



# GUARDIAN ANGEL

COMMUNITY SERVICES  
Changing and Saving lives since 1897

## 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends,

It is our pleasure to share our FY 2021 Annual Report, recapping the fiscal year of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. 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.



Due to COVID-19, throughout FY 2021, we had to continue to modify service delivery for the safety of all concerned. That being said, our phenomenal staff reached 21,460 people, 8,793 through direct services, across seven programs, and 12,667 via prevention education and community outreach. All of our emergency essential services were implemented 24 hours daily, seven days a week. We provided 7,889 nights of emergency shelter and 22,089 meals to adults and children fleeing the horrors of domestic violence, during a global pandemic. We also significantly expanded services in our Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, by adding a Nurturing Parenting Program. Extraordinarily, during the same time period, we also achieved expedited reaccreditation through the Council on Accreditation, following an intensive review process, the outcome of which, was 100% compliance on over 800 standards. We were highly praised for this amazing achievement and the sophisticated operations of our organization.

While our annual Angelica: Dancing With Our Local Stars Gala was not able to be held in-person for the second consecutive year, we hosted online fundraisers, and virtual awareness activities took place across social media 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 empower people to improve the quality of their lives.

Sincerely,

*Ines Kutlesa*

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



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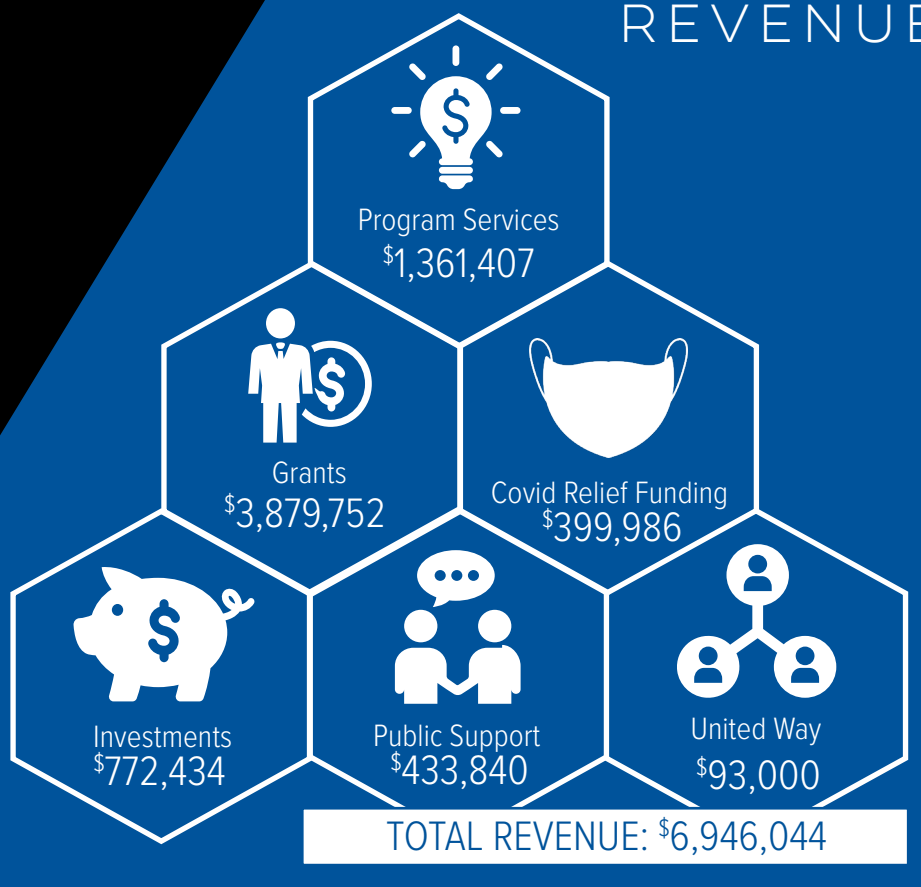
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### EXPENSES:

JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$741,576
COVID RELIEF EXPENSES	\$399,986
FUNDRAISING	\$156,996
ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES	\$382,913
EXCHANGE CLUB CENTER	\$81,473
FOSTER CARE	\$1,123,531
GROUNDWORK	\$1,313,561
PARTNER ABUSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM	\$136,841
SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE CENTER	\$1,021,938
SUZY'S CARING PLACE	\$1,104,751
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$6,463,566</b>

### REVENUE:



### 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

\*This statement was prepared by management of Guardian Angel Community Services without audit. The financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2021 were audited by a certified public accounting firm and they expressed an unqualified opinion. A copy of the audit is available for review at the Administrative Office of Guardian Angel Community Services.

## IMPACT

# OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY GACS' PROGRAMS IN FY 2021:

### GROUNDWORK

COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES IMPACTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**4,800**  
INDIVIDUALS IMPACTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

### ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

HELPING TO PROTECT ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES AND THE ELDERLY IN NEED

**2,225**  
AT-RISK ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS & ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

### SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE CENTER

SEXUAL ASSAULT & RAPE CRISIS SERVICES

**1,112**  
SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT & THEIR LOVED ONES

### SUZY'S CARING PLACE

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING & SUPPORT SERVICES FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**233**  
SURVIVORS AND THEIR CHILDREN

### PARTNER ABUSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM

SUPPORTIVE EDUCATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

**213**  
PERPETRATORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

### FOSTER CARE

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

**156**  
CHILDREN & BIOLOGICAL PARENTS

### EXCHANGE CLUB CENTER

PARENTING CLASSES FOR THE PREVENTION OF ABUSE & NEGLECT

**54**  
AT-RISK FAMILIES

### GACS AGENCY WIDE IMPACT FY 2021:

**8,793 + 12,667 =**  
HELPED DIRECTLY THROUGH PROGRAMS THROUGH SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ADVOCACY & JUSTICE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, PREVENTION EDUCATION, TRAININGS & PRESENTATIONS

**TOTAL SERVED BY GACS IN FY2021: 21,460**

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

"STAFF ARE INCREDIBLY WARM, HELPFUL & PROFESSIONAL ...I AM SO THANKFUL TO BE HERE AND FOR ALL THAT GROUNDWORK DOES!"  
-GROUNDWORK

"SOCIAL WORKERS WERE VERY HELPFUL AND PUT ME AT EASE."  
-ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

"THINGS HAVE IMPROVED A LOT IN MY PERSONAL LIFE. MY COUNSELOR HAS HELPED ME TREMENDOUSLY."  
-SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE CENTER

"I HAVE THE SPACE AND OPPORTUNITY TO HEAL EMOTIONALLY & FINANCIALLY."  
-SUZY'S CARING PLACE

"I LEARNED THE TOOLS TO USE TO MINIMIZE CONFLICT."  
-PARTNER ABUSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM

"WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT COUNSELING IS TALKING ABOUT MY FEELINGS."  
-FOSTER CARE

"I LEARNED HOW TO MANAGE MY STRESS & ANGER, AND TEACH MY CHILDREN AS THEY GROW & LEARN."  
-EXCHANGE CLUB CENTER

