



Impact Report

2022

TEA  
ARTS &  
CULTURE

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# OUR MISSION

## CREATING CONNECTIONS THROUGH THE ART OF TEA

We are committed to bringing people together to explore, cultivate, and share an appreciation of tea. We believe that the beauty of tea can be a source of inspiration, self-reflection, and connection.

# 2022

## a year of cultivation

2022 is TAC's 2nd anniversary as a non-profit organization. It has been a year of growth and development. We are proud of our many achievements and efforts to support communities through tea-centered events and programming.

### Nature Tea Program

Our Nature Tea events brought people together to savor each season, experience harmony with nature, and the joys of steeping and sipping tea in community. Our Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter Tea gatherings infused tea with art, music, poetry, meditation, nature walks, and more, and were held in Narrows Botanical Gardens, Prospect Park, and Fort Greene Park respectively.

### Community Engagement Program

Through our collaboration with NYC Parks GreenThumb, we brought free creative arts and tea programming to our partner community gardens throughout NYC. From poetry to paper-making to story-telling, our purpose was to deepen a sense of community and humanity, inspire creativity and mindfulness, and foster cross-cultural understanding and connections.

### Mentorship Program

We provided a structured year-long series of free trainings to 6 youths from diverse communities. Our mentees learned about the arts and culture of tea and tea-centered community organizing. They are now using their knowledge and skills to actively engage with communities locally, and through TAC. As they continue to grow, we are very excited to see how their learning of tea will transform communities.

### Inception of Golden Tea Program

We partnered with Hamilton-Madison House in the Lower East Side to initiate our pilot Golden Tea Program--a series of multi-sensory tea workshops for older adults. With a focus on rejuvenating social and sensorial connections through tea, our participants, many of whom had immigrated from China, shared their immigration stories and memories of tea. We cannot wait to see how this program develops in the coming years.

### Many Firsts

As a new non-profit organization, we are honored and encouraged by the show of support we have received. We held our first Spring Blossom Fundraising Party, our first Giving Tuesday Campaign, and received our first Sponsorship. We are grateful for all the generous support, meaningful collaborations, and new and ongoing partnerships that have sustained and strengthened our ability to serve our mission.

### Growing Team

What began as a gathering of friends and tea lovers has evolved into an organization with a dedicated and committed team. We have nearly doubled our team size. As we continue to grow and expand our capacity, we look forward to deepening and enhancing our impact over time.

# IMPACT

## OUR APPROACH

We deeply believe that sharing the art of tea can have a long-lasting impact on individuals and communities. Through tea, we can create connections with ourselves, with nature, and with each other.

" Tea Arts & Culture's Golden Tea Program provided a platform for our seniors to let out their inside feelings, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. It brought back many of their old memories, and they got to share immigration stories which they wouldn't have otherwise. "

- Le Yi Chen, Program Coordinator,  
Hamilton-Madison House

" Our community needs healthier spaces like a tea gathering. Thank you for creating this space. I will forever grow, harvest, and share tea because of your presence in my environment. "

- Sidney Negron, 2022 Mentee, The Bronx

" Light filtering through the leaves.  
Is it a bee, a bird,  
or the sound of singing tea?  
I sit in the shade, grieving,  
sipping, healing. "

- Jorge Torres, Poetry Composing Tree participant,  
Summer Tea 2022

Leung Tak Ling's (梁德玲) (left) earliest memory of tea is going to a well-known tea house in Guangzhou called Tao Tao Ji (陶陶居) with her father at age 4. This was a special outing for her as a little girl, she remembers she would get to eat one of those big, delicious buns they served at the tea house. Her dad, in turn, was proud to show off his adorable daughter. Friends and acquaintances would stop by their table on occasion to pinch her cheeks, one of the few rituals she did not enjoy at the tea house. For Tak Ling, drinking tea is a comforting reminder of those father-daughter outings from her childhood.

- Leung Tak Ling's story, Golden Tea Program Participant at Hamilton-Madison House (HMH)



" I love sharing these beautiful tea times with all of our seniors. It feels like visiting my grandparents. which many of us don't get to do. "

- Volunteer for Golden Tea Program at HMH



MORE THAN  
**1,968**

COMMUNITY  
MEMBERS SERVED

MORE THAN  
**1,780**

VOLUNTEER HOURS  
CONTRIBUTED

MORE THAN

**80**

VOLUNTEERS  
INVOLVED



80%

OF OUR PROGRAMS ARE  
FREE TO PUBLIC

26

PUBLIC COMMUNITY  
EVENTS

SERVICED

4

NYC BOROUGHHS

25

ARTISTS INVOLVED AND  
STIPENDS RECEIVED



# OUTREACH MAP 2022-2023

OUR PROGRAMS SERVE  
VARIOUS COMMUNITIES IN  
NEW YORK CITY AT PUBLIC  
PARKS, COMMUNITY  
GARDENS, AND SENIOR  
CENTERS.



Nature Tea & Community Engagement Tea



Golden Tea Program

\$20,371

2022 INCOME

\$11,643

2022 EXPENSES

100%

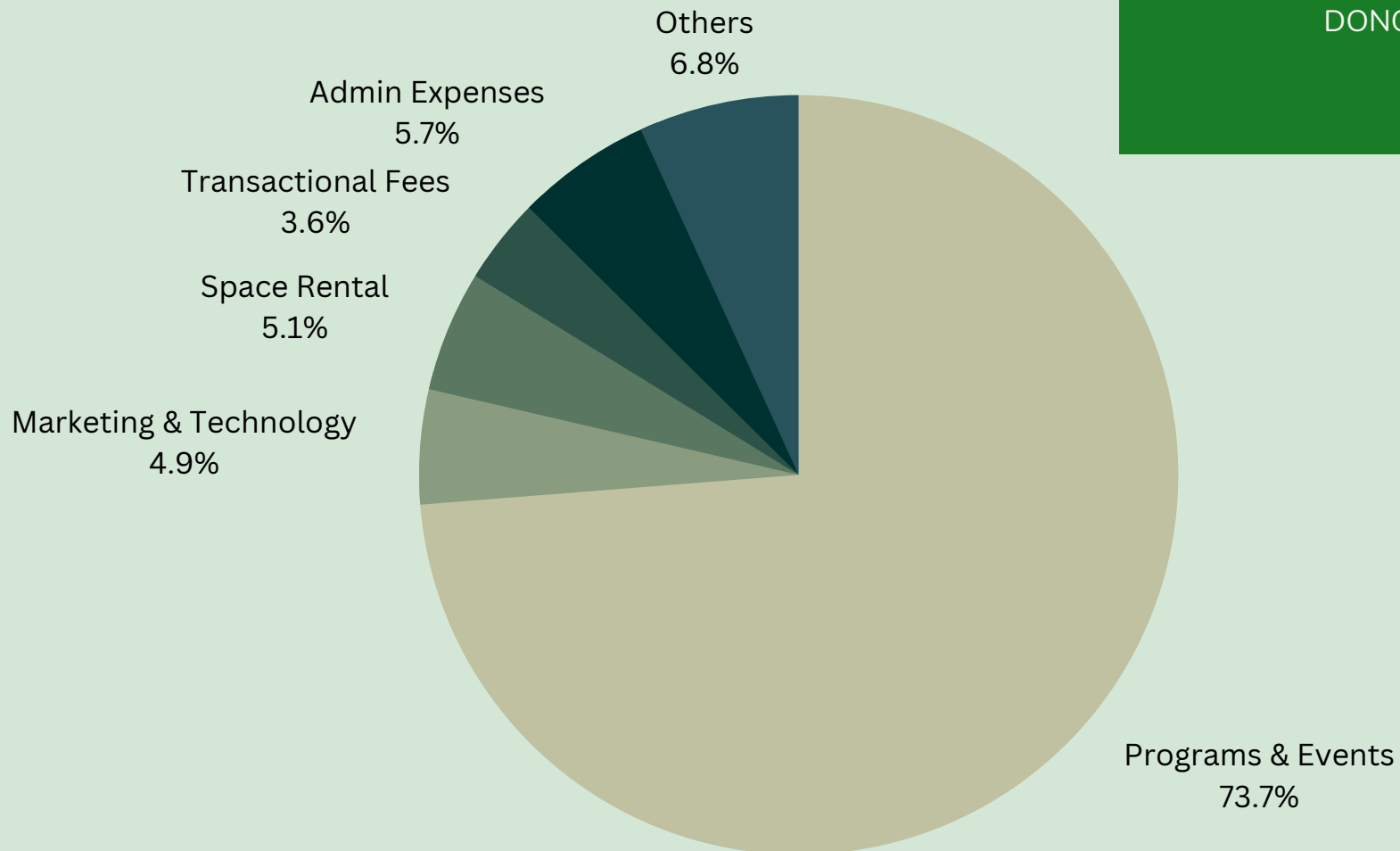
ANNUAL BUDGET  
GROWTH

\*2022 income includes funds raised for 2023 budget.

100%

INCREASED NUMBER  
OF INDIVIDUAL  
DONORS

2022 EXPENSES



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Narrows Botanical Gardens  
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Darcie Soltis  
Joyce Miao  
Cheryl Valerie  
Dov Bert  
Janelle Nicol Galvez  
Anesce Dremen  
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Paul Schofield  
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Herve Tennessee  
and **many more**



2022

OUR JOURNEY  
THROUGH

Thanks to you, our supporters, our community members and our amazing team members, we can continue to work together through the humble process of tea. Not just for us at this moment, but also for the generations after us. It is an honor and a privilege to be on this journey. Yes, we have dreams, and we are witnessing them come true day by day.

Looking forward to sharing another exciting year with you.

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