



IMPACT REPORT 2025-2026

PROVIDING SAFETY & HEALING

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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, 2025 – December 31, 2025

3,789*

CLIENTS SERVED

**unduplicated*



3,276 women

448 men

231 children

HOW WE HELPED



1,120
Legal Advocacy/TPO

1,874
Crisis Line Calls

250
Counseling Clients

200
Safe Shelter Clients

220
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.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

It is our honor to lead LiveSafe Resources—an organization with a deep and meaningful legacy of services within our community. As we reflect on 2025, we recognize that it was a year marked by uncertainty. Yet through it all, our dedicated staff worked tirelessly—24 hours a day, seven days a week—to provide safety, support, and healing to those who needed it most.

Together with our Board of Directors, we remain committed to ensuring that LiveSafe Resources has the strength and sustainability to continue its mission and respond to the growing number of victims facing abuse and assault.

In 2025, our team served more than **3,700 individuals from 77 counties across six states**, offering a comprehensive range of services including our **24/7 crisis line, emergency shelter, housing programs, legal advocacy, temporary protective orders, group and individual counseling services, and forensic medical exams—all provided at no cost** to those we serve.

This is why the support of our community and philanthropic partners is so vital to LiveSafe Resources. There has never been a more important time than now to take a stand with us and help ensure the future of this organization and the people who rely on it.

Family and intimate partner violence know no boundaries of race, age, or socioeconomic status. It affects mothers who are afraid to leave abusive situations for fear of losing their children; children who grow up trying to protect an abused parent or their siblings; and teenagers trapped in unhealthy relationships they feel powerless to escape. **In these moments of crisis, individuals turn to organizations like ours for safety, compassion, and hope—trusting that we will be there for them no matter what.**

Without LiveSafe Resources and our valued service partners, thousands of people in Northwest Georgia and beyond would not have a safe haven in their time of greatest need. As experts in caring for victims and their families, we carry the profound responsibility to maintain and strengthen the programs and facilities that support them.

As we move forward in 2026, our focus remains on creating hope in times of darkness—providing safe spaces and helping survivors build brighter futures. Our teams of expert nurses, advocates, and counselors continue to set the standard for care and are dedicated to serving **Cherokee, Cobb, and Paulding counties**.

These initiatives—made possible through private philanthropy—demonstrate how supporters like you are helping to build a community that envisions an end to violence and ensures that every survivor has a safe place to turn.

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

With gratitude,



Allison Giddens
2024-2026 Board of Directors, Chair



Lisa Mello
Chief Executive Officer



Allison Giddens
Chair



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Chief Executive Officer



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CREATE SAFETY – Sexual Assault Program

Through our Sexual Assault program, LiveSafe Resources provides victims of sexual assault with forensic medical examinations, accompaniment, change of clothes, advocacy, referrals, and follow-up services. Together with our crisis line team, advocates, and nurses, we can ensure 24/7 coverage for any sexual assault crisis response in Cherokee, Cobb, and Paulding Counties through our dedicated, community-based clinic.

Providing a Safe Path for Success

In 2025, we prioritized expanding training and educational opportunities in partnership with Georgia’s Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) to help public safety personnel better identify victims of non-fatal strangulation. Through these efforts, our forensic medical examiners have expanded their work to support 44 intimate partner violence victims across our footprint who received non-fatal strangulation forensic exams as part of the CJCC pilot program.



“I have my peace and security back, which for the last several years I had been stripped of both.” –Former Client



FOSTER HOPE – Outreach

In partnership with LeadUp ATL, Inc., our outreach team held a workshop on healthy relationships to educate young men on respect, communication, and self-awareness. The two-hour session was facilitated by Raysa Figaro, Karelis Ferrer, and Fernando Zapien Ramirez and included a presentation, interactive exercises, and group discussion.

“The feedback from yesterday’s Healthy Relationships workshop was very positive! There was definitely some concern beforehand about whether the boys would last 2 hours, but they all stayed interested and walked away with something meaningful. Thank you for building a training for our boys and doing such an amazing job engaging with them! We couldn’t have asked for a better experience.” – Mindy Kaplan, President of LeadUp, ATL, Inc.



Young Leaders in Action

An incredible team of young men volunteered their time and energy to support Livesafe Resources’ headquarters by laying fresh mulch, decluttering and organizing closets, helping with administrative filing, and assisting in equipment inventory. Seeing young men show up and invest in their community sets a strong example for future leaders. They did not just complete tasks; they helped create a better environment for the staff and clients LiveSafe Resources serves every day.



We served over **3,789** unique individuals and provided over **38,939** services across **77** counties in Georgia.

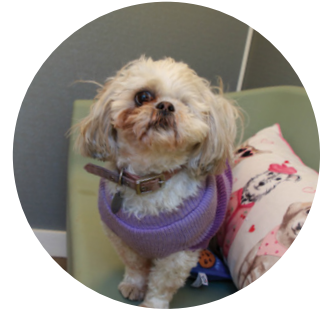
COMMUNITY
COLLABORATION



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BUILD BRIGHT FUTURES - Shelter Spaces

The LiveSafe Resources shelter program assists survivors with a safe and stable living environment. Our 40-bed facility includes common living spaces such as dining and living room areas with multiple layers of safety to prevent access by abusers. Additionally, our shelter features the Steve Imler Shelter for Pets In Crisis, allowing clients to keep their pets with them while they heal. Additionally, we offer a newly built children's playscape for our youngest clients to enjoy.



Providing a Fresh Start

In 2025, we assisted 89 individuals—including children—through transitional housing and rental assistance programs. Through Project New Start, survivors received not only safe housing but also life skills, safety planning, and support with childcare, healthcare, transportation, education, employment assistance, financial stability, and transitioning to permanent housing.



New Chance to Play

Did you know that over 65% of our emergency shelter residents are under the age of 12? Through our housing program, LiveSafe Resources provides space for children to play outside and find healing by just being kids. After our previous playground required structural upgrades and a sunshade, we reached out to community partners for a new one. The total project was funded by Cobb County ARPA funds, the Marietta Rotary Club, and the North Georgia State Fair.

The end result is not only the new playground with safety flooring and sunshade, but also a new shaded area, weatherproof outdoor furniture, garden boxes, and a protective barrier along the border of the playground area. By offering this space, we support not only physical activity but also emotional well-being, helping both parents and children find moments of normalcy and connection during a difficult time.



“LiveSafe Resources 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.”



1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year; **90%** are eyewitnesses to this violence.

GENERATIONAL
CHANGE



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BUILD BRIGHT FUTURES – Refreshing Our Transitional Housing Facilities

What started as a small project turned into a complete refresh of all 12 of our Transitional Housing apartments. These apartments are now fully updated with new appliances, cabinets, lighting, and more, creating a warm, welcoming space for survivors and their children as they take the next step toward independence.

Extending Gratitude

On behalf of LiveSafe Resources, we extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible housing team—Robin, Valerie, Francis, and Katrina—for their daily dedication to the families we serve. We are beyond grateful to our donors, board, staff, and community partners who made this dream a reality through funding and in-kind donations:

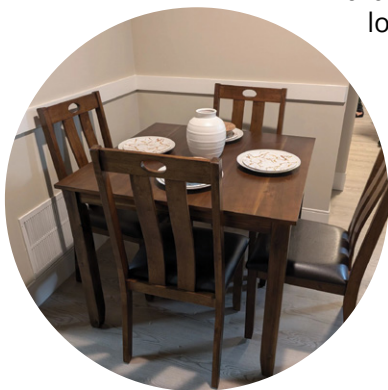
- Atlanta Women’s Foundation
- CJCC – State of Georgia
- Cobb ARPA
- Cobb County CDBG Program
- Cobb EMC Foundation
- Georgia Power Foundation
- The Imlay Foundation, Perimeter Floors
- The Rotary Club of Marietta
- The James M. Cox Foundation of Georgia Inc.



About Our Transitional Housing Program:

LiveSafe Resources’ Housing Program includes Transitional Housing, Rapid Re-Housing, and Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA). These programs are designed to help survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and elder abuse and their minor children find stable housing and begin rebuilding their lives in safety.

Participants in our programs gain access to services that support their healing and long-term stability, including life skills development, credit repair, financial literacy, career readiness, and other resources that help build a self-sufficient lifestyle, free from violence.



Make a space feel like home by helping us continue to furnish and restock each apartment by purchasing much-needed items from our Amazon Wishlist!

**SHOP OUR
AMAZON
WISHLIST**



“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.”

1 in 3 & 1 in 4
women & men

experience some form
of physical violence by
an intimate partner.

CLIENT
IMPACT



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\$75,000 – \$200,000

Cobb ARPA
Cobb County CDBG Program

Criminal Justice Coordinating
Council

Walton Communities
Wellstar Foundation

\$26,000 – \$60,000

Carlyle Fraser Employees Benefit
Fund

Perimeter Flooring
S.A. White Oil Co.

Steve Imler
Verizon

\$10,000 – \$25,000

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\$5,000 – \$9,999

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Georgia's Own Credit Union
Henssler Financial
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Georgia, Inc.

LGE Community Credit Union
Cozen O'Connor
Ohkyoung Sarah Chang DDS
Parker Poe
SouthState Bank

“There are so many ways that you can help; no matter what your time or talents are, you can find a way to provide LiveSafe Resources what they need.”

In **2025**, we provided outreach services and advocacy to **838** non-residential clients.



“There’s always a way to get involved. If there’s somebody out there who either has a tie to the mission, because they’ve been through it, or they have a passion for this, we would love to get them involved.”

\$2,500 – \$4,999

AMB Group	CROFT & Associates	Rotary Club of East Cobb
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Cobb County Manager’s Office	Motto Mortgage South	Win-Tech, Inc.
Cobb Sheriff’s Foundation Inc.	Cheryl Richardson	
Beverly Collins and Patrick Head	Tara Riddle	

\$1,000 – \$2,499

A Second Chance Bail Bonds	Georgia Power Foundation, Inc.	Fielding Lewis Chapter, National
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\$500– \$999

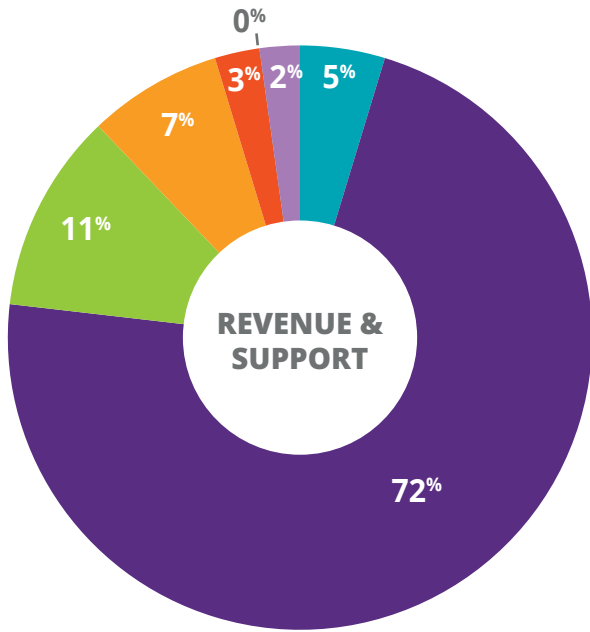
AMGP Georgia Managed Care Comp	Molly Gillis	Kelly S. Miller
Barry and Debbie Abernathy	Debbie Ginocchio	Jessica Moss
Lisa Bartlett	Joseph Goldstein	North Cobb Rotary, Inc
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Joseph Gaffney	Shari Martin	Mary Frances Williams
The Gallatin Group, Inc.	Janet Memark, MD	Wonder Bark Treats

“Whether it’s by giving every month as a GEM or volunteering, it all goes back to raising funds, awareness, and advocacy for this organization. We can never underestimate how important it is to show up and participate because everybody who gets involved is making a difference.”

\$100 – \$499

Kathleen M. Atkins	Sid and Leslie Jones Charitable Fund	Jayne Schrimsher
BBGF-YourCause LLC	Knapp Inc	Marthine Scott
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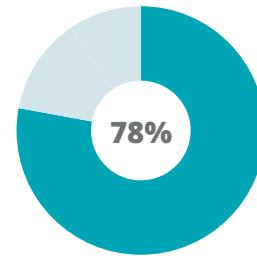
FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE



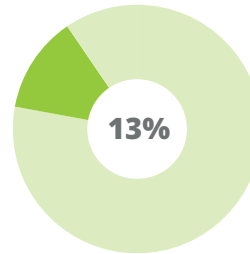
Programs Fees	\$215,302
Government Grants Revenue	\$3,307,557
Private Grants Revenue	\$506,790
Contributions	\$340,191
Interest/Div/Other	\$113,587
Special Events	\$139,254*
In Kind	\$101,922

TOTAL = \$4,724,603

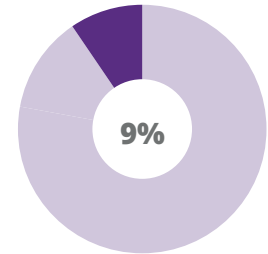
*Net revenue



Programs & Services



Management



Development

OPERATING EXPENSES

Programs & Services	\$3,546,153
Management	\$573,728
Development	\$432,883

TOTAL = 4,552,764

MATCH MAGIC COBB'S GIVEATHON

This past giving season, LiveSafe Resources was one of 27 organizations chosen by Cobb Community Foundation's Grant Review Committee to participate in Match Magic Cobb's Giveathon, a special event to rally our community's generosity during the holiday season. Through the \$125,000 match pool for donations made in three weeks, our organization raised over \$50,000 and received over \$5,000 in matched funds.



PROJECT NEW START

At the start of the year, LiveSafe Resources launched Project New Start with a goal of raising \$30,000 to provide new beginnings for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Through the generosity of our community, supporters created and shared personal fundraisers, rallying friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors to stand alongside survivors. Together, we worked to empower victims to become survivors, expanding access to safe housing and support services that help individuals and families move forward with stability and hope.



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.

“...pouring into me how to spend my money, how to budget, how to put things aside—it made me feel strong. I was empowered, and from that developed hope.”

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.

“Empowering one generation inspires change in the next.”


**SUPPORT OUR
MISSION**



**EVERYONE DESERVES TO LIVE A SAFE, HAPPY, & THRIVING LIFE.
YOUR SUPPORT CAN HELP US ENSURE THAT.**



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



Did you know that **53%** of the individuals we served were between the ages of **18 and 44** and were predominantly **female**?

CLIENT
IMPACT



“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.”

“You are not alone. We can *help.*”

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LEARN MORE:



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