ANNUAL REPORT



Build. Believe. Become.

"As a person who lived in Saint Louise House as a child, this gave me the liberty to be a normal kid and just focus on the things that a kid should worry about and, not what am I going to eat at night and sleep."

- Saint Louise House Child



LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is with a heart filled with gratitude that I reflect on another year of incredible growth and positive impact at Saint Louise House. Your unwavering support has been instrumental in shaping the future of 49 families with over 100 children. It is through your generosity and belief in our mission that we continue to make a difference in the lives of families.

Our work is guided by the dreams and aspirations of the families we serve. The children at Saint Louise House are filled with ambition and hope, aspiring to be everything from veterinarians to doctors to artists. We are honored to be a part of their journeys, providing a nurturing environment where they can dream big and realize their potential.

Equally inspiring are the dreams of Saint Louise House mothers. They aspire to be counselors, nurses, music therapists, and more. Your support empowers them to pursue education, training, and professional development opportunities that open doors to fulfilling careers and a brighter future for their families.

Looking ahead, we are more determined than ever to continue strengthening our support for children. They are the future, and by investing in their education, well-being, and personal growth, we are building a foundation for a stronger community. Another priority is to expand our impact on the lives of single mothers and their children by providing more services to families while they are on our waiting list. And with you, our faithful donors and volunteers by our side, we dare to dream of a new campus in the years to come.

As we envision the future, we know it is only through your continued support that these dreams can become a reality. Your generosity fuels our determination, and together, we can create a world where every family has the chance to thrive.

Your partnership is invaluable, and we are excited to continue transforming lives and making a lasting difference with you. Thank you for being a part of the Saint Louise House family.

Laura Ward
Executive Director

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Shaping the Future

OUR APPROACH

Housing

Saint Louise House provides 46 families safe, stable housing in two complexes in South Austin. Rents are subsidized so that families start out paying only \$50 a month for the first year. With this stable housing, families can confidently take steps toward their goals.

Partnership

Every mother finds a partner on her journey toward stability through weekly meetings with a staff social worker who supports her in identifying her own strengths and learning to leverage her strengths to achieve her goals. Empowerment Partners connect families to resources for education and employment and building skills such as parenting, financial literacy, and more.

Wraparound Services

Saint Louise House provides mothers and children highly individualized support for meeting basic needs, accessing community resources, and achieving their goals. Services include life skills workshops, children's activities supporting social and emotional development, and direct support such as a food pantry, bus passes and flexible funds.

"They saw a woman in legitimate need with two young children in an untenable situation and they took action, they made a beautiful space for us, giving us the security, time, and the resources to get back on track. There is no doubt in my mind that this organization, and all the people who worked tirelessly toward this end, saved us."

- Saint Louise House Mom



Seeking Stability

LIFE BEFORE SAINT LOUISE HOUSE

"When I first moved to Saint Louise House, I had nothing but me and my children's clothes."

- Saint Louise House Mom

For over twenty years, the community that is Saint Louise House has seen the need for long-term housing and supports for mothers and children and answered it with generosity and love. 236 families with over 500 children have found a home and support here.

ONE CHILD'S JOURNEY

Isaac* was just over three years old when he moved into Saint Louise House. He and his mother had spent the last eight months moving among friends, family, hotels, and sleeping in their car.

* (name changed to protect his privacy)

Where Families Came From in 2022:



\$15,271

Average annual income of families on entry

Experienced domestic violence

70%





29%

Experienced homelessness multiple times before coming to Saint Louise House

Had been involved with CPS

20%



At Home

BUILDING A NEW LIFE WITH SAINT LOUISE HOUSE

ONE CHILD'S JOURNEY

In the stability of Saint Louise House, Isaac began a pre-K program and his mother was given flexible funds to purchase equipment to meet his special needs. He dreamed of being a bear when grew up so he could be big and strong. "When my son and I moved in, I breathed freely for the first time in almost a year. I knew that I had finally found a home."

- Saint Louise House Mom







"The kids felt very calm and happy during their time here. They were in a safe and secure home and away from violence which was important."

- Saint Louise House Mom

Saint Louise House currently serves families in 46 apartment homes. Mothers meet weekly with their Empowerment Partners to set and work toward goals that will lead to self-sufficiency. Weekly empowerment workshops teach life skills and build community. Children's activities build confidence and support social and emotional development. Additional supports include financial literacy coaching, parenting support, and access to healthcare, childcare, and other resources.

In Just This Last Year:













Case Management Meetings





44,264



Bed-Nights Not Homeless





Charlene Thompson Children's Resiliency **Fund Spotlight**

Saint Louise House teens are thriving thanks to our community of support and dedicated staff! This summer teens met regularly, building relationships and having fun. They are building leadership skills by chaperoning younger children on field trips, taking on responsibilities during community events, and planning a spooky Halloween for the community.



Moving Forward

A NEW LIFE BEYOND SAINT LOUISE HOUSE

With the continued commitment and generosity of our community of support, Saint Louise House is committed to serving more of the 50 families who are currently on our waiting list while also increasing our supports for families.

"I am most excited about seeing the rest of my goals come to fruition. I have a good job now and I have worked toward building my credit. I am leaving Saint Louise House sooner than I thought I would, which is good too. I would like to become a homeowner one day and pick up another trade to make enough money and live life without stressing. I also want to go back to school."

- Saint Louise House Mom

ONE CHILD'S JOURNEY

When Isaac and his family graduated from Saint Louise House, he had three years of stability and support. He was thriving at school and had a bright future. Last we heard, he had changed his mind and wanted to be a basketball player when he grows up.

What children want to be when they grow up:

Video game tester Video game maker

Nurse Soccer player
Vet (3) Train conductor
Artist In the Air Force
Garbage man Sculptural artist
Writer Doctor (2)

Football player

"I want to be a risk taker, confident, and be happy!" - Saint Louise House Child

What moms want to be:

Counselor Bee keeper
Nurse (2) Music therapist

"I am working on a B.A. in social work, and then maybe a master's degree, or law school, or even attorney general. It's funny to think that there was a time I didn't believe I could do any of these things." - Saint Louise House Mom

Incredible Success in 2022:



96% maintained stable housing





100% increased self-sufficiency

LETTER FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT OF PHILANTHROPY

Every day I am humbled by what I see within the walls of Saint Louise House. I see mothers who are strong, resilient, and dedicated to building better lives for themselves and their children; I see staff who are deeply committed to supporting families on their journeys; and I see an amazing community of donors and volunteers who are devoted to making it all happen. Saint Louise House moms, staff, and supporters inspire in me a bold vision for the future. We have created a number of investment funds that mirror our priorities for better serving single mothers and children experiencing homelessness in our community:

Home and Hope Fund

Last year, we completed our expansion into 46 apartment homes for families. Even with this new capacity, another 50 families remain on our waiting list. Most will continue to move from one unstable living situation to another for six to nine months before an apartment becomes available for them at Saint Louise House. Our vision for the future includes a new campus that will help meet the need for supportive housing for single mothers and their children in our community. We are even now formulating what this might look like and speaking with thought partners and community leaders to gain as much information as possible to create a plan for best meeting the needs of current and future clients. In the meantime, we are developing our capacity for providing families more services for the months that they are on our waiting list.



Security and Safe Spaces Fund

We are committed to strengthening security at each of our properties to protect the mothers and children who live here, over 70% of whom have experienced domestic violence. Our vision is for new security fencing, card operated gates, and security camera upgrades. Additional capital improvement projects include siding repair and painting, parking lot resurfacing, appliance replacement, playgrounds, and shade structures.

Charlene Thompson Children's Resiliency Fund

The children of Saint Louise House are our most treasured asset, and we continue to strengthen our investment in them because they are the future. Our vision includes increasing the intensity of services we already provide: activities supporting social and emotional learning at every age, parent coaching, childcare support, financial assistance for extracurriculars, and transportation for field trips.

Join us is making this vision for the future a reality!

Berenice Craig

Vice President of Philanthropy

WAYS TO GIVE

There are many ways you can contribute to the success of women and their children moving from homelessness to stable, independent lives.



Workplace Matching



Join our Legacy Circle



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Scan here to join our family of support today!



VOLUNTEER & INVESTOR IMPACT

Volunteers play pivotal roles in the success of mothers and children at Saint Louise House. The impact of consistent volunteers can be seen in the strong connection that has developed between a volunteer and a special needs child and in the excitement among the children when groups that have become familiar show up. One-time volunteers have an incredible impact that is sometimes more mystical, such as when volunteers included toys from "Toy Story" while setting up an apartment. How could they have known those were the two-year old's favorite toy characters?

These encounters represent more than just a moment in time for children. They symbolize a community that cares deeply about their well-being, giving children a sense of belonging and contributing to their emotional and intellectual development.

The investment of time, love and care that our volunteers give so generously transforms the lives of Saint Louise House families.



Saint Louise House is more than just a stable home for families. It is an entire community working together to create a nurturing environment that fosters hope and stability.

"Deciding to volunteer at Saint Louise House has really been a blessing in my life. I've never regretted it for one day."

- Saint Louise House Volunteer



Volunteer Impact in 2022:



Number of apartment set-ups

Food bank pantry shifts

96







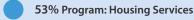
"Saint Louise House made us feel loved as a family during the holiday times."

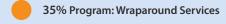
- Saint Louise House Child

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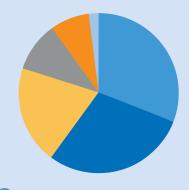








ANNUAL REVENUE \$2,238,528















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"Your solutions are so elegant... Hand painted instead of spray painted. And for moms and kids. 100% on target. Great work, every day."

- Tom Borders, Saint Louise House Supporter

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- Saint Louise House Child



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