



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

IMPACT:

OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY GACS' PROGRAMS IN FY 2025:

GROUNDWORK
COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES
IMPACTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



8,563

INDIVIDUALS IMPACTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**SEXUAL ASSAULT
SERVICE CENTER**
COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES
IMPACTED BY SEXUAL VIOLENCE



1,194

SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT & THEIR LOVED ONES

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



389

PERPETRATORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

FOSTER CARE

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



219

CHILDREN & BIOLOGICAL PARENTS

SUZY'S CARING PLACE

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING & SUPPORT SERVICES FOR
SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



174

SURVIVORS AND THEIR CHILDREN

EXCHANGE CLUB CENTER

PARENTING CLASSES FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT



148

AT-RISK FAMILIES

GACS AGENCY WIDE IMPACT FY 2025:

10,687 + 197,708 =

HELPED
DIRECTLY
THROUGH
PROGRAMS

THROUGH
TRAININGS
AND
PRESENTATIONS

TOTAL SERVED
BY GACS IN FY 2025:
208,395

"IT'S A GREAT FEELING
TO HAVE SOMEONE
**STANDING
IN YOUR
CORNER...**
DURING THESE TOUGH TIMES."
-GROUNDWORK



"I CAN SEE A
**LIGHT AT
THE END OF
THE TUNNEL.**
I KNOW I AM ON MY WAY
TO GETTING BETTER."
-SEXUAL ASSAULT
SERVICE CENTER

"I LEARNED MORE WAYS TO
**HELP MY
KIDS**
AND TO UNDERSTAND THEM."
-EXCHANGE CLUB CENTER



"MY COUNSELOR
LISTENS AND GIVES ME GOOD,
HONEST FEEDBACK...I FEEL I CAN
TELL HER ANYTHING
**WITHOUT
JUDGEMENT."**
-FOSTER CARE



"I'M FINALLY ON
THE ROAD TO FINANCIAL
STABILITY. YOU'VE HELPED
ME DISCOVER AUTONOMY
AND I
DESERVE
IT!"
-SUZY'S CARING
PLACE

"THE CLASS INSTRUCTORS
ARE WELL-EDUCATED AND VERY
ARTICULATE. THEY ARE ABLE
TO COMMUNICATE TO A WIDE
VARIETY OF PEOPLE,
IMPORTANT CORE VALUES."
-PARTNER ABUSE
INTERVENTION
PROGRAM



EXPENSES:

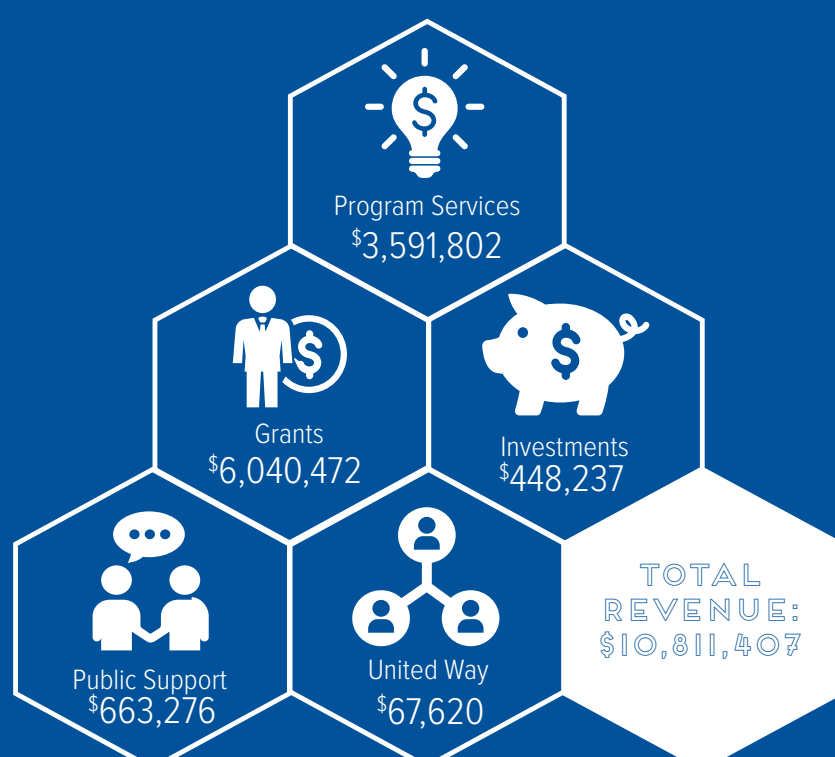
JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$1,044,461
FUNDRAISING	\$307,072
EXCHANGE CLUB CENTER	\$205,497
FOSTER CARE	\$3,073,755
GROUNDWORK	\$2,104,041
PARTNER ABUSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM	\$300,510
SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE CENTER	\$1,532,357
SUZY'S CARING PLACE	\$1,830,024
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,397,717

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:



*This report was prepared by management of Guardian Angel Community Services based on the financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2025, 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 2025 Annual Report, recapping the fiscal year of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. 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 2025, our phenomenal staff reached an astounding 208,395 people, 10,687 through direct services, across six programs, and 197,708 via prevention education and community outreach. All of our emergency essential services were implemented 24 hours daily, seven days a week. We provided 10,689 nights of emergency shelter and 30,000 meals to adults and children fleeing the horrors of domestic violence. Additionally, 5,421 emergency hotline calls were fielded out of our 24-hour emergency shelter. We also secured a new location for our Partner Abuse Intervention Program that would better serve the community.



It was a tremendous honor to continue to represent Guardian Angel on the Illinois Council on Women and Girls, as Chair of the Gender Based Violence Committee and to engage with fellow advocates on behalf of Governor Pritzker's Domestic Violence Celebrity Review team. We were also thrilled to host Congresswoman Lauren Underwood at Guardian Angel and it has been a pleasure serving on her Advisory Committee. We celebrated our 17th Annual Wengelica: Dancing With Our Local Stars Gala that was held on April 5, 2025. The event drew in more than 500 in attendance and raised crucial funds for the agency. Additionally, memorable awareness activities and events were hosted throughout April and October for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Awareness Months.

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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