



Advocates
for **Children**

2021

ANNUAL REPORT





DEAR FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS,

In 2021, our world continued to be filled with uncertainties and questions associated with Covid 19 and its variants, and its impact was felt in every area of our lives and businesses. Despite these challenges, Advocates for Children continued our mission of helping the children and families of our communities navigate these uncertain times. In 2021, our services in general increased approximately 10%, with our Children's Advocacy Center seeing an astonishing increase of 25%. Our services were needed and sought by many, and we worked hard to meet that need. As a response, we added the "Supporting Kids on the Road to Excellence" (SKORE) program, a court diversion program. We also expanded our first-rate CASA program into Gordon County to serve the entire Cherokee Judicial Circuit, becoming CASA of Northwest Georgia. Finally, the community and our partners stepped up with increased giving over the previous year. We would not have been able to achieve these successes without the support of our volunteers, donors, and partners. We are so thankful for each one of you, helping us serve the children of our community and growing hope out of hurt.

Faithfully,

Rachel Castillo

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2021 IMPACT


Thanks to the generous commitment of our community, we achieved the following outcomes:



14,585 children, youth and adults were served through our comprehensive programs




111 people housed through residential service programs




228 children achieving permanency through CASA




10,201 safe nights of rest provided



479 forensic interviews conducted to investigate reports of child abuse and sexual abuses.



85% of FBCS residents reported passing grades at progress report times.



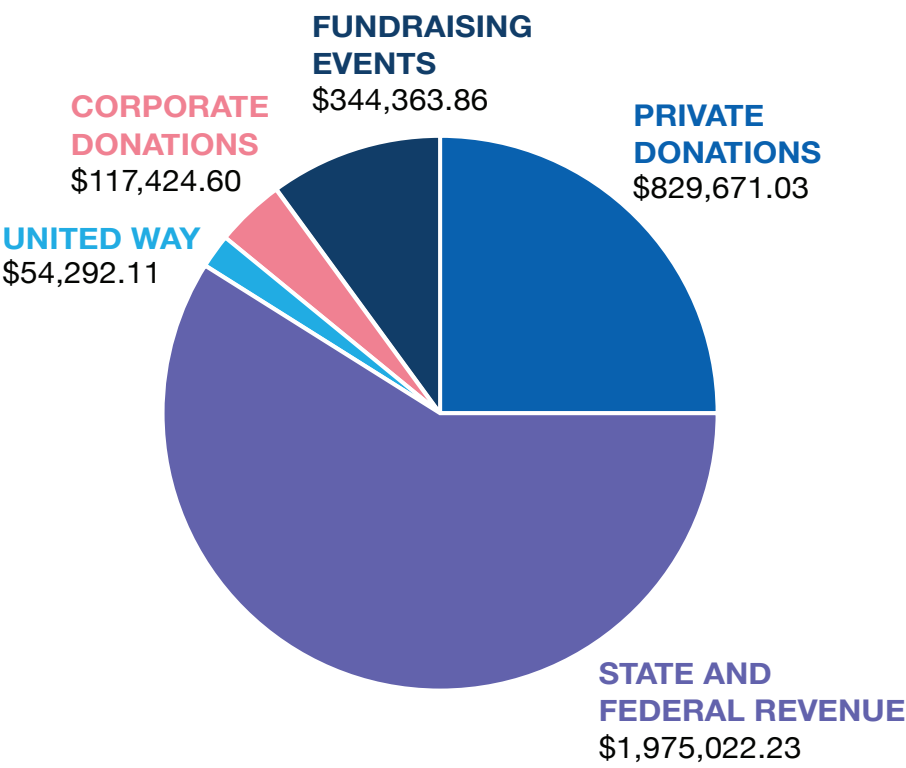
Volunteers served **5,939** hours valued at more than **\$158,987**



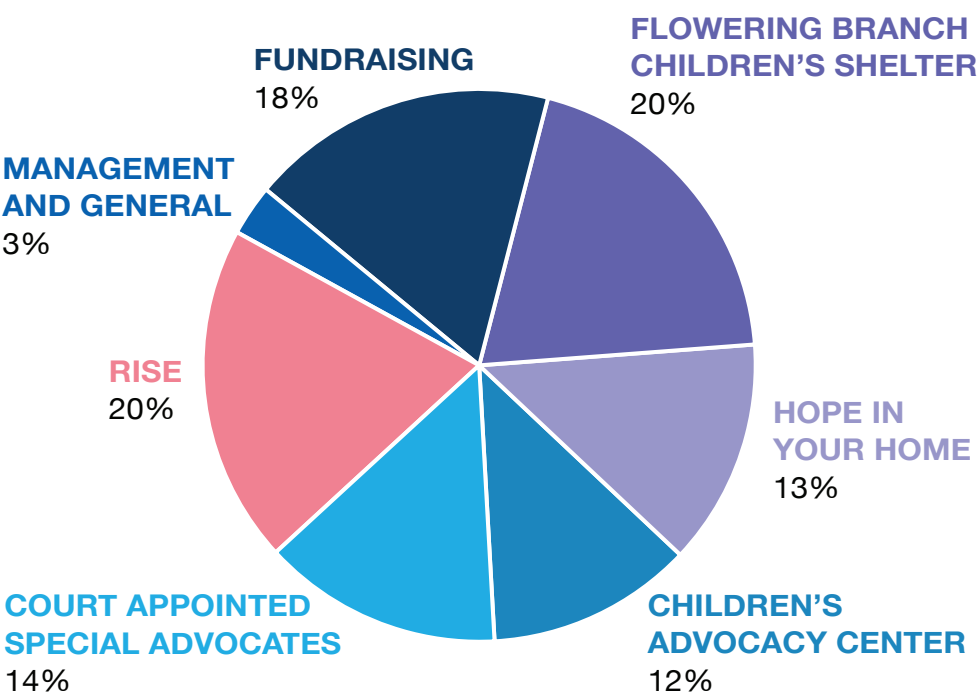
572 new mothers received support & resources

2021 FINANCES

OPERATING REVENUE \$3,320,773.83



OPERATING EXPENSES ALLOCATION



SUCCESS STORIES

POSITIVE PARENTING IS PREVENTION

"I have a teenage son who is 16 years old. When we first enrolled with Hope in Your Home, we had a very hard time communicating with him. We have seen success when validating our teens feelings and responses. We also stop and contemplate how we feel before we respond. It's been a very positive program for our family."

-K.D. (HIYH Client)

INSTANT FAMILY OF 8

"As a CASA, I had a case where five brothers & sisters entered into the foster care system. It's extremely difficult to find homes that are willing and able to accommodate five kids at once. Over the course of the case, we worked hard to make sure our siblings would get to see one another. When it became clear that the kids wouldn't be able to safely return to their birth family, one of the foster families made a soul-searching decision and decided to open their home to all five of the children and become an adoptive home. After having been separated for nearly a year, the siblings were reunited and joined with their new family. In 2021, the adoptions were finalized for all five children."

-D.L. (CASA Volunteer)



PROGRAMS



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VISION Every family in our community is building a life where they are safe, thriving, and loved.

MISSION Strengthening our community through education, advocacy, and prevention, empowering families to be free from child abuse.

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