



ISAIAH'S PLACE

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2023
ANNUAL
REPORT



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Our Mission

Our purpose is to connect, nurture,
and restore children and families
in the communities we serve.

Our Vision

We believe all children and families,
regardless of circumstance, deserve
the opportunity to heal and thrive.

A Word from Our Director

Looking back, 2023 has been a significant year for our agency. While we continue to face challenges such as an ever-expanding need for foster parents and service gaps for children from hard places, Isaiah's Place has established a growing impact in our community. In 2023, we completed the first full year of our Child Advocacy Center, serving child abuse victims in Miami County, and we were able to bring a new service to children and families in Miami County by providing In-Home Family Coaching, not to mention another year of continued growth in our foster care program.

We have continued to be blessed by private donors, local foundations, and other grant sources to support the work we do. We are so grateful because without your contributions, we wouldn't be able to go above and beyond for our children and families or sustain programs like the Child Advocacy Center.

I believe we have the best team we've had during my tenure as Executive Director, and this staff, along with our incredible foster parents, never cease to astound me in the care they give our children. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

We've got more work to do, and I look forward to what we can accomplish in 2024 with your support.



Bob Lybarger, MBA
Executive Director

Who We Are

Isaiah's Place is a faith-based, non-profit located in Troy, OH, serving children and families in Miami County and across Southwest Ohio. We believe all children and families, regardless of circumstance, deserve the opportunity to heal and thrive. While our roots are in foster care, training and licensing families to care for children from hard places, we have seen a need in our community to expand our services to **connect, nurture** and **restore** children and families in multiple ways. Our Child Advocacy Center provides a coordinated response to allegations of child abuse in Miami County, and our Family Coaching program serves families whose children are at risk for removal through in-home, parenting development and education.

Led by the vision of our board, our team is committed to ensuring positive outcomes for all the children and families we serve. These outcomes look like finding permanency for our children in foster care, stabilizing the homes we serve in family coaching, and reducing further victimization and securing timely services for the children aided by the CAC. None of this would be possible without help from our supporters and collaboration with community partners and churches.

Our Programs

Foster Care & Adoption

Train and license foster and adoptive parents to serve children across Southwest Ohio.

Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

A coordinated response to allegations of child abuse in Miami County.

Family Coaching

In-home, parenting development and education aimed at families who are in or near crisis.

*The privacy of the children and families we serve is important to us. As such, you won't see any of their photos in this report, but you will hear their experience through their words.

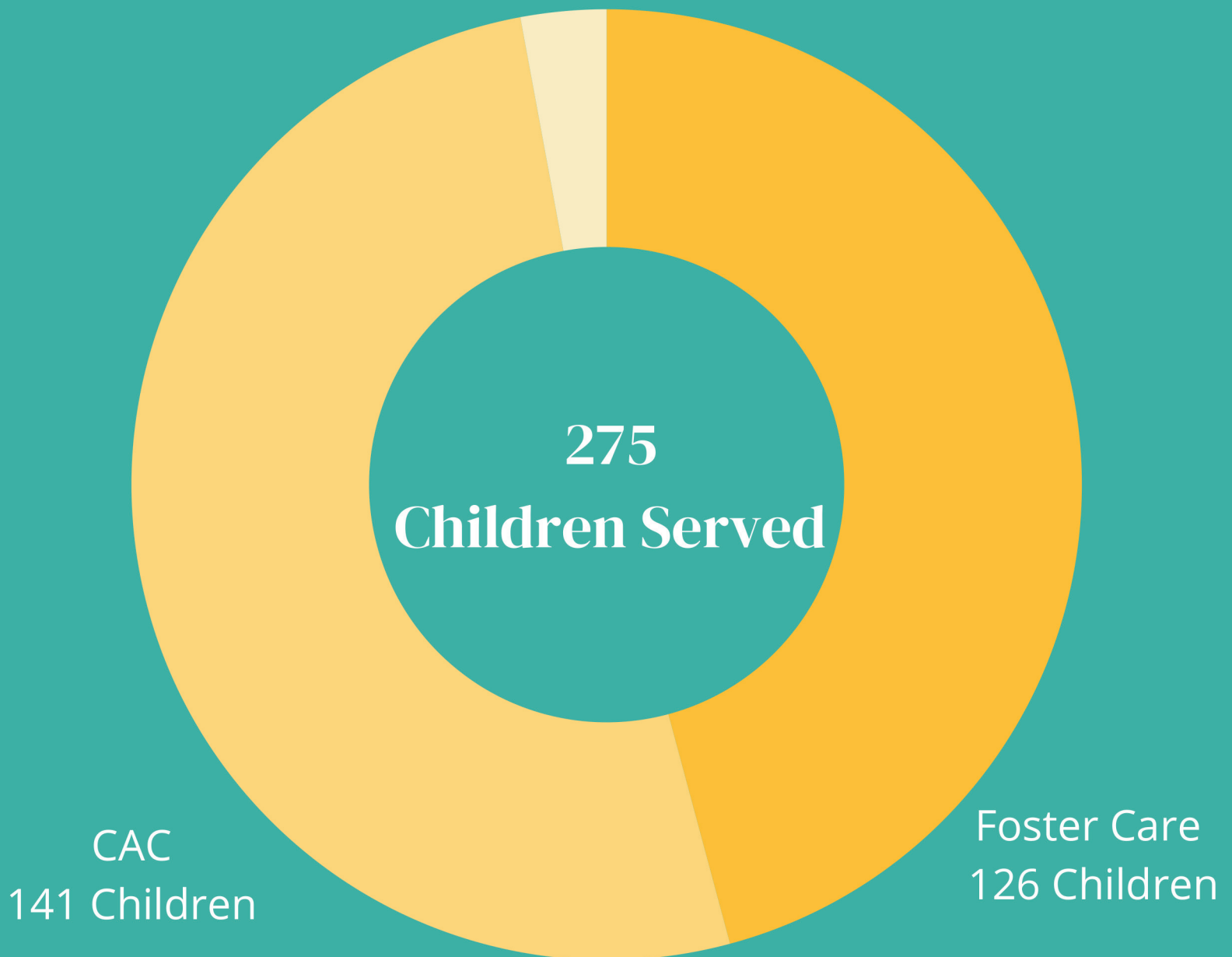


“
I can't believe I'm
so comfortable
with you.
”

**A Child Being Interviewed in
the CAC**

2023 Impact

Family Coaching
8 Children



CAC
141 Children

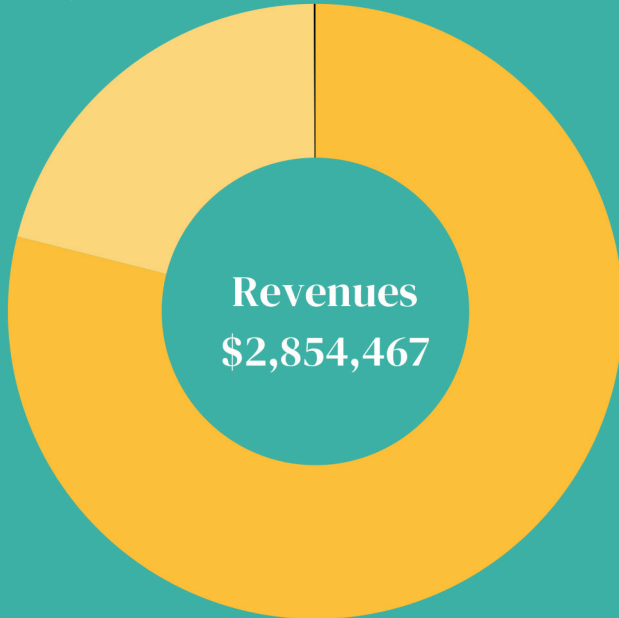
Foster Care
126 Children

Finances

*Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023

Contributions and Grants
21%

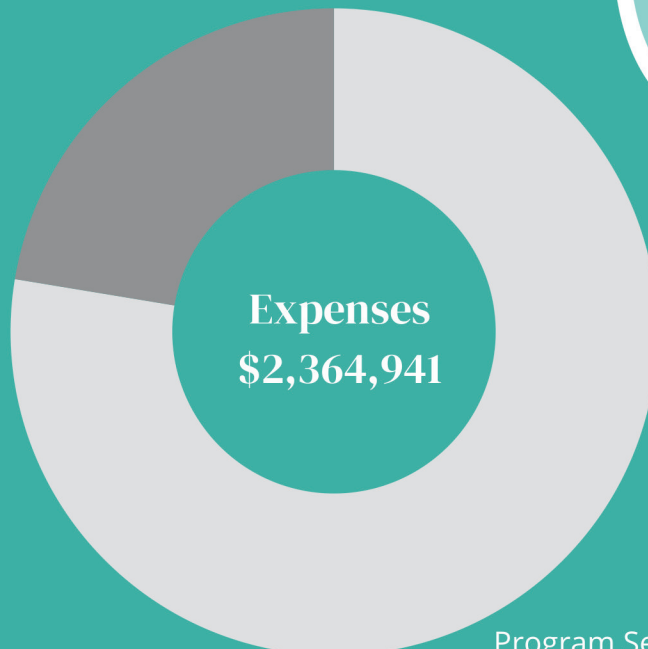
*Other Income <1%



Revenues
\$2,854,467

Foster Care and Program Revenue
78.9%

Supporting Services: Management and General
22.4%



Expenses
\$2,364,941

Program Services
77.6%

Ending Net Assets
\$640,108



“

I have never felt so blessed and supported on this foster care journey. This is what is needed for foster families to keep going when things get hard! Your thoughtfulness, encouragement, friendliness, generosity, and overall care and concern for children and caregivers is seen, heard and felt.

”

An Isaiah's Place Foster Parent

Foster Care

In our foster care program, we recruit, train, and license parents to care for children in the foster care system. Working with counties across Southwest Ohio, we place children in foster care in our licensed homes and provide ongoing case management services. At Isaiah's Place, we put an emphasis on supporting our families, because we believe the most therapeutic intervention children can receive is a stable home and relationship with their caregiver. This support takes many forms but can look like our trauma-focused training which equips parents to care for children from hard places or the monthly events we host for our families so parents can connect with other foster parents and kids can have fun experiences!

Our hope is that as children come through our agency, they will find permanency, whether it be through reunification with their biological parents or through adoption into a new forever home. In late 2023, we received our adoption certification as an agency, and we look forward to helping families in 2024 on their journey toward adoption.

Program Highlights

126

Children Served

198

Training Hours
Provided

25

New Families

13%

Disruption Rate

8

Adoptions



“ I feel like I have
my daughter
back. ”

**A Parent of a CAC Therapy
Client**

Child Advocacy Center

Child abuse and neglect is not a new problem for the community of Miami County, Ohio, however up until recently, there has not been a coordinated effort to prevent and respond to these cases. Prior to May 2022, this community lacked a collaborative response from the mandated investigators responsible for managing these cases.

In response to a sharp increase in child abuse cases and a realization there was a better way to respond and intervene with victims of child abuse, the Child Advocacy Center at Isaiah's Place was formed. The CAC ensures children in Miami County receive prompt and specialized services when there are allegations of abuse. The CAC offers a neutral and safe environment where children come to be interviewed one time by a specially trained forensic interviewer and receive services to help begin the healing process.

Falling under the non-profit umbrella of Isaiah's Place, the Child Advocacy Center is a collaboration between:

- Miami County CPS
- Miami County Prosecutor's Office
- Victim Witness
- Miami County Sheriff's Department
- Troy Police Department
- Piqua Police Department
- Tipp City Police Department
- Covington Police Department
- West Milton Police Department
- Dayton Children's Hospital Division of Child Advocacy
- Child serving mental health providers in Miami County

Program Highlights

141

Children Served

1

Full-Time
Therapist Hired

450+

School Personnel
Trained in Child
Abuse Recognition



“

Louise was extremely organized and came with good suggestions to use with my preteens.

”

A Family Coaching Client

Family Coaching

In the Fall of 2023, we were able to launch a new prevention program aimed at family preservation, family coaching. Through our partnership with the Miami County Family and Children First Council, we are connected with families whose children are at risk for removal.

Our Family Coach works with parents and children to promote the well-being and stability of the family by providing in-home, practical parenting development and education aimed at families who are in or near crisis. In the last couple months of 2023, we were able to serve 8 families, and we're looking forward to working with many more in 2024.

Program Services



In-Home
Parenting



Budgeting



Family
Support



Keeping a
Safe Environment



Resource
Referral

Board of Directors

Michael Cargill, Board President

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