



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Changing and Saving lives since 1897



Dear Friends,

It is our pleasure to share our FY 2022 Annual Report, recapping the fiscal year of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Guardian Angel's annual report represents the collaborative efforts of our staff, administration, Board of Directors, and all of you, who help us to help those who need it most. We have been a safe haven for individuals and families in crisis since 1897, helping thousands of sexual assault and domestic violence survivors, abused children, and vulnerable adults with disabilities.



Throughout FY 2022, we had to continue to modify service delivery for the safety of all concerned due to lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. That being said, our phenomenal staff reached 58,319 people, 12,775 through direct services, across seven programs, and 45,544 via prevention education and community outreach. All of our emergency essential services were implemented 24 hours daily, seven days a week. We provided 9,622 nights of emergency shelter and 28,866 meals to adults and children fleeing the horrors of domestic violence.

This year we completed the intensive strategic planning process, thanks to the hard work of our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and community members, who participated in the development of Guardian Angel's FY 2023- FY 2026 Strategic Plan. This included considerations of our vision, mission, and values. As Chairperson of the Gender Based Violence Committee, I had the honor of cohosting the first Women and Girls Virtual Know Your Rights Summit with Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton, through our work on the Illinois Council on Women and Girls.

We were elated to finally be able to bring back our annual in-person gala, Angelica: Dancing With Our Local Stars that was held on April 9, 2022 where we welcomed more than 500 in attendance. Additionally, memorable awareness activities were hosted throughout April: Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and October: Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and everyone at Guardian Angel Community Services, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to you, our loyal supporters, for your generosity and care for the at-risk youth, adults, and families we serve. Thank you for helping fulfill our mission to provide diverse services that inspire people to improve the quality of their lives in their greatest time of need.

Sincerely,

*Ines Kutlesa*

Ines Kutlesa, MA. LCPC. LPHA. CCTP  
Chief Executive Officer



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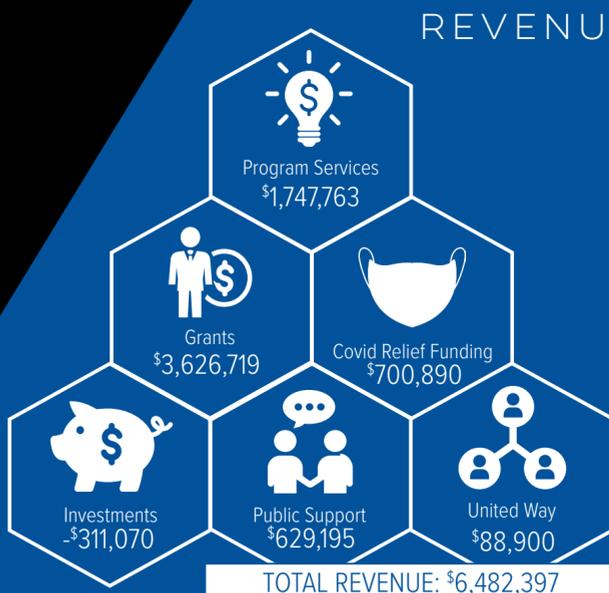
EXPENSES:  
JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$712,602
COVID RELIEF EXPENSES	\$772,224
FUNDRAISING	\$204,235
ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES	\$456,931
EXCHANGE CLUB CENTER	\$126,892
FOSTER CARE	\$1,188,159
GROUNDWORK	\$1,401,732
PARTNER ABUSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM	\$152,824
SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE CENTER	\$1,000,573
SUZY'S CARING PLACE	\$900,428
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,916,600

GACS' MAJOR FUNDING SOURCES:

- Continuum of Care Emergency Solutions Covid Relief Grants
- Gifts from Individual Donors, Organizations, Service Clubs & Estates
- Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
- Illinois Department of Children & Family Services
- Illinois Department of Human Services & Emergency Solutions
- Illinois Office of the Attorney General
- Northeastern Illinois Agency on Aging
- United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
- United Way of Will County & United Way of Grundy County
- Will County LandUse Emergency Solutions and
- Will County LandUse Community Development Grants

REVENUE:



\*This report was prepared by management of Guardian Angel Community Services based on the financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2022, that were audited by a certified public accounting firm, who expressed an unqualified opinion. The audit is available for review at www.gacsprograms.org.

IMPACT

# OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY GACS' PROGRAMS IN FY 2022:

**GROUNDWORK**  
COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES IMPACTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**5,811**  
INDIVIDUALS IMPACTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES**  
HELPING TO PROTECT ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES AND THE ELDERLY IN NEED

**5,078**  
AT-RISK ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS & ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

**SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE CENTER**  
SEXUAL ASSAULT & RAPE CRISIS SERVICES

**1,190**  
SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT & THEIR LOVED ONES

**SUZY'S CARING PLACE**  
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING & SUPPORT SERVICES FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**235**  
SURVIVORS AND THEIR CHILDREN

**PARTNER ABUSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM**  
SUPPORTIVE EDUCATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

**212**  
PERPETRATORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**FOSTER CARE**  
NURTURING & SAFE HOMES FOR CHILDREN, FOSTER HOME LICENSING & SUPPORT SERVICES

**151**  
CHILDREN & BIOLOGICAL PARENTS

**EXCHANGE CLUB CENTER**  
PARENTING CLASSES FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

**98**  
AT-RISK FAMILIES

GACS AGENCY WIDE IMPACT FY 2022:

12,775 + 45,544 =

TOTAL SERVED BY GACS IN FY 2022:

**58,319**

HELPED DIRECTLY THROUGH PROGRAMS

THROUGH SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ADVOCACY & JUSTICE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, PREVENTION EDUCATION, TRAININGS & PRESENTATIONS

"THE COUNSELORS TRULY ARE ANGELS AND WE ARE BEYOND THANKFUL FOR THEM."  
-SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE CENTER

"I ENJOYED LEARNING ABOUT BUILDING MY SON'S CONFIDENCE & SELF-WORTH."  
-EXCHANGE CLUB CENTER

"MY CASEWORKER HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS I HAVE AND SHE IS ALWAYS KIND & SINCERE."  
-FOSTER CARE

"THIS IS THE BEST PLACE FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME WHO ARE VICTIMS AND ARE STARTING THEIR LIVES FROM SCRATCH."  
-SUZY'S CARING PLACE

"ABUSE IN ANY FORM IS NOT OKAY OR FORGIVABLE. I AM LEARNING NON-CONTROLLING WAYS OF COMMUNICATING."  
-PARTNER ABUSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM

"I DON'T KNOW HOW I WOULD HAVE SURVIVED THIS PAST YEAR WITHOUT THE SERVICES I RECEIVED."  
-GROUNDWORK

"I FEEL LIKE SOMEONE HAS FINALLY LISTENED TO MY MOTHER'S SITUATION & OFFERED HELP."  
-ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

GACS THANKS ALL OF THE INDIVIDUALS & ORGANIZATIONS WHO SUPPORT OUR MISSION

