

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.

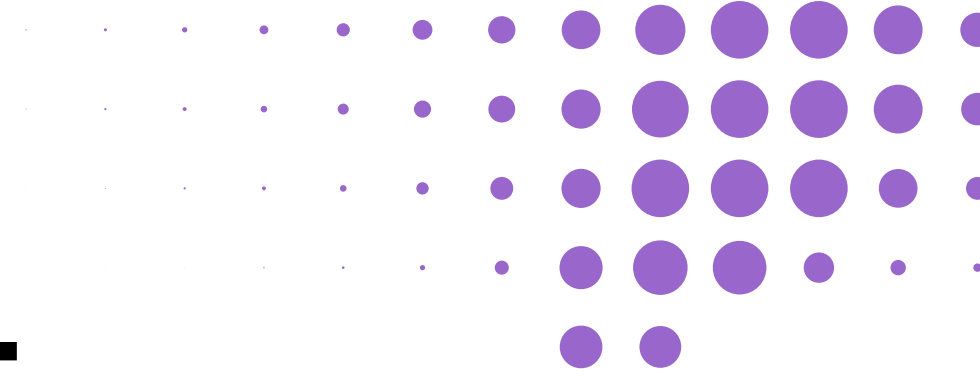
With gratitude,

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

Meaghan Henry
Executive Director

Read more about
VOCA cuts here:





IMPACT

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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. It is not uncommon for us to serve children and families for over a year.



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

Mikaela Powers, President
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Retired Non-Profit Leader

Bonnie MacRitchie, Secretary
WI Department of Corrections

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Palmersheim Dettmann

DIRECTORS

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UW-Madison Department of Psychiatry

Daniel George
Retired Judge

Maggie Huston
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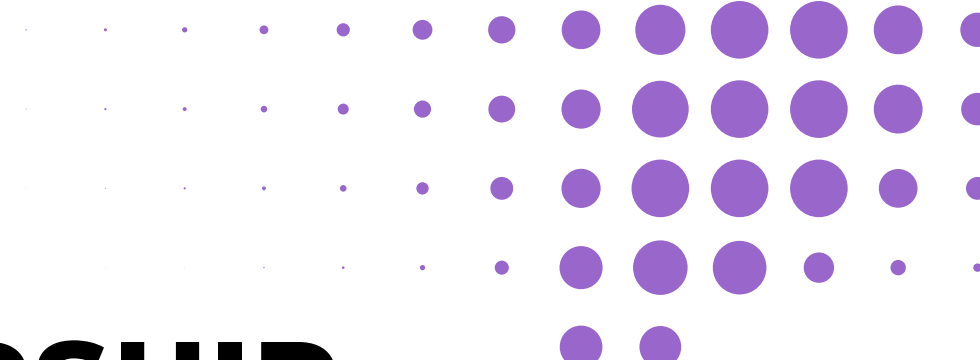
Leigh Mills
WMTV15

Liz Schuster
Schuster Family Law

Austin Streeper
North Star Resource Group

William Tierney
Retired Paramedic

Nancy Winter
The Law Center SC



LEADERSHIP

Meaghan Henry
Executive Director

Marti Ager
Associate Director

Sarah Berndt
Development Director

Cheri Dvorak
CASA of Dane & Columbia
Counties Program Director

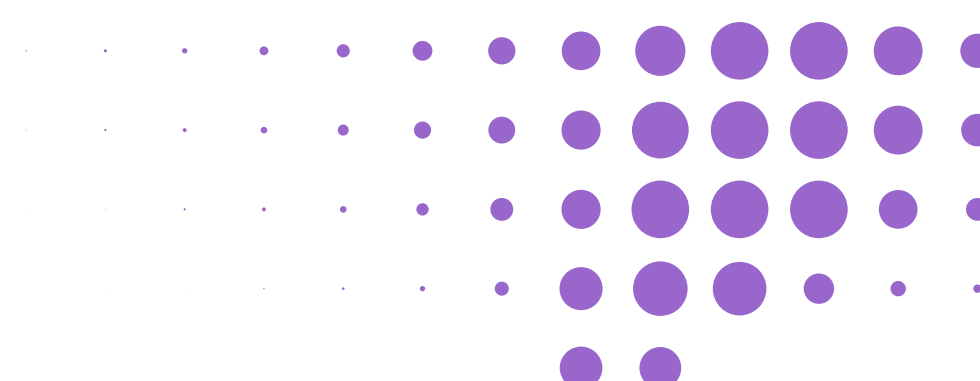
Emmy Lita
Parent to Child Program Director

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

Jill Aruguete Siewert
Bryce Baker
Tracy Bartelt
Donna Fox
Michelle Georgeson

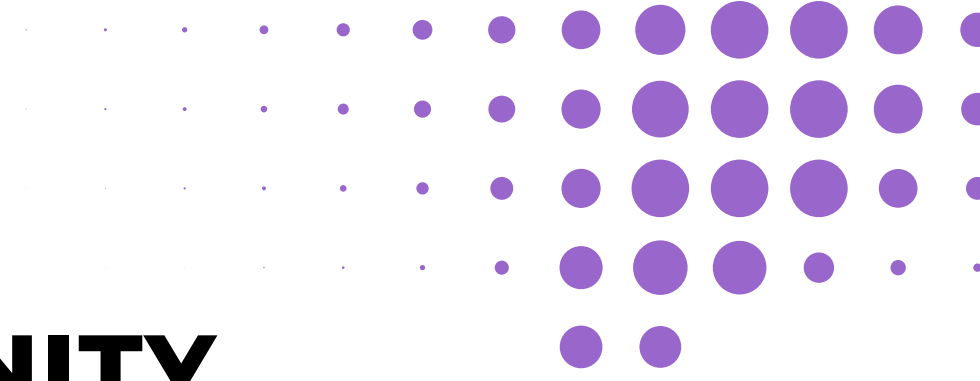
Sue Hughes
Sarah Kloepper
Orange Tree Imports
Kristin Pille

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

BUSINESSES, FOUNDATIONS & GRANTORS

100 Men of Dane County
4Imprint
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
Café 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

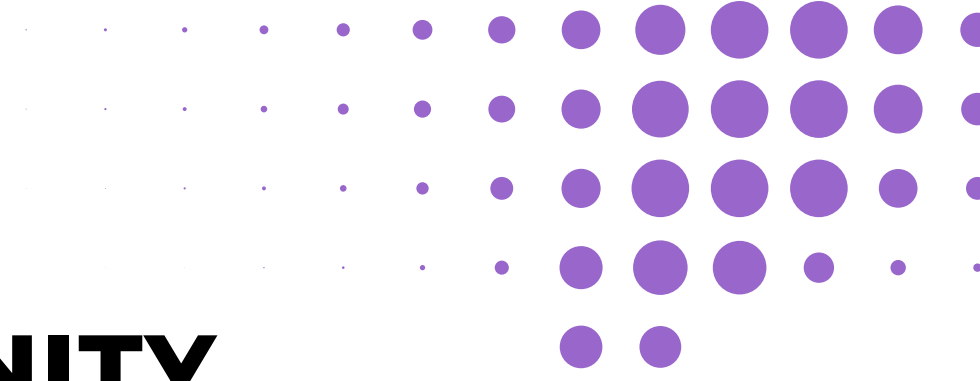


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BUSINESSES, FOUNDATIONS & GRANTORS

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
Festival Foods
Float Madison
Fontana Sports
Food Fight Restaurant Group
Forever Yours Jewelry
Forward Madison FC
Fuhrman & Dodge, S.C.
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
Jimmy Johns
John J Frautschi Family Foundation
Johnson Controls
Junky Janko
Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation
Karma Children's Foundation, Inc.
Kendra Scott
Kiwanis Club of Portage
Kneaded Relief Day Spa & Wellness
Krista Zinda Photography
Kunes Family Foundation
Kwik Trip
L & L Exhibition Management
La Tolteca
Lake Geneva Cruise Line/ GAGE Marine Corp
Legacy Academy
LIFT Consulting
Little Italy Portage
Longtable Beer Cafe
Lucky Dog Daycare
Lush
M3 Insurance Foundation, Inc.

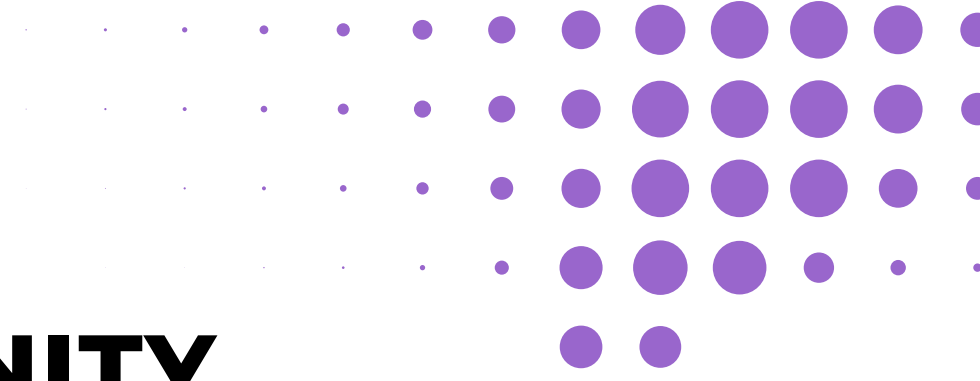


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BUSINESSES, FOUNDATIONS & GRANTORS

M3 Insurance Solutions, Inc.
Machinery Row Bicycles
Mad Caps Hockey
Madison Ballet
Madison Boats
Madison Mallards
Madison Radicals
Madison Rotary Foundation
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.
Orthodontic Specialists of Madison
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 Foundation
Roaring Fork Restaurant Group - Qdoba
Roots & 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
TASC- Give Back Foundation
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
Willy Street Co-op

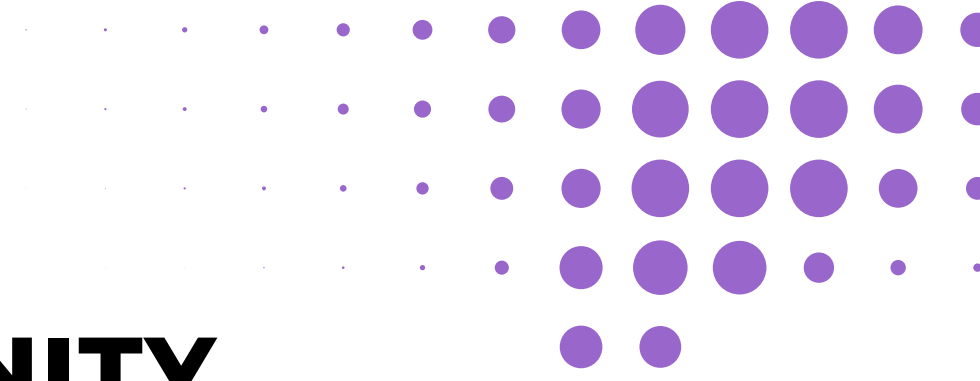
Windsor Elementary School
Wines for Humanity
Wisconsin Department of Justice -
Victims of Crime Act
Working Draft Beer Co
Yola's Cafe

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTERS

Maggy Adams
Kelly Antonson
Fred and Carol Appleton
Jeanne Armstrong
Rustin Becker
Sarah and Shawn Berndt
Inzano Bigane Family
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James and Kathryn Crawford

Emily Cunningham
Faith Dey
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Leslie Elkins
Maureen Flanagan
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Daniel George
Matt Gessner
Kelly Gibson
Dale Gregory



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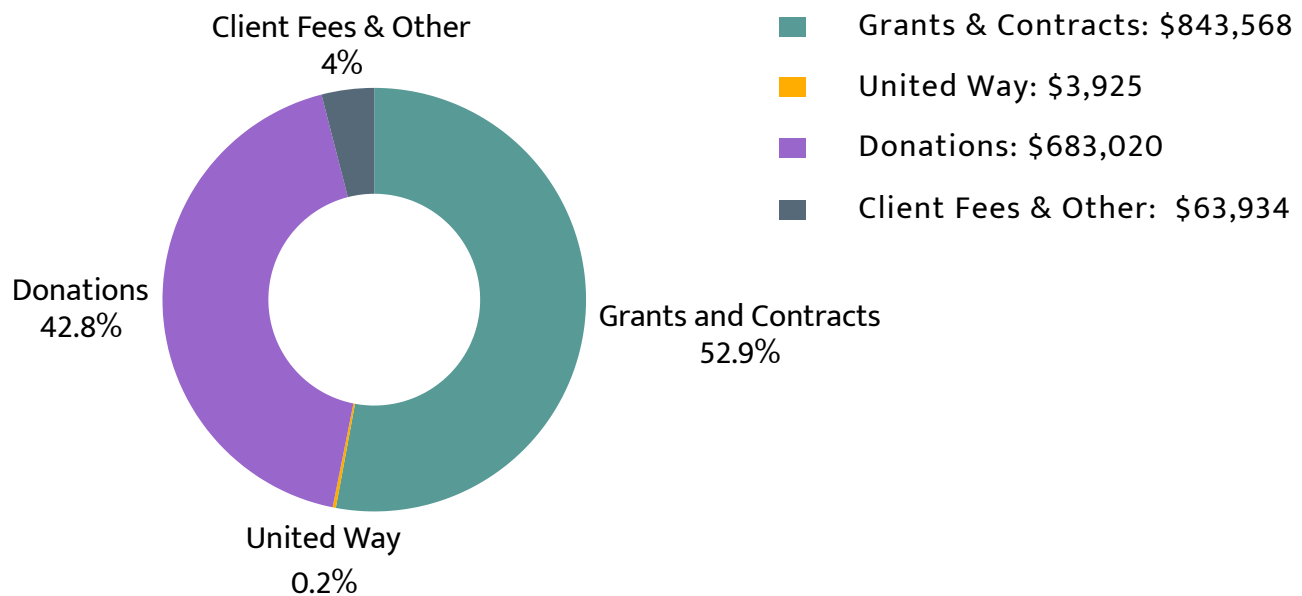
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Beth Jennissen
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Sandy Johnson
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Jessica Kramer
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Chelsea Mikkelson
Leigh Mills
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Amy O'Brien

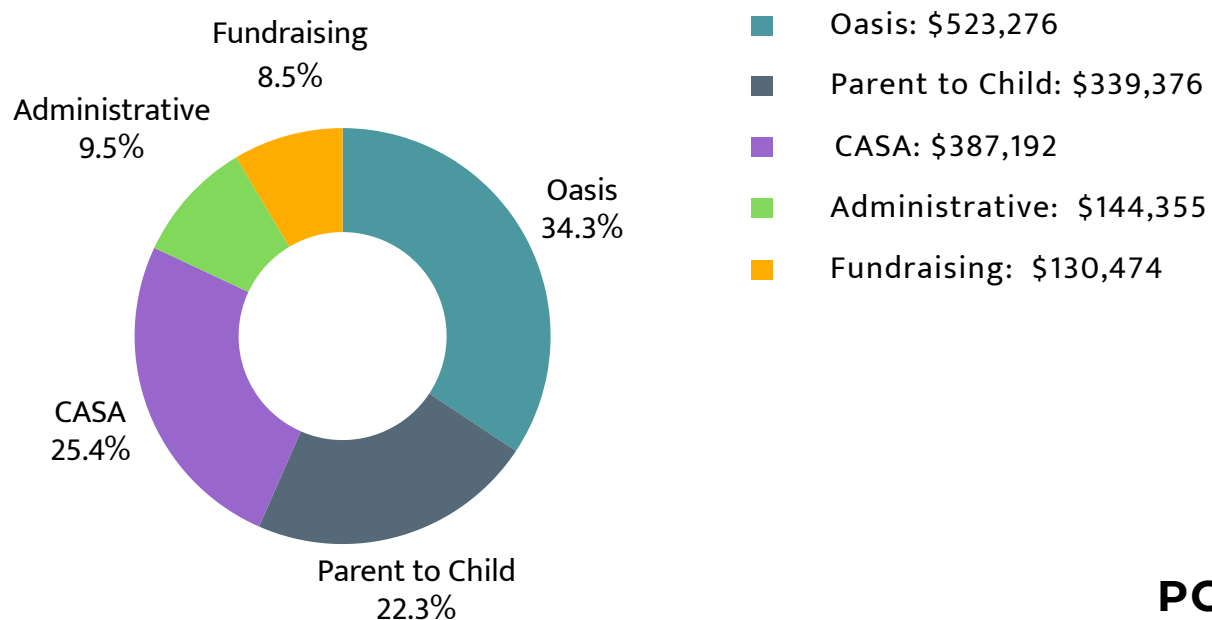
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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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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