

**Atlanta
Children's
Day Shelter**

2023

**Annual
Report**

To our dedicated community of supporters...



I am thrilled to present our 2023 Annual Report. In July 2023, I began my first year as Executive Director, and I am deeply honored to lead an organization comprised of hardworking clients, dedicated staff, and steadfast supporters. Saying I feel blessed is an understatement. With our community's support, we achieved so much, and I hope this report fully captures our accomplishments.

Over the past 38 years, Atlanta Children’s Day Shelter has centered families facing homelessness. Each day, our staff works alongside our families, helping them to reach self-sufficiency—to build the life they desire.

In August 2023, we began our first ever Strategic Planning process. Through this process, we’ve reflected on those 38 years, leveraging our legacy as a cornerstone to building our vision of the future. As an organization, we wanted to look ahead and revive our vision for what could be with our past serving as a guide. On this foundation, we laid our new vision of **an Atlanta where homelessness is defeated and every child has a safe and nurturing home**. To achieve this vision, our board and staff shared the aspiration to bring clarity to our brand and two-generation approach.

Each pillar of our Strategic Plan seeks this clarity. First and foremost, we will pursue family self-sufficiency. As an organization, we are committed to building programs to not only serve more, but to serve better. For our parents, we will continue to ask ourselves: how can we provide increased wraparound support? How can we empower families to construct self-supporting environments—environments where they, not their circumstances, are the architects of their lives?



For our students, we will embrace innovation, asking, “How can we offer inventive, holistic support that engages our families and community?” And lastly, for ourselves, we will ask how can we emulate organizational excellence at every turn? How can we diversify and grow our funding as a keystone to our legacy for the next 38 years? How can our brand offer a window into our mission?

Cameron gives a tour of the Shelter to Dr. Bijal Shah of Grady Hospital and her husband, Doug Shipman, Atlanta City Council President



With our brand in mind, I am proud to announce that we are now the Atlanta Children's Day Shelter with a logo which mirrors our two-generation model with its two gears. Just like families, gears all work at once- you can't turn one gear without turning the other, and when one of those gears can't turn, neither can the other. Additionally, the joy in this logo exemplifies the joy of togetherness found in family—a joy we wholeheartedly believe in.

With this joy, we thank you, our family of supporters, for walking alongside us for so many years and for your continued attentiveness to the children and families we serve. I am inspired by each and every parent that enter our doors and their tenacity to provide their children with a hopeful future. They are counting on us, and I'm so thankful that we can count on you.



With heartfelt gratitude,

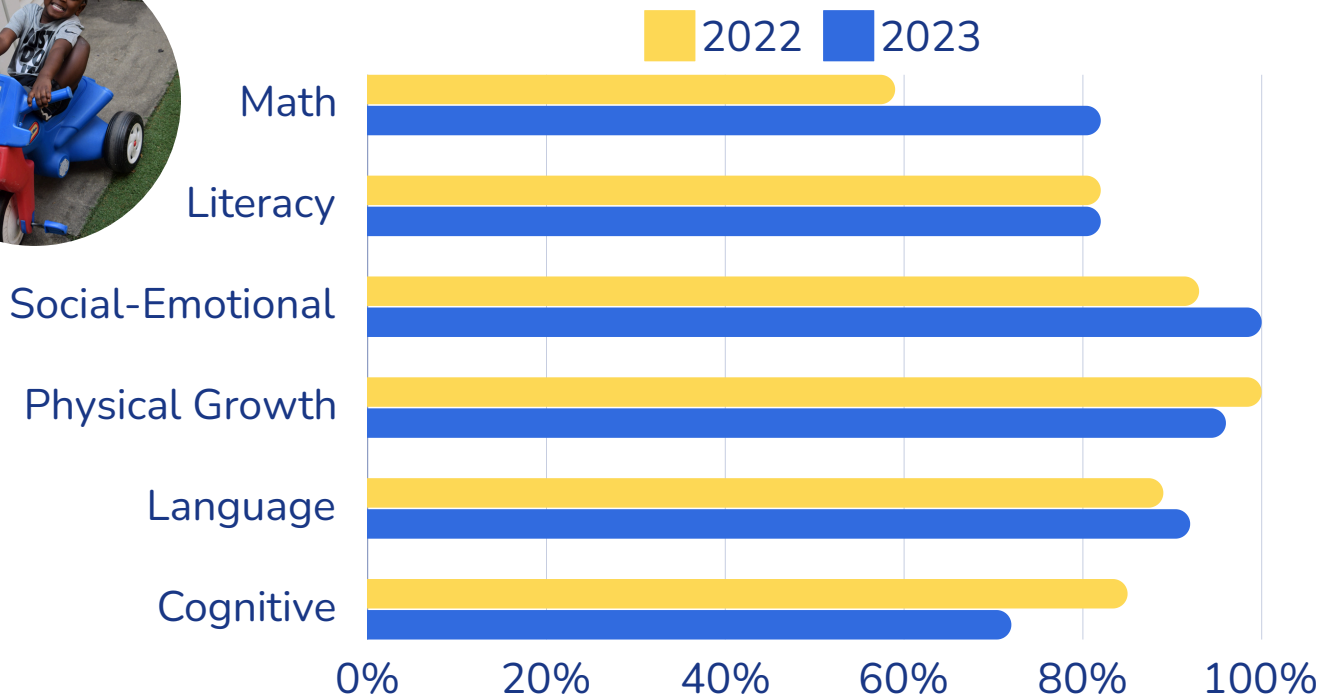
Handwritten signature of Cameron Turner in blue ink.

Cameron Turner
Executive Director

2023 ^{by the} Numbers

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Developmental Milestones

In 2023, thanks to the hard work of our staff, parents, and students, our Early Childhood Education program improved in five out of six developmental milestone categories!



Other Early Childhood Education Data

53

children served

22,000+

Meals and snacks served



127

Play therapy sessions delivered

208

Speech & Language therapy sessions delivered

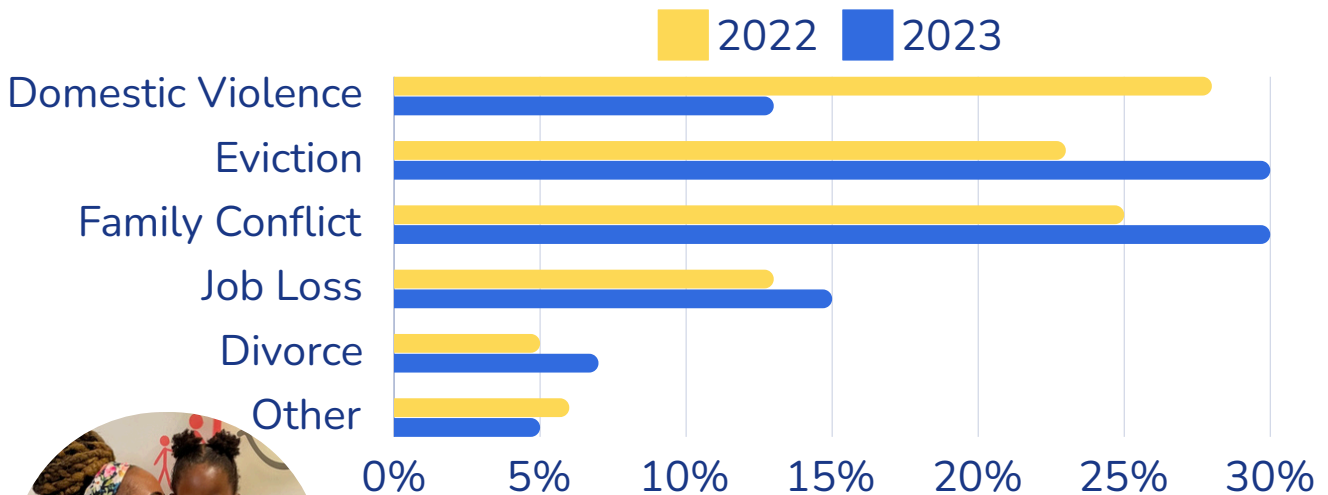
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2023 by the Numbers

Causes of Homelessness Among Our Parents

In 2023, the causes of homelessness among our parents shifted significantly with eviction and family conflict being the highest percentage instead of domestic violence.



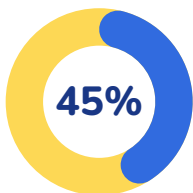
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parents served

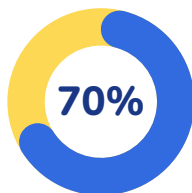
Parent Outcomes

Enrolled Parents

Employed



Housed

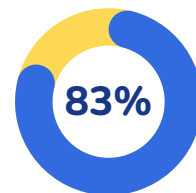


Steps2Success*

Employed



Housed



*Our Steps2Success program supports permanently housed parents whose children have graduated from our Early Childhood Education Program.



of our parents have received 1+ counseling session



of our parents regularly attend counseling sessions



A Year with Early Childhood Education

In June 2023, the ECE Program teamed up with Active Resilience Counseling and Coaching to bring innovative clinical play therapy and parent coaching to our students, boosting our trauma-informed care. Our amazing therapist spent eight hours each week on-site, offering therapy sessions, classroom help, and referrals for extra support. Summer got even better with the return of field trips in our Summer STEAM Academy—our toddlers and preschoolers had a blast visiting



Georgia Aquarium
Field Trip

Legoland, Georgia Aquarium, and Centennial Olympic Park! We're also thrilled to announce that our Quality Rated status was renewed, showing our dedication to top-notch care for Georgia's kids and families. Quality Rated is like getting a gold star for early care, and we're proud to shine bright!



Play Therapy

Meet Kae'loni

Kae'loni is a vocal, energetic student at Atlanta Children's Day Shelter. When her mom picks her up, you can hear her recounting her daily adventures all the way down the hallway. When Kae'loni first came to the Shelter, she hadn't even taken her first steps or said her first words. Since joining the Shelter, Kae'loni has made amazing progress. With the support of our faculty, she's moved from bottles to table food, breezed through potty training, and now loves leading circle time, knowing her numbers, colors, and shapes like a pro. With all this knowledge she gained in our program, Kae'loni will be more than ready to enter Kindergarten in the coming years!

In our nurturing and supportive environment, Kae'loni, like all our students, blossoms — a testament to the power of the love and care that every child so rightly deserves.



Services Kae'loni Receives

- Dance lessons
- Speech and language therapy
- Music therapy
- Atlanta Shakespeare acting lessons
- Physical education classes
- Weekly wellness checks



Looking Ahead with Early Childhood Education

Investing in the Future of Families

Our foundation is strong, and with these exciting enhancements, we're ready to elevate our services to unparalleled heights!

2024

Stabilize our classroom workforce

Stabilizing our classroom workforce will ensure greater continuity of care for children, enhancing student outcomes and fostering stronger engagement with families. Classes like Kae'loni's will thrive with consistent, dedicated teachers who build meaningful relationships with students and parents.



Kae'loni with her 2023 Toddler 2 classmates

2025

Explore Pre-K options

By splitting our preschool class into tailored groups for threes, fours, and Pre-K, we can provide exceptional age-appropriate instruction, preparing each child perfectly for their next educational step. Students like Kae'loni, currently in a mixed-age class, will benefit tremendously from focused, tailored instruction, ensuring she excels when she enters Pre-K.

2025

Expand parent coaching and behavioral therapy options.

Our play therapists already offer up to 8 hours of impactful clinical therapy and parent coaching weekly, and expanding these services means reaching and helping even more children.

Summer 2026

Expand year-round afterschool and summer camp options.

Though we currently have limited aftercare and summer care spots, imagine the possibilities when we expand these options—more opportunities for our clients, greater flexibility for employment, and significantly reduced childcare barriers.



Kae'loni working with paint in a classroom activity

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Ms. Adrian with some of our 2023 Infant class



A Year with Family Services

“I wish people understood that being in this type of situation shouldn’t define you.”

Meet Sonya!

Sonya, Kae’loni’s mom, is thriving just like her daughter! She's utilized several services including our HireUp employment program, free counseling, case management, and financial education. Working with Sonya is a joy; she's focused on improving life for herself and her daughter, Kae’loni! Driven and direct, she faces challenges by discussing concerns and planning solutions. Through the Day Shelter’s HireUp program, Sonya transitioned from intern to permanent employee at LeasePlan, a fleet management company, and now lives independently, managing her rent without any subsidy. With all her hard work, Sonya is well on the way to achieving self-sufficiency!



In 2023...

We added an adult mental health therapist from Active Resilience Counseling and Coaching, empowering our clients with clinical therapy to address past traumas and other concerns. This service empowers parents like Sonya to care for themselves and their mental health.

In helping parents achieve self-sufficiency, we supported our clients in securing permanent housing extremely well, exemplified by 70% of our families being permanently housed. Additionally, our HireUp Employment Program thrived with guest speakers offering fresh job insights.

Finally, we've rebranded the Aftercare Program to Steps2Success (S2S)! This new name highlights our mission to guide families toward self-sufficiency and success, making it clear we're all about helping families thrive.

Looking Ahead with Family Services

Investing in the Future of Families

Ebonee and her daughter, Genevieve! Ebonee participates in our continuing education program

Strategic Goals

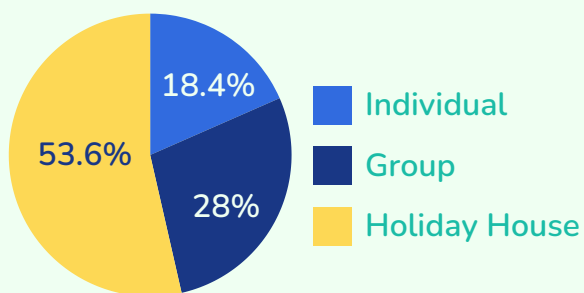


Our goals focus on boosting resources and streamlining access for clients to overcome housing and employment barriers. With Hire-Up sessions, job hunting help, continuing education, financial advice, and life skills training, clients get comprehensive support. We also prioritize mental and physical health services and ensure reliable transportation through expanded public and private partnerships. Our vision for all-in-one support

turns challenges into stepping stones, empowering our community to overcome homelessness together. Defining and expanding this model will pave the way to a brighter, more independent future for parents like Sonya.

Volunteerism

1,792
volunteer hours



382
total volunteers

52
volunteer groups

10+
ways to volunteer



Toysia Mann and BCD Travels with the backpacks they made for our annual backpack drive!



Dedicated supporter, Laura Redman, brought her friends together to sponsor a classroom!



Lynn Patrick and her friends from Capital Group at their volunteer day



Susan & Diane, two invaluable long term volunteers

Holiday House

This year, we couldn't have accomplished our annual Holiday House without our amazing supporters! With your support, we served 228 families including 709 children. We were able to provide these families facing homelessness with free toys, clothing, household supplies, and various gifts. Not only did our supporters provide all the gifts and sponsor the event, they also got together with over 300 friends to help with setup/breakdown, meals, toy sorting, gift wrapping, and personal shoppers. In total, our volunteers spent 960 hours making sure that families had the incredible holiday experience they deserve!



A volunteer assisting a client in the marketplace



Two donors dropping off a plethora of toys



Liliana Bakhtiari and Byron Amos present Cameron Turner with the Atlanta City Council's sponsorship

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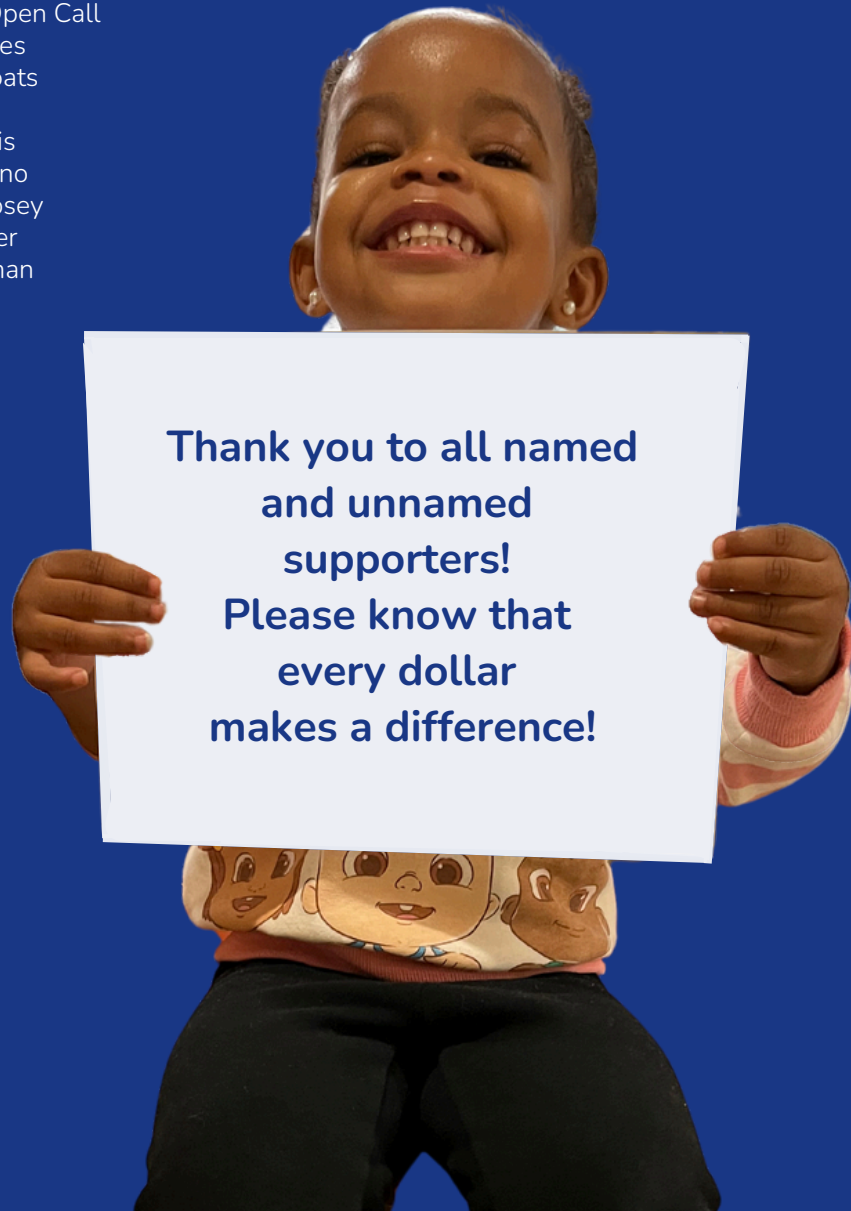
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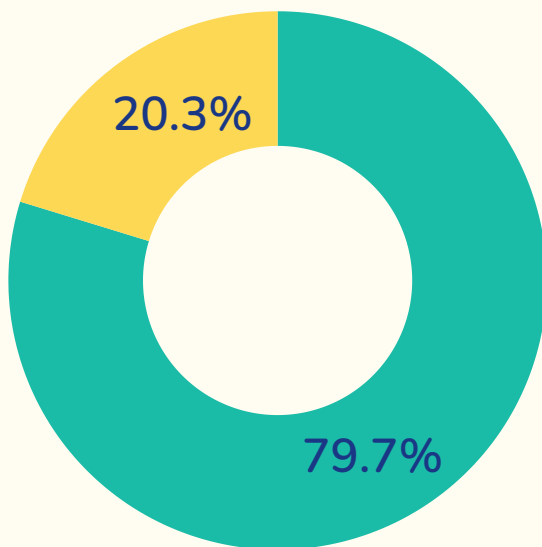


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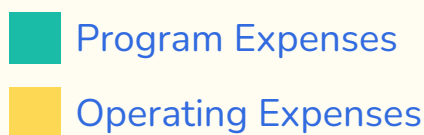
Our Financial Standing

Selected Comparative Financial Information*
Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

Revenue	2023	2022
Contributions & Grants	\$1,275,930	\$1,663,646
Special events, net of related expenses	456,432	541,155
Contributions of non-financial assets	193,523	193,848
Interest income	3,721	817
Investment income (loss), net	427,660	(426,931)
Loss on disposal of property	(12,423)	
Other income	501	
Total Revenue	\$2,345,344	\$1,972,535
Expenses		
Program Services	\$1,828,439	\$1,540,809
Management and General	177,623	199,849
Fundraising	287,213	254,354
Total Expenses	\$2,293,275	\$1,995,012
Increase/(Decrease) in Assets	\$52,069	(\$22,477)



Expenses by Percentage



KBP Brands and our board member, Dwayne McIntyre, present Cameron Turner and Aseelah Williams with the proceeds from their biannual coupon book fundraiser!

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Our Financial Standing

Revenue Sources

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Selected Comparative Financial Information* Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

Assets	12/31/2023	12/31/2022
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$680,676	\$1,322,650
Contributions receivable	161,669	138,301
Grants Receivable		
Prepaid expenses	4,001	18,809
Net Property and Equipment	513,413	570,211
Operating lease right-of-use assets, net	15,397	
Investment Securities	4,718,947	3,986,975
Total Assets	\$6,094,103	\$6,036,946
Total Liabilities (All Current)	\$66,981	\$61,893
Net Assets		
Without donor restrictions	\$5,815,043	\$5,752,578
With donor restrictions	212,079	222,475
Total Net Assets	\$6,027,122	\$5,975,053
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$6,094,103	\$6,036,946

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