

Gabrielle's Wings

2025



Annual Report



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From our Founder



As I reflect on 2025, I'm holding two truths at once. The world has felt heavy — politically, socially, emotionally — and many of us are carrying more than we can name. But that weight has only clarified something I already know: our children need more support, more protection, and more places where they can simply be... safe, seen, and steady enough to grow. This is exactly why Gabrielle's Wings exists.

This year brought real momentum. I'm grateful and proud to share that we are now building our 14th Peace Corner — and counting. Each Corner represents hundreds of children who now have a place to breathe, reset, and regulate — a space that quietly says, “you are safe here”.

As you'll see in this annual report, the need shows up in many kinds of organizations — all places where children already spend their time and can easily access support as part of their daily lives. The outcomes continue to speak for themselves, and the demand keeps growing. Today, we support approximately 4,600 children through Peace Corners, and we've served an additional 3,600 children through other partner programs.

Looking ahead, we are dedicating meaningful time at the start of 2026 to strategic planning so we can meet this moment with clarity and care. We want to be thoughtful, nimble, and ready — because the need is great, and our responsibility is real.

This year, we also welcomed three new board members, each bringing fresh expertise and a deep commitment to the mission. I'm excited for what their leadership will help us build next.

When I founded Gabrielle's Wings, it began as a heart project — born from love and loss. Gabrielle's spirit remains forever at our core. And I am continually humbled by how far her wings have carried us — touching the lives of children across this country who deserve every chance to thrive.

Thank you for standing with us, believing in this work, and helping us create calm in the chaos for the children who need it most.

With gratitude,

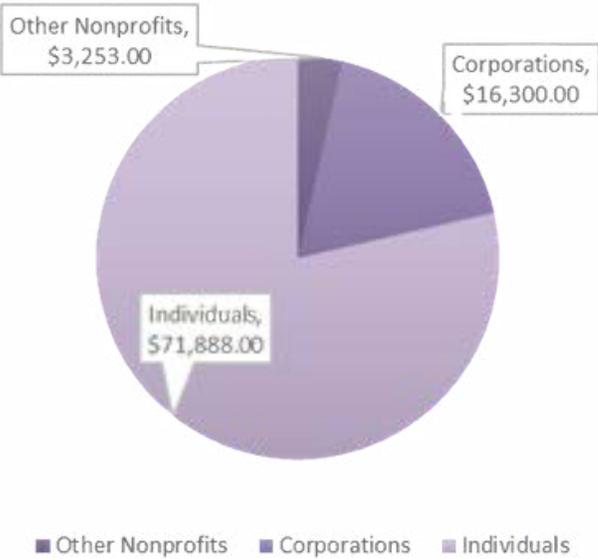
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Michelle Hord
Founder & Chair, Gabrielle's Wings

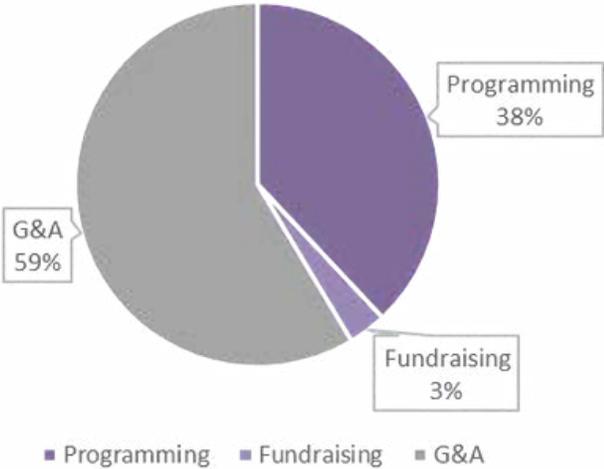
Financials



Corporate Foundations	\$16,300
Non-Profits	\$3,253
Individuals	\$71,800
Gross Income	\$91,411



Also received in-kind donations of \$36,109



Programming	\$41,000
Fundraising	\$3,645
G&A*	\$63,170
Total Expenses	\$107,815

We are positioned to reduce G&A expenses in 2026 and beyond. We have our systems, policies, and technology in place now and as a result will be able to reduce G&A costs by 27% YOY.

In Bookstores

Burst Into Books

Burst Into Books is our newest partner — a community bookstore in Chicago, IL that believes in the power of representation and community. They work with children and families facing significant socioemotional challenges, often exacerbated by systemic inequities, community trauma, and limited access to mental health resources.



In 2025, we partnered to build Gabrielle's Corner, a safe community space open to all children in the neighborhood where they can build confidence and find calm. It has quickly become one of the most beloved areas in the store — a go-to place for reading, play, and connection, with books and materials thoughtfully curated to support emotional well-being. In the first year alone, 100 children benefitted from the space

As the owner shared, the corner has exceeded expectations in how quickly it has supported SEL growth, strengthened family engagement, and added a meaningful layer of healing-centered programming to their community space. We are looking forward to watching the impact grow now that they are open!



In Summer Camps

Camp Morty

Since 2006, The Westchester Parks Foundation has offered Camp Morty — a free, traditional sleepaway summer camp for underserved youth in Westchester County, NY. Many of these children are receiving services tied to foster care, housing support, and child protective services.

In 2023, we partnered to launch a Peace Corner — a dedicated outbuilding where campers can go when they need to reset. The fully equipped space has become a favorite for healing and growth at the camp, and we have also supported trauma-informed training for the adults who surround these children so they can provide the best possible support (see the counselors below creating the space!). This year, we supported air conditioning installation to make the space more welcoming in the summer heat, and refreshed many of the tools, which have seen heavy use.



Since the Peace Corner opened, more than 1,300 campers have used the space, and there has been a 48% decrease in children being removed from activities due to behavioral issues — a meaningful sign of healing and growth.

In Youth Leadership

Educating Children of Color



This is our second year partnering with ECOC in Colorado Springs, CO, founded by Senior Judge Regina Walter after she noticed a stark disparity: while people of color comprised less than 20% of her county's population, they represented more than 60% of the youth she saw in her juvenile courtroom. ECOC's mission is to dismantle the cradle-to-prison pipeline for children of color and children in poverty, focusing on those at risk due to race, gender, and socioeconomic and geographic conditions.



This year, we supported ECOC's expansion of their leadership program to an additional school, reaching 60 new students. The program combines field trips, service projects, and academic enrichment with a new partnership with NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) for suicide prevention training. Together, these elements help students build leadership skills and confidence, pursue higher education and career opportunities, and navigate the transition into 7th and 8th grade.



In Schools

Independence Mission Schools

This is our third year partnering with Independence Mission Schools in Philadelphia, PA. IMS is a 14-school system. 98% of the students are children of color living in historically excluded communities. We have found them to be an incredible partner, with a strong focus on the social-emotional wellness of their students and how it impacts their ability to learn and grow.



This year we opened our third IMS Corner at St. Raymond's in the West Oak Lane section and are already working on our fourth. Now over 800 children have access across the schools, and they are reporting 50-57% reduction in behavioral issues in the classrooms. They are a shining example of how these Corners support not only the children that use them, but also everyone else in the school, family and community as they pass on what they learn.



In Afterschool Programs

Uplift Literacy.

This is our second year partnering with Uplift Literacy, a Miami, FL organization founded in mid-2022 by former educators dedicated to empowering PreK–3rd grade children from historically marginalized communities who are reading below grade level. Last year, 44% of 3rd graders scored below grade level — down from 48% in our first year, a meaningful sign of progress.



Uplift Literacy has grown quickly, expanding their ReadingPal program from 13 to 39 schools in the Miami-Dade School District and doubling the number of children served by volunteer tutors. Our funding supported this growth by providing take-home books for families, supplies, and volunteer training and background checks.

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