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**The Refuge Center**  
PREGNANCY, FAMILY, & EDUCATION  
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Conyers, GA 30094

[RefugeConyers.org](http://RefugeConyers.org)



**2023**  
REPORT

Dear friends,

I started volunteering for Refuge in October 2000. The first conference that I attended for pregnancy centers was in 2001. At the Conference we were given a plaque with the prayer of Jabez engraved on it. It's a very simple prayer. "And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying. 'Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain.' So, God granted him what he requested." (1 Chronicles 4:10)

I didn't know at the time how important that prayer would be for this ministry. Around 2004 God showed me a vision of growth for Refuge. I made a list of everything that I thought God was wanting us to offer our clients. It was a lot! He opened my eyes to see the great need throughout our community.

I took my ideas to the Director at the time, and she said, "Angela that's too big we will never be able to have that much money to do all those services". But I carried that dream in my heart for a long time. In 2016, when I was blessed to be named the Executive Director, I finally understood what she meant. At times, we barely scraped by to pay the staff, and many times we didn't have enough funds to pay our utilities. That is when I began to pray the prayer of Jabez for our ministry.

"Oh, that You would bless Refuge indeed, and enlarge our territory, that Your hand would be with us, and that You would keep us from evil, that we may not cause pain."

As we close out 2023, and begin our 40th year of ministry in 2024, I have to take time to look back in awe of how far we have traveled. Oh He has blessed us indeed! We are on the edge of moving to a new physical space. While that space is not that much larger, our territory will be enlarged. Through the collaboration and partnerships with Restoration Storehouse we will be able to provide more assistance to the families that seek help at Refuge.

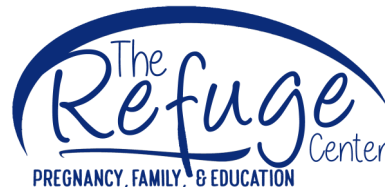
Our hope is to see the fulfillment of the Lord's plans for this ministry. As He provides in His timing, we hope to add these services in the future: STI Testing, Abortion Pill Reversal, Maternity Home for homeless clients, Pre-natal Care, and free Women's Wellness check ups.

I know these are lofty goals. But nothing is impossible with God! So as we move forward into the fifth decade of this ministry, we ask you to continue to pray for the Lord's guidance and provision for Refuge. We place our hope in the stirring of Holy Spirit in our community. We have been blessed with some fantastic and generous friends and partners over the years. We will need many more. In order to reach the vision that has been set before us it will take many hands at the plow...volunteers, skilled staff, and financial resources to fund the services.

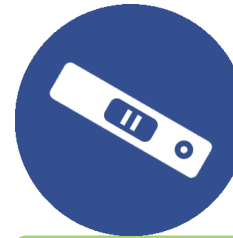
Thank you friends for all that you have generously provided for the families in our community through Refuge. We will continue to pray for you and your family as you pray for ours!

In His service,

Angela  
Angela Worthey  
Executive Director  
The Refuge Center



# 2023 IMPACT



**514** Pregnancy Tests Given



**267** Ultrasounds Performed



**315** Babies Born to Refuge Moms



**918** Visits from Families Needing

Childcare Items



**705** Prayers with Clients &

Faith Encouraged

**2,966** Lessons Provided



to **123** Parents



**57** Abortion Vulnerable Mothers

Chose **LIFE** for their Unborn Child!

And **3** Adoptions!

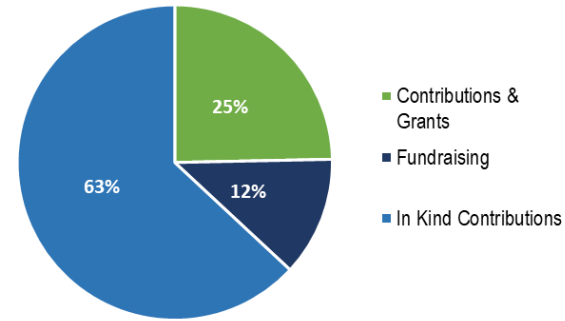
65% Save rate of Abortion possible pregnancies

# 2023 NEEDS MET

This past year it has become apparent that the downturn in the economy is impacting young families particularly hard. We have seen the number of families seeking assistance increase significantly. As prices of basic goods rise the dollars stretch less. We saw a record 918 client visits for material needs in 2023. Refuge is so thankful for our generous supporters that have provided an abundance of baby items to help our clients. We couldn't do it without you!



**2023 Income \$547,852**  
 Monetary \$207,265 / In-Kind \$340,587



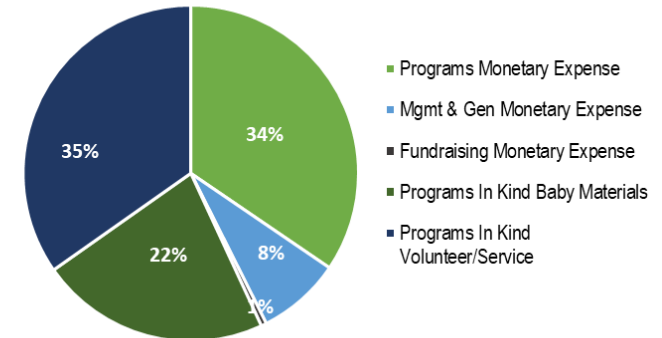
**843** individual families, churches, businesses, and organizations made financial donations in 2023. Of those, **386** donors have given multiple times this past year and provided much needed stability to the ministry's finances.



## 2023 Operation Expenses

Monetary \$254,757 / In Kind \$340,587

*81 cents* of every Dollar goes directly to *Client Services!*



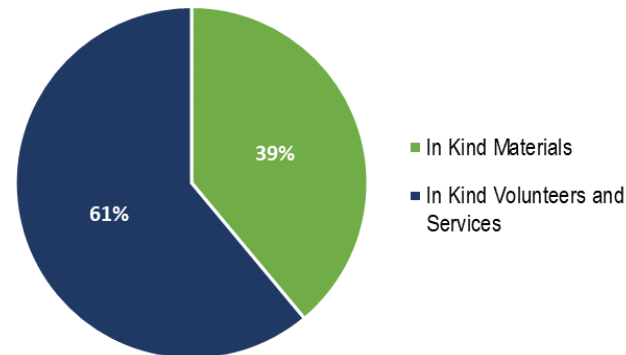
## Practical PARENTING Producing Solutions

74% of women who consider abortion state that financial concerns are the main reason for doing so.

The parenting classes offered by The Refuge Center are making a significant impact in our community. Mothers and fathers are learning valuable parenting and life skills through a convenient on-line curriculum developed by Brightcourse. In recent years, we have seen an explosion in the desire for Earn While You Learn parenting classes. In 2017 we provided 194 lessons to parents in house. That number has tremendously increased. In 2023 we provided a record 2,966 lessons to parents seeking education for Practical Parenting. Mothers and Fathers have over 200 lessons to choose from. Thank you for your support. We could not provide this valuable service without you!

## 2023 In Kind Contributions

Value \$340,587



**48** wonderful, sweet spirited volunteers have provided an average of **132** hours per week in 2023. This equals **6,864** unpaid man hours given by our community. In addition, **\$132,647** was donated in the form of materials and supplies.

# Changing Lives

## ONE BOTTLE AT A TIME

The annual Baby Bottle Campaign is our main community fundraiser that we hold each year. We strive to make it as simple as possible for all who are involved. On average this fundraiser provides 25-35% percent of our operating budget each year.

The coins, bills, checks, and on-line donations literally keep our lights on and our doors open! No amount is too small and no heartfelt donation is too big! :) Thank you for your generous support!

**A BIG SHOUT OUT to all of our Baby Bottle Heroes!**  
So many people step up to administrate this fundraiser each year. Thank You! XOXO

Funds Raised  
**\$64,536.00**  
-\$10,270 from 2022  
Bottles Distributed

**2,156**  
-159 from 2022  
Churches/Orgs.  
Contributing



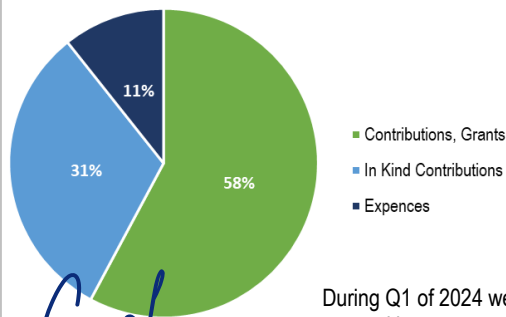
That's an  
AVERAGE of  
**\$29.93/BOTTLE!**  
-\$2.38 from 2022

# FORWARD

## Together →

Throughout 2023, your support has been unwavering. As we move into our 40th year in ministry, we will be moving into our new office suite on the Restoration Storehouse campus. We are very excited to be heading into our own little promised land! We cannot wait to see how the Lord will bless those who enter in our doors. Please continue to pray that God's hand will be on this project and He will continue to provide what is necessary in His timing. If you want to know more details, please visit [RefugeConyers.org/forwardtogether](http://RefugeConyers.org/forwardtogether)

### 2023 Capital Campaign



Goal Reached!

During Q1 of 2024 we moved into our new space. (Woo Hoo!) That is why this report is little late.

# CLIENT REVIEWS OF 2023

★★★★★ Rated 4.75 out of 5 by Clients in 2023

"The women in your office are excellent and were very easy to talk to about our problems. Thank you!"

Client #4195

"What I liked best about my U/S visit was that the Nurse explained everything and answered my questions. All the staff was wonderful."

(Initially Undecided-Chose Life!) Client #13030

"They are amazing. There is absolutely nothing bad you can say about the services and support they offer. They are always so welcoming, so sweet and they will pray with you which I love that and appreciate so much."

Verified Google Review



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"They are super friendly, helpful, and professional!"

Client #12918



"What I liked best about my U/S visit was that I was excited to see the baby."  
(Initially Undecided-Chose Life!) Client # 12737

"Everyone was so nice and you actually sat and listened to me. That's helped me feel so much better considering all I've been through. The lady I met with was such an angel I'm blessed to have met her yesterday, also thanks for the items that I received."

Client #1024

"I loved the support and happiness each person showed, and prayer received. You guys are doing a great job! Keep up the work!"

Client #12961

"The lady who assisted me was amazing and so kind and they helped me get everything I needed. I want to be able to give back to this program as soon as I can due to their kindness. God bless!"

Client #12783

"I was treated very respectfully and the customer service was great from phone calls to in person meetings everything was explained to me properly and the prayers was much needed."

Client #13490

