



Cherish Families
Relationships. Wholeness. Support.

2023

Annual Report



The Department of Justice classifies Cherish Families as an underserved population service provider. We serve a population of roughly 60,000 across the state of Utah who otherwise would not have access to services.

Our Vision

Relationships, wholeness, and support for a thriving world.

Guiding Principles

Cherish Families was founded by individuals with histories in polygamy who understand the challenges and barriers for this population. Our guiding philosophy and founding principles are cultural competence, strengths- and evidence-based, trauma informed services, with complete respect for the dignity of the individual.

Our priority is strengthening capacities and ensuring self-determination. To that end, we offer a variety of supporting services that can assist an individual to reach stability and independence, depending on their needs.

Our Mission

We connect individuals and families, primarily those from polygamous cultures, with tools and resources for generational success.

From our Executive Director

As we reflect on the accomplishments and milestones of the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support and generosity of our many donors and volunteers. Their dedication and commitment have played a pivotal role in advancing our mission to cherish and strengthen families in need.

In 2023, together, we reached new heights and touched the lives of countless families facing adversity. Through contributions and grants, we were able to provide essential resources, support services, and a sense of hope to those who needed it most. Whether it was offering shelter to the homeless, counseling to struggling parents, services to victims of crime, or educational opportunities to children, the compassion and generosity that was given has made such a profound difference in the lives of so many.

Looking ahead to 2024, we are filled with hope and optimism for what we can accomplish together. As we continue to navigate the challenges that lie ahead, we are confident that with continued support, we can reach more families and make an even greater impact in our communities.

Together, we hope to remain steadfast in our commitment to Cherish Families and build a brighter future for all. We are truly inspired every day, and we are grateful for the lifelong friendships and relationships we have made along the way.

Here's to a 2024 filled with hope, progress, and positive change.

With deepest gratitude,

Alina Darger

Our Executive Management Team



Alina Darger
Executive Director



Shirlee Draper
Director of Operations



Julianne Kelsch
Chief Compliance/Finance Officer



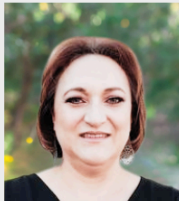
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Clinical Director



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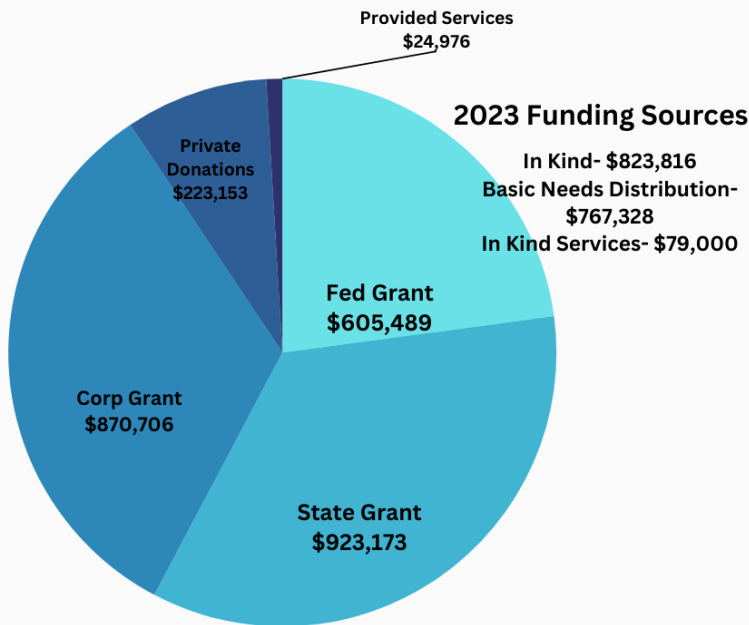
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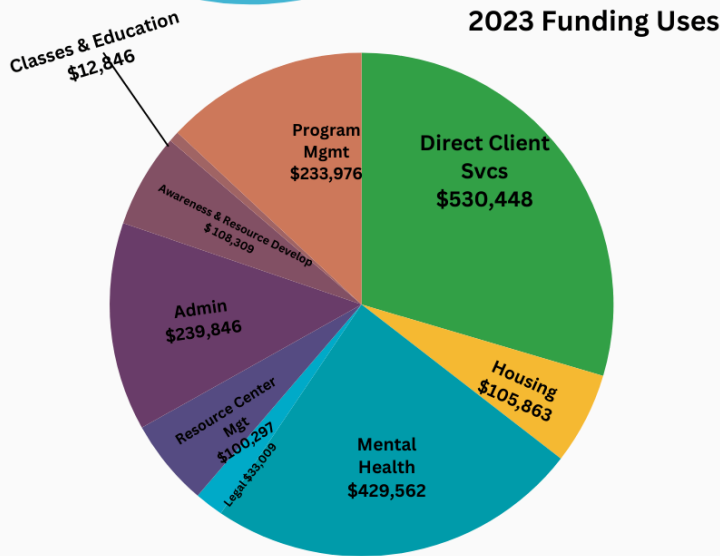
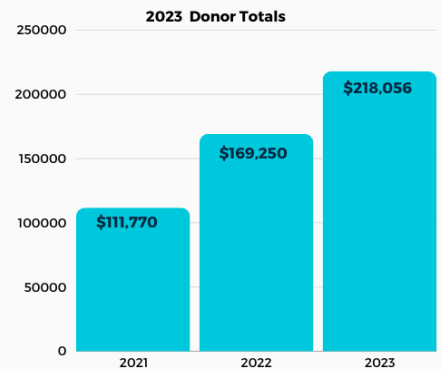
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We thank our dedicated,
hardworking, volunteer board
for their many hours of service!

General Budget Summary



Cherish Families relies on various forms of income, including federal, state, and foundation grants as well as private donations



All income generated through grants and donations goes to fund our programs and directly to client services

We thank our generous donors!

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- Dove Center
- Arizona PBS/ASU
- A Plus Garage Doors
- Republican Women

Highlights & Key Updates

Total Services Provided in 2023



In 2023, Cherish Families was nominated for an Emmy Award for our services video! Watch the video with this link:

Families - 2023 EMMY Nominee

bit.ly/CF-vid

Our Growth

	2022	2023
Income	\$1,912,687	\$3,471,418
Expenses	\$1,026,146	\$2,639,061



We cherish our collaboration with Utah state partners! Lt. Governor Henderson brought DHHS Director Gruber and DWS Director Cameron for a visit in October.

Hope & Inspiration

from our clients

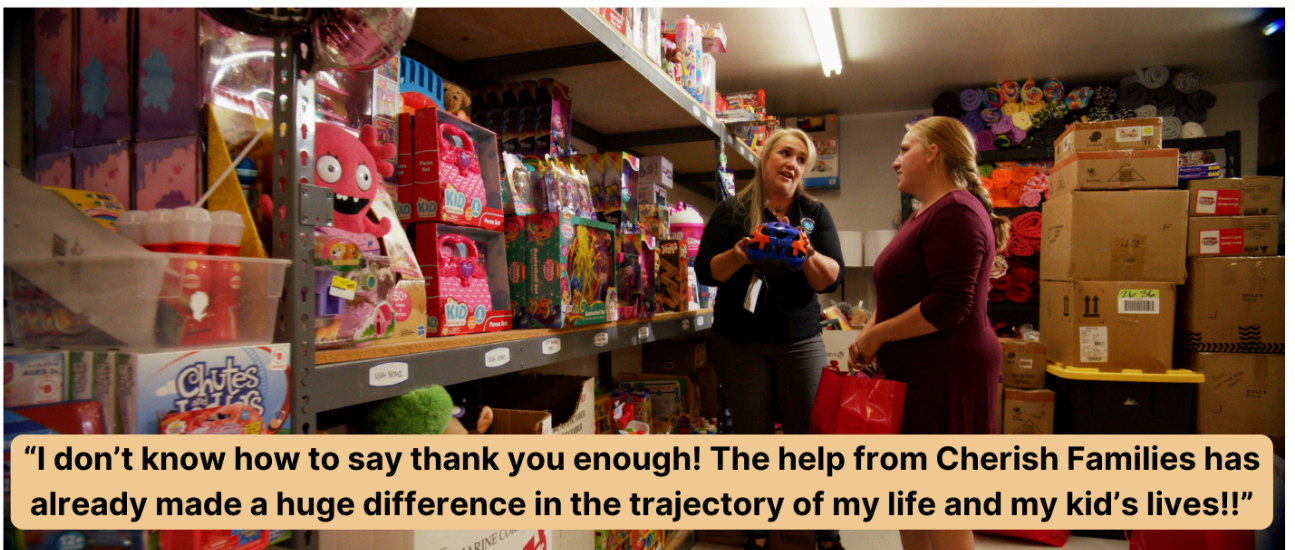


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I just want to say that therapy has been beyond what I could have imagined or asked for. It truly has made a massive change in the course of my life. I know I wouldn't be where I am today without it... I feel I am not the same person I was when I started. The eye opening healing it has provided has been invaluable.

“This class has been so informative... new ways of thinking. Thank you for providing the safe space to talk about these topics for the first time in our lives. We have been able to have hard discussions and work towards creating healthy relationships.”

“My child hasn't had any troubles at school so far this year. This is the first time in a very long time that I haven't heard from the school. [This program] is the only thing that is different.”



“I don't know how to say thank you enough! The help from Cherish Families has already made a huge difference in the trajectory of my life and my kid's lives!!”



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I knew I seriously needed help. I was in such a dark tunnel. Then you called. I really mean it. You saved my life today.

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