



ANNUAL REPORT 2024



Spreading our WINGS



A JOURNEY OF HEALING...

"My journey of healing from domestic violence has been transformative, and I am deeply grateful for the support I received from the WINGS..."

Before finding their help, I felt empty and overwhelmed with shame. **I was a mom dealing with not only abuse, but also serious health challenges** that left me disabled during this tumultuous period.

This real-life nightmare felt unescapable, lonely, and hopeless at times.

Through WINGS guidance and resources, I have found a path to a renewed sense of self-worth. The program has provided me with essential recovery tools and a supportive community that has helped me rebuild my life.

They've helped me regain my voice to speak my truth, advocate for myself, and know I am WORTHY!

I am now on a journey of healing and empowerment, and I am thankful to WINGS for being a crucial part of my process."

Jamie*, Survivor in WINGS Counseling Program



Learn more about WINGS expanded counseling services through the new Foglia Family Resource Center (pages 8-9).

*WINGS uses representative names and photos to protect the dignity and security of those we serve.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

DEAR WINGS FAMILY,

This year marked my 25th anniversary as leader of WINGS.

As I reflect, I am filled with gratitude for your steadfast support. **Together, we've accomplished so much for survivors of domestic violence.** As we have grown, so has our ability to provide even more programs of the highest quality to aid survivors.

Over this year, I've enjoyed having monthly parties to commemorate programs we've started and expanded. Continuing this momentum, we have launched the **Spreading Our WINGS Expansion Campaign** which will sustain our impactful programming and expand our solutions to new communities.

This year we've achieved remarkable milestones:

- **Opening the Foglia Family Resource Center**, providing essential counseling services.
- **Pioneering a TBI collaboration** that is creating vital awareness and tools for local hospitals to ultimately better serve those affected by domestic violence and traumatic brain injuries.
- **Our memorable events received awards and spread awareness.** Our Sweet Home Chicago event recognized its 20th anniversary and won a national award.
- Our annual Celebration of Courage **honored 11 survivor graduates** for all they have accomplished in their time with WINGS.

Thank you to everyone who has given their time, talent and treasure this year. **These are the triumphs you make possible.**

With your help, we can continue to change lives and build a future where every individual has the chance to soar.

Warm regards,



Rebecca A. Darr

Rebecca Darr
President & CEO
WINGS Program, Inc.



Rebecca received recognition for her 25th WINGS Anniversary including a **National Purple Ribbon Award** for Nonprofit Executive of the Year and a **key to the Village of Hoffman Estates, IL** from Mayor William McLeod.

Fiscal Year 2024

WINGS IMPACT

EMERGENCY SAFE HOUSES

2 Safe Houses
3 Extended Stay Units

371

served

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

3 Shared Living Homes
36 Independent Apartments

143

served

PERMANENT HOUSING

8 Apartments
2 Homes
95 Rapid Rehousing Units
• 55 Citywide
• 40 Northwest Suburbs

244

served

2

1,221

TOTAL SURVIVORS PROVIDED
HOUSING AND SERVICES



107,024

NIGHTS OF SHELTER

15% Increase over last year





CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES



493
CHILDREN
SERVED

17,136
HOURS OF SERVICES
PROVIDED

58% increase over last year

96%
of children could
identify actions
to take to feel safe

COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

463
served

NEW! FOGLIA FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

114 Adults Served
34 Children Served
4,298 Counseling Hours

HOSPITAL OUTREACH

86 Bedside Consults
827 Medical Staff
Trained
1,705 Counseling Hours

A NEW DIRECTION

Legal Advocacy,
Education, Referrals,
Counseling

46 Served
984 Hours of Service

MENTORING

Survivor Lifeline
ALAS

94 Served
1,314 Hours of
Mentoring Services

EXTENDED SERVICES

Pantry
Gifts for Holidays
School Supplies

\$11,486 Worth of Items
Distributed

→ Breaking the Cycle of Domestic Violence

Northwest Community Hospital will refer survivors as well as provide necessary scans. Michael Hartke, Northwest Community Hospital President with Rebecca Darr, WINGS President & CEO



SURVIVORS AND BRAIN INJURIES

WINGS PIONEERS COORDINATED RESPONSE

WINGS and nine partner agencies are working with local hospitals to **create a toolkit and develop procedures for domestic violence survivors recovering from brain injuries.**

As a result, survivors will receive resources ranging from **additional scans, to housing**, to assistance with setting and meeting goals. Head injuries affect the daily functioning of survivors. This may lead to missed appointments, having difficulty managing finances, depression, or mood swings.

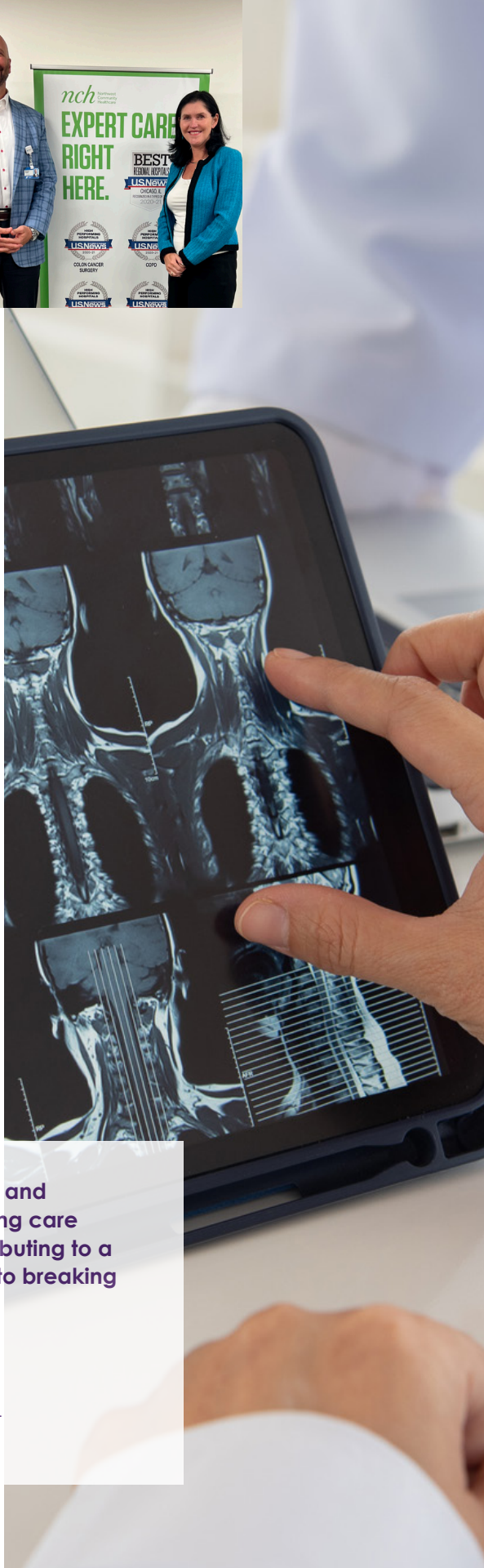
With increased hospital staff awareness and having a dedicated Medical Advocate to support survivors through their diagnosis and treatment, a survivor's ability to follow through on a path toward stability increases.

This collaboration is possible due to a grant from the Michael Reese Health Trust, a long-time supporter of WINGS and the issue of domestic violence.

“Michael Reese Health Trust is proud to support and commit to this collaboration aimed at enhancing care and support for survivors of brain injuries, contributing to a comprehensive, community-based approach to breaking the cycle of violence.”



JENNIFER M. ROSENKRANZ,
PROGRAM DIRECTOR,
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, MICHAEL
REESE HEALTH TRUST.





**\$2,796,873
IN SALES**

**569,064
ITEMS SOLD INCLUDING:**

**180,028
CLOTHING PIECES**

**175,584
HOUSEWARES**

**5,074
FURNITURE**



Follow Nancy F. as she
discovers treasures at
WINGS Resale

WINGS RESALE ACHIEVES RECORD SALES WHILE ASSISTING SURVIVORS WITH A FRESH START

WINGS Resale provided nearly **\$60,000** worth of **essential clothing, furniture, and housewares** to survivors this year.

"On many occasions, **families arrive at our Safe Houses with just the clothes on their back.**

The Safe Houses provide a detailed request of the clothing needs to one of our three stores. The request is **filled** by staff and volunteers **within a few hours.**"

Nancy H., WINGS Director of Resale Stores says.



Additionally, families moving into transitional housing programs select furniture and housewares.

Nancy continues, "Each household moving into a Transitional Housing or Rapid Rehousing unit is provided with a free, one-time delivery.

Within 24-48 hours of their WINGS Resale shopping appointment, **clients' chosen items are delivered.** With a newly furnished apartment, clients **make their new place feel like home.**"

Thank you to our donors, customers, volunteers, and staff for making this high level of service possible!



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Vince and Pat Foglia		

Learn more about
WINGS Board of Directors
and Councils



COUNCILS

WINGS is supported by many of Chicago's most influential citizens and philanthropists. These groups assist through advocacy, volunteering, fundraising, awareness, and more!

- Suburban Leadership Council
- Metro Leadership Council
- Metro Associate Council
- AND Leadership Council
- North Shore Leadership Council
- New! – Miami Leadership

A new Miami Leadership Council is on the horizon which will focus on raising funds to create a Survivor Relief Fund, launch Survivor Lifeline in Miami, and explore bringing WINGS Hospital Program to the area.



North Shore Leadership Council with
Nigel Barker at BLOSSOM event



AND Leadership Council

**WINGS Board of Directors and Leadership Council
Members at the Purple Tie Ball**



A DREAM COME TRUE -

WINGS Opens Foglia Family Resource Center

Years ago, WINGS Director of Children and Family Services Beth shared her dream: to expand the program beyond WINGS housing programs and be able to serve children from the community.

"Here at WINGS, my dream came true," Beth announced at the Foglia Family Resource Center's Open House.

WINGS Foglia Family Resource Center (FFRC) came to fruition due to generous funding from public and private sources: the Foglia Family Foundation, Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, and the Cook County's Justice Advisory Council.

The FFRC provides a wide range of free, trauma-informed support services to meet the needs of adult, teen, and child survivors of domestic violence.

The spaces are designed to be comfortable and welcoming. There are individual and group counseling rooms as well as a meditation room with low lights, yoga mats and relaxing sounds.

Services are offered in English and Spanish as well as virtual or in-person.

WINGS staff at FFRC



QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES AT THE FFRC:

- Domestic Violence Education
- Safety Planning
- Individual Counseling
- Support Groups (Adults, Parenting, Teen, & Children)
- Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing Therapy (EMDR)
- Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT)
- Grief Counseling
- Nurturing Parenting Program



Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi (second from left) and the Mayor of Rolling Meadows Lara Sanoica (first from the right) joined WINGS staff and board members at the FFRC ribbon cutting



Children's group room



Beth (center), WINGS Director of Children and Family Services, shares her joy at the opening of the FFRC



From left: Matt Baumann, Carol Lundahl, Vinnie Foglia and Rebecca Darr at the FFRC

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Survivors interested
in learning more about
WINGS counseling
services may call
847.519.7828



Megan, WINGS Manager of
Clinical Services, shares more
about WINGS FFRC



WINGS EVENTS

Raised **\$1,365,742**
toward WINGS housing programs
and services for survivors.



Purple Tie Ball Host Committee

23RD ANNUAL PURPLE TIE BALL

Thanks to Melissa Canning and Debby Jackson's leadership and a special gift from Melissa and Mike Canning, last year's event was a sold-out success. The event raised a record \$1 million for WINGS.

Guests enjoyed the "A Night in Paris" event theme which included mimes as greeters and a beautiful Eiffel Tower display handmade by décor chair, Lori Paris.



Melissa Canning and Debby Jackson

A NEW DIRECTION (AND) PURPLE TIE BALL

AND Purple Tie Ball was a great success! It was AND's first fall fundraiser since 2019, and since becoming a part of WINGS.

The event has raised more than \$60,000 for domestic violence services provided at A New Direction.



AND staff and board member enjoying the event. From left: Rita, Jessica McCarihan, and Ericka Swanson



WINGS Board Chair Elaine Sambo-Reyther and daughter Kayli



From left to right: Attendees met Buddy the Elf and Santa Claus

WINGS SWEET HOME CHICAGO CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY AND NATIONAL PURPLE RIBBON AWARD

WINGS Sweet Home Chicago event was held at the Four Seasons Chicago and raised over \$700,000. This feat is possible thanks to John and Rita Canning's fundraising efforts. Led by event co-chairs Beth Canning Lupo, Meghan Norton, and Maria Shideler, this year's event had a **memorable "Elf" theme** as the beloved holiday movie also celebrated its 20th anniversary.

Over 430 attendees met Buddy the Elf, decorated gingerbread houses, danced to live music from Ralph's World, and more!

This year Sweet Home Chicago received a National Purple Ribbon Award for Fundraising Event of the Year.

Since the event began in 2004, it has raised more than \$12.4 million for WINGS. Sweet Home Chicago was envisioned by Sheila King, a member of WINGS Metro Leadership Council and WINGS-AND Leadership Council. Dedicated to raising awareness, for over 20 years Sheila King has provided crucial Public Relations work for WINGS.



Sweet Home Chicago Host Committee with Buddy the Elf and Mr. and Mrs. Claus

WINGS EVENTS

3RD ANNUAL NORTH SHORE LADIES LUNCHEON

Over 250 ladies attended WINGS 3rd annual North Shore Ladies Luncheon. The garden party themed luncheon raised over \$110,000 thanks to our event host committee and co-chairs, Ann Marie Allman and Renee Zipprich.



2024 North Shore Ladies Luncheon Host Committee



WINGS graduate, Xochyl and her daughter, Isabella



From Left: Candace Jordan, Tracey Mayer, Nigel Barker, and WINGS President & CEO Rebecca Darr

BLOSSOM

Our inaugural fashion show fundraiser was a sold-out success! We were thrilled to have Nigel Barker as our host and Candace Jordan as our honoree. The runway show featured couture fashion designer, Elda de la Rosa. The event raised awareness and over \$98,000 for WINGS.

TAN GOLF OUTING

The 15th Annual Golf Outing, hosted by Take Action Now (TAN), was another great success raising \$11,000 for WINGS.



from left to right, Barb Labellarte, Gina Hardy, Rebecca Darr, Jane Wells, Renee Gerami

FINANCIALS

Consolidated Statement of Activities for the Year Ended June 30, 2024 Without Donor Restriction		
	2024	2023**
Revenues		
Contributions (cash and in-kind)	2,906,590	2,154,153
Special Events (net of direct costs)	1,264,737	1,246,359
Resale Income	5,381,840	5,157,498
Government Contracts	6,584,753	6,412,030
Other	964,928	653,317
Total Revenue	\$ 17,102,848	\$ 15,623,357
Expenses		
Program		
Safe House	1,701,203	2,040,758
Safe House at WINGS Metro	2,098,327	2,175,097
Transitional Living	1,743,229	1,403,804
Community Based Services	1,937,559	819,423
Permanent Supportive Housing	1,098,828	1,023,563
Resale Stores	5,456,635	5,078,703
Administrative	1,492,038	1,287,784
Development	1,229,322	926,540
Total Expenses	\$ 16,757,141	\$ 14,755,672
Surplus (deficit)	\$ 345,707	\$ 867,685

**Restated to reflect Resale Stores as a Program of WINGS

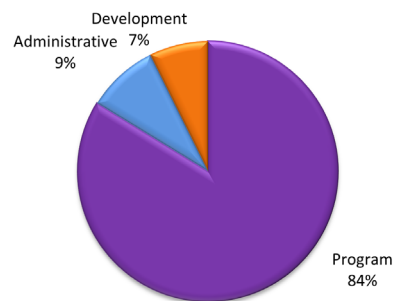
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2024		
	2024	2023
Assets		
Current Assets	6,473,713	6,643,313
Fixed Assets	11,749,112	12,021,081
Other Assets (endowment investments, new market tax credit loan)	8,848,300	7,390,299
Total Assets	\$ 27,071,125	\$ 26,054,693
Liabilities & Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	2,108,553	1,885,470
Long-Term Liabilities	5,380,574	5,684,233
Total Liabilities	\$ 7,489,127	\$ 7,569,703
Net Assets		
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions		
Undesignated	9,647,209	9,274,496
Board Designated Reserve	1,394,063	1,421,069
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	8,540,726	7,789,425
Total Net Assets	\$ 19,581,998	\$ 18,484,990
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 27,071,125	\$ 26,054,693

WINGS financial statements were audited by Plante & Moran, PLLC.

Consolidation includes WINGS Program, Inc. and WINGS Metro LLC entities.

Full Statement of Activities which includes donor restrictions is available on our website.

FY24 Consolidated Expense Allocation



IN-KIND DONATIONS

WINGS In-Kind Donations Program has grown alongside the agency's programming.

This year, WINGS provided **\$375,000** worth of products donated to survivors. This represents a **40% increase** over last year.

As a result of generous in-kind donors:

220 children received **school supplies and new shoes**

400 survivors received **coats and winter items**

310 children received **Easter baskets**

3,155 gifts were donated to the **Holiday Store**

212 moms and 15 Fathers received **gifts for Mother's/Father's Day**

116 households received **Thanksgiving turkeys and sides**

These items provide peace of mind to survivors who are often recovering from financial abuse.

View our
needed items



AT WINGS ANNUAL HOLIDAY STORE, ONE MOTHER SHARED:

"Words cannot express what the holiday store held at WINGS meant for myself and my children... When you're in a situation like we are and you don't know how you're going to give your children something for the holiday, attending an event like this means the world. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I look forward to seeing my kids' faces when they open their presents at Christmas."

VOLUNTEERS



2,328

Volunteers gave their time and talents

64,153

Volunteer hours were donated – the equivalent of 31 full-time employees

\$2,165,791*

Is the value of volunteer hours WINGS saved on expenses

Explore Volunteer Opportunities



WHY I VOLUNTEER...



DIONNE C. WINGS RESALE VOLUNTEER

"I volunteer at WINGS because I love the staff, the merchandise, and most of all its mission. I am a survivor too!

WINGS is my happy place. I will be forever grateful for this opportunity to serve others."

YULIZET M. SURVIVOR LIFELINE MENTOR VOLUNTEER

"Since December 2022, I've proudly worn the hat of a WINGS volunteer. My role involves working closely with three Spanish-speaking mentees in weekly conversations. I coordinate with WINGS staff so that I can provide my mentees with the best resources available.

I take tremendous pride in knowing that I can provide a safe space for my mentees, a place where they can share their dreams, goals, triggers, pain, joy, and everything in between."



* The value of all such services is not directly estimable, which aligns with GAAP accounting principles. Amount shown represents the hours multiplied by a published industry standard hourly rate to demonstrate overall value of volunteer program.



Get Involved



Ways to Give

JOIN US - SEE MORE SURVIVORS SOAR

DONATE AND SHOP WINGS RESALE

- Donate your gently used clothing, housewares, accessories, and furniture
- Shop WINGS Resale for quality items and great deals

ATTEND EVENTS

- Corporate or individual sponsorships are available
- Purchase tickets for an amazing experience



DONATE TO EMPOWER OUR HIGH-QUALITY PROGRAMMING

- Cash Gifts
- Join WINGS Butterfly Club of monthly donors
- Non-Cash Asset Gifts:
IRA Donations, Donor-Advised Funds, Stock, or Cryptocurrency
- Legacy Giving:
Gifts to WINGS in a will or trust
- Beneficiary Designation:
WINGS listed in an IRA, 401 (k), 403 (b), HSA, or Life Insurance

IN-KIND PROGRAM DONATIONS

Donate needed items:
pantry items, cleaning supplies,
holiday gifts (and more!)

GET SOCIAL

- Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn
- Host a drive
- Create and share your own fundraising webpage

VOLUNTEER

Sort donations, be a mentor,
help at events (and more!)

SPREADING AWARENESS



From Left: Nancy Rathman, WINGS Donor Relations Coordinator, Kate Guercio, CREN Director; and Nikki Katrodia, WINGS Director of Special Events at annual CREN event

CREN – Raising Funds and Awareness

Since 2019, CREN (Chicago Real Estate Network) has held an annual event that raises awareness and funds for WINGS. These successful fundraisers annually have around 250 attendees and have collectively raised more than \$59,000 for WINGS.

“CREN is honored to work with WINGS as a charity partner. Your dedication to saving victims of domestic abuse is inspiring...Your services are truly breaking the cycle of domestic abuse.” Kate Guercio, CREN Director and Partner/Owner Hard Surface Finishers, Inc.

Safe House Staff Receive Makeovers and Highlight Domestic Violence

Two WINGS staff members, who are also survivors of domestic violence, received empowering makeovers for segment on FOX 32 Chicago.



From Left: Santresa and Charmin are both House Advocates at WINGS Metro Safe House



WINGS Staff Recognize Purple Thursday

Purple Thursday is nationally recognized the third Thursday in October to spotlight the issue of domestic violence.



Mission

The mission of WINGS Program, Inc. is to provide housing, integrated services, education and advocacy to end domestic violence.

Vision

WINGS Program, Inc. will help create a society in which every domestic violence survivor has a voice and the resources to break the cycle of domestic violence.

Diversity and Inclusion

Our Foundation for Ending Domestic Violence

WINGS Program, Inc. understands that Diversity and Inclusion are a vital part of our mission. Together we will continue to foster an inclusive culture that supports, values, connects and honors the diverse voices and needs of our employees, clients, board and volunteers, donors and customers, and partners.

Leadership Team

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Denise Urban,
Executive Vice President/
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David Kahan,
Chief Operating Officer

La Tonya Walker,
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