

Kids come first, **ALWAYS.**



2021 Annual Impact Report

WHAT IS THE GINGERBREAD HOUSE?

The Gingerbread House is a community-based, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that works collaboratively with law enforcement, child protective services, the district attorneys' offices, and medical and mental health professionals to investigate, prosecute, and treat cases of child sexual abuse and severe physical abuse, including cases of commercial sexual exploitation, pornography, and human trafficking, as well as cases involving child witnesses to violent crimes such as homicide and domestic violence. The Gingerbread House is an Accredited Children's Advocacy Center by National Children's Alliance and has been serving the northwest Louisiana community for over 24 years.

Mission...

The mission of the Gingerbread House is to lessen the trauma experienced by child abuse victims as allegations are investigated, and to provide support for the child victim throughout the investigation, prosecution, and treatment phases of cases.

Vision...

The vision of the Gingerbread House is to serve as a comprehensive, cohesive resource for child victims of sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, and child sex trafficking in northwest Louisiana, while advocating for the prevention of child abuse through education and training.

Values...

The values of the Gingerbread House include collaboration, commitment, process integrity, advocacy, education, and respect.

The Gingerbread House serves Northwest Louisiana which includes Caddo, Bossier, Webster, DeSoto, Bienville, Claiborne, Natchitoches, Sabine, and Red River Parishes.

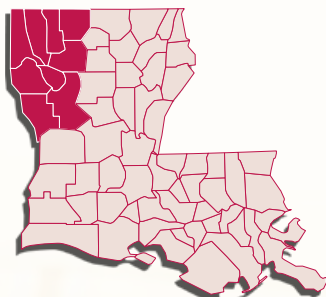




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A LETTER FROM OUR CEO



The Gingerbread House has always been a safe haven – a soft place to land – for children who have been hurt through abuse. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit in March, 2020, so many thoughts raced through my head. Along with the rest of the world, we initially thought that given a couple of weeks or a month, we would be back to normal. Little did we understand, that the pandemic would impact every aspect of our lives. My thoughts immediately went to the children and youth we serve. When a child has endured abuse and is ready to come forward, they are ready at that very moment. Not a week later, not a month later. **There was no doubt in my mind that as essential first responders in child abuse investigations, we needed to remain open and put kids first as we have always done.**

While the rest of the world systemically shut down, we increased our efforts and worked harder than we ever have to keep our team and clients safe. I asked a lot of our team – to trust that the decisions we were making would see us all through. I doubled down on my daily prayers of protection for the amazing team we have here at the Gingerbread House and I truly believe that it was through the grace of God alone that we did not have a single COVID case among our staff for over a year. If leading a nonprofit for almost 20 years has taught me anything, it is this – you often have to take big leaps of faith to see if you can fly. And fly we did. In fact, we *soared*. When you work together for a difficult goal, if you are doing it right, you grow closer together. I wholeheartedly feel we currently have the very best Team we have ever had in the history of the Gingerbread House.

Fast forward into 2021. We very quickly made up the 8.9% decrease in cases we had in 2020, with a 13.9% increase in cases in 2021. We learned to be resilient just like the children we serve exhibit awe-inspiring, extraordinary resiliency each and every day. We completely reinvented our prevention education program to include state-of-the-art professional videos created by the Gingerbread House in collaboration with a local production company so that we could continue to reach children once schools reopened even though no visitors were allowed. Every obstacle we faced, we met head on.

We could not carry out our mission without the generosity of our donors and funders. As you read through the pages of this report, I hope you will feel energized by the work happening right here in Northwest Louisiana to ensure that children who have been hurt through abuse receive the critically needed services they deserve, while we work equally as hard on preventing child abuse in the first place. We are proud of the impact we have been able to make in our community and the return on investment we provide through goodwill to our generous donors who trust us with their hard-earned dollars, because they too believe in our mission to Help the Hurt.

Faith, Courage, Perseverance, and Hope have been the guiding principles that have inspired me since day one to continue fighting on behalf of innocent children who have been abused. As we inch toward our 25th anniversary serving the NWLA community, we hope you will dream big with us, because here at the Gingerbread House, **Kids come First, *always*.**

Jessica Milan Miller, M.A., MBA
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

A NOTE FROM OUR BOARD



"The Gingerbread House is an organization comprised of community leaders working tirelessly to achieve justice and healing for the most vulnerable in our society. I am honored to be able to support the work of this important organization by serving as Board President."

Julianna Petchak Parks, Partner
Langley Parks, LLC

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD



2021-2022 Board of Directors

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Rambo
CERTIFIED THERAPY DOG



PROGRAMS

**FORENSIC
INTERVIEWING**

**MULTIDISCIPLINARY
TEAM INVESTIGATIONS**

**TRAUMA
INFORMED
COUNSELING
SERVICES**

CHILD LIFE

**FAMILY
ADVOCACY**

**PREVENTION
EDUCATION**

**ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING
CARE & COORDINATION
EMERGENCY 24-HOUR RESPONSE TEAM**

**OUTREACH
PROGRAMS**



"I don't have the words to describe the value of the Gingerbread House. It is a godsend for children, families, and the entire criminal justice system. Simply put, the Gingerbread House is irreplaceable."

Sheriff Steve Prator
CADDO PARISH

FORENSIC INTERVIEWS

The Gingerbread House employs forensic interviewers who are trained in obtaining the details necessary to conduct effective and complete investigations of sexual assault, severe physical abuse, human trafficking, commercial child sexual exploitation, child pornography, child witness of domestic violence, and other violent crimes. Our interviewers are experts in child development and well versed in the Louisiana Children's Code allowing them to provide the best non-leading and neutral approach to forensic interviews in a non-threatening environment. The interviews are conducted by one of our five forensic interviewers in one of our three child friendly rooms, complete with play-doh, markers, and multiple styles of chairs in order to provide the child with choice and ownership during the interview. Law enforcement detectives and child protective service workers involved with the case monitor the interview live via closed circuit television from one of our Multidisciplinary Team Monitoring Rooms at the Gingerbread House. Following the interview, two DVDs are sealed and the recorded statement leaves with the detective as evidence.

We handle the highest forensic interview case load out of the 15 child advocacy centers in the state of Louisiana. We like to attribute that to the strong multidisciplinary team we have here in NWLA working with the Gingerbread House.

In 2021, we added an additional interview room and monitoring room at the Gingerbread House allowing for three unrelated interviews to now take place simultaneously. By adding the additional room and growing our interview team, we have been able to better serve kids and families and meet the demands of our Northwest Louisiana community.

IN 2021...

893 children received forensic interviews, multidisciplinary investigations, child life, and family advocacy services.

On average, **74 newly identified child victims** were served per month.

149 child abuse victims and their non-offending caregivers received trauma-informed counseling services.

9 confirmed and **81 at-risk** child victims of sex trafficking received comprehensive direct care services and case management.

As part of our prevention efforts, a total of **447 outreach activities impacting 37,858 children and adults** were conducted.

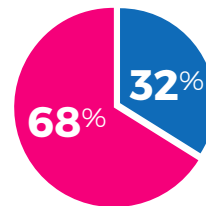
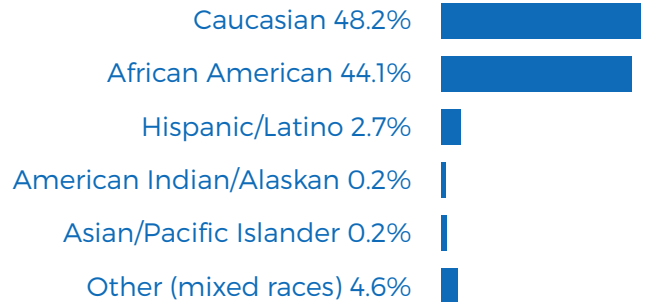


**“I love this place
they help me spit out the
stuff I’ve been holding in”**

*~ Child who was forensically
interviewed at GBH*

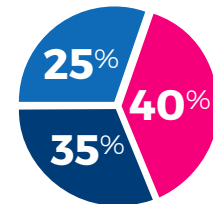


RACE



GENDER

Female Victims
Male Victims



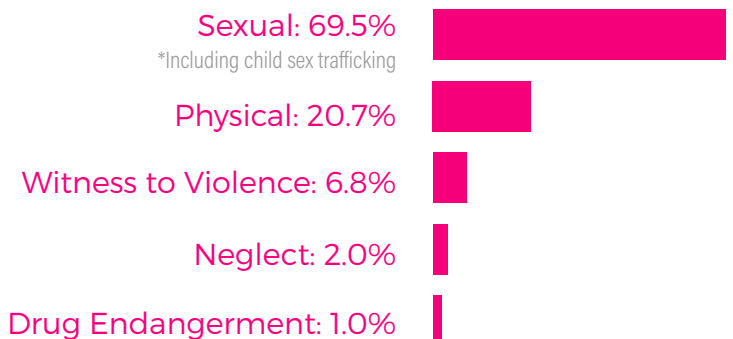
AGE

0-6 Years
7-12 Years
13-18 Years



TYPES OF ABUSE

**Some children present with more than one type of abuse.*



MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM INVESTIGATIONS

The Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) dedicates its efforts to reducing the trauma experienced by child abuse victims. We are able to carry out our mission by employing a multidisciplinary approach to cases throughout the investigation, prosecution, and treatment phases. The multidisciplinary team approach has been designated as the best practice standard for handling child abuse cases. This approach minimizes the number of times a child has to be interviewed, in most instances, to just one time, and ensures that all appropriate services are received throughout the legal process. Our MDT reaches out into the community to bring together different agencies representing

law enforcement, child protective services, prosecution, as well as medical and mental health providers. The MDT meets monthly to review cases in a confidential environment where case information can be tracked and coordinated. Throughout the year, MDT members also benefit from professional trainings and cross-discipline learning opportunities sponsored by the Gingerbread House to ensure that our MDT remains current on the developments in our field. Additionally, at the end of every year, the Gingerbread House awards two of our MDT members with an award. The winners for 2021 were as follows:



Detective David Karam
SHREVEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM MEMBER OF THE YEAR



Detective Kaycee Richards
BOSSIER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

SPIRIT OF JACOB BERGREN AWARD

The following agencies make up the Multidisciplinary Team:

1st Judicial District (Caddo Parish) Court
1st Judicial District (Caddo Parish)
District Attorney's Office
26th Judicial District (Bossier Parish,
Webster Parish) Court
26th Judicial District
(Bossier Parish, Webster Parish)
District Attorney's Office
42nd Judicial District
(DeSoto Parish) Court
42nd Judicial District (DeSoto Parish)
District Attorney's Office
Barksdale AFB OSI,
Security Forces and FAP

Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office
Bossier City Police Department
Bossier Parish Coroner
Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office
Caddo Juvenile Court
Caddo Parish Coroner
Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office
Cara Center (medical)
City of Shreveport Marshal's Office
Claiborne Parish Sheriff's Office
Department of Homeland Security

DeSoto Parish Coroner
DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Forensic Nurse Examiners of Louisiana
Gingerbread House
Children's Advocacy Center
Louisiana Department of Children
and Family Services
Louisiana State Police
Mansfield Police Department

Minden Police Department
Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office
Northwest Louisiana Internet Crimes
Against Children Task Force via the
Bossier City Marshal's Office
Red River Parish Sheriff's Office
Sabine Parish Sheriff's Office
Shreveport Police Department
Webster Parish Coroner
Webster Parish Sheriff's Office

CHILD LIFE

In 2021, our Child Life Program expanded by adding an additional child life staff member, as well as becoming a practicum and internship site for those seeking the Child Life Specialist Certification. Child Life students from local universities can complete both undergraduate and graduate practicum and internship placements at the Gingerbread House.

The role of our Child Life Specialists is to help reduce the stress and anxiety children often experience due to recent traumatic incidents or events, such as child abuse. They help to reduce stress levels in children undergoing forensic interviews by providing optimal opportunities for accurate and complete disclosures while using developmentally appropriate techniques to familiarize children with the forensic interview process. By providing orientation about the process and offering choices, children have a greater sense of understanding and feel empowered during their forensic interview. Child Life Specialists also provide support and advocacy to the child victims after their forensic interview to help them understand the next steps after their disclosure.



TRAUMA-INFORMED COUNSELING SERVICES



In 2021:
149 children received a total of
804 hours of counseling.



Through therapy, the healing process can begin and further victimization can be prevented. Our counselors provide several different treatment modalities, including Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TFCBT), Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI), Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Play Therapy Dynamics, and more. All of these services are provided by our Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Master Social Worker to the children affected by abuse at no cost to their family. During 2021, 149 children received counseling services by our counselors. Every child's needs are different, thus making each counseling experience unique to the child. Some children come to counseling sessions for just a few weeks, while others require continuous care for a year or more. Our role is to walk alongside the child toward a path of healing and restoration. We want every child who steps foot into our counseling offices to know that their voice is heard and respected.

MEET OUR CERTIFIED THERAPY DOG, RAMBO



Rambo, and his handler, Olivia Ferguson, who serves as the Child and Youth Trafficking Coordinator and one of our Counselors, are both certified through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Rambo primarily works with counseling clients, but also assists with our Child Life Specialists. Rambo's purpose is to help calm and support children during their time at the Gingerbread House. He also serves to uplift the staff on hard days!

A RAMBO SUCCESS STORY

In 2021, a 16-year-old girl was signed up for counseling after her forensic interview. When she first came into counseling, she was nervous and hesitant to talk about the abuse she had endured. The counselor introduced her to Rambo and she immediately changed her body language from rigid and nervous to calm and relaxed. Our brave survivor stated, "having Rambo in the counseling room helped me open up because he reminded me that I was safe and made me feel more relaxed." This is just one example of how Rambo has helped kids feel more comfortable at the Gingerbread House. We cannot wait to see how Rambo continues to help support kids in the years to come!

"As a mother, it is impossible to truly describe how blessed we are to have the support of the Gingerbread House. Thanks to their team, our child and the rest of our family have found light beyond the darkness."

Teresa Sanders, VICTIM'S MOTHER

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING CARE & COORDINATION

The Anti-Human Trafficking Care & Coordination program provides intensive case management for at-risk and confirmed victims of child sex trafficking while working at the state level to improve Louisiana's outcomes.

Through the Louisiana Child and Youth Trafficking Collaborative, and in collaboration with the Louisiana Alliance of Children's Advocacy Centers, we house the Regional Child and Youth Trafficking Coordinator for the Shreveport region. The goal of the human trafficking coordinator is to be an advocate for victims of sex or labor trafficking. One of the most important assets of the program is the Emergency Response Team. This team meets within 24 hours of a child being identified as a potential victim of human trafficking and works to provide individualized services for each child. These services include safe housing, clothing, access to food, and other resources that can help protect and support the child. In 2021, we served 9 confirmed child sex trafficking victims and 81 children at-risk for sex trafficking. As the first of its kind in the state of Louisiana, our 24-Hour Emergency Response Team has been able to serve victims of trafficking in a compassionate manner while still working in an efficient way.



In 2021:

The Shreveport Region had the second highest concentration of trafficking cases in the state just under New Orleans.

The Commercial Sexual Exploitation Identification Tool (CSE-IT) helps to identify youth who are at risk for exploitation. This tool examines indicators such as involvement with law enforcement, child welfare services, history of abuse or neglect, a history of running away, truancy, and even unhealthy relationships.

The Gingerbread House screens every child age 10 and up using the CSE-IT screening to identify children who may be at risk.

9 CONFIRMED CASES
81 AT RISK

In the last 5 years, the Gingerbread House has served 357 victims of child sex trafficking

PREVENTION EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

We provide **FREE** prevention education for children and adults in our community, as well as training for participating agencies working with victims of child abuse. Our three main programs cover topics such as child abuse, mandated reporting, internet safety, and human trafficking:

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER is our main prevention education program that incorporates body safety, safe relationships, internet safety, and mandated reporting. This program has a diverse curriculum that can be presented to children, adults, school personnel, and the community at large. The Gingerbread House has always believed that Knowledge is Power when it comes to protecting the most innocent and vulnerable in our community. Our goal with the children's component is to equip preschool through high school aged children with basic knowledge while empowering them to speak up against abuse they may face. This program continues to build on the development level of each age group, starting in Pre-K with very simple concepts about body safety and how to use your voice and moving to a more in-depth presentation for teens about safe relationships and internet safety. Likewise, our hope for the adult education component is to teach adults how to recognize signs and red flags of child abuse while also equipping them with the skills to report all suspected child abuse.



Child Abuse Prevention Learning Series

In 2020-21, the Gingerbread House was awarded a generous grant from **The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation** to create our very own video learning series to teach body safety, internet safety, healthy relationships, human trafficking prevention, and mandated reporting. Our Prevention Education Team worked on this project for many months and premiered the Child Abuse Prevention Learning Series in April of 2021. Special thanks to our middle school and high school volunteers who helped bring the characters to life and to the Robinson Film Center for hosting our premiere.



In 2021, we were able to host a total of **447 EDUCATION EVENTS** in Northwest Louisiana and educate **37,858 CHILDREN AND ADULTS** on child abuse prevention, body safety, internet safety, and/or human trafficking. If you have questions regarding any of our **FREE** education programs or would like to schedule a presentation, contact our Director of Education, Alex Person, via email: aperson@gingerbreadhousecac.org.

NOT A #NUMBER

LOVE 146: NOT A #NUMBER Not a #Number is an interactive child trafficking and exploitation prevention curriculum designed to provide youth ages 12-18 with information and skills in a manner that inspires them to make safe choices when they encounter potentially exploitative situations and to utilize healthy support systems that may decrease their vulnerabilities. It is an interactive, five-module prevention curriculum developed by Love146. It is designed to teach youth how to protect themselves from human trafficking and exploitation through information, critical thinking, and skill development.

The Gingerbread House is a licensed provider of the Love 146 Not a #Number program.



THE STEWARDS OF CHILDREN program by Darkness to Light is a child sexual abuse prevention curriculum that features real people and real stories in order to show adults how to protect children from sexual abuse. We use this training to give professionals and members of the community a deeper knowledge of how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

The Gingerbread House is a trained facilitator of the Stewards of Children program.

"Haughton Elementary values the education that Gingerbread House provides for our students each year. The new videos are age appropriate and captured the attention of our students. Thank you Gingerbread House for providing a curriculum that educates and empowers our children on body safety."

Leigh Ann Watson

**COUNSELOR
HAUGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



FAMILY ADVOCACY & OUTREACH PROGRAMS



BACK-TO-SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA

In July 2021, we hosted our Back-to-School Extravaganza! 43 kids were outfitted with new backpacks, lunchboxes, school uniforms, and all the school supplies they needed for their respective grades and schools!



TURKEY DAY BASKETS

In November, we celebrated Thanksgiving by putting together our Turkey Day Baskets. Thanks to our generous 2021 sponsor, Vine Oil & Gas, we were able to provide 39 families with a Thanksgiving meal complete with all the fixings and dessert!



SPONSOR-A-FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

Our Sponsor-a-Family Christmas Program is our biggest annual outreach program. In 2021, we were able to provide Christmas gifts to 412 kids and their families! Our generous sponsors provide gifts from the Gingerbread House child's wish list, their siblings, and the nonoffending caregiver. Whether they are in need of new towels or bedding, we try to meet the needs of the whole family so they can better take care of each other.





FAMILY ADVOCACY... HELPING NON-OFFENDING CAREGIVERS ON THEIR HEALING JOURNEY.

Our Family Advocacy program serves the non-offending caregivers of child victims that come to the Gingerbread House. The role of our Family Advocates is to support the child victim and their non-offending caregiver throughout the investigation process. Through our Family Advocacy program, we ensure that the caregivers' questions are answered, concerns are addressed, necessary referrals are made, and that the family has the ability to heal alongside their child. Whether the family is in need of counseling services, finding employment, housing assistance or they are experiencing food insecurity, our Family Advocates at the Gingerbread House have the connections to help the family get in contact with other local organizations that can assist them in their areas of need. We also provide trauma and body safety education to non-offending caregivers so that they can better understand the impact of trauma, how to support their children, and how to talk to their children about body safety.



GIVING ROOM

Many of the families that come to the Gingerbread House have essential needs that are often compounded by the trauma of abuse. Enter the Giving Room. This room is stocked with clothing for children of all ages and sizes, toys and games, school supplies, as well as hygiene products. Our Family Advocates shop the Giving Room to meet the needs of our families.

We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to Rosie's Beauty Operators, Britches and Bows, Cammie Engle/Trendsetters Team at Matilda Jane, and our community donors for keeping our Giving Room stocked with clothes, backpacks, and more in 2021!



COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



Allied Family Chiropractic, Drs. Nathan and Jennifer Hamer

In 2021, we were approached by Drs. Nathan and Jennifer Hamer, owners and practitioners of Allied Family Chiropractic. After learning more about the Gingerbread House from a close friend, Dr. Nathan and Dr. Jennifer wanted to do something to give back. They pledged to donate new client fees each month to the Gingerbread House. In total, Allied Family Chiropractic donated \$16,560! We are proud to partner with Dr. Nathan and Dr. Jennifer to help protect those most vulnerable in our community - our children. Thank You!



GBH Champion for Children Award Winner



Louisiana State Representative Raymond Crews, representing District 8 in Northwest Louisiana, has made it his personal mission to bring opportunities to our community, while ensuring children's safety throughout our state, promoting education, and growing NWLA in every positive regard.

Rep. Crews went above and beyond to make sure that the Gingerbread House could continue to operate and serve children and families during the COVID-19 pandemic. We were proud to present the Gingerbread House 2021 Champion for Children Award to Representative Crews.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

The support and resources we are able to provide child abuse victims and their families would not be possible without support from our community donors and volunteers.

In 2021, we had a total of **204 volunteers** who donated **1,067 hours** to the Gingerbread House. Our volunteers range in ages as even our youngest helpers can hand out a bag of popcorn, help with a craft or share a smile. Throughout the year, we have volunteers help us put on our three main outreach programs, help staff information tables at events, organize the Giving Room, and so much more. Without them, we would be unable to provide the best support and care to the children and families we serve.



FOOD TRUCK BLOCK PARTY



In April 2021, we celebrated Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in our community with a Food Truck Block Party! We had Bayou Two, Big Mouth Sneaux, Uneeda Taco, and Yeero-Yeero serving delicious food. We also had fun activities for the kids thanks to Bossier Arts Council and Bayou Bounce.



BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE MILITARY PARTNERSHIP GRANT 2021



The Gingerbread House is located just eight minutes away from Barksdale Air Force Base; yet, out of the nearly 1,000 children seen at the Gingerbread House each year, less than 1% were children from military families. We knew that statistic was out of balance and we knew we had to fix that. So, when National Children's Alliance allocated grant funding in 2021 to strengthen partnerships between military installations and Children's Advocacy Centers, the Gingerbread House jumped at the opportunity.

Our main goal for the grant-funded project was to go from where we were – serving less than 10 military-affiliated children per year – to serving at least 25 military-affiliated children per year. Instead, we increased our numbers by 268% and served 92 military-affiliated children in 2021!

In order to strengthen our partnership, we knew we had to listen to and learn from our military partners. We met extensively with the staff at Barksdale AFB and immersed ourselves in military culture and language. Our staff learned about the unique challenges and stressors that military families face, and the subtle but important differences for those residing on and off the base. We learned that

the Gingerbread House was already serving many more military-affiliated families than we realized, but we did not know how to identify them correctly, what questions to ask or what terminology to use. As we learned about Barksdale AFB, their Family Advocacy Program, Office of Special Investigations, and Security Forces also learned about our Children's Advocacy Center and the range of services that we could offer to military-affiliated children and families.

In addition to education, we set up military-specific Multidisciplinary Team case review meetings. The Military/CAC Multidisciplinary Team promotes both efficiency and effectiveness in investigations. It also has an added bonus. Because Barksdale AFB is a major base with population over 14,000, sometimes the first opportunity that personnel from different units within the base have to meet is at our CAC! Our partnership has been wildly successful beyond our initial expectations. Our teamwork continues even though the 2021 grant cycle is now complete. We look forward to continuing and expanding our services for military-affiliated children and families in 2022 and beyond.



- 10TH ANNUAL -
**PARTNERS IN PREVENTION
LUNCHEON**

For the past ten years, we have had wonderful guest speakers at our annual Partners in Prevention Luncheon, including Elizabeth Smart, Beth Holloway, John Walsh, Marilyn Van Derbur, Dave Pelzer, Bre Lasley, and many others. In 2021, we were proud to have Erin Merryn, author, activist, speaker, wife, mother, and force behind Erin's Law, as our guest speaker for the Gingerbread House 2021 Luncheon. This fundraiser is our largest event of the year, with over 500 individuals in attendance. Through sponsorships and ticket sales we were able to raise over \$78,000 for child abuse victims in Northwest Louisiana!

Save the date for this year's event:

October 5, 2022 at Sam's Town Hotel & Casino Shreveport.

Our speaker this year will be Rebekah Gregory, Boston Marathon Bombing Survivor and Author of *Taking My Life Back*.

OVER
500
ATTENDEES!

**OVER \$78,000
RAISED FOR
CHILD ABUSE VICTIMS!**

Reserve your tickets and tables today! www.gingerbreadhousecac.org



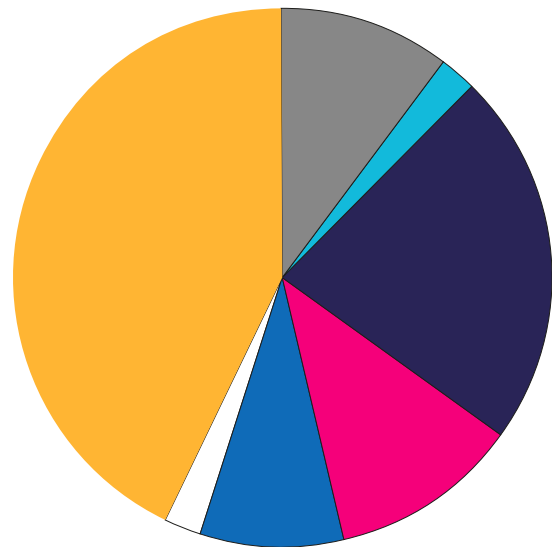


All services
**FREE OF
CHARGE**
for
**EVERY
CHILD**

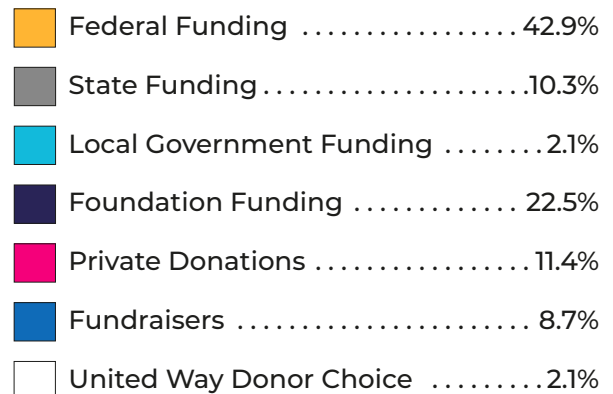
FINANCIAL REPORTS

DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Since day one, thanks to the generosity of our donors, all of our services have been offered free of charge to child abuse victims so that no child is ever turned away due to a family's inability to pay for services.



2021 FUNDING



SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$561,356
Receivables	\$152,975
Other Current Assets	\$869
Non-Current Assets	\$360,282
Total Assets	\$1,075,482

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities	\$125,904
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	\$882,078
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	\$67,500
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$1,075,482

SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT

Contributions and Fundraising	\$372,119
Foundation and Corporate Grants	\$952,407
Other Revenue and Support	\$39,124
Total Revenue and Other Support	\$1,363,650

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$941,028
Support Services	\$201,893
Total Expenses	\$1,142,921
Increase in Net Assets	\$220,729

CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC
For Year End: 12/31/2021



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HANNAH

Which GBH staff would be the first to volunteer to take care of the Gingerbread House staff's children?

MEAGHAN

If one GBH staff member could go to space, who would it be?

LACIE

Which GBH staff member could survive being stranded on an island?

JESSICA

One GBH staff member is cast for a character on The Office. Who is it?

JORDAN H

Which GBH staff member would adopt/bring in every animal into GBH if allowed?

HEATHER





PLAY HARD!

Which GBH staff member would most likely have their own HGTV show?

AELANIA

You're taking a road trip around America, who are you taking with you?

JORDAN W

Who would be the first GBH staff member on the dance floor?

ABIGAIL

It is Saturday morning and this GBH staff member is at a 5 AM workout. Who is it?

ALEX

Which GBH staff member would be/was late to her own wedding?

SOPHIA

Which GBH staff member has seen the most movies?

OLIVIA

Which GBH staff member would be a fainting goat if she were an animal?

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