



**EDEN CENTERS**

*for Hope and Healing*



# Annual Impact *Report* 2024

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# A note from Eden Centers Leadership:

Dear Eden Centers' Family,

One thing we learned this past year is that **we are better together!** It's a statement that unifies the Eden Centers' community. Last year was one of Eden Centers' most stabilizing years yet. Working together we established parameters for success for our entire community: security and stability. Having these allowed for us to intentionally consider the future and what's needed for a comprehensive continuum of care.

Through serving human trafficking survivors we know that each path to healing is different. It is full of joys but also paired with hardship and struggles. Our continuum of care model is essential to the lifelong recovery of survivors.

Eden Centers has committed to address every obstacle and struggle and walk alongside survivors for a **lifetime at no cost**, if they will let us. When you give to Eden Centers you are giving to a lasting, lifelong mission. We do not just provide services; we provide opportunities for life change.

Together, YOU helped us surpass many of our fundraising goals. We raised a record level of support from individuals and foundations from around the country. These gifts support survivors that have made the choice to join the Eden Centers' community—a choice that will forever change the trajectory of their life.

Looking forward we are committed to providing evidence-based, quality care to all survivors. This cannot happen without the pillar of support you have provided. Thank you!

With Love,

Kara Van de Carr, Esq.  
President and Founder

Jenn Best, LPC-S  
Chief Executive Officer

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# Everyone deserves

*recovery*

The average cost of a long-term program client  
staying for an average of 1 year:

**\$57,751.56**

The average cost of an Emergency Center Client  
staying for an average of 90 days:

**\$9,321.17**

**Because of** *YOU*.....

4506	Safe nights provided
1000	Community members and organizations trained to identify human trafficking
620	Case management sessions completed
312	Therapeutic groups offered
215	Trauma therapy sessions completed
89	Survivors started their recovery journey

**100%**  
of clients

- can identify 2 or more healthy coping skills
- completed a career assessment
- completed a relapse prevention plan
- identified triggers that contribute to potential relapse or return to exploitation

"Eden Centers means that I am able to have a new beginning and learn even though I have been through what I have been through, I do not have to be my past. Your investment in Eden Centers means there is hope for me and everyone's future."

A.M., Survivor



# Celebrating Success

## Projects

## Outcomes

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### Emergency Center Program Expansion

- Renovated and opened another floor to host group therapy, community gatherings, and staff offices.
- We hired an additional four new staff members.

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### Garden House Renovation

- We re-opened Garden House after a full indoor renovation.

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### Educated the community before the 2025 Super Bowl

- We trained close to 1000 individuals on how to identify human trafficking and how to report it.

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### Eden Market

- Identified partners locally and globally.
- Began creating our job readiness program.
- Hired two survivors.

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### Men's Program

- We began serving men through case management.
- Secured funding to help provide housing assistance.
- Hired a case manager and trauma therapist to oversee the men's program.
- Identified national partners.

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### Graduation

- We had four residents complete our two year long program.
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# Moving Forward

## Projects

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### Expand Men's Program

- Create a steering committee to guide our men's program efforts.
  - Increase our services for men, including rapid rehousing.
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### Emergency Center

- We hope to renovate a THIRD floor of the emergency center to add an additional 9 beds.
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### Development

- We hope to start a \$10 million Capital Campaign that will help us purchase a building to provide housing and wrap around services to all clients.

### Eden Market

- Hire an Eden Market Coordinator
  - Hire three survivors
  - Create a job readiness program
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### Housing Program

- Empower survivors by helping locate safe and affordable housing.
  - Increase services by hiring a housing navigator.
  - Build relationships with landlords and property managers to increase housing opportunities for survivors.
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### Staffing Needs

- Finance Director
  - Hygiene Technician
  - Apprentice
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## Meet the Staff

### Leadership Team

Jennifer Best, LPC-S  
Taylor Pillow, Esq.  
Stephanie Wilkins, LPC

Chief Executive Officer  
Chief Operating Officer  
Chief Clinical Officer

### Clinical Team

Isabel Gehrig, LMSW	Clinical Care Advocate
Kentrella Reed, MA	Clinical Care Advocate
Landry Monroe, PLPC	Clinical Care Advocate & Trauma Therapist
Rachel Palmer, PLPC	Trauma Therapist

### Administrative & Development

Taylor Pavlovich	Development & Community Engagement
Anne Mueller	Grant Writing
Cortney Bruketta	Day Support & Social Engagement

### Housing

Ashlie Bissell, NREMT	Director of Housing
Zack Johnson, BSW	Housing Navigator

### Outreach & Prevention

Dominique Berry, CPSS	Outreach & Prevention Coordinator
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### Supportive Services

Christina Young, CPSS Supprt Staff  
Laurie Bostic, CPSS Support Staff  
Libby Favrot, MSW Support Staff  
Toni Simms, CPSS Support Staff

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# We'd like to thank everyone for their *generous support*

You joined more than **340** donors in changing the lives of survivors of human trafficking.

## GRANT INCOME

Increased by 45% in 2024

**\$1,125,000+**

## BUILDING DREAMS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

In 2024, YOU increased  
our profit by \$105,470

**\$300,000+**

## INDIVIDUAL & CORPORATE DONATIONS

Increased by 15% in 2024

**\$115,000+**

## TOTAL RAISED

**\$1,540,000+**

## PARTNERS

Atelier Design and Architecture  
Bob's House of Hope  
LCMC Health System  
Christ Church Cathedral  
Corcoran & Bernard CPA  
Covenant House  
Daughters of the King  
Department of Homeland Security  
Dress for Success  
Edgewater Baptist Church  
Family Justice Center  
Hancock Whitney  
Immanuel Community Church  
Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office  
Ladies of Leisure  
Leeke Magee Christian  
Counseling Center  
Louisiana First Foundation  
LSU Occupational Therapy  
LSU School of Dentistry

LSU Counseling Program  
New Orleans Police Department  
NOLA Hub  
Ochsner Health System  
Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response  
(STAR)  
Sexual Assault Response Team  
St. Charles Presbyterian Church  
The Greater New Orleans Human  
Trafficking Task Force  
The Governor's Office of Human Trafficking  
Commission and Prevention  
Thistle Farms  
Tulane University Acacia Program  
Trinity Church  
UNITY of Greater New Orleans  
Unbound Now  
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services



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