

MOTHER'S REFUGE



A YEAR OF IMPACT 2023

ANNUAL REPORT

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ABOUT MOTHER'S REFUGE

RESTORE HOPE.
EMPOWER YOUNG MOTHERS.

Our mission is to shelter and educate homeless, pregnant and parenting young women by providing comprehensive services that empower them to make successful life decisions for themselves and their babies.

We provide a safe home for pregnant and parenting young moms and babies that do not have a stable or permanent place to live. Women 12-21 years of age are provided with 24 hour direct supervision and guidance. Moms and babies can remain in the maternity home for up to 2 years after their baby is born.

Through our Transitional Living Program, pregnant and parenting young moms, 18 years of age and older, are provided with a safe and secure apartment, often for the first time in their lives. This provides stability for young families to learn budgeting, life skills, and practice parenting in a safe environment. They can remain in the program up to 3 years.

Finally, all of the mothers who come through our doors are enrolled in our Aftercare Program where they are a part of our forever family. We provide them with essential supplies, food, case management, and therapy. Each month we host a fun and encouraging Aftercare gathering to build community with one another.

"Before coming to Mother's Refuge, I was in a very bad situation. This place has definitely changed our lives."

A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we reflect on this past year, I am filled with immense gratitude and pride for the remarkable journey we have undertaken together! Through the challenges and triumphs, the resilience of our community has been nothing short of inspiring.

In 2023, Mother's Refuge continued to be a beacon of hope and support for expectant and parenting young mothers. Our commitment to providing a safe and nurturing environment has never wavered, and our impact has only deepened.

Our programs and initiatives expanded to meet the evolving needs of our residents. We sheltered more moms and babies and had more Aftercare participants than ever before. We were able to add another Transitional Living Apartment, revamped our self-paced pregnant and parenting curriculum, received a car for our residents to learn how to drive and 170 individuals were adopted during Christmas!

Additionally, the community rallied together at our Night of Compassion Gala, raising over \$400,000, directly impacting our programs!

The stories of transformation and resilience of the moms and families we serve are the true highlights of this year. Each success, no matter how big or small, is a testament to the strength they find within themselves while at Mother's Refuge.

Looking ahead, our vision for Mother's Refuge remains steadfast. We aspire to continue restoring hope, growing, reaching more young mothers, and creating a lasting impact on the lives of families within our community. We are excited about the construction that will begin on our new Higher Ground Building where more mothers and families will be served in our Transitional Living Program. You can read more about that exciting update on page 5!

As we embark on a new chapter, let us carry the lessons of the past year with us – the power of compassion, the strength of community, and the unwavering belief that every individual holds the potential for greatness.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey. Your support fuels our mission and brings hope to those who need it most.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Angel McDonald

ANGEL MCDONALD

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

EXPANSION UPDATE: HIGHER GROUND

In March 2022 we launched our new Transitional Living Program (TLP) in response to a dire community need for affordable housing. We began leasing four 2-bedroom apartments and a 3-bedroom house, more than doubling our capacity. Today, we lease six 2-bedroom apartments and a 3 bedroom home as the need continues to grow.

In December 2022, we purchased a building to expand our TLP housing! Our new property, the former Higher Ground Boutique Hotel, is located in downtown Independence and will be transformed into 12 apartments, offices, an indoor play space, and a community room for events, classes and outreach.

Last year, we began the first phase of our \$16,000,000 Capital Campaign and with the help our Campaign Cabinet, we have received over \$7,000,000 in funds towards this project!

We are excited to announce that J.E. Dunn will begin construction on this property in April 2024 with target completion at the beginning of 2025!

We know this building is going to help us transform young moms and their families for generations to come!

If you'd like more information on how you can be involved, please email Chris Myers at Chris@MothersRefuge.org.



2023 STATISTICS

2,100

Individuals served since 1987

2,094

Educational Classes & Activities

11,107

Overnight Stays

15,000

Nutritious Meals Served





38

Maternity Home Clients

24

Transitional Living Clients

305

Individuals served through
our Aftercare Program

27

Fathers Served

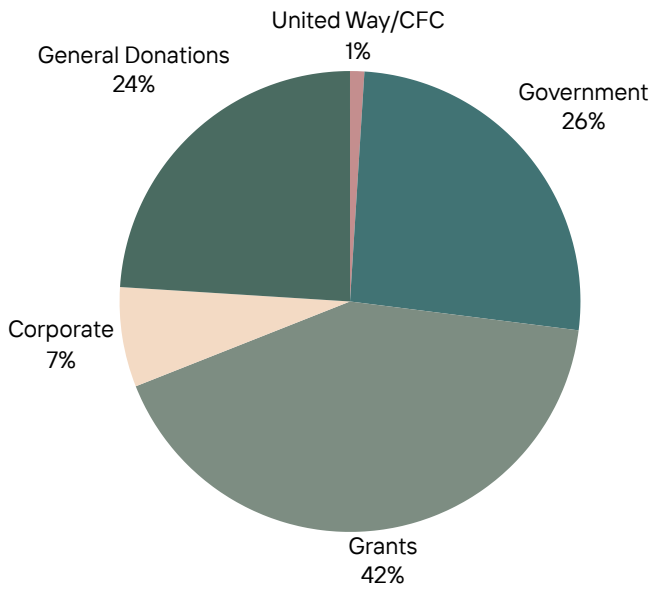
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Aftercare Events

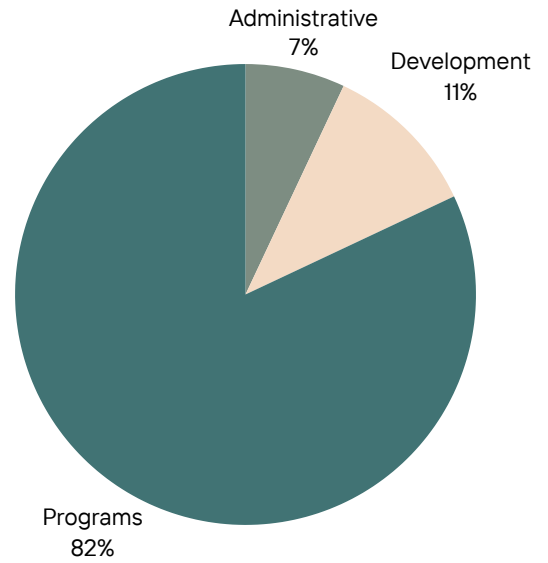
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Outreach Event Attendees

FINANCIALS

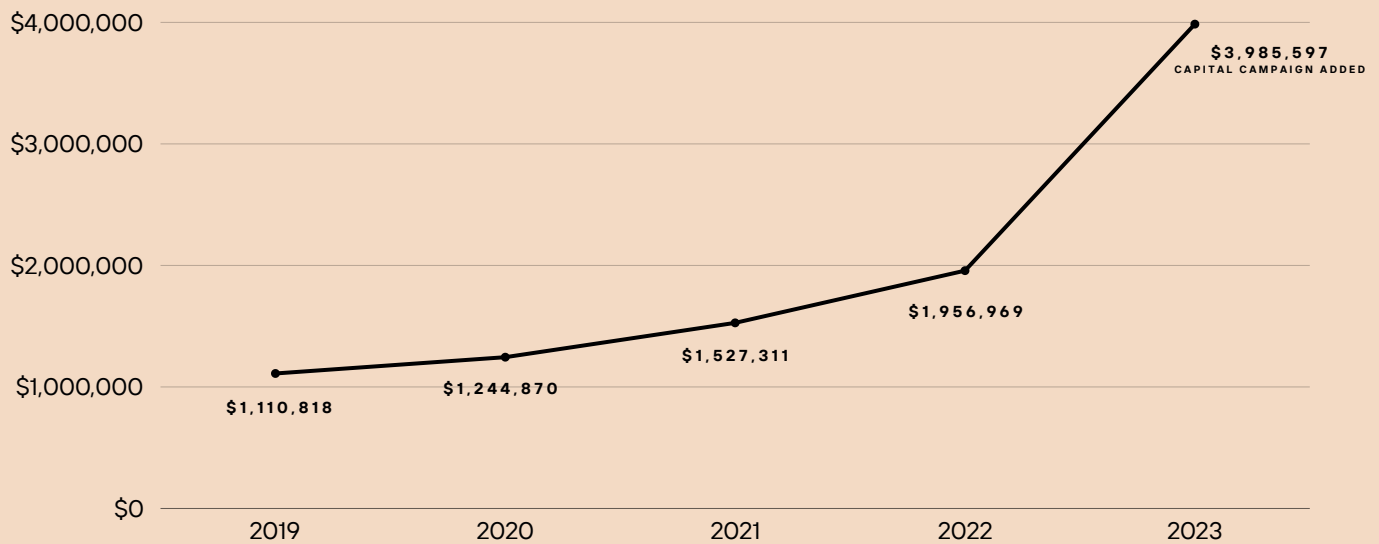


REVENUE



EXPENSES

82% OF EXPENSES WENT DIRECTLY TO OUR PROGRAMS IN 2023



Year-to-Year Overall Revenue Growth

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