

*Canopy Center*

Child Abuse Treatment & Prevention

# ANNUAL REPORT

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# ABOUT US

At Canopy Center, we believe every child deserves to feel safe, supported, and heard. For more than 45 years, we have walked alongside children and families in Dane County and beyond, to break cycles of abuse, foster resilience, and open pathways to healing. While that has looked different throughout the years - adapting to the changing needs of children and families in our communities - today, we carry out this mission through three core programs.

We are the sole provider of [Court Appointed Special Advocate \(CASA\)](#) services in Dane and Columbia Counties - the only program permitted in the courtroom for Child in Need of Protection or Services cases. Through CASA, we recruit, train, and support volunteers that advocate for children who have experienced abuse/neglect, and we walk alongside teens as they transition out of the child welfare system.

We continue to hold the contract with Dane County Human Services to provide [supervised visitation](#). Our services are provided on evenings and weekends, ensuring parents can maintain employment and children can stay in school, while preserving critical family connections and developing healthy parent-child relationships.

In addition, Canopy Center operates the only no-cost [mental health clinic](#) for children and youth who have experienced sexual abuse in south central Wisconsin. Here, cost and insurance are never barriers to healing.

Together, these programs form a canopy of care – protecting children, supporting families, and strengthening our community.



# A LETTER FROM OUR **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



When I reflect on Canopy Center's work this past year, one word stands out: together. None of this was possible because of one program or one advocate - it happened because a community came together to keep children safe, supported, and believed.

In 2024, we faced a major challenge: [cuts to our largest funding source](#), the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). These changes left us with over \$400,000 less each year, about 35% of our budget. The impact of these cuts will be long lasting.

But thanks to you, we were not alone in facing this challenge. You showed up at events, gave generously, advocated on our behalf, and helped us pursue new revenue streams. Your support softened the immediate blow and reminded us that our work matters.

As we enter 2025, difficult decisions remain. Yet we are committed to every child and family who turns to us - for stability, for healing, for hope. Behind every number in a report or on a chart is a real person: a child learning to trust again: a caregiver being supported with the tools needed to restore stability, a family finding safer ways to connect.

Because of you, these stories of resilience were possible. Thank you for believing in this work.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Meaghan Henry'.

Meaghan Henry  
Executive Director

Read more about  
VOCA cuts here:



**IMPACT**

**269**

**CHILDREN & YOUTH SUPPORTED**

**\$683,020**

**IN DONATIONS TO SUPPORT CHILDREN &  
YOUTH IMPACTED BY TRAUMA AND ADVERSITY**



# 4,390

## SERVICE HOURS

Many of the children and families we serve receive services over the course of a year, or more. For them, Canopy Center is consistency, a safe place and hope for the future.

At Canopy Center, we understand that trauma doesn't adhere to a timeline. On average, we serve children and families for x months.



# 5,144

## VOLUNTEER HOURS

With services offered 14 hours a day, every day of the year, we rely on volunteers to advocate for children, support safe family interactions, provide child care and so much more.

Read about some of our most incredible 2024 volunteers, in our newsletter archives! Check out [June](#), [July](#) and [September](#):





# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## EXECUTIVE TEAM

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# LEADERSHIP

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Executive Director

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**Sarah Berndt**  
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**Cheri Dvorak**  
CASA of Dane & Columbia  
Counties Program Director

**Emmy Lita**  
Parent to Child Program Director

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## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to help strengthen families and support children, teens and adults impacted by trauma and adversity.

## OUR BELIEFS

- Every person has worth, dignity and potential for growth.
- Every person is unique and deserves to have a voice in identifying and addressing their needs.
- Every person needs positive social connections to fully develop their sense of self and community.



# CANOPY CIRCLE

## MONTHLY GIVING

Bryce Baker  
Tracy Bartelt  
Donna Fox  
Michelle Georgeson  
Sue Hughes

Sarah Kloepper  
Orange Tree Imports  
Kristin Pille  
Jill Aruguete Siewert

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# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

## BUSINESSES, FOUNDATIONS & GRANTORS

100 Men of Dane County  
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Amanti Art  
American Family Insurance  
Aneu Med Spa  
Anthology  
Argus Bar and Grill  
Arkable Divorce Strategy  
Banzo  
Baraboo State Bank  
Bartaco  
Beef Butter BBQ  
Benvenuto's  
Best Western Plus Inn Tower Madison  
Bishops Bay Country Club

Blau Family Chiropractic  
Boulders Climbing Gym  
Burn Boot Camp  
Butter Cream Bakery & Coffee Bar  
Cafe Calamari  
Cafe Hollander  
Cave of the Mounds National Natural Landmark  
Chicago Improv  
Chick-fil-A  
Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream  
Circus World Museum  
Clubhouse at Saddle Ridge  
Comedy Club on State  
Community Bank of Portage/Bank of Wisconsin Dells



# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

## BUSINESSES, FOUNDATIONS & GRANTORS

Como Friends  
Crawford Oil and Propane  
Creek Bed Country Farmacy  
Crestwood Cheesecakes  
Culver's (Columbus)  
D&S Bait, Tackle, and Fly Shop  
Dane County Clerk of Courts  
Dane County Department of Health  
& Human Services  
Dexter's Pub  
Diventures  
Drexel Building Supply  
E.K. Machine Co., LLC  
Edward C and June M Lenz Charitable  
Foundation  
ElderSpan Management, LLC  
Enbridge  
Enchanted Farms  
Epic Charitable Fund  
Escapade Salon  
Federated Youth Foundation, Inc. - Willy Street  
Co-op  
Festival Foods  
Float Madison  
Fontana Sports  
Food Fight Restaurant Group  
Forever Yours Jewelry  
Forward Madison FC  
Fuhrman and Dodge, S.C.  
Give Back Foundation  
Goodman Jewelers  
Grande Cheese Company  
Great Dane Pub and Brewing Co

Greek Spirit, Inc.  
Green Bay Packers, Inc.  
Harbor Shores on Lake Geneva  
Hart-Prins Charitable Fund/Audrey Prins  
Harvest Moon Pond  
Henry Vilas Zoo  
Hupy and Abraham  
Ian's Pizza  
I'm Board Games and Family Fun  
IncredibleBank  
Jet Room  
Jimmy Johns  
John J Frautschi Family Foundation  
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Junky Janko  
Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation  
Karma Children's Foundation, Inc.  
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Kneaded Relief  
Krista Zinda Photography  
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Legacy Academy  
LIFT Consulting  
Little Italy Portage  
Longtable Beer Cafe  
Lucky Dog Daycare  
Lush  
M3 Insurance Foundation, Inc.



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## BUSINESSES, FOUNDATIONS & GRANTORS

M3 Insurance Solutions, Inc.  
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Mad Caps Hockey  
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Madison Boats  
Madison Mallards  
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Madison Sourdough  
Marigold Kitchen  
Milwaukee Art Museum  
Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club  
Milwaukee Public Museum  
Mister Car Wash  
Movin' Shoes  
Mystery to Me  
Navy Pier  
North Star Resource Group  
North Windsor United Methodist Church  
Nothing Bundt Cakes  
Off Broadway Drafthouse  
One Community Bank  
Only In Wisconsin Giving, Inc.  
Otto Bremer Trust  
Overture Center for the Arts  
Palmersheim Dettmann, S.C.  
Panhellenic Association at the University of  
Wisconsin-Madison  
Parthenon Gyros  
Pasture and Plenty  
Patricia J Ruegsegger Family Foundation  
Paul Toepfer Photography  
Pflanz Mendrala Funeral Homes  
PIKE Technologies

Pizza Ranch  
Portage Area United Way  
Portage Furniture  
Portillo's  
Potawatomi Casino Hotel  
Pure Nails  
Raising Cane's  
Renaissance Charitable  
Roaring Fork Restaurant Group - Qdoba  
Roots and Wings Foundation  
Sacred Space  
Safari Lake Geneva  
Salvatore's Tomato Pies  
Sardine  
Sheila Link Agency  
Simply Generosity - Target Circle  
Community Giving  
Sky High Camping Resort  
Spartan Pizza  
Stafford Rosenbaum, LLP  
Studio 88  
Summit Strength & Fitness  
Table Wine  
Tempus AI  
The Bodgery  
The Cynthia Elkins Foundation  
The Evjue Foundation  
The Green Stem Florals and Gifts  
The Law Center  
Tito's Handmade Vodka  
Toppers Pizza  
TruStage  
Turning Point Realty  
Urban Air



# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

## BUSINESSES, FOUNDATIONS & GRANTORS

UW Hospitals & Clinics Authority/UW Medical  
Foundation  
Walmart  
Wegner CPAs  
Wilderness Resort  
Windsor Elementary School

Wines for Humanity  
Wisconsin Department of Justice - Victims of  
Crime Act  
Working Draft Beer Co  
Yola's Cafe

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# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

## INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTERS

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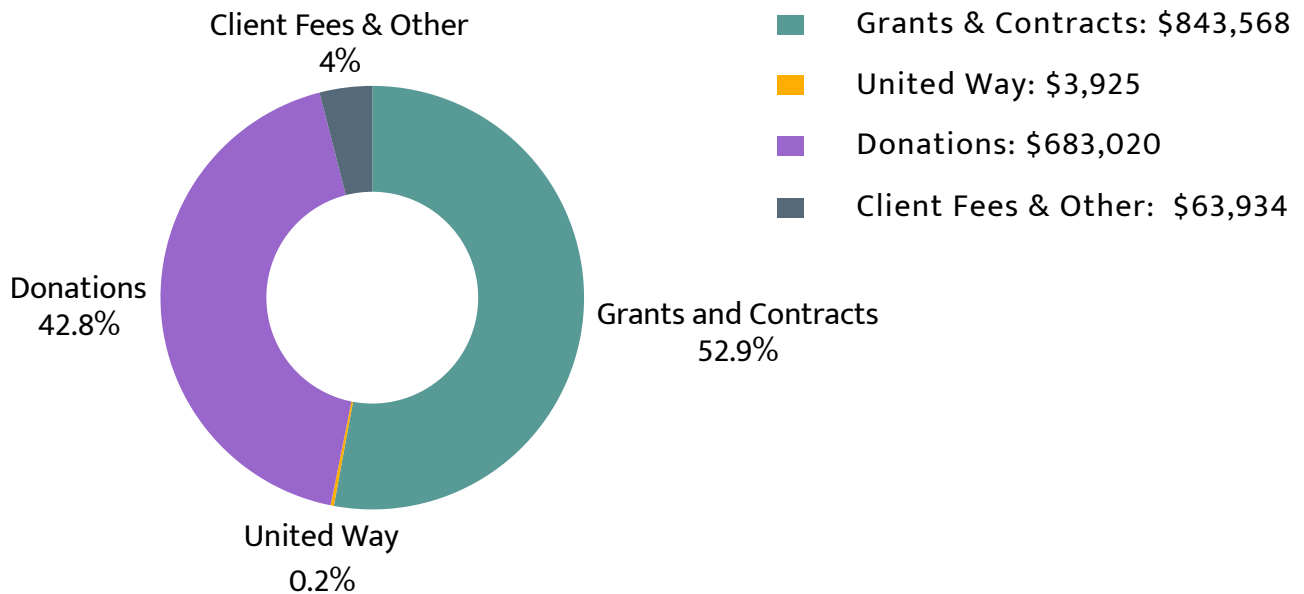
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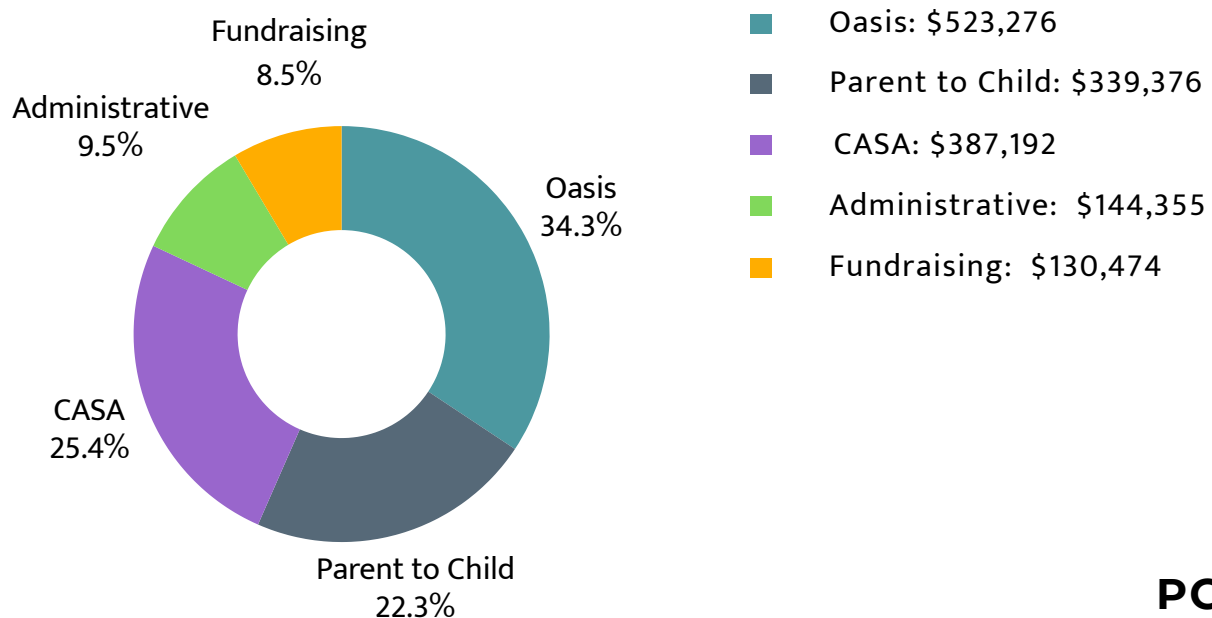
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# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

## SUPPORT & REVENUE



## EXPENSES



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We're on a mission to strengthen families and support those impacted by trauma and adversity.

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