



# Beginnings



## Kentucky State Senate Bill 34 What it will Mean to Pregnant and Single Mothers

With the overturning of Roe v. Wade, support for pregnant women and single mothers is vitally important. There is currently a bill before the Kentucky State Senate, Senate Bill 34, that will provide much needed support for pregnant women and single mothers. Within that bill are supports in the form of medical care, food, housing assistance, tuition, and more. Of particular interest is child-care. Child-care is one area in which many single mothers struggle. Finding child-care, paying for child-care, what to do with their child if child-care is closed and mom has to work, are issues we see daily with our program participants.

Please review Senate Bill 34 at <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/24rs/sb34.html>, and contact the Kentucky Legislative Message Line to voice your support of these measures to help pregnant women and single mothers.

### Kentucky Legislative Message Line: 1-800-372-7181

- Give your name and address. They will give you the names of your Senator and Representative
- Mention "Senate Bill 34" and you wish to support the bill
- You may also leave comments to be forwarded to your Senator or Representative

## What is BNI?

BNI is a Member focused business referral network that works. They develop long lasting relationships with like-minded business professionals, create opportunities through referral marketing and grow business skills. Not only does BNI help grow respective businesses, it allows members to have reliable experts from any number of professions on speed dial.

Lifeshouse is currently in the BNI Apex Referral Team, ART, group. In 2023 we were awarded the chapter education award which shows our dedication to bettering ourselves and members. BNI Apex Referral Team has helped Lifeshouse Maternity Home with donations in May with the World's Biggest Baby Shower, volunteered at our Golf Scramble, and donated to Lifeshouse during Give For Good.

Thanks to the BNI Apex Referral Team, they were our Lunch & Learn Sponsor for January 2024! **If any group or individual is interested in sponsoring a future Lunch & Learn, please contact Shelly Green at 502-897-1655.**



## Introducing Our New Office Manager/ Bookkeeper

After seeing an ad in the *Catholic Record* for an Office Manager/Bookkeeper, Anita knew her studies in Accounting at Bellarmine University and her years of experience in office administration and bookkeeping would make her a great fit for Lifeshouse.



Having retired in August 2022, Anita wasn't sure she wanted to return to the workforce, but couldn't stop thinking about Lifeshouse. After much prayer, and reflecting on the fact that she was once a young, teenage mother, Anita felt that God was calling her to Lifeshouse where she would hopefully be able to help women who weren't as fortunate as she was, thanks to the loving support of family and friends.

Anita and her husband, Ron, are blessed to have three sons, daughters-in-law, two grandsons and a granddaughter. When Anita is not snuggling with Tucker and Lilly, her Goldendoodles who demand lots of attention, she enjoys playing golf and pickleball.

Welcome to Lifeshouse, Anita!



# Providing Help, Hope and Healing

By Dolli Neikirk, Executive Director  
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It is hard to believe we are already well into 2024. Lifehouse Maternity Home continues to be a busy place with new program participants, babies, and toddlers. We remain committed to our mission of providing help, hope, and healing for pregnant and parenting women and their children.

As Lifehouse looks forward to 2024, and our 16th year, we are blessed to have welcomed 95 babies since opening our doors in 2008. We have watched our program participants flourish and thrive, changing the trajectory of their family tree by ending cycles of neglect, abuse, poverty and addiction. We are excited to see how God will use our partnership with you to transform lives and introduce our program participants to Jesus.

## May I ask four things of you in 2024?

- Pray for Lifehouse – for women who need us to find us; for our program participants to succeed; and for our staff.
- Invite Lifehouse to speak to your Small Group, Sunday School Class, community organization, or at a special event.
- Bring your pastor, a family member or a friend to one of our Lunch & Learns on the last Wednesday of the month (register online at [www.LifehouseLouisville.org/events](http://www.LifehouseLouisville.org/events)).
- Share your passion for Lifehouse with those you know. Even after 15+ years, Lifehouse still remains a well-kept

secret in Louisville. We grow through introducing more people to Lifehouse, and you can be the key to making that introduction.

## You are making an impact!

I recognize the past year has been financially challenging, and we are deeply grateful for your support of Lifehouse. I appreciate you sharing your gifts of time, talent, treasure and prayer for women and children who come through our doors.

**I am thrilled to report our year end appeal raised \$138,667!!! Thank you for your generosity!** But our work is not done.

As we continue to face rising costs, our budget has to increase as well. Lifehouse will need to raise over \$630,000 to meet our budgeted expenses for 2024.

Please prayerfully consider if you are able to help Lifehouse in 2024 with a monthly gift or by increasing your monthly gift. This is the best way to ensure that Lifehouse has the resources needed to provide the safe space, food, heat, water, guidance and support our program participants need.

Your monthly gift can be set up securely by using a credit card or by ACH through your bank by visiting our website [www.LifehouseLouisville.org/donate](http://www.LifehouseLouisville.org/donate) or using the QR code below. If you would like to increase your monthly gift, please call 502-897-1655, and we can make that adjustment for you.

Another great way to help Lifehouse is to consider a gift from your IRA, Donor Advised Fund, or including Lifehouse in your will or as a beneficiary on your life insurance policy. Please consult with a tax advisor for further information on these opportunities. And let Lifehouse know if you take any of these actions.

## Do you have prayer requests?

Our staff will be lifting you and your family in prayer, and I encourage you to share your prayer requests with us at [lifehouse@lifehouiselouisville.org](mailto:lifehouse@lifehouiselouisville.org). Most of all I pray for God's blessings to you and your family in the coming year. Here's to hoping God blesses you even more in 2024!

### 3 Easy Ways to Give



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Give online quickly and securely





Call 502-897-1655 to give by phone

[LifehouseLouisville.org](http://LifehouseLouisville.org)

← Aim your camera here and click to give.

# House Happenings



## You're the Best!

Thank you to all the wonderful groups, individuals and organizations that blessed our program participants with Christmas gifts! Each participant and child received several gifts, and were so overwhelmed by the generosity.

- St. Louis Bertrand Catholic Church**
- Rabbouni Catholic Community**
- Kingdom Building Ministries**
- DDG – Chapel in the Woods**
- Jan Dierking and Friends**
- Rawlings Group**
- Ciao Bella Salon**
- Norton Family**
- Patti Worley**
- Mary Smith and Family**

## Our Lifehouse Babies Are Growing Up And Look at Them Now!

Former program participant, Stephanie's son was accepted to the prestigious Notre Dame High School in Connecticut. Notre Dame is an all-male college preparatory school. Stephanie was one of the earliest program participants at Lifehouse. It's hard to believe some of the earliest babies born to Lifehouse moms are now in or entering high school!



Congratulations to Stephanie and her son!!!



◀ Stephanie and son at a UofL game several years ago.



## It's Time To Think About Teeing Up!

**SAVE THE DATE** for the 9th Annual "Tee Up 'FORE' Life" Golf Scramble!

Monday, July 29, 2024 at Polo Fields

## Thank you for positively changing the course of lives.

*Lifehouse is always grateful for the organizations, businesses, and individuals who provide generous support for our program. We especially recognize those who give in honor or memory of loved ones.*

### Foundations & Grants

- Coca-Cola Consolidated, Inc.
- Gheens Foundation
- Truist Foundation
- ZeeFam Trust

- Southeast Christian Church
- St. Patrick Catholic Church

### Memorial & Honorarium Gifts

- In honor of Dave Moser by Carlton Moser
- Charlianne by Salem Griffin-Johnson
- In Jesus Name by David Smith
- In honor of Tara by Laura Jones
- In honor of niece & husband blessed by Lifehouse by Isabelle Ebelhor

### Businesses & Organizations

- Gulfstream
- Kroger
- Signature Consulting
- Acts II Mission Fund
- Epiphany Catholic Church
- The Marian Center
- Compass Christian Church

- In honor of Norman & Sally O'Grady by James O'Grady
- In honor of Larry Jones by Kenneth Jones
- In honor of Bryan, Chelsea, Cam & Hattie Slade, Merry Christmas by Marty Slade-Perlman
- In honor of Donovan's 10th birthday by Paula & Michael Allison
- In memory of Charles & Betty Jansing by Charlene Distler

- In memory of Dorothy & Lawrence Ladegast by Patricia Colley
- In honor of Cathy Badgett by Karen Brown
- In honor of Sharon and Bill Morgan by Sharon & Robert Nesmith
- In honor of Steve Isaac by Jessie Wrenn
- In honor of Dr. & Mrs. David L. Shutt by Mrs. John A. Schaefer

*Every effort has been made to account for these gifts. Please notify us of any errors or omissions and we will make a correction.*

# Marvelous Works

# Annual Report 2023

*“The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.”*  
Psalm 118:23

Oh, what marvelous work the Lord has done at Lifehouse Maternity Home in 2023! As Lifehouse moves into 2024, we celebrate the births of five precious babies in 2023, bringing the total number of babies born to Lifehouse moms since opening our doors in 2008 to 95! In 2023 we welcomed 26 moms and 20 babies to Lifehouse. Lifehouse provided resources to 304 women, up nearly 34% over 2022, and our occupancy nearly doubled in 2023. For most of the year we were at or near capacity, with a waiting list.

In 2023, Lifehouse had four participants enrolled in college and three working toward their GED. All program participants are required to work, participate in weekly Bible study, attend church, meet with a counselor, work with our Case Manager on goals, attend a recovery program if they have a history of drug use, and complete life skills assignments weekly. We have had participants working on securing driver’s licenses and learning English as their second language.

## Lifehouse sees a disturbing trend

Lifehouse continues to see a disturbing trend with an increasing number of women escaping domestic violence, being trafficked, or at risk of being trafficked. In 2023, we saw a 33% increase in the number of women fleeing domestic violence, and a 78% increase in the number of women who were or were at risk of being trafficked.

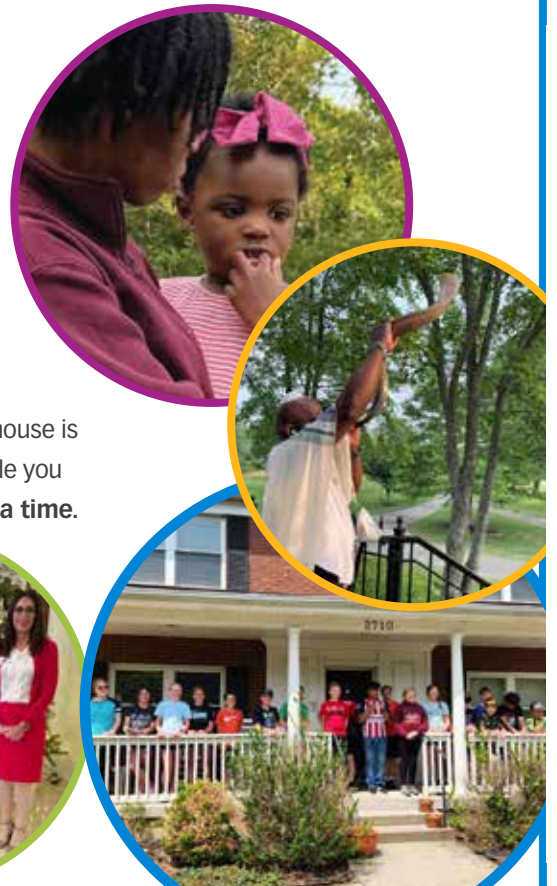
Here is a breakdown of 2023:

● Fleeing domestic violence	70%	● Physical, emotional or sexual abuse	90%
● Trafficked or at risk	90%	● Eating disorder or food insecurity	80%
● Time in foster care	60%	● Mental health diagnosis or trauma	100%
● Addiction or drug use history	70%	● Homeless or housing insecure	100%

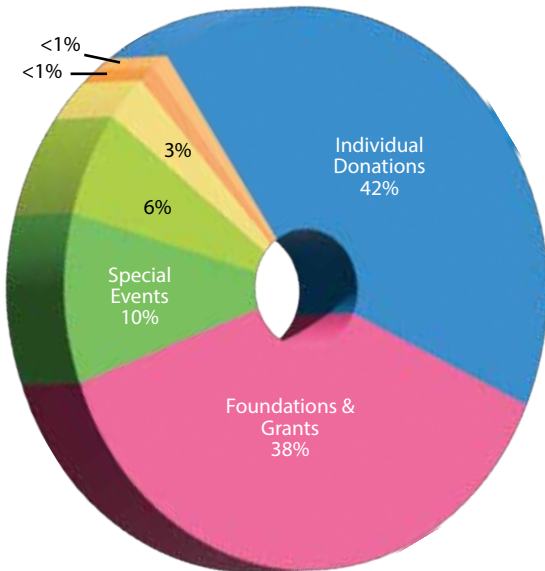
## So Where is the Marvelous?

When reading those statistics, it may be hard to understand what is “marvelous” about those figures. The fact that Lifehouse Maternity Home exists, and is a resource for pregnant and parenting women is marvelous in our eyes. Lifehouse is providing a safe home, food, and clothing, as well as guidance, help, and care for hundreds of women each year. It is marvelous that our supporters continue to see Lifehouse as a vital need in the Louisville community, providing financial and other resources that allows us to serve a vulnerable and underserved population.

All of these numbers represent precious lives, moms and babies, born and unborn. Lifehouse is blessed by the faithfulness of God’s people through prayers and gifts. On the reverse side you will see your impact. **You truly are making a difference, one mom and one baby at a time. Thank you for sharing your heart with Lifehouse!**

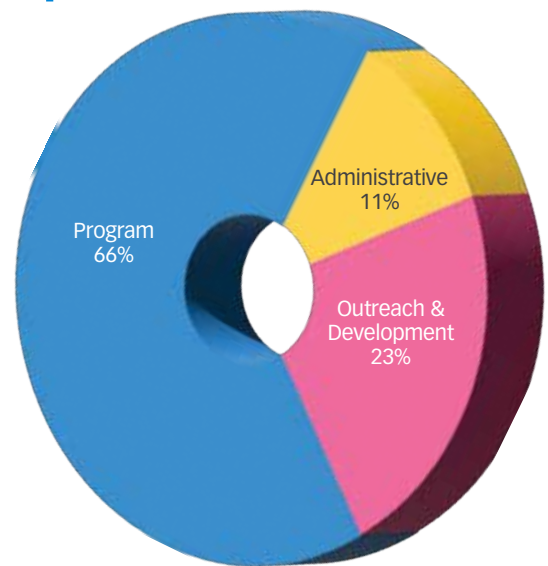


## 2023 Income

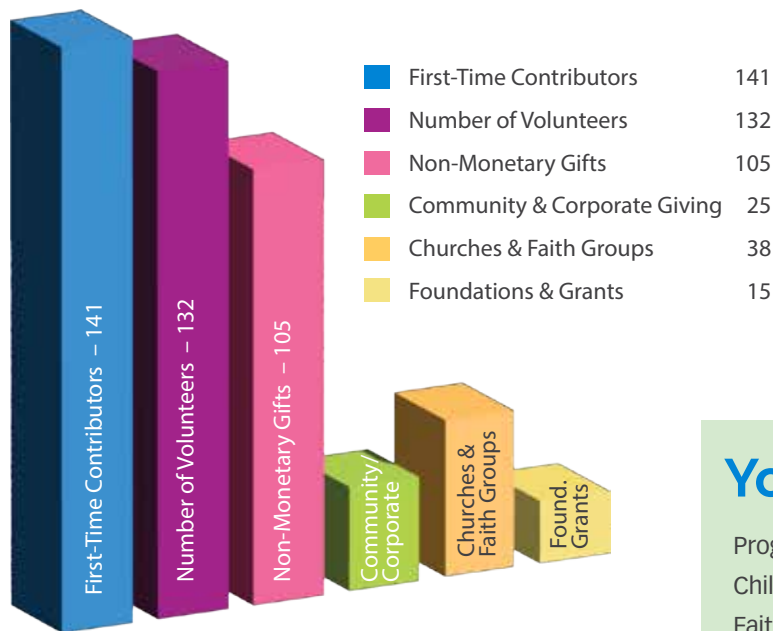


- Individual Donations – 42%
- Foundations & Grants – 38%
- Special Events – 10%
- Churches & Religious Affiliations – 6%
- Corporate Contributions/Matching – 3%
- Resident Contributions – <1%
- Other Income – <1%

## 2023 Expenses



## Your Contributions



## Your Collective Impact

Program Participants Served	26
Children Served	20
Faith Development Hours	1405
Baptisms/Professions of Faith	2
Non-participants Served	278



## We Need Your Input, Please...

Lifehouse is considering bringing back our in-person event, "Unity for Life" for 2025. We would like to gauge your interest. Would you please take a few moments to complete a short questionnaire. Your response is valuable as we explore this exciting opportunity! Point your camera at the QR code or go to <https://lifehouselouisville.org/unity-for-life-survey/>

UnityLife



# Lifehouse

## Maternity Home

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*"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud."*

1 Corinthians 13

### Share our Mission



## Lifehouse "Wish List" Gift Registry on Amazon

Just as important to the support of Lifehouse, is non-monetary gifts. Lifehouse has a gift registry on Amazon, making it easy to help with just a few clicks. To find our gift registry:

- Go to [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).
- In the search bar type **"Registry"**
- Then click the button **"Search for a registry or gift list."** (yellow button)
- Type in **Lifehouse Maternity Home** in the search by name box and select "Gift List" from the pull-down menu, and click the search button.
- Lifehouse Maternity Home will pop-up and once you **click** on it, you will see all the needs for Lifehouse.
- **Make your selection** and ship it directly to Lifehouse! It's that easy!

### Our biggest needs right now are:

- Ethnic hair care products (Shea Moisture is on our list)
- Copy Paper
- Stamps
- Liquid hand soap in individual pumps (not refills)
- Infant liquid Tylenol and Motrin
- Diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6)

While we always appreciate donations of used items, please give us a call before dropping off a donation. We have limited storage space, and many items currently being stored. We do not have any need for women's clothing, baby clothing or baby items, or formula at this time.



### Other ways to help Lifehouse:

- Include Lifehouse in your will.
- Add Lifehouse as beneficiary on your life insurance policy.
- At age 70 ½ or older, an individual can donate up to \$100,000 from their IRA to a charitable organization. Making a Qualified Charitable Distribution meets the Required Minimum Distribution requirement dollar for dollar.

*Always consult with your tax advisor before taking any steps described above. Please let Lifehouse know if you are taking any of the steps above.*

Learn more at [LifehouseLouisville.org](http://LifehouseLouisville.org) • 502.897.1655