn and where learning can take place. They created spaces to teach the squirrels who live on their school grounds to be better behaved. They also created a training facility specifically for Joe Burrow and practice studios for the Biebs. We saw a lot of bedrooms which had been artfully re-imagined to learn in, showing some of what they wished they had in their own rooms during the pandemic. No matter where they went with the program, it was awesome to see them work through the theme this year and push their own creative limits.

The Design LAB Exhibit was also in-person once again! The crowd was impressive and we learned that we need to ensure we have bigger spaces in the future. The exhibit itself was at Miami University's community space in OTR, which provided window views of the project for anyone walking along Vine Street. It also gave us the ability to market the program along the windows. The Awards Ceremony was held at Ensemble Theatre, giving all of our attendees a look inside of a community theater and providing a wonderful space to celebrate all of our incredible students.

We were also able to get a good start on the 2023 Design LAB program. The theme will be Gathering Spaces and will celebrate bringing people together. We are trying an exciting new venture with bringing the program to students at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Cincinnati, which we hope will help us reach the students that need this program the most. We were also able to register over 1700 students!



PROGRAMS & TOURS

The AFC offered 11 programs, events, and tours in 2022

- February 21 | we hosted a material drive for the Design LAB program, to ensure all participating students have equal access to building materials, while diverting those materials from the landfill.
- February 23 | Walnut Hills Construction Tour
- March 30 | Medpace Campus Construction Tour
- May 7-14 | was the Design LAB Exhibit at Miami University's Community Space in OTR
- May 14 | Design LAB Awards Ceremony at Ensemble Theatre
- June 22 | UC Football Locker Room Construction Tour
- July 28 | Bridge Event at Graydon for Brent Spence Bridge Remodel
- August 23 | UC Health Construction Tour
- August 24 | Design LAB Appreciation Event
- September 15 | we hosted Dine with Design, our annual fundraiser
- November 15 & 16 | we invited our Design LAB Educators & Volunteers to an orientation for the 2023 program year



AFC announcing their rebrand to Design LAB: Learn + Build



Dine with Design guests enjoying the "elevated" event



Some Board of Trustees enjoying Dine with Design with the Executive Director



Teachers & Volunteers picking up resources for