



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

IMPACT:

OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY GACS' PROGRAMS IN FY 2024:

GROUNDWORK
COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES
IMPACTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



14,487

INDIVIDUALS IMPACTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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



1,471

SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT & THEIR LOVED ONES

FOSTER CARE

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



200

CHILDREN & BIOLOGICAL PARENTS

SUZY'S CARING PLACE

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING & SUPPORT SERVICES FOR
SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



125

SURVIVORS AND THEIR CHILDREN

EXCHANGE CLUB CENTER

PARENTING CLASSES FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT



115

AT-RISK FAMILIES

**PARTNER ABUSE
INTERVENTION PROGRAM**

SUPPORTIVE EDUCATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS



100

PERPETRATORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**GACS AGENCY WIDE
IMPACT FY 2024:**

16,498 + 144,697 =

HELPED
DIRECTLY
THROUGH
PROGRAMS

THROUGH
TRAININGS
AND
PRESENTATIONS

TOTAL SERVED
BY GACS IN FY 2024:

161,195

"I HAVE
COMPLETELY
**TURNED
MY LIFE
AROUND...**
BOUGHT A NEW HOUSE,
CHANGED MY JOB,
AND GOT A BETTER PARTNER."

-GROUNDWORK



"OUR ADVOCATE'S
GENUINE CARE AND PROMPT
ATTENTION TRULY MAKES IT FEEL
AS IF SHE IS OUR
**GUARDIAN
ANGEL.**
WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR THE
POSITIVE IMPACT SHE HAS IN OUR
LIVES."

-SEXUAL ASSAULT
SERVICE CENTER

"MY SELF-ESTEEM HAS
IMPROVED
IN GENERAL, AND MY KID'S LIFE
HAS GOTTEN BETTER AND
CONTINUES TO GET BETTER."

-EXCHANGE CLUB CENTER



"THANK YOU
FOR EVERYTHING.
YOUR INVOLVEMENT HAS BEEN
**LIFE-
CHANGING**
& WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL."

-FOSTER CARE



"I AM
EMPOWERED
BY BEING ABLE TO BE
SAFE
WHERE I LIVE."

-SUZY'S CARING PLACE

"I AM
LEARNING
ABOUT MY TRIGGERS AND
HOW TO BE EMOTIONALLY
PRESENT."

-PARTNER ABUSE
INTERVENTION
PROGRAM



EXPENSES:

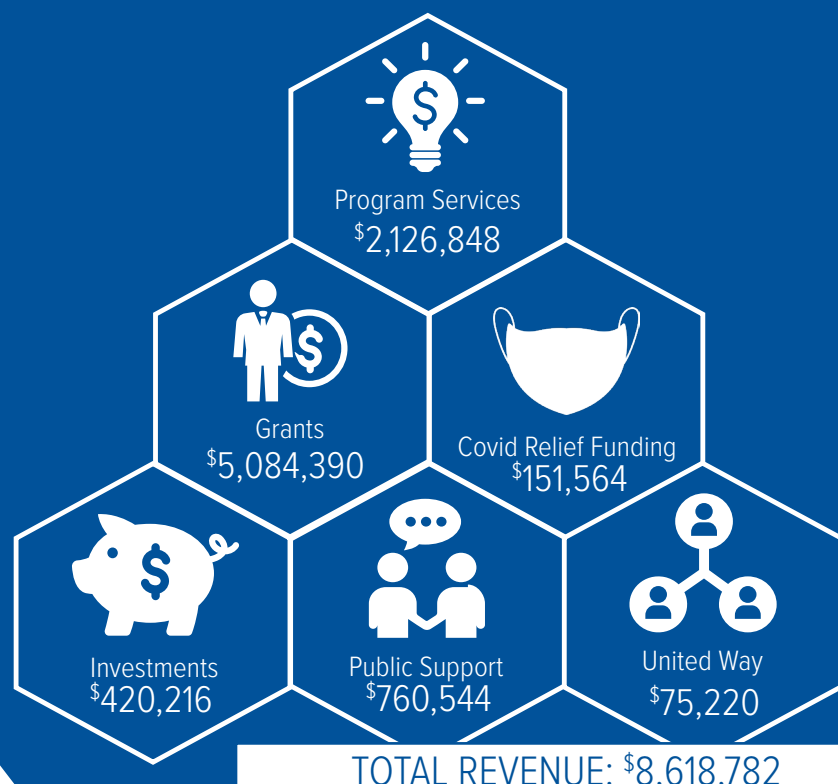
JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$897,815
COVID RELIEF EXPENSES	\$117,620
FUNDRAISING	\$269,602
EXCHANGE CLUB CENTER	\$117,463
FOSTER CARE	\$2,072,497
GROUNDWORK	\$2,206,162
PARTNER ABUSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM	\$289,094
SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE CENTER	\$1,040,266
SUZY'S CARING PLACE	\$1,344,104
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,354,623

GACS' MAJOR FUNDING SOURCES:

- 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
- United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
- United Way of Will County & United Way of Grundy County
- Office for Victims of Crime - Byrne Discretionary Community Project
- Will County American Rescue Plan Act - Health
- Will County American Rescue Plan Act - Housing

REVENUE:



TOTAL REVENUE: \$8,618,782

*This report was prepared by management of Guardian Angel Community Services based on the financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2024, that were audited by a certified public accounting firm, who expressed an unqualified opinion. The audit is available for review at www.gacsprograms.org.

Dear Friends,

It is our pleasure to share our FY 2024 Annual Report, recapping the fiscal year of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. 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 and abused children. During 2024, our phenomenal staff reached an astounding 161,195 people, 16,498 through direct services, across six programs, and 144,697 via prevention education and community outreach. All of our emergency essential services were implemented 24 hours daily, seven days a week. We provided 11,078 nights of emergency shelter and 33,234 meals to adults and children fleeing the horrors of domestic violence. Additionally, 9,137 emergency hotline calls were fielded out of our 24-hour emergency shelter.

This was an extra special year for me, personally, as I celebrated my 25 Year Anniversary with Guardian Angel Community Services, a tremendous honor, indeed! We were also proud to be recognized by Lewis University with the prestigious De La Salle Medallion for Excellence in Community Partnership Award, presented to our Sexual Assault Service Center. We were commended for demonstrating outstanding collaboration through curricular and co-curricular community engagement, creating transformational student learning experiences, and contributing meaningfully to the greater community. We also hosted the Council on Accreditation, following a year and a half of intensive preparations, for a multi-tiered site visit that ended in high praise and reaccreditation. We celebrated our 16th Annual Angelica: Dancing With Our Local Stars Gala that was held on April 6, 2024. The event drew in more than 550 in attendance and raised crucial funds for the agency. Additionally, memorable awareness activities were hosted throughout April and October for Sexual Assault and 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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