



# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

## IMPACT:

# OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY GACS' PROGRAMS IN FY 2023:

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



**10,516**

INDIVIDUALS IMPACTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

HELPING TO PROTECT ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES AND THE ELDERLY IN NEED



**4,979**

AT-RISK ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS & ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

**SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE CENTER**

SEXUAL ASSAULT & RAPE CRISIS SERVICES



**1,264**

SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT & THEIR LOVED ONES

**SUZY'S CARING PLACE**

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING & SUPPORT SERVICES FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



**160**

SURVIVORS AND THEIR CHILDREN

**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



**104**

AT-RISK FAMILIES

**PARTNER ABUSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM**

SUPPORTIVE EDUCATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS



**101**

PERPETRATORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**GACS AGENCY WIDE IMPACT FY 2023:**

17,275 + 80,526 =

TOTAL SERVED BY GACS IN FY 2023:

**97,801**

HELPED DIRECTLY THROUGH PROGRAMS

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

## EXPENSES:

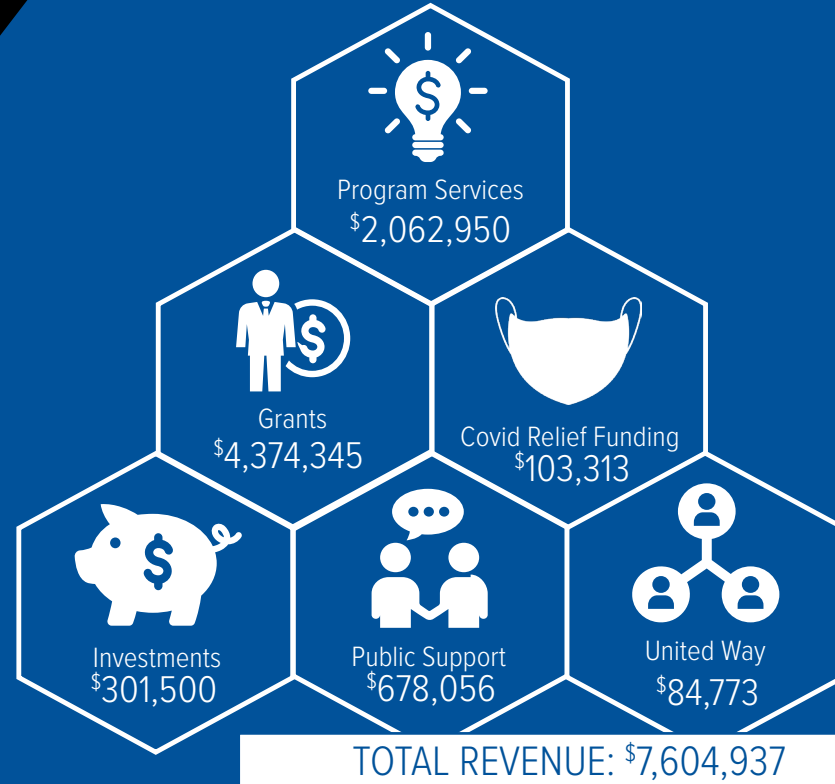
JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$891,003
COVID RELIEF EXPENSES	\$321,031
FUNDRAISING	\$212,611
ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES	\$347,218
EXCHANGE CLUB CENTER	\$61,836
FOSTER CARE	\$1,561,684
GROUNDWORK	\$2,004,508
PARTNER ABUSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM	\$189,321
SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE CENTER	\$936,545
SUZY'S CARING PLACE	\$971,338
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$7,497,095</b>

## 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
- 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, 2023, that were audited by a certified public accounting firm, who expressed an unqualified opinion. The audit is available for review at [www.gacsprograms.org](http://www.gacsprograms.org).

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

Dear Friends,

It is our pleasure to share our FY 2023 Annual Report, recapping the fiscal year of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. 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. During 2023, our phenomenal staff reached an astounding 97,801 people, 17,275 through direct services, across seven programs, and 80,526 via prevention education and community outreach. All of our emergency essential services were implemented 24 hours daily, seven days a week. We provided 11,971 nights of emergency shelter and 35,913 meals to adults and children fleeing the horrors of domestic violence. Additionally, 5,000 emergency hotline calls were fielded out of our 24-hour emergency shelter.

We had a very busy year with preparation for Council on Accreditation (COA) Reaccreditation and the successful achievement of various milestones required by COA. We completed the preliminary COA self-study 9 months ahead of schedule and look forward to welcoming COA towards the end of the next fiscal year. We revised our bylaws, and achieved strategic plan goals at 96%, and operational plan goals at 97%, while completely revamping Guardian Angel's website into a state of the art user friendly online medium. I was honored to continue to represent Guardian Angel on the Illinois Council on Women and Girls, and as Chair of the Gender Based Violence Committee, and in new positions this year, serving on the United States Congresswoman Lauren Underwood's East Regional Advisory Council, and on Governor Pritzker's Domestic Violence Regional Fatality Review Team. We celebrated the milestone of our 15th Annual Angelica and the Governor's Domestic Violence Regional Fatality Review past winners to compete for the ultimate title and mirror ball trophy. The event drew in nearly 500 in attendance and raised crucial funds for the agency. 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.

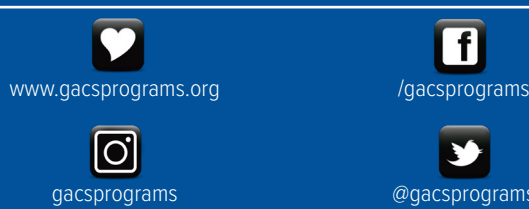
Sincerely,

*Ines Kutlesa*

Ines Kutlesa, MA, LCPC, LPFA, CCTP  
Chief Executive Officer



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