



IMPACT REPORT

Empowered Through Giving:
Create Safety, Foster Hope, Build Bright Futures

2023 & 2024

A Message from Our Leadership Team

For over 100 years, LiveSafe Resources (LSR) has transformed the lives of women, children, and families in Georgia. Founded as the YWCA of Northwest Georgia, we have a proud legacy of opening doors to safety and opportunity. In 1978, we opened Georgia's first domestic violence shelter, and just two years later, we expanded to offer sexual assault services.

Today, we remain unwavering in our commitment to safety and healing, offering:

- Domestic violence emergency shelter and transitional housing programs
- Community outreach and client case management
- Individual and group counseling, as well as children's play therapy
- 24-hour crisis line support and legal advocacy
- Sexual assault forensic examinations for survivors aged 13 and older

All services are provided free of charge, empowering individuals to navigate trauma and create lasting change to break the cycle of abuse.



Allison Giddens



Lisa Mello

Addressing a Silent Crisis

Domestic violence and sexual assault know no boundaries—they impact every race, age, and socio-economic group. In northwest metro Atlanta, the demand for our services continues to grow. We now serve individuals from Cobb, Paulding, and Cherokee counties and reach further into Fulton County and communities north of the I-75 corridor. The need is greater than ever, and together, we can help survivors find safety, healing, and hope.



Building a Brighter Future

The northwest Georgia community has been instrumental in helping us advance our mission of creating safety and stability for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. In 2025, your support will help us:

- Launch the **Steve Imler Pet Shelter**, a critical addition for emergency shelter clients who need a safe place for their pets.
- Refresh our **12-unit transitional housing apartments** to provide more comfortable and supportive environments for survivors rebuilding their lives.



These initiatives, fueled by private philanthropy, show how donors like you are creating a community that envisions an end to violence and ensures every survivor has a safe place to turn.

Together, we can break cycles of trauma and empower survivors to build a safer, brighter future for themselves and their families.

Thank you for being an invaluable partner in this vital work.

Allison Giddens
2024-2026 Board of Directors, Chair

Lisa Mello
Chief Executive Officer



Our Mission

To provide safety and healing with dignity and respect to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, giving them a voice and hope for a better future.



Our Vision

We envision a community free from domestic violence and sexual assault, where we all live safely.

Who We Helped

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

3,652*

CLIENTS SERVED

**unduplicated*



3,078 women

507 men

162 children

“LiveSafe Resources doesn’t just deal with trauma itself. They teach families how to save money, find a job, hold a job, cook, and parent. They rebuild lives.”

How We Helped



- 1,233**
Legal Advocacy/TPO
- 1,680**
Crisis Line Calls
- 267**
Counseling Clients
- 2,346**
Counseling Sessions
- 187**
Sexual Assault Clients

The Cost of Help



- \$250**
Three counseling sessions for a survivor of abuse.
- \$500**
A three-day hotel stay for outreach clients when the shelter is full.
- \$1,000**
Legal advocacy for five clients to gain a protective order.
- \$2,500**
Covers cost of a forensic medical exam for sexual assault clients.

Empowered Through Giving: Create Safety



Sexual Assault Program: Expanding Operations & Community Support

At LiveSafe Resources, we are driven to provide our clients with resources and support to help them thrive. Through our Sexual Assault program, we provide victims of sexual assault with forensic medical examinations, accompaniment, change of clothes, advocacy, referrals, and follow-up wrap-around services in a setting that sets the statewide standard for a trauma-informed response.

We are committed to collaborating with other organizations to provide superior services and programs. In 2024, the Cobb County District Attorney's office supported our expansion of clinic operations. With their help, we purchased a new hospital bed designed to assist patients with mobility issues for our second exam room and added an additional Cortexflo camera. As the average exam takes 4 hours, these new resources are crucial for promptly serving clients.

Additionally, we increased our staff by hiring a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program Manager, a part-time staff nurse, and three Sexual Assault Advocate positions. Alongside our eight contract SANE nurses, these positions help us ensure 24/7 coverage for any sexual assault crisis response in Cherokee, Cobb, or Paulding Counties, whether delivered in hospitals or our dedicated SANE suite.

Providing a Safe Path for Success

In 2024, we served 187 victims of sexual assault forensic exams, safety planning, counseling, and client-centered advocacy to help them heal and stay safe.

"They made me feel whole again. They gave me parts that I know were lost, weren't there. And I can never thank them enough."

As we embark on 2025, our focus includes increasing training and educational opportunities in partnership with Cobb County Family Advocacy Center for public safety and community partners to identify victims of non-fatal strangulation. Through our community partnership, we will be able to grow our sexual assault team capacity to increase access to non-fatal strangulation forensic exams.



Nearly **1 in 5 women** have been **raped** and **almost ½** of all women have experienced another type of sexual assault.

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Foster Hope



Counseling & Staff Resiliency: Increased Support for Our Clients & Staff

As the state certified provider of domestic violence and sexual assault services serving Cobb, Cherokee, and Paulding Counties, LiveSafe Resources' free counseling services support victims and survivors, regardless of when the event(s) occurred. Our licensed counselors and trained counseling interns help clients move through crisis toward healing through a solution-focused, trauma-informed counseling approach.

The rising demand for all LSR services has led to a 30% increase in the additional caseload for our core direct service team. Our small counseling team works hard to provide the best care and insight, but the demand for services continues to outpace the available hours in a day. Critical funding will allow the strategic growth of our counseling services to support the mental health of our clients and staff.

“Sustaining these programs takes ongoing support, but the impact is life-saving-breaking cycles and inspiring generations.”

Expanded Availability of Client Services

Expanding our mental health services fills a significant gap in our community of survivors and their families. Our counseling leadership

team continues to expand therapeutic partners to increase access to bilingual counseling, child therapy, and specialty group support. Intentional growth will support the following efforts:

- **4 certified counselors** to provide **5,000+** counseling sessions annually and increase group therapy
- **12 sessions** for each client, increasing our capacity to support **400+ additional clients** in sexual assault and domestic violence specialized counseling
- Supervised interns to help increase the availability of client sessions

Staff Wellness and Self Care

Our staff is operating at full capacity to serve the needs of others, and therefore they also need support to reduce stress and prevent burnout. A priority in 2025 is to provide and establish an in-office resiliency room equipped with calming techniques and resources for staff to utilize when at work. Recent studies have found that these rooms significantly reduce stress levels among healthcare workers in high-stress environments. The room would be available to direct service staff before, during, and after shifts.



In 2024, we **served 3,652** unduplicated clients, **406 more** than in 2023.

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Build Bright Futures



Refreshing & Revitalizing Our Safe Spaces

The LiveSafe Resources transitional housing program assists survivors with finding a stable living environment. Our 12-unit apartment facility is a single building that can accommodate up to 39 people and includes a common area within a community support model. This location provides an apartment-living feeling while being highly secure, with multiple layers of safety mechanisms to prevent access by abusers or stalkers.

Clients can remain in the transitional housing program for up to two years, although the median stay is typically 10-15 months. To promote self-sufficiency and independence, clients pay a fee of up to 30% of their gross-adjusted income instead of paying rent and utilities.

In addition to providing a stable and safe home environment, our transitional housing program provides clients with the following benefits:

- Safety planning, including a living document that can be revisited as situations change (e.g., the perpetrator is released from jail, the client moves to a new residence, etc.)
- Skills and asset building needed to live independently, away from abuse
- Childcare, health care, transportation, education, and employment assistance as they work toward fully independent living

- Short—and long-term plans for self-sufficiency, such as savings accounts, business ownership, education and insurance
- Help moving into permanent housing once they are emotionally ready, their family finances are stable, and they have attained or are on the path to attaining their individual goals for personal assets
- Eligibility for a financial empowerment opportunity with more intensive budgeting, debt reduction efforts, and a \$2,000 deposit in their savings account

Refreshing Our Safe & Meaningful Space

Given the high utilization of the apartments over the past decade, our transitional housing space experienced considerable wear and tear than regular apartments. Since opening in 2013, we have housed over 450 clients, with an average occupancy length of 14 months.

Thank you to the following funding partners of the 2024 apartment refresh campaign: Georgia Power Foundation, James M. Cox Foundation, Marietta Rotary Foundation, IMLAY Foundation, Cobb EMC, Perimeter Flooring, Verizon and the Cobb Community Development Block Grant Program. Everyone deserves access to quality housing options, and additional funding will help provide new furniture in the refreshed apartments, truly revitalizing these homes and uplifting the families living in them.



“At the shelter, I learned financial budgeting, independence, and regained hope. They poured into me when I felt empty.”



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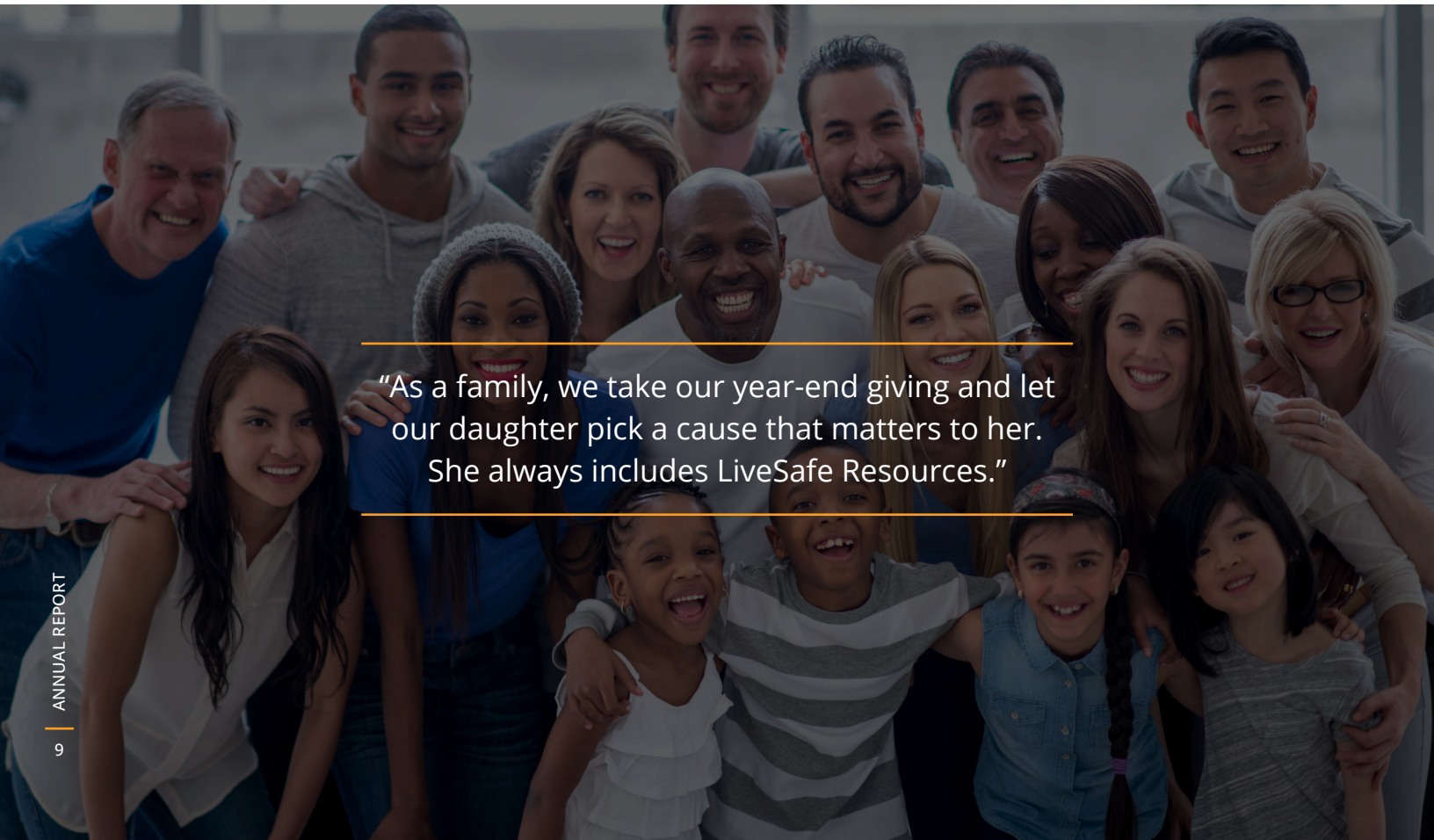
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“As a family, we take our year-end giving and let our daughter pick a cause that matters to her. She always includes LiveSafe Resources.”

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“We are honored to sponsor LiveSafe Resources. Supporting their invaluable work in empowering individuals and fostering safe communities aligns perfectly with our mission and values. Together, we can make a profound difference in the lives of those who need it most.”

–Matt Teague, Walton Communities.

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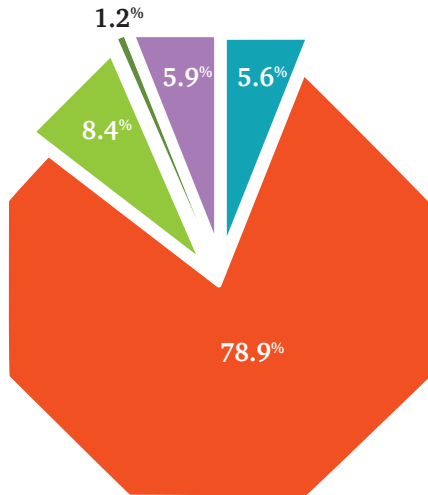
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"If you haven't been personally impacted, you know someone who has.
And that makes the work we do at LiveSafe Resources all the more vital."



REVENUE & SUPPORT

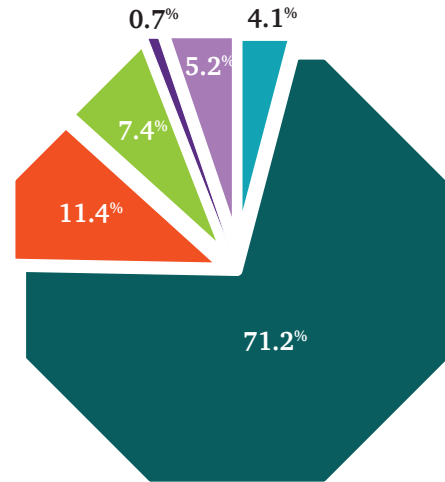
FY 2022-2023



Program Fees	\$185,017
All Public & Private Grants Revenue	\$2,595,713
Contributions	\$275,598
In-Kind Donations	\$39,007
Special Events*	\$195,545

TOTAL = \$3,290,880

FY 2023-2024



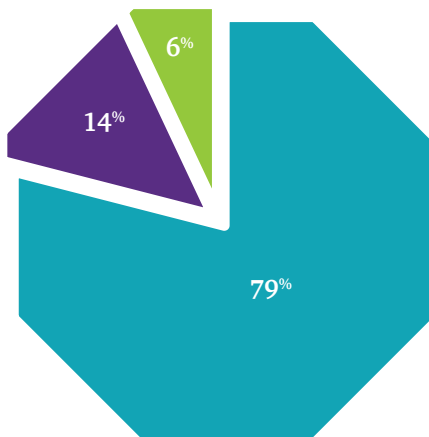
Program Fees	\$164,948
Government Grants Revenue	\$2,876,636
Private Grants Revenue	\$460,932
Contributions	\$299,966
Interest/Div/Other	\$27,837
Special Events*	\$210,782

TOTAL = \$4,041,100

*Net revenue

OPERATING EXPENSES**

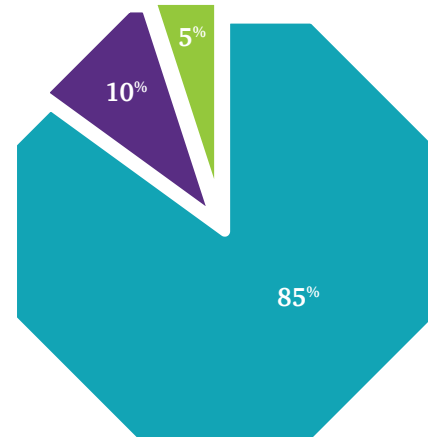
FY 2022-2023



Programs & Services	\$2,946,614
Management	\$533,512
Development	\$244,307

TOTAL = \$3,724,433

FY 2023-2024



Programs & Services	\$2,671,590
Management	\$462,643
Development	\$190,963

TOTAL = 3,325,196

**Audited

Moving Forward



By raising awareness and fostering support, LiveSafe Resources is dedicated to building a community free from domestic violence, sexual assault and elder abuse. Through our services, we help and empower our clients to move forward into a path of independence and success where they feel safe and supported.

“Empowering one generation inspires change in the next.”

Over the years, we have witnessed an increase in clients seeking support. As one of only nine dual centers across the state to serve both domestic violence and sexual assault victims, our services are needed now more than ever. To reach a more significant number of community members, we need to increase our capacity and operations.

Everyone deserves to live a safe, happy, and thriving life. Your support can help us ensure that.

**SUPPORT OUR
MISSION:**



“Our clients feel like there’s no way out, that there’s no sunshine on the other side of the road. We’re here to show them there is another side, and we’ll support them through that journey.”

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“LiveSafe plays an important role as the only (domestic violence) shelter in Cobb County to support families. It’s not just a building-it’s a haven of safety and hope.”



“You are not alone. We can *help.*”

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