



YOU GAVE HOPE

**HOPE HOUSE COLORADO
2023 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.



FROM OUR FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As I write this letter our new early learning center is literally being constructed outside my window! We broke ground in April 2023, and the project has been on-budget and on-time, thanks to A.D. Miller, our incredible contractor. In May 2023 we sadly lost our friend, long-time board member and owner's rep, Steve Prokopiak. It was a true blessing when AJ Seastone, recently retired from a career in construction, stepped in to fill Steve's shoes as owner's rep. At the December 4th Framing Party, our capital campaign champions filled the building to write Bible verses and encouragements on every piece of exposed framing, ensuring our little ones will always be surrounded by the love of God and the love of our champions. **Capital campaign champions - you gave our teen moms hope for a place to belong for their little ones!**

In 2023 we served 250 teen moms, the largest number to date! Our incredible staff completed a major research-based revision to our rubric, the tool we use to measure our teen moms' progress toward self-sufficiency. We developed a new housing logic model and defined an increased scope of work for mental health programming. **Twenty-two teen moms attended Faith Week in June, and 10 of those mamas made a decision to follow Jesus.** We implemented a new Career Mentorship Program and started our very own Teen MOPS group, which just melted my heart, as Hope House originated out of a Teen MOPS group over 20 years ago! And 591 volunteers served our teen moms and children in every way imaginable, from serving meals, to holding babies, to tutoring, to event help and more! **Staff and volunteers - your love and dedication gave our teen moms hope for their future.**

In 2023 Hope House Northern Colorado served 25 teen moms through their resource center, Hope House Cañon City opened their Residential Program and Hope House Orange County in California became our first out-of-state affiliate! **In breaking news, I finally finished the Hope House book, *A Place to Belong*, which you'll be able to read as early as this summer.** Finally, you – our Hope House Champions – invested so generously in our teen moms that we completed our \$6 million capital campaign, surpassed our event goals and had a record-setting December, allowing us to end the year positively and invest in our operating reserve, ensuring the ministry's sustainability. **Hope House Champions - you gave our teen moms hope that it's possible to break the cycle of poverty for themselves and their children.**

Your faith, love and generosity are behind the stories of transformation on the following pages of this report. I am so incredibly grateful to partner with you in this work!

Blessings,



Lisa Steven
Founder & Executive Director



The Empower Program provides opportunities for personal, educational and economic self-sufficiency for teen moms. This includes educational assistance through High School & GED and College & Career Programs. Additional supportive services include healthy relationships and personal growth classes, mental health support, licensed counseling, legal advocacy and financial literacy. Community building activities and events are also offered to build personal support systems and relationships with other moms.

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Personal Growth

Classes specialize in increasing teen moms' self-awareness so that self-confidence can flourish, which positively impacts all other aspects of life.

59 teen moms served.

49 teen moms participated in faith-based activities (i.e. Bible studies, Faith Week and Faith Nights).

Mental Health Support

73 teen moms served.

37 teen moms received services for counseling or referrals.

331 counseling sessions provided.

Community Building

130 teen moms participated in community-building activities.

High School & GED Program

56 teen moms participated.

76% graduation rate, compared to the national average of 50%.

College & Career Program

45 teen moms enrolled in higher education.

10 teen moms received degrees or certifications.

28 institutions of higher education were attended by teen moms.

Economic Support & Financial Literacy

\$111,116 in direct assistance provided (i.e. housing support, transportation, basic needs, children's needs and legal expenses).

175 teen moms had an Individual Growth Plan (IGP).

Legal Advocacy

83 teen moms served.

76 legal matters resolved.

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HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM

Hope House Colorado's Housing Support Program provides metro-Denver's only Residential Program where parenting teen moms can live and work on self-sufficiency with the goal of obtaining stable, long-term housing for themselves and their child(ren). The program also provides housing navigation, which includes housing opportunities with our low income and transitional housing partnerships; navigation of rental agreements and eviction processes; education through housing classes; and in some instances, rental assistance. Hope House utilizes Colorado's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and remains updated on the Colorado housing market, legislative activity and upcoming housing opportunities.

Residential Program

15 teen moms served.

Housing Support Program

124 teen moms served.

18 teen moms received rent assistance.

2 teen moms bought their first homes.

EARLY LEARNING & SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM

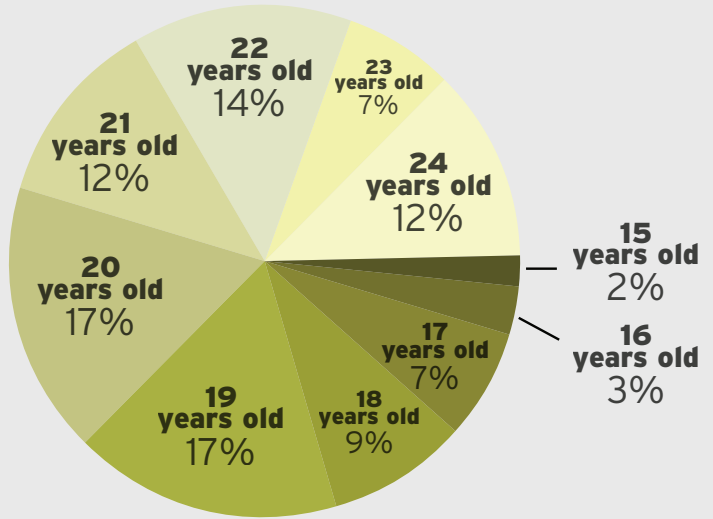
Hope House Colorado offers an Early Learning & School Age Program that provides literacy and social-emotional development, early intervention services and school-age supports for children, and a Parenting Program for teen moms. The program is designed to support our children in developing the skills they need to succeed in school; demonstrate what quality early learning looks like; and assist our teen moms in transitioning their child to full-time quality child care when they are ready.

191 children served.

21 children successfully transitioned into quality, licensed child care centers.



NIKKI & ISIS (LEFT)
ALEXA & ROSALIA (RIGHT)



Ages Served: All teen moms must start in our program before age 21. We serve moms until age 25.

STATS

250 teen moms served.

379 children served.

191 children in our Early Learning & School Age Program.

67% of moms grew in economic self-sufficiency.

57% of moms grew in personal self-sufficiency.

81% of moms were engaged in more than one program.

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Ethnicities served:

African-American: 10%

Caucasian: 20%

Amer. Indian/Alaska Native: 2.4%

Asian: 0.4%

Hispanic: 58%

Native Hawaiian/S. Pacific Islander: 0.4%

Multi-racial and Race Not Reported: 8.8%



**YOU GAVE HOPE TO...
ALEJANDRA
& JANELY**

“ Thank you...
For never forgetting us.
For always finding little ways to
show us you care.
For making us feel special.
Thank you for everything you do,
and everything that you are.”

-Alejandra

Alejandra joined Hope House in January 2022 when she was 17 and her daughter Janely was 3 months old. Over the past two years, she has participated in the following classes: Parenting 101, Self-Care, Financial Literacy; Good, Bad & Ugly; and a teen mom support group. The teen mom support group has been life-changing for her as it has helped her be a better mom, change her mindset and improve her mental health.



**MARITZA
& CAMILA**

“ Thank you for believing in me and my family.” -Maritza

Maritza joined Hope House in July 2020 when she was 18 and her daughter, Camila, was 3 months old. In 2022, Maritza was a speaker at our Hope House Reunion Gala. As a graduate of our Hope House programs, she has participated in all the self-sufficiency classes offered.

“ Your donation is a gift that will keep on giving. Thank you for your support; it’s people like you that make a difference in our mom world.” -Ashley

Ashley joined Hope House in August 2023 when she was 18 and her son, Elias, was 3 weeks old. She has participated in the following classes: Parenting 101, CPR certification, Homebuying 101 and Mom Fun. In her time at Hope House, she has earned her permit and is now working on finishing high school.



**ASHLEY
& ELIAS**



**MIRELLA
& DAMARIO**

“ Thank you for everything you have donated. You have impacted not only our lives but our futures.” -Mirella

Mirella joined Hope House in October 2023 when she was 18 and her son, Damario, was 1 year old. Over the past year, she has participated in: Self-care, Book Club and Parenting 101. She has also been working to complete her high school education.

“ Thank you for all your support. You have helped my life and future a lot! I’ve accomplished so much since I’ve come to Hope House. I wouldn’t be where I am if I wasn’t supported the way Hope House supports me!” -Delfina

Delfina joined Hope House in September 2023 when she was 20 and her daughter, Samira, was 11 months old. Since she joined, she has participated in: Parenting 101, Nourish & Nurture, a teen mom support group and MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers, also known as, The MomCo). Delfina loves MOPS because it allows her to connect with other moms and MOPS volunteers.



**DELFINA
& SAMIRA**



FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS

In 2023, we hosted our three annual fundraising events:

10th annual Hope House 5K & Fun Run

On May 6th, we hosted our Hope House 5K & Fun Run at a new location, the Apex Center in Arvada! This location provided great out-and-back 5K and fun run courses along Ralston Creek Trail. All ages came out to enjoy the day's events, whether running at top speeds, cruising with strollers, walking with friends or sprinting in the Diaper Dash! Several of our teen moms and their little ones participated alongside program staff after having trained for the race at Hope House Running Club sessions from February to May. Through sponsorships, registrants and donations, **we raised over \$88,000!**

Joe Coors Hope House Classic

In July, our annual golf tournament took place for the eighth year at the prestigious Sanctuary in Sedalia, Colorado. Twenty-eight foursomes enjoyed a day on the course, and despite a major hailstorm that had golfers rushing to the clubhouse at the end of the afternoon, the day was fantastic! Golfers finished the day by hearing directly from Jamilee, one of our teen moms, enjoying dinner and participating in a live auction. **Over \$250,000 was raised to empower teen moms!**

21st annual Ignite the Night Gala

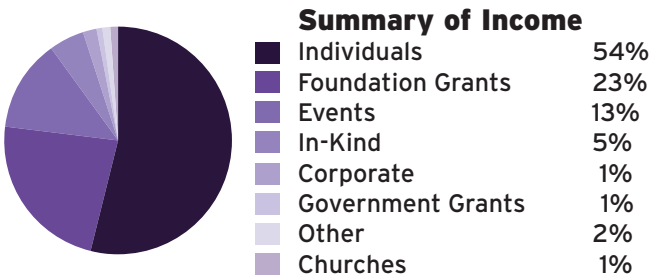
The 21st annual gala took place on October 21st at The Westin Westminster. Over 450 guests enjoyed a cocktail hour and silent auction, followed by a three-course meal in the hotel's ballroom. Two teen moms, Alyssa and Maria, shared their inspiring stories of transformation; and our Founder & Executive Director, Lisa Steven, spoke to guests about the critical needs of the teen moms we served, specifically around the housing and mental health crises many of them were facing. A fun live auction and dance party finished off the evening. **Through the collective generosity of auction donors, bidders, sponsors and attendees, the 2023 gala raised a record-breaking \$544,176!**

Bedrock Builders

We had over 220 monthly champions that raised over \$25,000 each month, totaling over \$307,000 for the entire year! We are so blessed to have this consistent support throughout the year! Thank you!

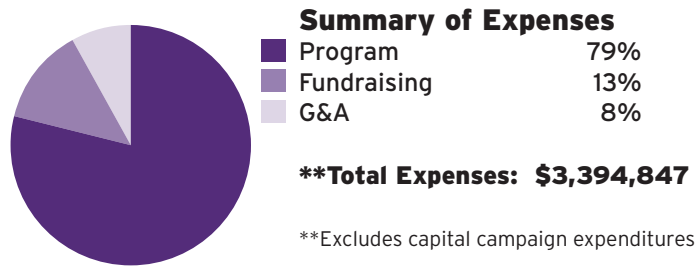
FINANCIALS

“Thank you to all our champions that gave generously to support our teen moms as they work to create a better life for themselves and their little ones. We had over 1,800 individuals, companies and grantors that supported our mission in 2023. Thank you for sharing hope with us through your giving. God continues to bless Hope House, and we are so grateful!” - Lisa Schlarbaum, Director of Development



***Total Income: \$6,194,079**

*Includes restricted gifts
(i.e. Capital Campaign)



****Total Expenses: \$3,394,847**

**Excludes capital campaign expenditures

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Broomfield Community Foundation
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Colorado Bar Foundation
Colorado Gives Foundation
Daniels Fund
Denver Children's Foundation

ENT Credit Union Community Fund
Guber Family Giving Fund
In-N-Out Burger Foundation
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Capital Campaign EARLY LEARNING CENTER

We are on track to open our brand new, 11,000-square-foot Hope House Colorado Early Learning Center on August 19th. We will be providing quality, full-time, licensed child care for up to 104 children which will allow our teen moms to attend school or work full time, removing one of their biggest barriers to self-sufficiency. Thanks to your gifts and pledges, we will have a debt-free building!



\$1,000,000+

- Bill Ackerman Estate

\$500,000+

- Anonymous

\$250,000+

- American West Construction
- Anonymous
- Community First Foundation
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- King Family
- Hap & Judi Lundquist
- KAWLG
- Hereford & Joanie Percy
- Platt Family
- In Memory of Steve Prokopiak
- Mark & Brenda Reid
- Rosi Rogers
- Jeff & Lisa Schlarbaum
- Spahn Family
- John & Lisa Steven
- Erik & Jennifer Zertuche

\$5,000+

- Anonymous
- Broomfield United Methodist Church
- Debbie Misrack

\$2,500+

- Corey & Carroll Kirschenmann
- Chris & Ginger McShane
- Matt & Stephanie Trowbridge

IN-KIND

- AJ Seastone
- Ground Engineering
- Lange Land Surveys
- Simpson & Simpson
- Steve Prokopiak
- MC+ Engineering
- Tomko/Valor Landscaping

The Problem:

There were over 2,000 babies born to teen moms across the state of Colorado in 2023 and over 900 of them were born in the Denver-metro area.

Last year we served 250 teen moms, which is 27% of teen moms who gave birth in counties considered to be part of the Denver-metro area. As we look to empower more teen moms and welcome them into our free self-sufficiency programming, we are passionate about finding new ways and avenues to reach them!

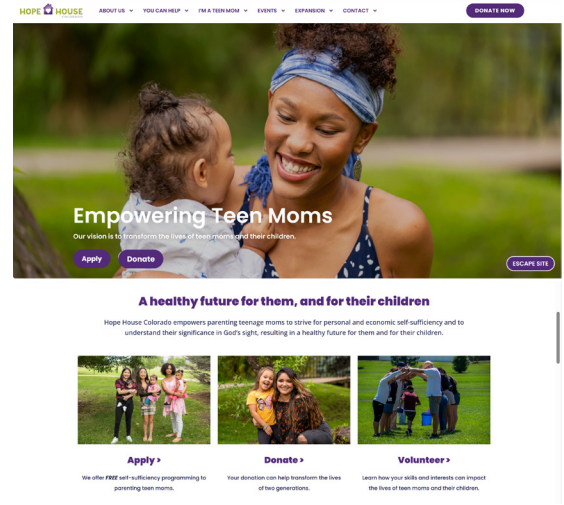
The Solution:

In 2024, we aim to continue increasing our visibility in the community so more teen moms and their children can experience **your generosity** and see their lives transformed at Hope House!

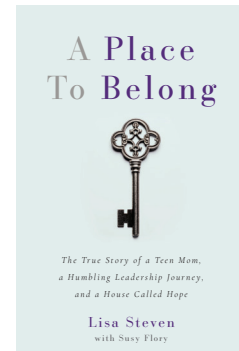
We are working to increase visibility of Hope House in a variety of ways in 2024!



We launched a podcast called, “Life (Re)viewed.” The narratives of our lives are formed from an early age. Life (Re)viewed is about changing the way we view ourselves and the people around us. 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. **You can listen to this on your preferred podcast app!**



We have refreshed our website and updated the search engine optimization (SEO) so it can be found more quickly in Google searches. www.hopehousecolorado.org



Lisa Steven’s book, *A Place to Belong*, is set to be published in June 2024, allowing teen moms, business leaders and people passionate about teen moms to gain inspiration and encouragement about bravely stepping forward to follow God’s call.

**THANK
YOU!**