

Just Cause Create Joy

2022 Annual Report





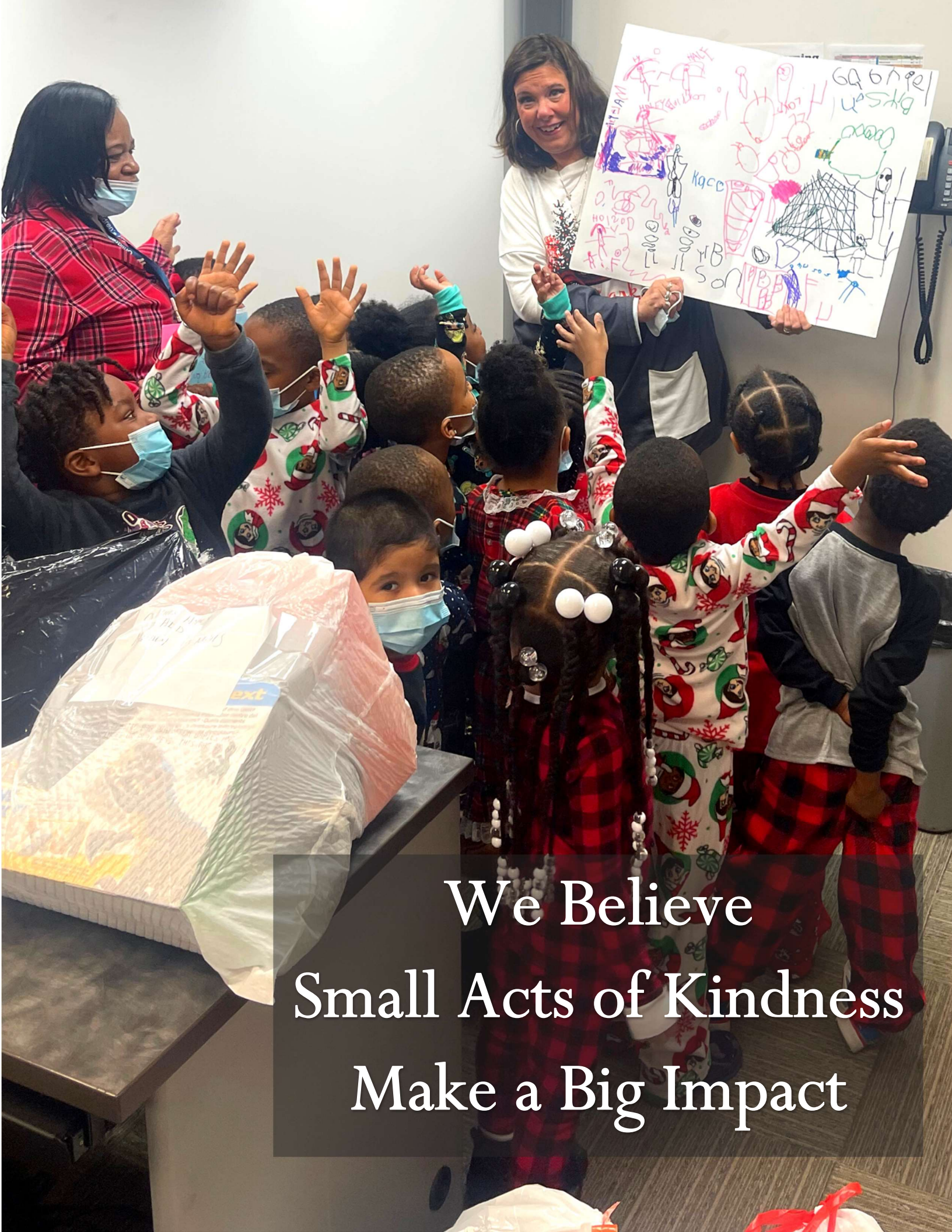
We care about our communities and we believe there are enough resources to donate, gift, and redistribute to those who are under-resourced.



Message from the Founder & Executive Director

“I would like to begin by taking this opportunity to personally thank the team of board members, volunteers, and individuals who donated financially and with in-kind donations. Because of you, we were able to achieve the goals we set for 2022. We just became an official non-for-profit in August, yet we managed to complete 4 programs - which I am so proud of! I would also like to thank all private donors who, without you, we could not have made this dream come true of starting up Just Cause Create Joy. All of you who know me, giving of myself for charitable causes has been a huge part of my life. This has been a dream come true for me, starting my own non-for-profit, because I can create even more joy through small acts of kindness. I can leap in fully with our programs, and ensure all goals are accomplished that we set out to do. Speaking from my heart, there is no greater joy than helping others. I have always felt this is just the normal way of life. So many people are in need of help, and that can be material items, but also just extending a hug to show support and love. This is what I am here to do. Make this happen. Make others feel appreciated, loved, and know they are cared about. Thank you all for supporting my dream. Without people with kind hearts, this would not be possible.”

Vanessa Mussatto



We Believe
Small Acts of Kindness
Make a Big Impact

Message from the Board President

“Many in our communities were challenged this year because of Covid-19, supply chain issues, inflation, and economic uncertainty. Although Just Cause Create Joy won’t be solving global economic challenges, we can bring a moment of joy to those impacted by them; we can let our neighbors know someone is thinking of them, and that someone cares. We officially hit the ground running in August, rolling out programs in Illinois and Michigan, which benefited over 940 people. We’re grateful to everyone who’s given in-kind donations, financial support, and/or their time volunteering, and we’re happy to contribute to other established nonprofits who are doing good work. In 2023 we’ll add North Carolina to our outreach efforts, establish four annual programs, and gift smaller acts of kindness throughout the year. We believe there are enough resources for us to share and provide to those with short- or long-term needs.

Judy Ray



OUR MISSION

Create Joy Through Small Acts of Kindness

OUR VISION

To inspire others to create joy in the world by sharing small charitable actions for just causes, **“Just beCause.”**

Just Cause Create Joy is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization for charitable purposes. Our EIN# is 88-1824333.

We are in good standing and currently registered in the states of Illinois and Michigan; and soon to be registered in North Carolina.



2022 PROGRAMS

Backpack Drive, August 2022



Since the school year is closing, I'm collecting gently used, clean BACKPACKS for a nonprofit I'm working with, for kids in need for the fall. Drop off at my house. DM me for address if you need it.




Halloween Costume Drive, October 2022



2022 PROGRAMS *continued*

Veterans Day, November 2022



HELP OUR HEROES

PLEASE DONATE!

JUST CAUSE CREATE JOY (ILLINOIS) IS COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR U.S. VETERANS

Freedom Commissary Wish List

Unfortunately, we are not accepting used clothing. All items below are desperately needed for our veterans. If you can help in any way, we greatly appreciate it. Thank you!

Clothing

- Men's Underwear: S and M
- Women's Underwear: All sizes
- Women's Camisoles: All sizes
- Men/Women: Sweatshirts/pants: NEW Only (no used) S, M, L

Household

- Garbage Cans (Kitchen and Bathroom)
- Trash Bags & Ziploc Bags

Personal Care items

- Sunscreen
- Men's Shampoo
- Men's Body Wash
- Disposable Face Masks
- Bar Soap
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Women's Razors
- Men's Razors
- Q-Tips
- Dental Floss
- Mouthwash
- Shaving Cream

Cleaning Supplies

- Laundry Pods
- All-purpose cleaner
- Glass Cleaner
- Disinfectant Spray (Lysol)
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Dish Soap

Bedding


- Queen Sheets - NEW Only (No Used)

Bathroom - NEW ONLY (No Used)

- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Bath Towels - New Only
- Bath Hand Towels - New Only
- Bath Washcloths - New Only
- Shower Curtains - New Only

Kitchen

- Brooms
- Mops
- Pots and Pans
- Paper Napkins










Just Cause Create Joy donated over \$1,000 in "wish list" items to Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans

Thank You all who contributed.







Comfort & Joy, December 2022



'tis the Season of Giving

Comfort & Joy

Sponsor A Child

Purchase a Gift from Their Wishlist
Plus an Outfit, Under Garment, and Book

Illinois + Michigan + N. Carolina

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Sign Up by November 14, 2022

Questions? Email: vvvdow65@gmail.com





Comfort & Joy, Dec. 2022
THANK YOU!
Pink Elite Basketball and Everyone who donated, created, wrapped, & delivered JOY to so many during this holiday



2022 PROGRAMS *continued*

Comfort & Joy, December 2022 *continued*



Comfort & Joy Dec. 2022
* The Blessed Noahs Ark Daycare, Benton Harbor
* MorningStar Mission, Joliet
* Individual Families



Comfort & Joy Dec. 2022
* KinderCare, Joliet
* KinderCare, Bolingbrook
* Lighthouse Academy, Plainfield



Comfort & Joy Dec. 2022
* Hello Baby, Englewood
* Wayside Crossing Lifespring, Aurora
* Children's Home & Aid, Englewood



2022 Statement of Activity

Revenue

Individuals	\$27,925
In-Kind	
Backpack Drive	\$1,442
Halloween Drive	\$2,612
Veterans	\$1,000
Comfort & Joy	\$17,658
Gift Cards	\$800
TOTAL REVENUE	\$51,437

Expenses

Charitable Contributions	
Backpack Drive	\$1,699
Halloween Drive	\$836
Veterans	\$1,225
Comfort & Joy	\$20,346
Consulting Fees	\$1,500
Fuel	\$31
Licenses & Fees	\$20
Fundraising Meals	\$108
Office	\$290
Postage	\$10
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$26,065
Net Operating Revenue:	\$25,372



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Pink Elite Basketball

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