

HOPE  HOUSE  
COLORADO



**YOU HELPED THEM SOAR IN 2024!**



**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.**



**JACELYN & MULANI**

**FRONT COVER:  
ALICE & AUGUST**



# FROM OUR FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Hope House Champions,

Looking back on 2024, I am so incredibly proud of our teen moms and staff, and deeply grateful for you, our champions. **Together, we accomplished truly amazing things!**

**In March we completed a new mental health logic model, providing a framework for supporting our teen moms in this critical area.** We also completed the build out of our program database, supporting our ability to measure our teen moms' progress toward self-sufficiency and communicate that progress to them in a graph report format.



**In June of 2024 my new book, *A Place To Belong*, was published** and we celebrated with a book launch party honoring the champions and alumni whose stories fill its pages. It was especially fun to have my husband, John, interview me about the book and all the miracles God created to build Hope House – I think it was his first time speaking into a microphone!

**In August of 2024 we celebrated the grand opening of our brand-new early learning center,** with construction being completed in just over a year! After a truly amazing capital campaign, and again thanks to many of you, this building was completed with no debt. Our entire campus is debt-free, which means that every dollar invested by our champions goes directly into empowering our teen moms to become self-sufficient!

Challenges getting our elevator inspection and hiring enough teachers to love and lead our little ones delayed the center opening until October. **Watching those little ones ring the gong in excitement on their first day made it all worth it** – best of all was Mia, walking through those brand-new doors and raising her arms in the air and shouting, “This is my new school!”

**In December, Hope House completed work with our consultant, WorkBench, to build a Roadmap to Expansion.** This document will be our guide in building out our national affiliate network, accomplishing our goal to have Hope House affiliates in several states. I am excited to hear about new champions from across the country taking part in empowering teen moms in their local communities!

**Hope House Colorado served 270 teen moms and 401 children in 2024, the most ever!** These moms are incredibly strong, brave and determined to build a better life for their little ones. This past year they have completed GED or high school, started college, gotten jobs, attended parenting and healthy relationship classes, and so much more. Best of all, they have built loving relationships with staff and volunteers, learned how much God loves them and found hope – ***thank you for making that possible!***

Blessings,



Lisa Steven  
Founder & Executive Director

## BEFORE HOPE HOUSE

Teen moms who have grown up in the cycle of generational poverty are at **greater risk for a variety of negative behavioral and emotional outcomes**. Families living in poverty are more likely to have social interactions that are marked by high levels of conflict in which family members use aversive behavior to influence one another. (Psychology, Public Policy, and Law, 2018)

**Teen moms are more likely to drop out of school**, making it tougher to get good jobs and earn livable wages. And their children are more likely to become teen parents themselves, with lower educational attainment and worse behavioral health, a concerning generational cycle. (Colorado Health Institute, 2018)

**Fewer than 50% of teen moms will graduate from high school**; and only 2% will ever earn a college degree. (National Library of Medicine, 2021; Manlove & Lantos, 2018)

Over half of all adolescent mothers experience some degree of perinatal mood and anxiety disorder (PMAD), with studies showing rates of postpartum depression (PPD) in this population ranging from 16% to 44%—three to four times the rate of adult mothers. **Parenting teens are often wary of seeking mental health care** because of how they will be perceived by family, friends and other systems they may be involved with. (PolicyLab, 2020)

**Unaccompanied pregnant and parenting youth face difficulty accessing and obtaining housing and child care**, and cannot easily navigate temporary cash assistance programs. (National Network for Youth, 2010)

## AFTER HOPE HOUSE

Teen moms are given the opportunity to grow in their social and emotional skills by taking classes that build their self-confidence, self-awareness, personal support system and healthy relationships. **In 2024, 59 teen moms were served through personal growth activities and classes, and 45 teen moms participated in faith-based activities (i.e. Bible studies and Faith Week).**

Teen moms are given the opportunity to complete their high school education or the GED through one-on-one support in the Learning Lab of our resource center. Their children can enroll in our full-time, quality, licensed early learning center (ELC). **In 2024, 66 teen moms were supported in their high school education journey and 16 teen moms graduated. Twenty-eight children were enrolled in our ELC.**

Historically, 77% of teen moms served at Hope House graduate from high school, with 85% moving onto our College & Career Program. **In 2024, 51 teen moms were enrolled in higher education and 10 earned degrees or certifications.**

Hope House provides a growing continuum of mental and emotional health support and responsive strategies designed to reduce the shame and stigma associated with seeking mental health care. We provide structured support groups, wellness activities (i.e. yoga) and licensed counseling; and we build community partnerships with mental health providers and drug and alcohol treatment centers. **In 2024, 76 teen moms were served, and 609 counseling sessions were provided.**

Hope House provides metro-Denver's only Residential Program, along with housing and economic navigation services to educate teen moms on what resources and partnerships are available to them. **In 2024, 141 teen moms received housing navigation support, and 13 teen moms lived in the residential house. The economic navigator helped 149 teen moms with obtaining vital documents, and accessing transportation and human services benefits.**





**DELFINA & SAMIRA**





**270** teen moms served.

**96** new teen moms served.

**401** children served.

## ETHNICITIES SERVED:

**46.7%** Hispanic

**19.3%** Caucasian

**18.8%** Multi-racial and Race Not Reported

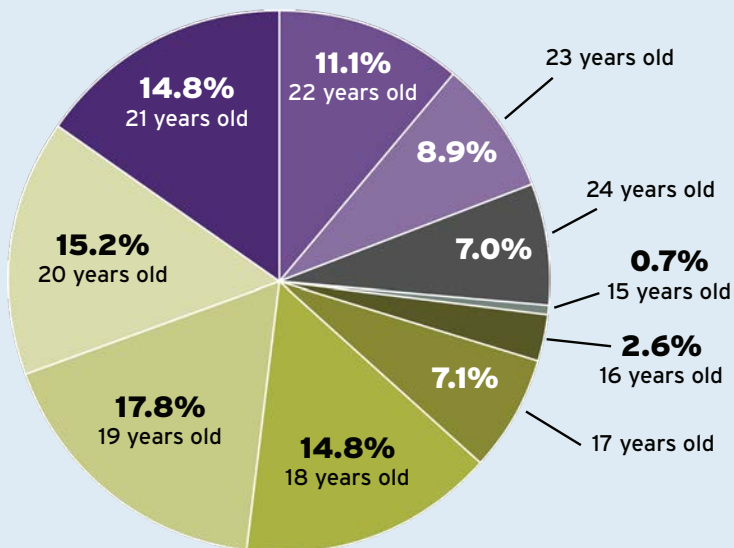
**11.5%** African-American

**2.6%** Amer. Indian/Alaska Native

**0.7%** Native Hawaiian/S. Pacific Islander

**0.4%** Asian

## AGES SERVED:



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



**ALYSSA AT A HOPE  
HOUSE HIGH SCHOOL  
& GED GRADUATION**

# 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 wellbeing 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.

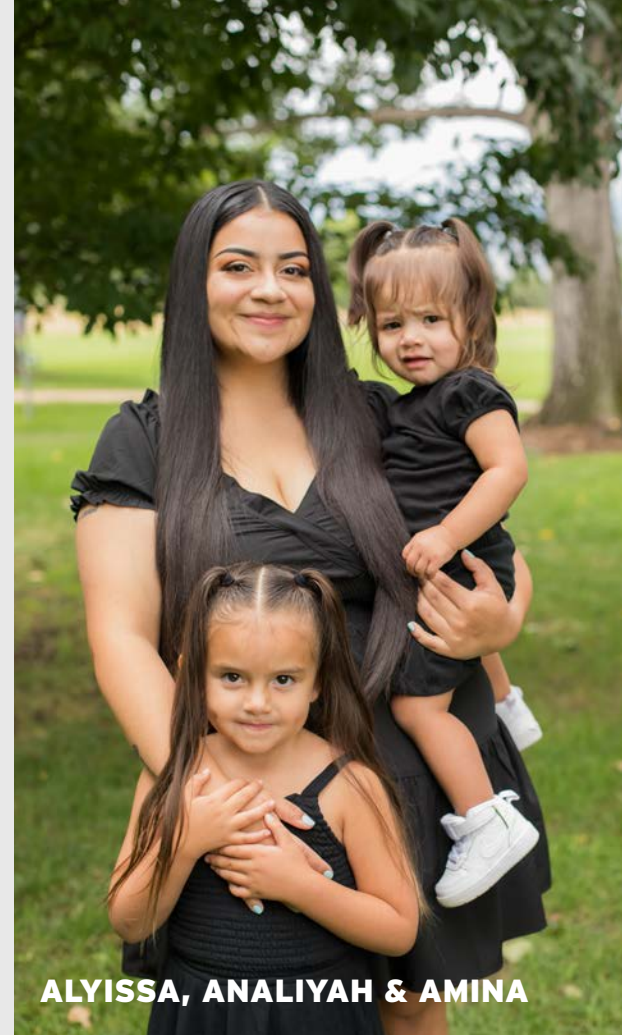
## How We Measure

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).

**67%** of moms showed growth or maintained stability in economic self-sufficiency.

**61%** of moms showed growth or maintained stability in personal self-sufficiency.

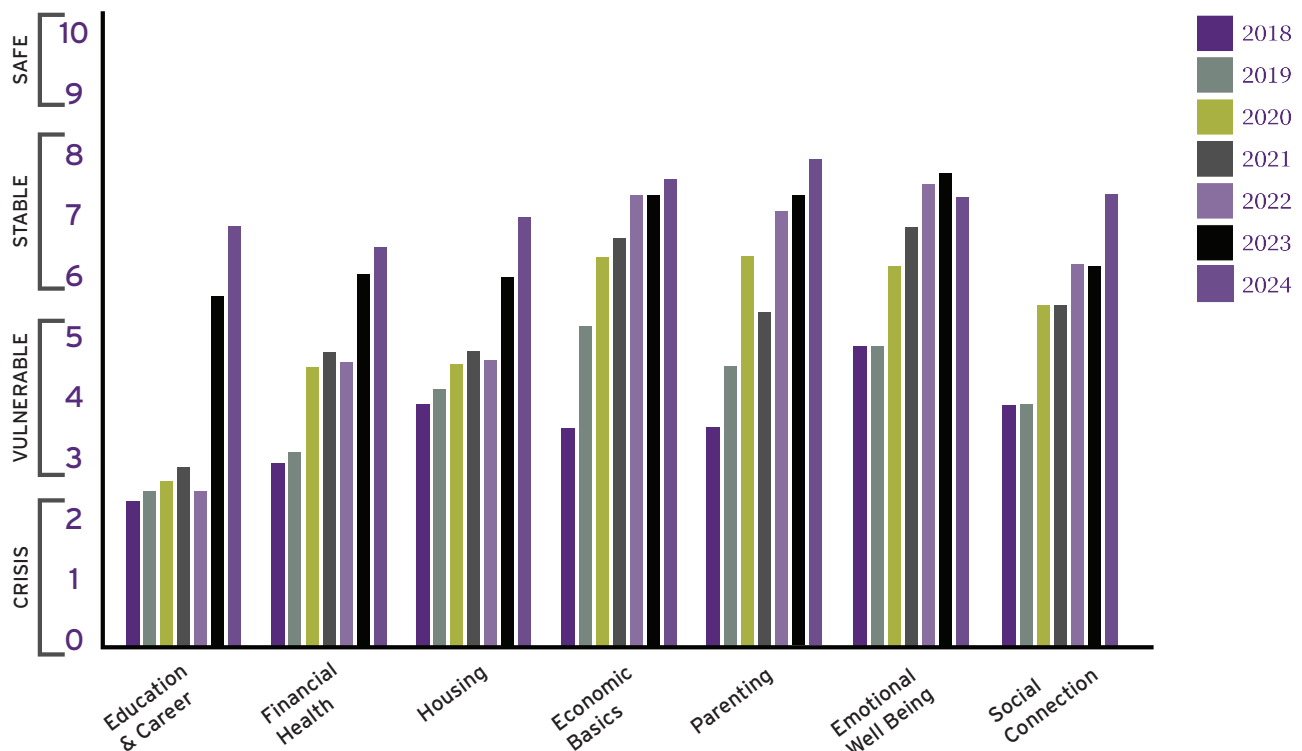
**81%** of moms were engaged in more than one program to support their growth across multiple domains.



**ALYISSA, ANALIAH & AMINA**

## ALYISSA'S SELF-SUFFICIENCY JOURNEY

In 2018, Alyssa scored in crisis or vulnerable in all seven self-sufficiency domains. Over the course of her journey at Hope House, she grew in every domain and now measures as stable in all domains!





# **TEEN MOM SPOTLIGHT**

“

The staff are so lovely. They've helped me physically, mentally and financially. If I need clothes or diapers or need someone to talk to, they're always there.” -Alexa

## **Alexa**

Alexa first heard about Hope House at 17 when her son, Jairo, was six months old. Three months later, she became a Hope House mom, taking financial literacy and parenting classes while building community through MomCo. Alexa earned her driver's license, completed her GED and enrolled Jairo in the Early Learning & School Age Program. Now, she has her own apartment, is in a stable relationship and is planning to attend cosmetology school to become a hair stylist.



**ALEXA &  
JAIRO**



**KAIRA &  
MAKAIO**

“

Hope House has been such a great community where there's other people like me who understand my situation. Having that support means a lot. If I'm ever struggling, I know I have someone to talk to. Hope House is a safe landing place.” -Kaira

## **Kaira**

Kaira was 16 when she found out she was pregnant with her son, Makaio. After graduating high school, she discovered Hope House and knew it was where she needed to be. At 19, she and Makaio joined the Residential Program while she took classes in financial literacy, parenting and personal growth. Now 21, Kaira is building a career in life insurance, saving for a home and preparing 4-year-old Makaio for kindergarten.



“

**If you want to get your spirit back or make mom friends who understand mom things, come to Hope House. Here, you find your place. I just love it. It's my comfort place.” -Leidi**

## Leidi

Leidi was 16 when she found out she was pregnant. As she raised her daughter, Aaliyah, she longed for connection with other moms. When her daughter was three, Leidi discovered Hope House and attended her first Faith Night in June of 2024. Although she was nervous at first, she quickly found community through classes and group therapy. Now 20, Leidi is a mom of two—Aaliyah, who is in preschool, and baby, Zair. She is studying business at Red Rocks Community College and working toward her dream of becoming a realtor.



**LEIDI,  
AALIYAH  
& ZAIR**

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**There is so much support and help with basically anything you could think of. It provides a good place to come—even if you just want to hang out. If you feel alone, you can come here. There are so many good classes to help with whatever journey you are on.” -Grace**

## Grace

Grace found out she was pregnant during her senior year of high school. A nurse at the hospital where Grace gave birth to her son, Cebastian, told her about Hope House. When she joined Hope House, she found a second home and connected with other moms through activities like Homies & Homework. Now 18, she is continuing her classes, applying for nursing school, working toward a part-time job in the medical field and looking for her own apartment.



**GRACE &  
CEBASTION**





## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

In 2024, we hosted our three annual fundraising events:

### 11th annual Hope House 5K & Fun Run

On May 5, we hosted our 5K & Fun Run at the Apex Center in Arvada. For the second year at this location, we enjoyed a great out-and-back course for both races. A fun Diaper Dash took place afterward where crawlers, toddlers and preschoolers were surrounded by an encouraging crowd as they raced to the finish line! Several of our teen moms and their little ones were out on the course after having trained for the event together at running club. **Through sponsorships, registrants, peer-to-peer fundraising efforts and donations, we raised over \$105,000!**

### Joe Coors Hope House Classic

In July, our annual golf tournament took place for the ninth year at the prestigious Sanctuary in Sedalia, Colorado. Thirty foursomes enjoyed a day on the course while enjoying beautiful, sunny weather. Golfers finished the day by hearing directly from one of our teen moms, Myra, followed by dinner and a live auction. **Over \$258,000 was raised to empower teen moms!**

### 22nd annual Grow With Us Gala

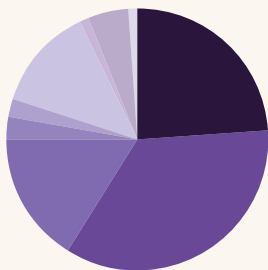
The 22 annual gala was a remarkable display of generosity in 2024! Over 500 guests gathered on November 2 for the gala at the Grand Hyatt Denver. Attendees enjoyed a cocktail hour and silent auction, followed by a three-course meal in the hotel's ballroom. Two teen moms, Cindhia and Mekhi, bravely shared their inspirational stories; and our founder & executive director, Lisa Steven, powerfully encouraged champions in the room to consider offering larger donations to meet the critical needs of our teen moms. **Through the collective generosity of auction donors, bidders, sponsors and attendees, the 2024 gala raised a record-breaking \$706,419!**

## THANK YOU!

**For the first time ever, we raised over \$1 million in our events!**



# FINANCIALS



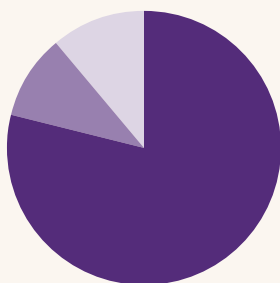
## Summary of Income

Individuals	24%
Foundation Grants	35%
Events	16%
In-Kind	3%
Corporate	2%
Government Grants**	13%
ELC	1%
Other	5%
Churches	1%

**\*Total Income: \$6,143,665**

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

\*\*Capital Campaign grants



## Summary of Expenses

Program	79%
Fundraising	11%
G&A	10%

**\*\*\*Total Expenses: \$4,397,484**

\*\*\*Excludes capital campaign expenditures



# 2024 GRANT FUNDERS PROGRAM & GENERAL OPERATING GRANTS

Anonymous Family Foundation (2)

City of Arvada

Colorado Bar Foundation

Colorado Department of Early Childhood

Colorado Gives Foundation

Colorado Housing and Finance Authority

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TyL Foundation

Walmart

Westminster Community Foundation

Women's Independence Scholarship

Yield Open Call Fund



# MAJOR CHAMPIONS (\$7,500+)

"At Hope House, we rely on the contributions from champions like you to empower our teen moms. Because of YOUR generosity, our teen moms are seeing their dreams become reality. In 2024, over 1,850 champions invested financially in our teen moms and their children. I am humbled every year to see how God blesses our work at Hope House. Thank you so much for believing in our teen moms."

-Lisa Schlarbaum, Director of Development

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# EARLY LEARNING CENTER GRAND OPENING





# 🏠 ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



**“I want to thank all the Hope House Champions for all the love and support they pour into us moms. I was also able to get financial support many times during my time at Hope House, which helped me get through school. Champions helped me tremendously in my path and I am forever grateful!” -Maddie**

## **Maddie**

Maddie became a Hope House graduate in 2022. She feels the classes at Hope House that prepared her the most were parenting classes, personal growth classes like self-empowerment and PAIRIN coaching. She completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) in 2022 and now works at Rose Medical Center as a labor and delivery RN, BSN. Maddie has three children: Gavin (8), Gracelynn (6) and Gion (eight months). Today, Maddie is passionate about creating a video for health care providers that will teach them how they can share about Hope House with teen moms giving birth at hospitals across the Denver-metro area. She will be working with Hope House staff in 2025 to help make this possible.



**“Working with babies at the ELC is incredibly rewarding. From witnessing their “aha” moments to gaining their trust as their person, it highlights the significant role you play in their lives. As they begin to form attachments, it’s a reminder of the impact we have in helping them feel safe and supported.” -Cindhia**

## **Cindhia**

Cindhia became a Hope House graduate in 2023. While at Hope House, Cindhia earned her GED, and enjoyed classes like parenting and self-care that helped her care well for her children and herself. After graduating from the program, Cindhia accepted a job as an assistant teacher at the Hope House Early Learning Center (ELC). After completing all the training hours to get her early childhood teacher certification, Cindhia was promoted to an early learning center teacher in the infant classroom in March of 2025. Cindhia and her husband, Joe, have two kids, a daughter, Yatzeli (6), who is in kindergarten, and son, Yariel (2), who is enrolled at the ELC.







JENELLE & JACKSON

## **HELP OUR MOMS FLY IN 2025**

At a local level in Arvada, Colorado, we plan to serve **280 teen moms** at our resource center and anticipate having **74 children** enrolled in our early learning center by the end of the year. We are working to find more solutions for our teen moms' critical housing needs as we strategize and build out a plan. Hope House Colorado remains committed to transforming the lives of teen moms around the world, so with that vision, we are working to expand our national affiliate network with a goal of seeing **new Hope House affiliates** empowering teen moms across the country. We are excited to see how champions across the country will impact the lives of teen moms, just as **you** have done for teen moms in the Denver metro-area!

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