

The logo for Sheltering Wings, featuring the text "SHELTERING WINGS" in white, uppercase letters on a blue, brush-stroke style background. A small white cross is centered below the text.

SHELTERING WINGS

2024 Sheltering Wings
Annual Report

**Children
are the silent
victims**
of domestic violence.

A close-up, high-angle photograph of a young child with light brown, curly hair and bright blue eyes. The child is looking directly at the camera with a neutral, slightly somber expression. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a colorful patterned fabric, possibly a blanket or clothing.

*"She was dancing and telling us about her
new room. Her joy will stick with me"*

—Amy Kollmeyer, Emergency Services Program Manager

In 2024, you ensured the voices of kids were heard and their needs were met.

Children are the silent victims of domestic violence – yet in 2024, you ensured their voices were heard and their needs were met.

Because of your generous support, this year Sheltering Wings was able to significantly grow our children and youth services. That includes building a dedicated team to specifically care for, support, and advocate for our youngest clients.

On average, half of the survivors receiving Sheltering Wings' services are children. You showed them that they are safe. They have value. They can break the cycle of abuse and build a life of safety and stability.

Your support provides age-appropriate support groups and classes for kids. You provide respite care so parents can attend case management meetings, job interviews, legal appointments and more.

You also show them it's okay to just be kids— to have fun, play games, laugh.

This year, children enjoyed backyard summer camp and field trips to local attractions. Volunteers played games, built a bike shelter, tutored, read stories, provided hugs, and showed our kids – in so many ways – they are important.

You touched the lives of children in all corners of Hendricks County with programs in all 6 public school systems and many private schools. You

provided elementary students with a story and visit from a caring male through Men IN Action READ. You showed local middle and high school students the red flags to watch for in dating relationships through school prevention visits.

Your support means teens like Kate can find the help they need to leave an abusive relationship. Today, Kate is empowered through our Teens That Talk Youth Council to share her experiences with peers and spread awareness about teen dating violence.

Your continued support in 2025 is vital to reach even more students and provide support for even more child survivors. Our work is not possible without you.

In 2024, 25 percent of Sheltering Wings funding came from government grants. As we work to reduce our reliance on government funding, your help is more important now than ever.

Thank you for your care and support,

Cassie Mecklenburg
Cassie Mecklenburg
Executive Director, Sheltering Wings

Alyson Lurker
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2024 Chair Board of Directors

"I love being involved with Youth Council and being part of this team, It helps me not to feel ashamed." – Kate



Our Mission *Sheltering Wings provides emergency housing for survivors escaping from any form of domestic abuse. We build stable and independent lives through essential programs offered in a supportive and Christ-centered environment.*

Our Programs

Sheltering Wings programs are designed to meet each survivor where they are. We know that each survivor's needs are different. The solution to end domestic violence is not only found in emergency shelter. It's found in whatever builds safety, stability, and independence.

Our programs is ask, *“What do you need?”* and *“How can we help?”*

Crisis Intervention

- 24/7 helpline
- 80-bed emergency shelter
- Victim and legal advocacy

Stability-Building Support

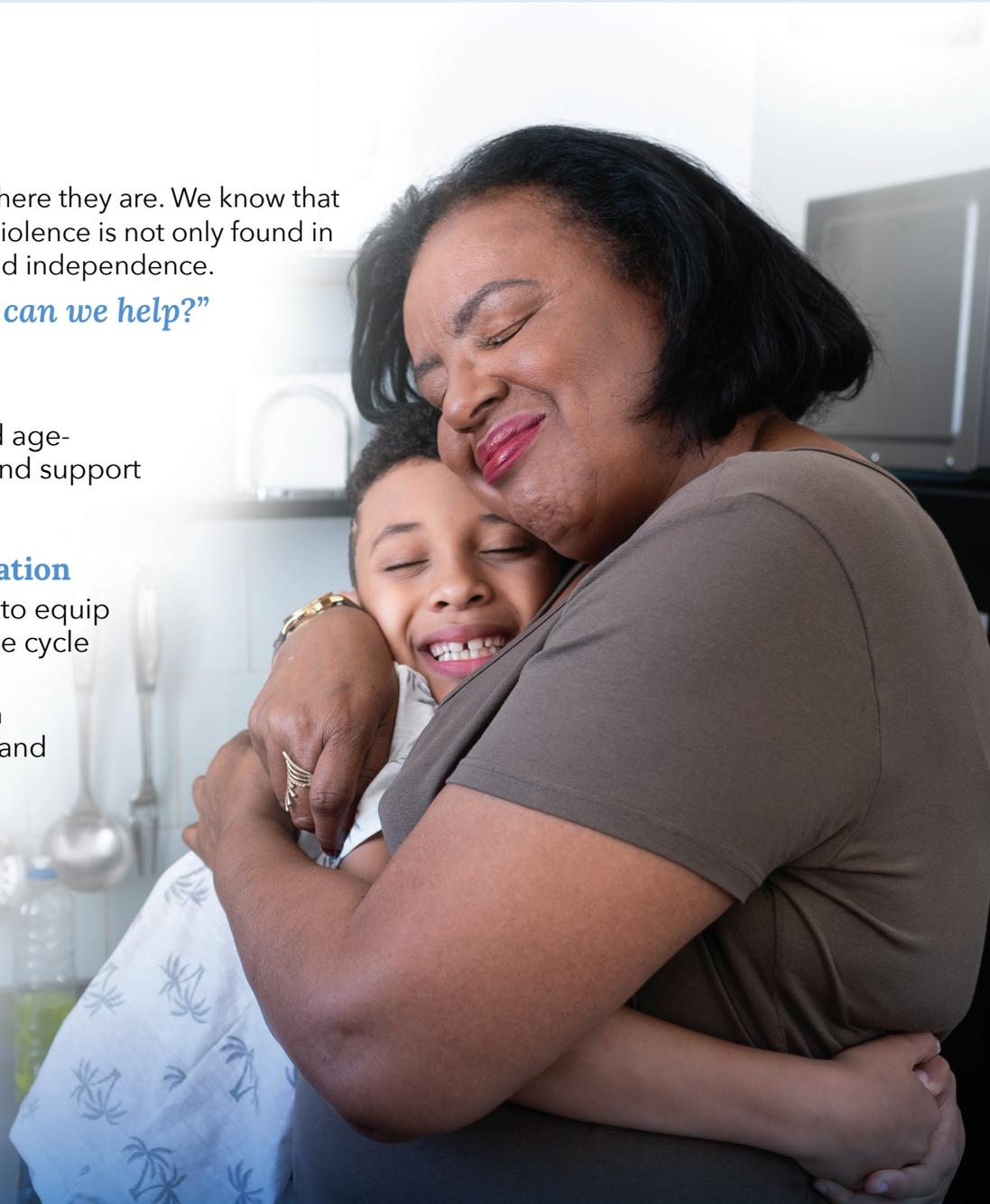
- Case management and individualized plans
- Barrier-busting financial support
- Therapy and healing support groups
- Housing advocacy
- Community Advocacy Services (for those who don't need emergency shelter)

Children and Youth

- Trauma-informed and age-appropriate classes and support
- Respite child care

Prevention and Education

- Community trainings to equip the public to break the cycle of abuse
- Student education on healthy relationships and teen dating violence



Here's what you made possible in 2024

You made it possible for Sheltering Wings to continue as Indiana's second largest domestic violence shelter and the only such shelter in Hendricks County.

Your support of Sheltering Wings is breaking the cycle of abuse.

257 SURVIVORS
(124 adults & 133 children)



found safety in emergency shelter. Families like Adrianna's found the support they needed to

begin the long journey to independence. Adrianna fled devastating abuse with her young sons and unborn daughter. At Sheltering Wings, she found safety, space to heal, and support to build independence.



48 SURVIVORS
(24 adults & 24 children)

moved into their own safe and affordable permanent home. Thanks to you, Sheltering Wings was able to provide financial assistance, resources and support to help survivors establish a safe household. Families like Marion, who lived in shelter for more than a year. In the fall, Marion was able to move with her daughter into their own apartment—giving her daughter her own new room.



71% OF SURVIVORS served in shelter exited to safety (**highest in a decade!**).

While we wish the number was 100 percent, we know that, on average, it can take a survivor seven attempts before they leave their abuser permanently. You helped 71 percent to safety – and you provided a foundation of love, support and knowledge to bolster the others when they are ready.

94 PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF SHELTER (50 adults & 44 children)

received our Community Advocacy Services—things like assistance with protection orders, case management, skills training, and more. Families like Christina's, who found the courage to leave her abuser simply because she knew she was not alone.



1,592 CALLERS found answers through crisis /helpline calls

1,959 HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

learned about healthy communication and teen dating violence red flags through school visits by our Prevention and Education team. Others heard about personal experiences from teen survivors like Kate, who survived abuse and stalking by her teen partner. Today, Kate is a member of the Teens That Talk Youth Council and feels empowered to educate other teens.



13,441 PEOPLE were educated in schools and the community



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Thank you to our partner organizations who make this work possible. I hope you know how important and wonderful you are to us as a supporter of Sheltering Wings. You are doing sacred work to care for families in desperate need. **Paige Vanzo**, Donor and Engagement Director

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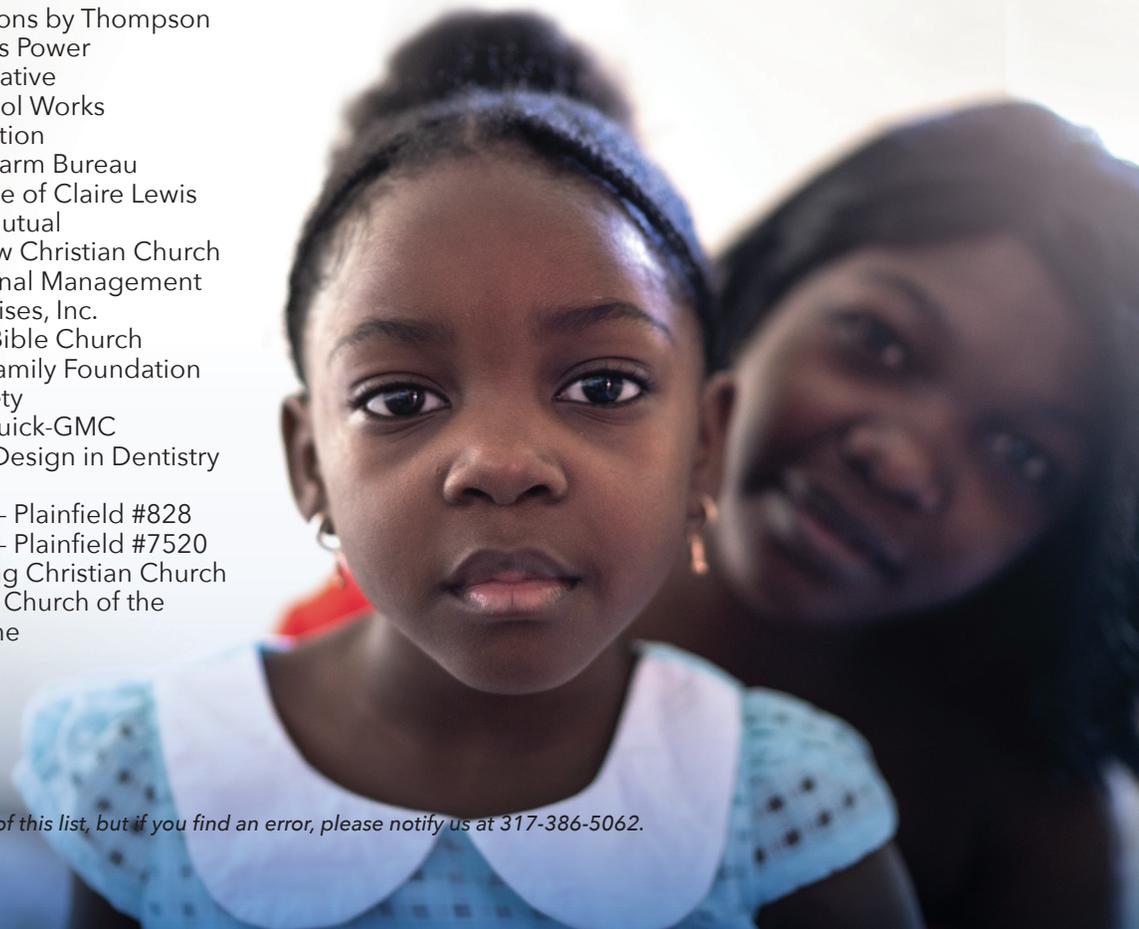
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"Sheltering Wings is a place of healing for so many."

– Becky, Volunteer and Survivor



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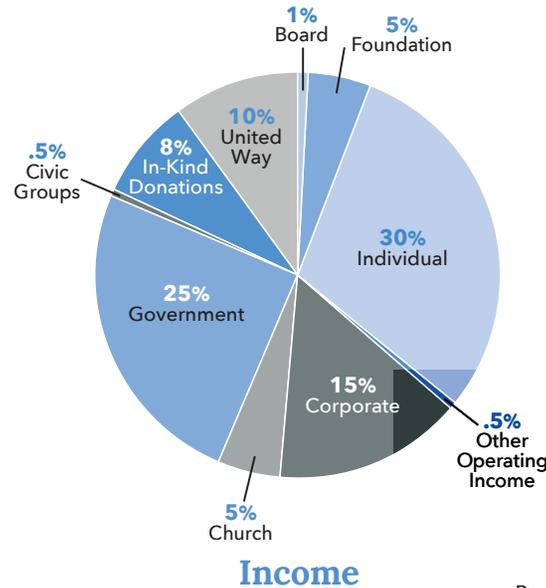
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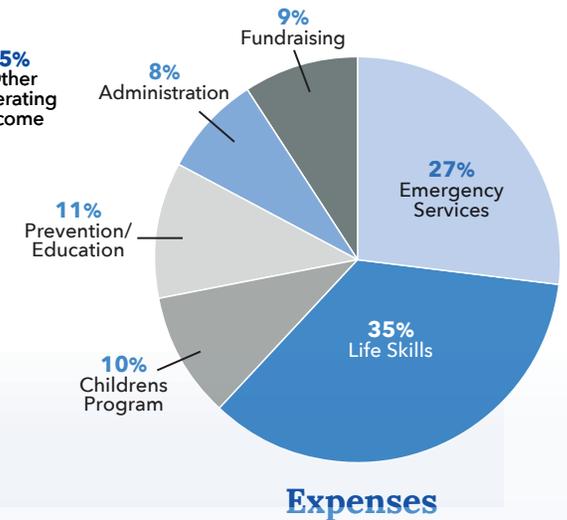
Income

Board	\$ 39,464.00	1%
Church Support	165,437.79	5%
Individual Support	912,107.68	30%
Civic Groups	13,488.18	.5%
Corporate Support	441,556.25	15%
Foundation Support	161,870.81	5%
Government Support	744,047.41	25%
Schools	1,837.86	0%
In-Kind Donations	231,074.80	8%
United Way	308,831.26	10%
Other Operating Income	13,822.11	.5%
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 3,033,538.15	



Expenses

Emergency Services	\$ 934,875.86	27%
Life Skills	1,099,759.24	35%
Children's Program	175,510.62	10%
Prevention & Education	383,225.03	11%
Administration	267,291.41	8%
Fundraising	359,716.27	9%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,220,378.44	



Sheltering Wings is an accredited partner of United Way of Central Indiana and a Four Star Charity Navigator charity. A four star Charity Navigator rating demonstrates strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

**A note on program expenses and salaries: Our people ARE our programs. The delivery of our services is only possible with quality staff equipped to walk with survivors of abuse. Expenses also include in-kind donations and expenditures thereof.*

These are preliminary, unaudited year-end figures and may differ slightly from the final figures we will report to state and federal governments. Our finances are reviewed annually by an independent public accounting firm. For questions about our financial statements and audit information, please contact the executive director at (317) 386-5052. As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, Sheltering Wings is led by a board of directors made up of local leaders committed to serving victims of domestic violence and educating the community about domestic violence, all in Christ's image. Directors oversee planning and operations, lending their professional expertise and skills to ensure that services comply with responsible stewardship, the Sheltering Wings mission, vision and guiding principles, and state and federal laws governing nonprofit organizations

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