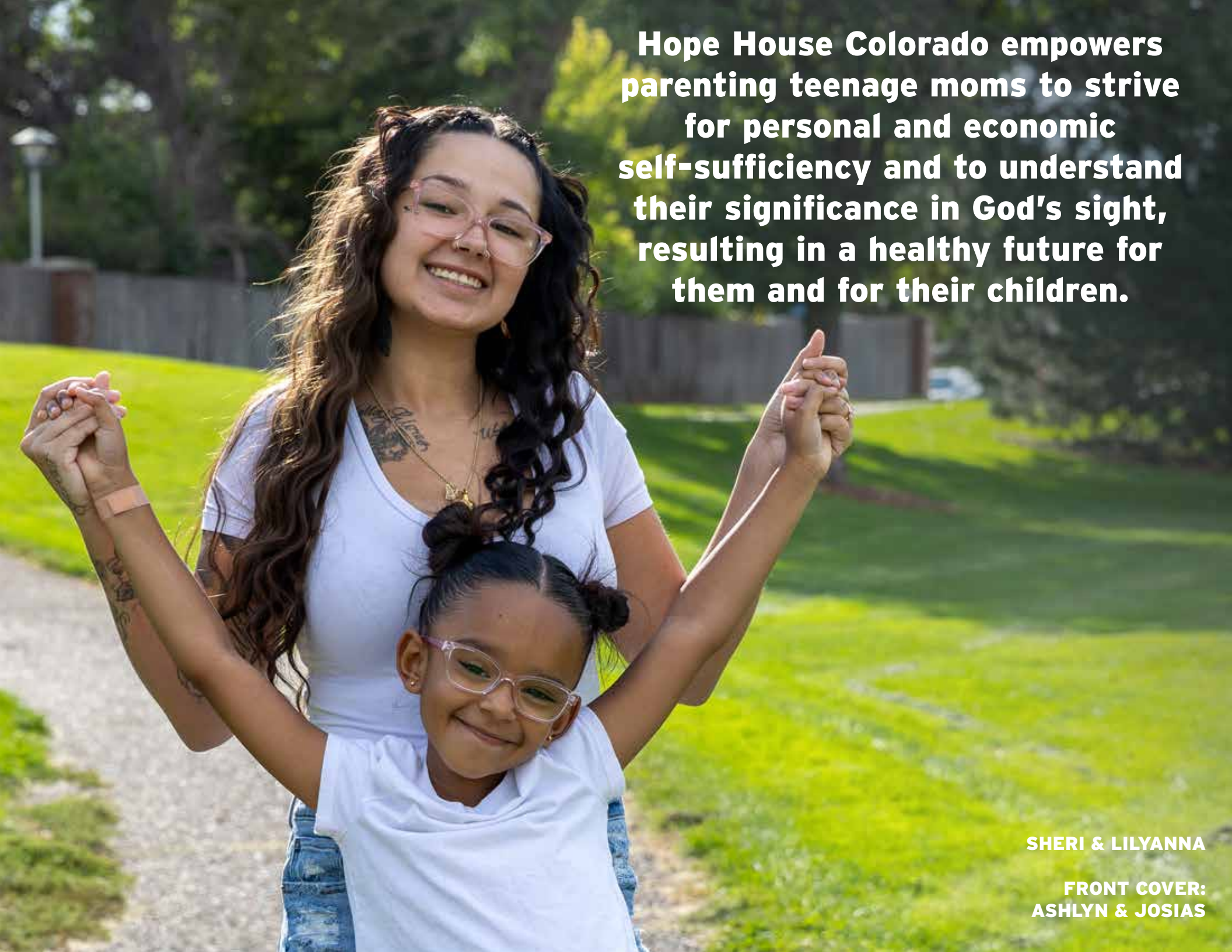




HOPE  HOUSE
COLORADO

2025

ANNUAL REPORT



Hope House Colorado empowers parenting teenage moms to strive for personal and economic self-sufficiency and to understand their significance in God's sight, resulting in a healthy future for them and for their children.

SHERI & LILYANNA

**FRONT COVER:
ASHLYN & JOSIAS**



FROM OUR FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Hope House Champions,

Have you ever wondered why we call you champions? It's because you champion our courageous, determined teen moms by investing in them. Most of our mamas have no one in their life who believes in them, encourages them or invests in them. **But you do!** You give your time, your talent and your financial gifts to ensure that they can actually break the cycle of generational poverty and build stable, loving lives for their little ones.

In 2025, a whopping 998 of you volunteered your time, investing 9,000 hours while also providing 15,000 meals for our hungry mamas and little ones.

In 2025, you journeyed with 282 teen moms, the most we've ever served! You cared for 218 children through our Early Learning & School Age Program, and 85 children who participated in our brand new, licensed early learning center (ELC).

Our teen moms made great strides in their housing in 2025. We added a second housing navigator to our staff and launched a piloted program, now officially called Launch Pad. Through this program, each mom pays 30% of her income toward rent and Hope House pays the rest. While we can only serve a small number of moms in this way, it has been hugely successful. Amber, for example, completed a four-year degree at CU. Celebrating her accomplishment at the graduation party we threw for her was a highlight of the year.

2025 brought exciting growth in our national expansion efforts as we completed a Hope House Implementation Guide for new affiliates and began the exploration phase with a former employee, a teen mom herself, Sara Landis, who is excited to explore opening a Hope House in Raleigh, N.C. We also began exploring a Hope House affiliate in central Florida, again through the connection of a former employee, and one of our champions has started the conversation for an affiliate location outside of Chicago.

Champions, you are literally changing lives, and we are so incredibly grateful for your partnership. Each of the wonderful numbers above represents a real-life teen mom; mamas like Amber, who spent her childhood in foster care, was homeless on Colfax at 14, and pregnant at 19. YOUR investment and HER determination to build a stable life for Rayah led to a bachelor's in psychology and the stable future she dreamed of when sleeping in a bus shelter as a teenager. TOGETHER, we are breaking the cycle of poverty for generations to come.

Blessings,

Lisa Steven

Lisa Steven
Founder & Executive Director



🏠 MEET ROSARIO

Rosario is extraordinary, but no one in her family ever told her so. She has always been determined, ambitious and goal-driven. As the youngest of four siblings, she felt constant pressure to be perfect. **Taught not to ask for help, she learned early to rely on herself,** a mindset that shaped her path as an entrepreneur. She never shied away from hard work. In high school, she played many sports, was the captain of the varsity soccer team and class valedictorian. Her tremendous successes as a child and a teenager, big or small, were never acknowledged at home. Due to enrolling in dual-credit classes through the local community college, many of her high school courses were at the college level. If there was a scholarship or grant open, she applied for it. **She always felt pressure to move quickly through life, but eventually realized she was moving too fast. "I was never allowed to be a kid, and I wasn't the one who was supposed to mess up."**

She was 18 and a student at UNC when she became pregnant. Living on campus, the stigma that comes with being a pregnant teenager stung Rosario as she acutely felt people's judgment. She eventually moved back home. There was uncertainty, difficulty, hurt, and problems to solve, but this was the one absolute: Rosario fell in love with her baby. **"Her smile can sometimes get me through the day."**

Working and attending classes while living at home brought unexpected challenges, since any help came with conditions: "If you don't help me with this, I'm not going to help you with that." It was a vicious, overwhelming load and something had to give, so she began missing classes rather than sacrificing time with her daughter. She had no financial support. **Holding back torrents of pressure, she went to work alone, went to class alone, parented alone and was the sole provider.**

Around Christmas of 2024, Rosario first came to Hope House. She was put in contact with the residential team, moved in, and her residential advisor helped her create a manageable self-sufficient daily life.

With help, she shared her goals and found support to tackle them. Consistent with Rosario's driven nature, she jumped right into classes that Hope House offered. She took Financial Literacy, Renting 101, Parenting 101 and more. Therapy was especially helpful.

“**I needed the support and help that the staff could provide. I realized how many people are advocating for me, are behind me, without me having to ask.”**

It was an entirely new identity for Rosario, an achiever taught not to ask for help, learning to depend on others. She learned how to set boundaries, which enabled her to start healing and focusing on her daughter's development.

Rosario graduated from college in December and just started her master's degree in business administration with a concentration in project management. Instead of letting the challenges she has faced flatten her, Rosario forged ahead even when the pressure seemed insurmountable. **At Hope House, Rosario and her daughter have experienced a sense of belonging that has deeply impacted them both.** When belonging felt unattainable or lacking everywhere else, Hope House welcomed them with warmth and love.



Ashley & Israel



Esperansa & Yesenia



Mekhi & Lucas



STATS

282 teen moms served.

82 new teen moms served.

420 children served.

ETHNICITIES SERVED:

42.5% Hispanic

17% Caucasian

23.9% Multi-racial and Race Not Reported

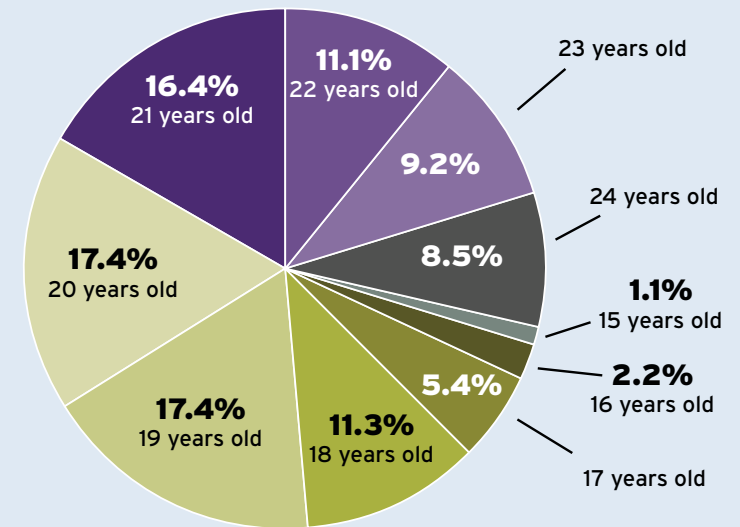
11.7% African-American

3.9% American Indian/Alaska Native

0.7% Native Hawaiian/S. Pacific Islander

0.3% Asian

AGES SERVED:



Parenting teen moms start in our program at age 21 or younger. We serve moms until age 25.

PROGRAM DATA

Teen Mom Self-Sufficiency Rubric

Our research-based rubric measures our teen moms' growth in personal and economic self-sufficiency domains. The seven domains we measure are education and career development, financial health, housing, economic basics, parenting, emotional well-being and social connections. The rubric helps our teen moms understand exactly how they are progressing as individuals and as parents by providing a visual of their growth over time.

How We Measure

The rubric measures moms in three personal self-sufficiency domains and four economic self-sufficiency domains. Scoring is done based on a 1 – 10 score across four categories: crisis (1-2), vulnerable (3-5), stable (6-8) and safe (9-10).

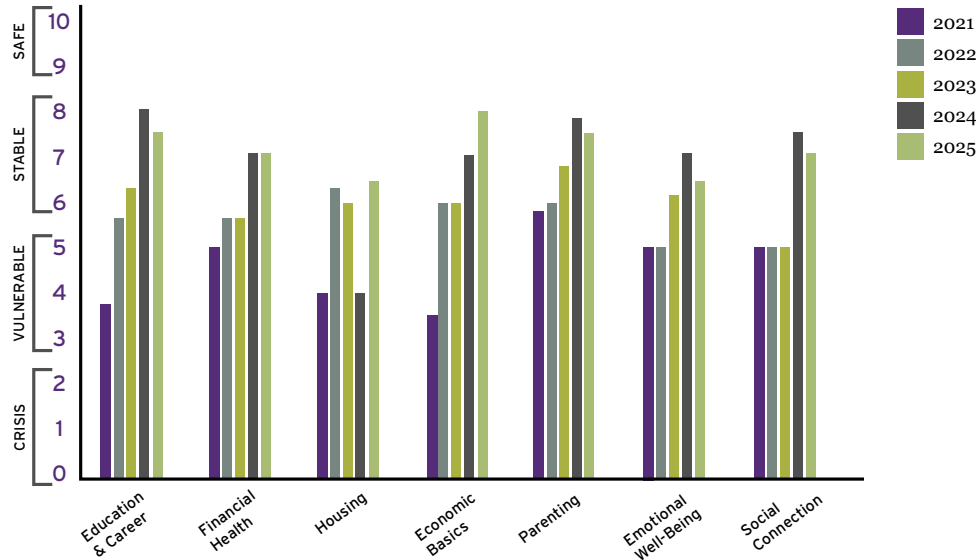
70% of moms showed growth or maintained stability in economic self-sufficiency.

65% of moms showed growth or maintained stability in personal self-sufficiency.

80% of moms were engaged in more than one program to support their growth across multiple domains.

MYRA'S SELF-SUFFICIENCY JOURNEY

In 2021, Myra scored vulnerable in six out of seven self-sufficiency domains. Over the course of five years, she became stable in every domain. As she gained emotional well-being by moving on from an unhealthy relationship, she moved into her own apartment to provide a safe environment for her two boys. She is now a Hope House graduate and pursuing a degree in nursing at Metro State University.



Myra, Lucious & Shiloh



“

Hope House didn't leave me, they didn't expect me to figure it out alone, they held me while I cried. They supported me financially and mentally.”



Alexa, Esa & Abria

MEET ALEXA

“When I first walked through Hope House’s doors, I was lost, scared, heartbroken and exhausted. My dad had just been diagnosed with cancer. My mom had suffered two heart attacks. We had lost our home. **It felt like everything was falling apart at once.** My faith was being tested in ways I never expected. **But coming to Hope House changed everything.** I no longer had constant stress about diapers, wipes and food. The weight I was carrying started to lift. Everyone welcomed me with love and patience. They created a space where I wasn’t judged, only supported. **Hope House is a place where people truly want to see me grow and become the best version of myself. I am continuing to go to therapy and working on loving myself.** I am finding happiness again and am growing closer to God. Healing is a process. When my dad passed away, my world stopped. I had to learn how to live again. And Hope House didn’t leave me, they didn’t expect me to figure it out alone, they held me while I cried. They supported me financially and mentally. They reminded me I wasn’t alone.”

Alexa came to Hope House when her son was just two weeks old. She never imagined how deeply her life would be changed by a place she first thought was just a resource for diapers. Prior to Hope House, she was swamped with negativity about teen moms and kept hearing that being a teen mom was synonymous with being a bad mom. **Alexa knew she had enough love within her to be a great mom, so she got involved at Hope House to fill her toolkit.** As she took classes such as Parenting 101, she realized what she already knew: that people can love their kids fully and deeply, no matter what age. Hope House has given her resources that she has used and will continue to use to make sure she can always have her kids’ future at the forefront of her mind.

“

I love that Hope House is always so welcoming. I love all of the staff and feel like I'm getting a warm hug when I am there. Hope House has brought me so many opportunities. I've been able to graduate from high school and continue my education to work towards my goals. I love that my daughter goes to the ELC and has been learning so much every day!"

🏠 MEET JULIE

Julie found out about Hope House at her first prenatal appointment. She has taken Parenting 101, Financial Literacy, gone to mental health groups, Bible studies, attended faith nights and Faith Week and more. She plans to take Home Buying, Self-Care and personal growth classes. **She just finished her online high school diploma, and will continue her education to find her career calling.** Her goals are to be self-sufficient and provide the best life that she can for her family.

Julie & Serenity



Selena & Lorenzo

“

Our champions gave me a stroller, they have helped with clothing, and the diapers are so helpful to have as a resource. It's just so nice. I always feel like I belong here. Staff is always so warm and always wants to talk with me.”

🏠 MEET SELENA

Selena is a mom who is relatively new to Hope House. She has a 1-year-old son, Lorenzo. With Hope House's help, she is working on her high school diploma and goes to Homies & Homework every Tuesday. She deeply appreciates those at Hope House who help her with math and science. She also completed the Financial Literacy series, which helped to build her self-confidence. With the housing navigator's help, she got her certificate to become a leasing agent. Once she gets her diploma, **she would like to go to college to pursue a career as a firefighter or in social work, as her passion is helping others.**



🏠 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

12th Annual Hope House 5K & Fun Run

On May 3, we hosted our 5K & Fun Run at the Apex Center in Arvada. This was our third year at this location; we enjoyed a great out-and-back course for both races. We also had an exciting Diaper Dash with our little ones. We had a very encouraging crowd who helped the crawlers get to the finish line. Everyone got medals this year, which was very popular! Our teen moms had a supportive running club leading up to the race. **Through sponsorships, registrants and peer-peer fundraising efforts, we raised \$127,953, which is the most ever!**



Joe Coors Hope House Classic

In July, we hosted our annual golf tournament for the tenth year at the Sanctuary Golf Course in Sedalia, Colorado. This amazing event for 120 golfers was held on a beautiful, sunny day in late July. We are so blessed to host this event with its backdrop of waterfalls and wildlife. There was even a squirrel stealing snacks off a golf cart! **We ended the day with one of our teen moms speaking, dinner and a terrific live auction fueled by our golfers' generosity. We raised \$269,745.**



23rd Annual Hope House Gala

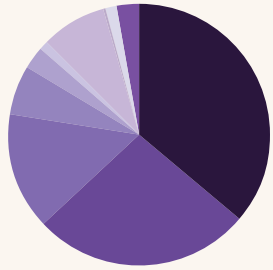
The Lights, Camera, Hope Gala was held at The Westin Westminster on October 25 with over 500 guests in attendance. A lovely cocktail hour and silent auction that raised \$75,000 started the evening, followed by a delicious dinner with inspiring stories by teen moms, Hannah and Ashlyn, and our founder & executive director, Lisa Steven. This was followed by a movie-inspired live auction and amazing paddle raise. **When the sponsors, auction donors, bidders and attendees finished giving, we ended the night having raised \$681,925 for our amazing teen moms and the programming that supports their journey to self-sufficiency.**



THANK YOU!

Over \$1 million was raised at our annual events for the second year in a row!

FINANCIALS



Summary of Income	
Individuals	36.4%
Foundation Grants	26.8%
Events (net)	14.6%
In-Kind	6.1%
Corporate	2.8%
Government Grants**	0.9%
ELC	8.3%
Other	0.3%
Churches	1.3%
Interest & Investment Income	2.6%

***Total Income: \$6,281,956**

*Includes restricted gifts (i.e. ELC Direct Assistance Fund)

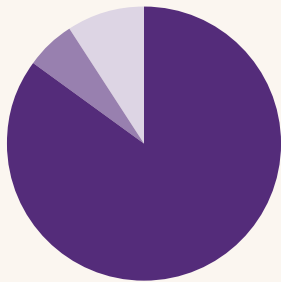
**Includes CO Food Program

Summary of Expenses

Program	85%
Fundraising	6%
G&A	9%

*****Total Expenses: \$5,747,590**

***Depreciation Included



2025 GRANT FUNDERS PROGRAM & GENERAL OPERATING GRANTS

Anschutz Foundation

Blue Credit Union Foundation

City of Arvada

City of Westminster

Colorado Bar Foundation

Colorado Gives Foundation

Daniels Fund

Denver Children's Foundation

Ent Credit Union: YES Grant

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TyL Foundation

Women's Independence Scholarship Program Inc.



Julia, Oliver & Aurora-Lynn



Fatima & Julian



Amber & Rayah

🏠 MAJOR CHAMPIONS (\$7,500+)

“Because of your generous contributions in 2025 you helped us serve 282 moms that were chasing their dreams. YOU made sure they had the support they needed to create a better life for their child. I cannot thank you enough for making that possible.” - Lisa Schlarbaum, Director of Development

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EARLY LEARNING CENTER

In our first full year of operating our early learning center – despite the challenges caused by a state-wide CCCAP (Colorado Child Care Assistance Program) freeze – **we achieved extraordinary results**, with 93% of our children growing in language skills, 86% in mathematical and motor skills and 67% in their social-emotional skills.

In early 2025, we had to navigate the CCCAP funding freeze. Through a \$1.5 million direct assistance fundraising campaign, we were able to serve a number of moms who could not get CCCAP during this freeze, and it helped us cover the unexpected financial losses that came with it. Our newest teen moms were not able to access child care assistance. **Despite these difficulties, we had absolutely amazing results at our ELC in our first full year of operation.**

On average, 65% of our teen moms grow or reach “stable” scores on our self-sufficiency rubric. With the barrier of child care removed, we hoped to see 75% of our teen moms reach stable scores. **Instead, 79% grew or reached stable in their self-sufficiency scores!** In addition, we had 42 children enrolled in the ELC and they are met or exceeded expectations.

In our ELC teen mom survey, we received an NPR (net promoter score) of 100! They believe it provides a safe, welcoming and loving environment where families feel valued. Parents report strong partnerships with staff, caring teachers and faith-based learning. It is a safe, trusted and nurturing community that builds confidence, growth and connection.

The ELC is a beautiful building filled with beautiful children, but it is also a symbol of hope. It symbolizes that with hard work, dreams are not unreachable; they are an achievable reality. It is impacting generations to come.

“

The community and support at Hope House has been so great. I'm a firm believer that God has plans for us and I love that I can now teach that to our kids at the ELC. This is my way of giving back to Hope House for everything they have done for me.”

Leslie first joined Hope House in 2019 when she was 18 and her daughter, Daleyza, was one month old. When COVID hit, she joined classes over Zoom, but was very relieved when she could start building relationships in person. Her favorite class at Hope House was Self-Care because it taught her that you cannot pour anything into your child from an empty cup. She went to college at Red Rocks Community College; **Hope House helped her with books, supplies and provided tutoring and study help when she needed it.** She earned her degree in cosmetology. By the time Hope House opened the early learning center in 2024, Leslie was ready for a change. She applied to be a teacher's assistant and steadily worked her way up to a Level 2 ECT teacher.



Hannah & Coralain
2016



Gala Speaker
2025



Leslie & Daleyza
2021



Hope House Staff
2024

“

Hope House provided me a sense of community in a judgment-free zone. They helped me pay for textbooks and for my college classes; during COVID, they helped me with rent assistance. And the biggest sigh of relief was the Christmas Shop. That was just amazing!”

Hannah was 18 and trapped in an abusive relationship when she learned she was pregnant. Determined to build stability for baby Cora, she left that relationship and soon found Hope House. **Finally having found support, she quickly earned an associate's degree and went on to get her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Colorado Denver.** Today she is a happily married homeowner and the co-founder of The Jane Law Group, which opened in November of 2024. **She practices family law as a licensed legal paraprofessional.** She is dedicated to being a supportive guide, keeping her clients informed and empowered every step of the way, and especially loves serving Hope House moms pro-bono.

BEDROCK BUILDERS **MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM**

Our monthly giving program provides steady support for our teen moms, maintains our income year-round and helps us plan for long-term development.

PLEASE JOIN US

No matter the amount of giving, your monthly gift becomes one of the building blocks of Hope House.

\$20 One book for book club.

\$100 Gas for driving teen moms to appointments and classes.

\$150 Cost of one counseling session.

\$200 Dinner in the dining room for teen moms and their kids before evening classes.

Use the QR code or head to hopehousecolorado.org, click on **"Donate Today"** and select **"Recurring Gift."**



LIFE (RE)VIEWED

Check out our podcast "Life(Re)viewed" streaming now on all platforms.

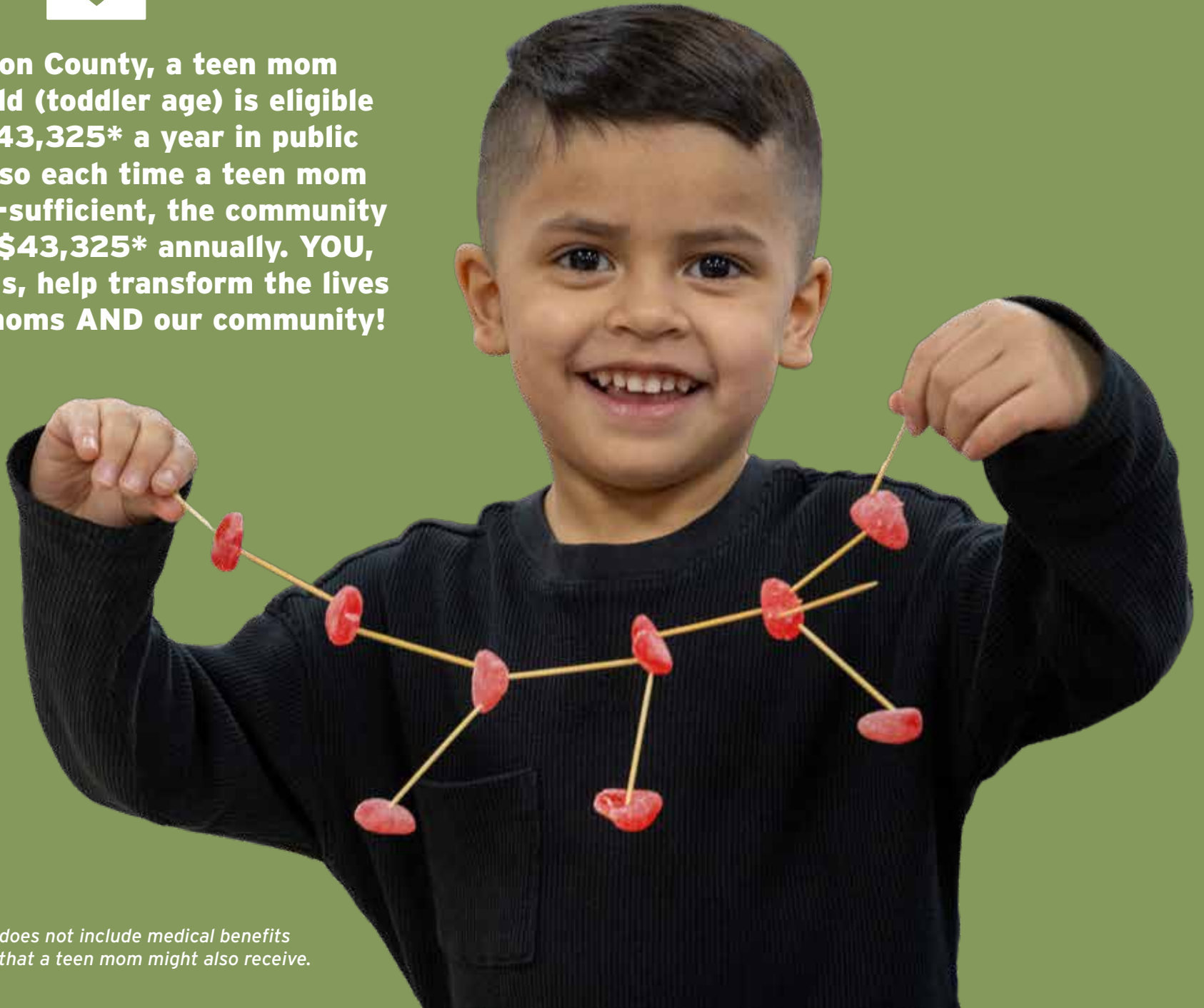
Life (Re)viewed is about changing the way we view ourselves and the people around us. **This year, our podcast is hosted exclusively by Lisa Steven.** Join us as we share inspiring stories about teen moms and the people who champion them. No matter where you are in life, these stories of struggle, overcoming and perspective shifts will invite you to wrestle with, question and (re)view life as you've known it, one story, one person, one conversation at a time.

Our first guest for the year was Lauren Bohn, which aired March 6, 2026. Lauren, a Columbine survivor, spoke of her experience at Columbine High School on April 20, and why forgiveness is the key to freedom and creating the life that you want.

We have many great guests ahead, including Stephen Bargatze, a.k.a "Nates Dad." Join us as we (re)view the stories of our lives.



In Jefferson County, a teen mom with one child (toddler age) is eligible for up to \$43,325* a year in public assistance, so each time a teen mom becomes self-sufficient, the community saves up to \$43,325* annually. YOU, our champions, help transform the lives of our teen moms AND our community!



**This total does not include medical benefits like Medicaid that a teen mom might also receive.*