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OUR MISSION AND VISION

MISSION

Sunlight Home is a Christ-centered organization providing shelter, support, and hope to at-risk mothers and pregnant women.

VISION

At Sunlight Home, we envision a world where every pregnant woman in crisis finds refuge, hope, unconditional love and the tools to build a thriving future for herself and her child. We believe that every mother deserves the opportunity to break cycles of poverty, abuse, and homelessness through faith, education, and empowerment. Through Christ-centered care, life-skills training, and unwavering support, we strive to transform lives, one mother and baby at a time, ensuring they not only survive but flourish.



LETTER FROM OUR CEO

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As I reflect on the past year, I am filled with deep gratitude and pride in the extraordinary impact Sunlight Home has had on the lives of the women, children, and families we serve. Thanks to your generosity, partnership, and belief in our mission, 2024 was a year of remarkable growth and transformation.

We experienced an astounding 108% increase in bednights, providing safe shelter, stability, and loving support to pregnant women and mothers with children who had nowhere else to turn. This milestone represents more than just a number, it reflects stories of courage, healing, and hope. Each bednight means a mother and her child had a warm place to sleep, nourishing meals, and a team beside them committed to walking through every challenge and victory.

In addition to our residential program, our Enrich Outreach Program expanded in meaningful ways. We served 130 families, providing essential care items such as diapers, formula, clothing, strollers, and more. By offering this practical support, we helped ease the financial burden on families, allowing them to redirect precious resources toward securing and maintaining housing.

Every woman who walks through our doors brings a unique story, and we are honored to be part of their journey toward a brighter future. Whether it's helping a mother earn her diploma, reunify with her children, find employment, or move into permanent housing, we celebrate every step forward. And we don't do it alone. It's because of your faith in this mission that we continue to stand in the gap for vulnerable women and children.

As we look ahead, we do so with a bold vision and unshakable commitment. The need is great, but so is our resolve. Together, we will continue to build a community where every life is valued, every child is cherished, and every mother is given the tools to thrive.



E.B. Newberry Yarnell

PROGRAM SUCCESES

A Year of Miracles and New Beginnings

At Sunlight Home, every number tells a story of courage, redemption, and hope.

This year, those stories grew in ways we could have only prayed for.

We offered 108% more bednights to pregnant women, single mothers, and their precious babies, doubling the love, shelter, and security we could provide. Every bednight meant another mother and child had a safe place to sleep, a place to heal, and a future to dream about.

Nine women made the courageous decision to apply to college, the highest number we have ever seen! Each application was a declaration that their past does not define their future, and that they believe in a new path for themselves and their families.

More women than ever before proclaimed their faith, finding the strength to trust in a hope greater than themselves. The transformation we witnessed in their hearts reminds us that true healing is not just physical, it is spiritual.

Through our Short-Term Empowerment Program, we saw more women than ever choose life for their unborn babies. Their bravery, fueled by love and hope, is the heartbeat of everything we do. This year wasn't just about numbers, it was about lives forever changed. And none of it would have been possible without your prayers, your support, and your belief that every life matters.

Thank you for being part of these miracles.





SOME OF OUR RECURRING EXPENSES

CHILDCARE

\$200 PER RESIDENT EACH MONTH

PAPER PRODUCTS

\$350 EACH MONTH

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING & EDUCATION

\$500 PER RESIDENT EACH MONTH

LAUNDRY SUPPLIES

\$200 EACH MONTH

SHELTER ELECTRICITY

\$450 EACH MONTH

RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION

\$1050 EACH MONTH

INSURANCE

\$35,000 EACH YEAR

PARENTING CLASSES

\$100 EACH MONTH

RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

REVENUE

Exclusively from private donations,
fundraisers and private grants:

\$662,908

EXPENDITURES

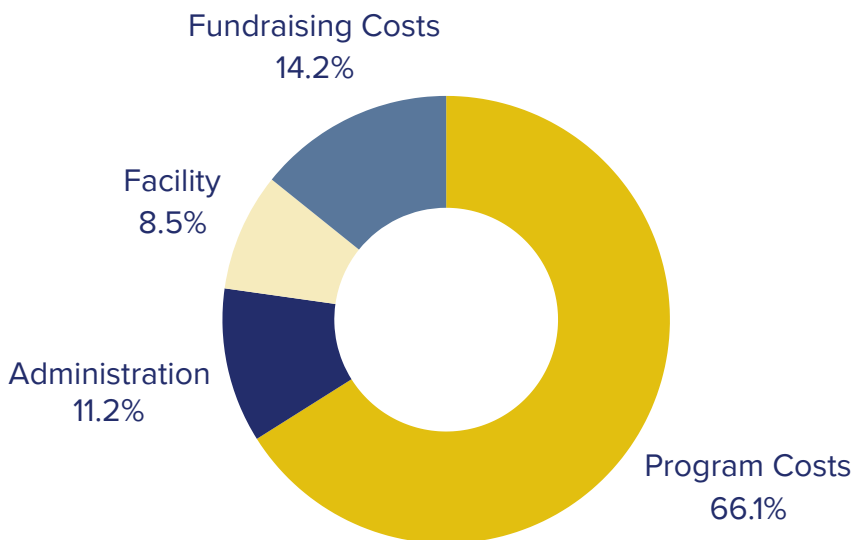
Total of all expenditures 2024:

\$565,905

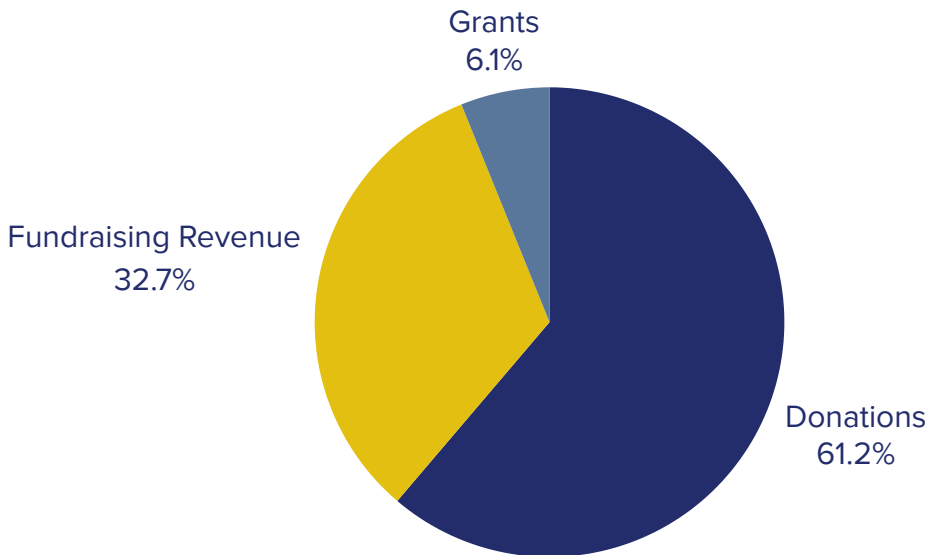


BUDGETARY OVERVIEW

EXPENDITURES



INCOME SOURCES



FROM VICTIM TO VICTOR

Melisa's Journey to Hope

When Melisa first arrived at Sunlight Home, she carried more than just a little bag of tattered clothes. She carried fear. Trauma. The weight of years spent in silence, trapped in an abusive relationship. She was exhausted and afraid.

But today, Melisa is not a victim. She is a victor.

Thanks to your support, and the safe haven she found at Sunlight Home, Melisa and her beautiful baby, Edrian, are beginning a brand-new chapter—one filled with healing, strength, and hope.

When Melisa made the brave decision to escape the violence, she had nowhere to go. Full of fear, she took that chance, walking away from everything she knew to protect her unborn son. Melisa didn't know what came next, only that she had to survive, for him.

Sunlight Home became the light in her darkest hour.

Here, she found more than shelter. She found a community that saw her; not as broken, not as a burden but as a mother full of potential and a woman with an unshakable will to rise.

For the first time in a long time, Melisa slept without fear. **She found her voice again.** And with every passing day, she stood a little taller.

Today, Edrian is a joyful, thriving baby. His giggles echo through the walls of the home that now protects him. He has a mama who holds him tight, reads to him, and nurtures him. Because of you, he will grow up knowing what love looks like, and what strength sounds like in a woman's voice.

Melisa is now employed, thriving and planning for a future that once felt impossible. She dreams of becoming a flight attendant, to take her son soaring into a life she never thought she'd have.

Your support made this transformation possible.

Because of your compassion, Melisa and Edrian's story is full of redemption, resilience, and victory. But, there are so many mothers like Melisa searching for a way out, praying for a new beginning.



THE FUTURE OF SUNLIGHT

Expanding Hope. Empowering More Women. Transforming Generations.

At Sunlight Home, our vision has always been clear: to offer every pregnant woman in crisis not just a place to stay, but a path to a new life. We are proud of the lives changed within our walls—but we know there are still so many more women in Southwest Florida who need the hope and help we provide.

Looking Ahead: Growth Rooted in Purpose

As we look to the future, we are preparing to expand both our reach and our impact:

- Growing Our Capacity
- We are actively seeking ways to serve more women and babies by expanding housing capacity, staffing, and support services. We aim to welcome more residents each year without compromising the quality of our Christ-centered care.
- Building Transitional Housing
- We envision a next step for our residents—a safe, supportive bridge between Sunlight Home and fully independent living. Our transitional housing initiative will offer continued guidance as mothers secure employment, attend school, and raise their children with confidence.
- Enhancing Education and Career Programs
- We plan to strengthen our life-skills curriculum by incorporating job training partnerships, entrepreneurship mentoring, and higher education access, empowering our residents to build sustainable futures.
- Doubling Down on Mental Health and Trauma Support
- With trauma-informed care at the heart of our work, we are investing in expanded counseling services, support groups, and healing resources to address the deep wounds our mothers carry and help break generational cycles of abuse and poverty.
- Community Engagement & Awareness
- We are launching outreach efforts to increase awareness among local hospitals, churches, schools, and agencies—so no woman facing a crisis pregnancy ever feels alone or unseen.

Together, We Can Do More

Every step forward will require faithful supporters like you. Your generosity fuels every diaper delivered, every Bible opened, every diploma earned, and every life reborn. With your help, the future of Sunlight Home is bright—and the lives we will change in the years ahead are countless.

Join us as we grow. Stand with us as we transform. Partner with us as we bring more women and babies into the light.

CHANGE LIVES WITH US

At Sunlight Home, we believe that every pregnant woman in crisis deserves more than survival—she deserves the chance to thrive. Your partnership makes that possible. Whether through your time, resources, or prayers, you have the power to change the trajectory of a mother and baby's life.

Ways You Can Get Involved

Give Financially

Your donation helps provide safe housing, prenatal care, parenting classes, life-skills training, and spiritual support to women and babies in need.

Become a monthly donor or give in honor of a loved one.

Host a Baby Shower or Supply Drive

Gather your friends, church group, or coworkers to collect diapers, formula, baby clothes, and household essentials that keep our home running smoothly.

Pray for Our Moms and Babies

We believe in the power of prayer. Your intercession for the women and children at Sunlight Home helps surround them with love and grace on their journey to healing.

Volunteer Your Time

Mentor a young mom, lead a Bible study, provide transportation, or help with childcare. Your presence can make a lasting impact.

Sponsor an Event or Fundraiser

Support one of our annual benefit events, or host your own gathering to raise awareness and funds. Every dollar helps restore dignity and hope.

Share Your Skills

Are you a counselor, teacher, resume writer, financial planner, or life coach? Your expertise can equip our residents with real tools for success.

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