



# Basically Wonderful's 2022 Impact Report!



# Meet Basically Wonderful!



**Basically Wonderful aims to create accessible peer-led spaces that are welcoming to Queer and Disabled communities.**

Basically Wonderful is a grassroots organization run by Queer Trans + Disabled folks in Orlando, Florida, USA. Our hope is to create peer-led spaces for marginalized communities where folks are free to express themselves and build friendships with peers who have similar lived experiences. We are creating intentional spaces for both Disabled & LGBTQIA+ folks to commune and thrive in identity-driven spaces.

This organization was created after noticing a lack of intersectional and accessible spaces in Central Florida. We wanted to create groups that encourages our peers to connect & commiserate in a non-judgmental space. Our organization is unique and filled a large gap in Central Florida; no other organization offers peer-led social & support groups for Disabled folks, nor do they serve the intersection of being part of both the Disabled & LGBTQIA+ communities. Basically Wonderful has proven how necessary these spaces are in the world; we've reach participants from over 6 different countries, and over 10 states within the USA by offering virtual gatherings. We are proud to be the ones trailblazing a more accessible path for our comrades.

# our values



**Accessibility:** Our goal is to make our spaces as intentionally accessible as we can for our disabled and neurodivergent friends. We currently provide live captions during our virtual events, and have ASL interpretation available by request. We acknowledge that accessibility is an ongoing need that can always be improved upon, and we hope to continue to grow and do better as we move forward. Everyone deserves proper access.

**Community:** We are passionate about creating community spaces that give folks the chance to build meaningful connections with their peers. We want to bring folks together to give them a chance to have fun, build friendships, and share space with each other.

**Inclusivity:** As a trans and queer-led organization, we put an emphasis on creating welcoming spaces for all LGBTQIA+ folks. We currently offer a peer-led book club for trans folks, and hope to continue to expand and provide more queer-centric offerings.

**Intersectionality:** As we create groups for many marginalized communities, we want to acknowledge that everyone's individual lived experience is unique and valuable. We welcome and respect any and all intersecting identities that come into our spaces, including any gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, class, religion, abilities, age, and more.

# our team

We're proud to have a team of Disabled Queer & Trans friends leading our spaces!



**Beck DeTrempe**

Founder & Executive Director



**Bea Green**

Project Manager



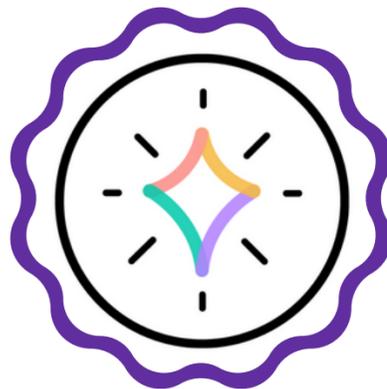
**Caroline Pittman**

Co-Facilitator of  
Disability (Is Not a Bad Word)



**Detty Yetty**

Co-Facilitator of  
Virtual Social Meetups



**Nicole Torres**

Co-Facilitator of If You Give a  
Trans Person a Book Club



**Alex Flynn**

Co-Facilitator of  
Disabled Babes Book Club

Plus we have 15+ more volunteer team members helping out the organization, including in our Event Planning Committee, Advisory Committee, and our Resource Navigation Program development team.

# January 2023 marks our Two-Year Anniversary!

Our grassroots organization has impacted so many lives across the globe! We've connected with over 500 people through our groups, community events, in-person tabling, and collaborations with other organizations. We deserve to celebrate our accomplishments!

*In the past two years, we've hosted..*

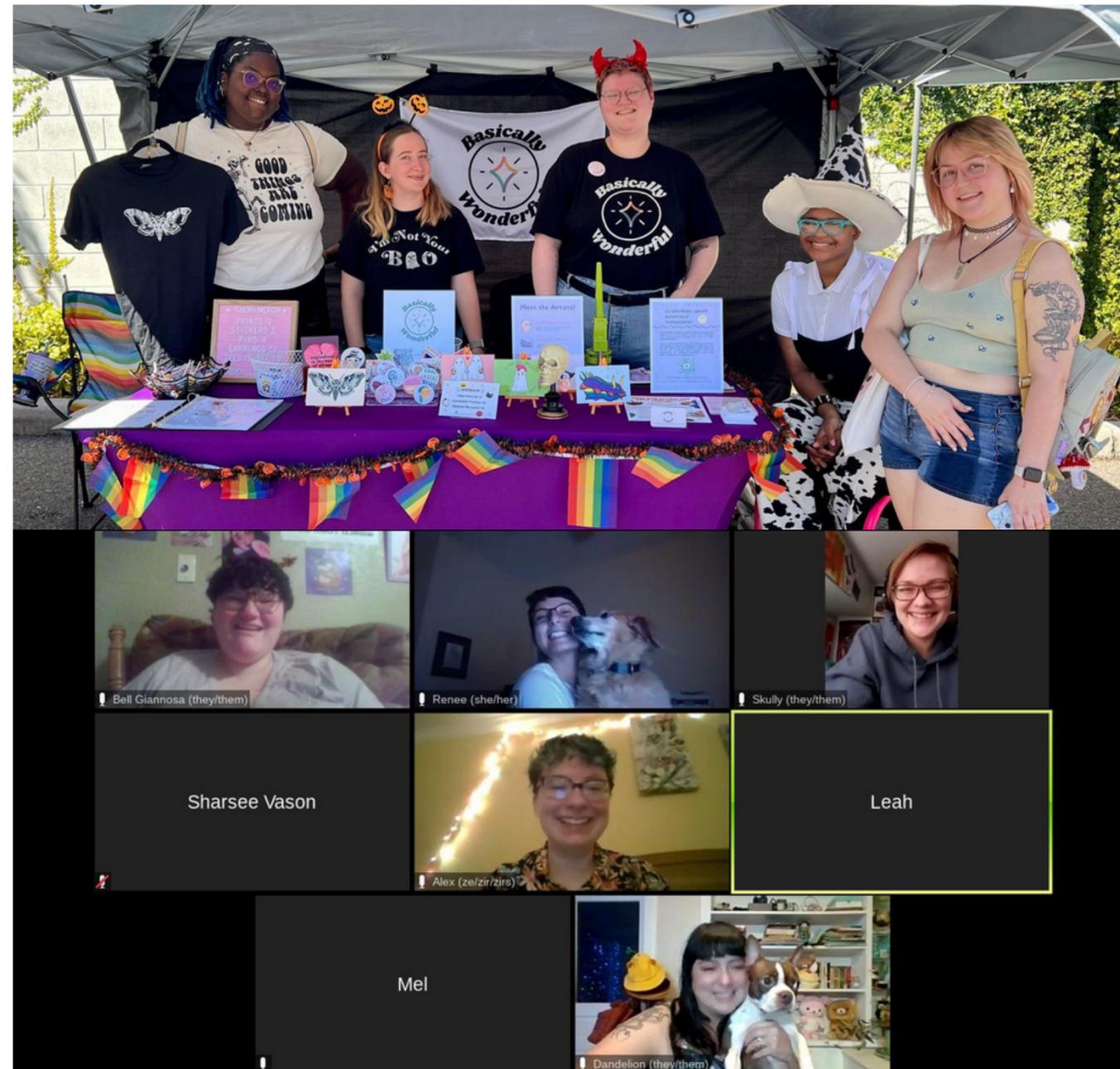
- 47 Disability (Is Not a Bad Word) meetings
- 22 Virtual Social Meetups
- 21 Disabled Babes Book Club meetings
- 15 If You Give a Trans Person a Book Club meetings &
- 11 Community Events!

*In 2022 alone, we..*

- Launched the Basically Wonderful Shop
- Sold merch at our first vendors market
- Hired a new Project Manager
- Onboarded 15 new volunteers
- Raised \$12,750 for our organization
- Increased our average attendance numbers by 25%

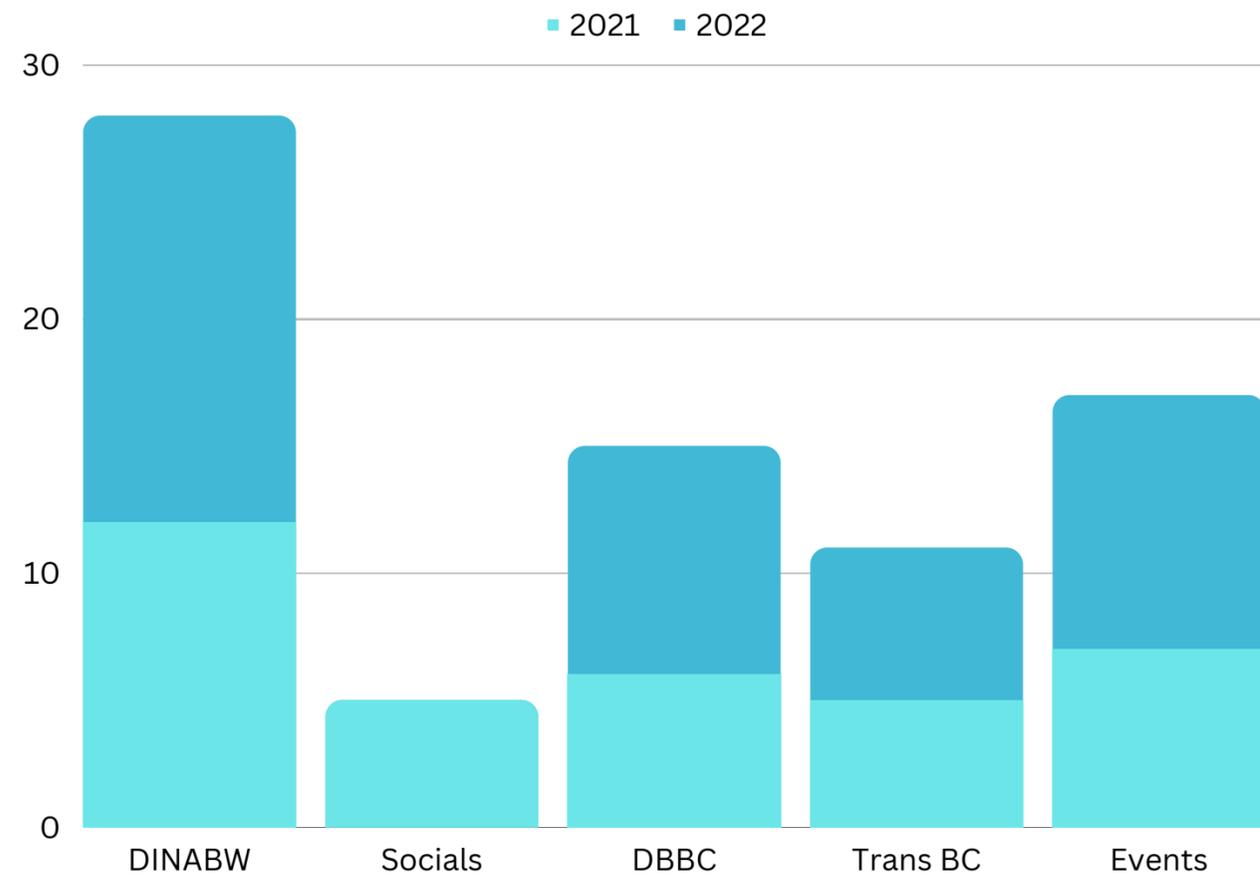
*Coming Soon..*

- A new queer-centric monthly group!
- In-Person Social Meetup!
- A new peer-to-peer program for disabled folks!





# our performance



Disability (Is Not a Bad Word) attendance has grown 33% since 2021.

Virtual Social Meetup attendance has stayed consistent since 2021.

Disabled Babes Book Club attendance has grown 50% since 2021.

If You Give a Trans Person a Book Club attendance has grown 20% since 2021.

Community Event attendance has grown 43% since 2021.

**We connected with 134 new folks in 2021 & 197 new folks in 2022!**



**2021 | 2022**



# our funding

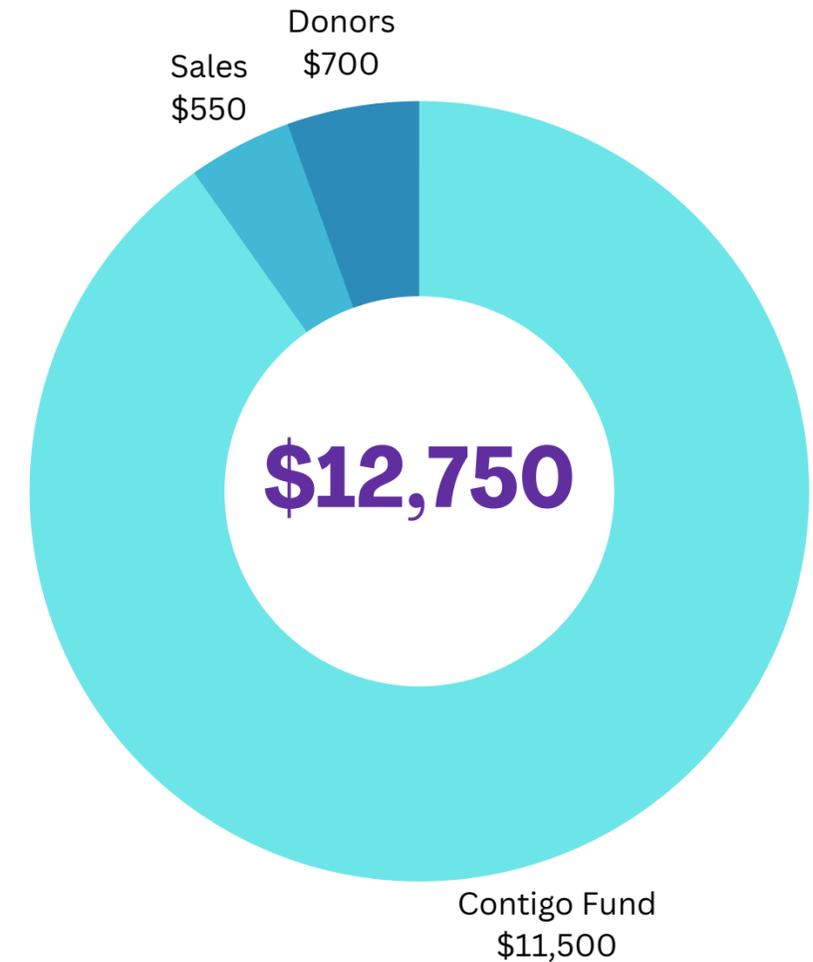
In 2022, we had \$12,750 in funding, raised by individual donors, sales from our online shop, and a grant received from Contigo Fund. As a grassroots organization, we rely heavily on community contribution and local funding opportunities to sustain our operations.

Any funding we receive goes towards sustaining our organization, including: facilitation costs, supplies & materials, book club scholarships, website upkeep, administrative team compensation, and our continued accessibility efforts.

We feel strongly about keeping our spaces free for group participants to attend; financial accessibility is so important! Even for events that require supplies to participate, we offer scholarships so that low-income folks can still attend. This is extra important since the communities we serve are historically underserved & kept in poverty.

Our facilitators and administrative team are all part of the Disabled Queer & Trans communities. Disabled folks in particular are historically underpaid for their work, and we'd like to combat that by making sure our team is paid a fair & sustainable compensation. We recognize that we can do better for our team members, and hope to continue raising their pay until they have a livable wage (or higher).

Our goal for 2023 is to raise **\$50,000** to sustain our current operations, launch new monthly groups, launch a new peer-to-peer program, pay our current team a more sustainable compensation, hire more team members, and improve our accessibility measures.



# Words of Support from our Community Members:

- ✦ "Basically Wonderful is a healing, healthy, and comforting space for all who enter it. It's a greatly needed space and community for disabled QTPOC that has changed my life."
- ✦ "I thoroughly enjoy the conversation and community. I feel immensely grateful to be a part of it."
- ✦ "I enjoy going to groups and spending time with members of my own communities. I feel less alone having these spaces here for me."
- ✦ "I love Basically Wonderful! So thankful to have spaces to connect with folks I can relate to and just have fun! I feel like this organization is really unique and more than necessary! So lucky I stumbled upon this organization, and I can't wait to keep attending these amazing events!"
- ✦ "Basically Wonderful is a Wonderful way to make new friends and foster new connections!"
- ✦ "Basically Wonderful lives up to its name! I love its inclusive environment and look forward to more meetups."
- ✦ "I love how you are making lgbtq spaces accessible. People don't realize that pride isn't made for disabled folk. I love that you provide a space where we could celebrate together without worrying about the accessibility of the event. The support groups you have for trans and disabled folks are so helpful. They make you feel less alone. Thanks Basically Wonderful for helping me make friends have a safe place I can go."
- ✦ "Such a comforting and welcoming space with really kind people. I'm grateful to be part of it."
- ✦ "Basically Wonderful has been an inclusive and enjoyable experience where I feel valued for my contributions and validated for simply being me."

# Thank you for your support!

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