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# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



# Mark W. Hite

July 31, 1965 - January 1, 2024

Mark W. Hite joined the Board of Directors of Chambliss Center for Children in 2016 after many years of involvement as a volunteer and donor. He was Chairman of the Board of Directors in 2023 and would have held that position again in 2024 had it not been for his untimely passing. Mark was a passionate, caring, and energetic cheerleader for our mission and our staff. His dedication to our Board of Directors and generosity towards our agency were contagious. His death leaves countless holes in the many committees and projects in which he was involved, as well as in the hearts of those who worked alongside him. Mark was commonly seen around town wearing a Chambliss Center for Children lapel pin and was always introducing friends and colleagues to our cause. He did everything from recruiting event sponsors to cleaning closets and everything in between. He was a true servant and unwavering philanthropist. Mark will be deeply missed by our staff and board members, and we will strive to continue to make him proud as we carry on with the work of serving children and families in our community.



# MISSION

The mission of Chambliss Center for Children is to enrich the lives of children, youth, and families by providing transformative programs and support services to meet the evolving needs of our community.

# VISION

To build a community where all children and youth have the foundation needed to thrive.

## 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# WHAT WE DO



**EXTENDED CHILD CARE AND EARLY  
CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM**

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**OFF-SITE AND SCHOOL-BASED  
CHILD CARE PROGRAMS**

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**FOSTER CARE**

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**TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM**

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**ISAIAH 117 HOUSE AT  
CHAMBLISS CENTER FOR CHILDREN**

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# EXTENDED CHILD CARE PROGRAM



Our **Extended Child Care Program** offers high-quality early childhood education and child care to children from 6 weeks old - 12 years old on a sliding fee scale.

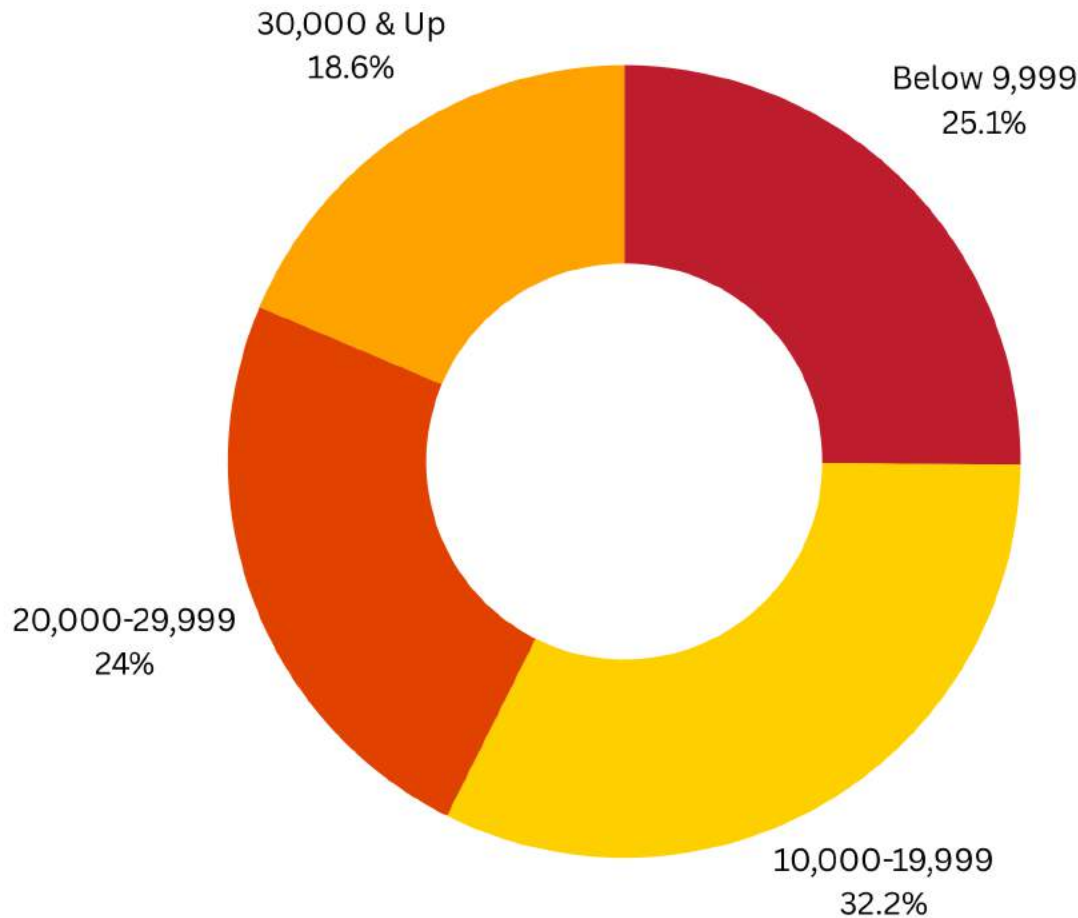
The program operates 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. It serves parents who are working and/or in school.

The goal of this program is to offer affordable, accessible, high-quality care for children and families. This includes providing the best education to young children, in preparation for Kindergarten. We also provide a safe place for our school-aged children before and after school.

# 2023

## EXTENDED EARLY CHILD CARE PROGRAM

### Annual Income Level of Families Served



# 398

TOTAL CHILDREN SERVED IN 2023

# 215

INFANT - 5 YEARS OLD

# 183

5-12 YEARS OLD

# 263

TOTAL FAMILIES SERVED IN 2023

*\*These numbers reflect only the main campus at Chambliss Center for Children*



# OFF-SITE CHILD CARE PROGRAMS



As an extension of our main program, Chambliss Center for Children also manages six off-site Early Childhood Education programs throughout the Chattanooga community.

Four of these centers have their own Boards of Directors. However, through a management agreement, our administrative staff do all of the back office work, and our program staff manage the day-to-day operations of each one.

These centers use the same sliding fee scale and follow the same curriculum as the program on our main campus.

**351** TOTAL CHILDREN SERVED IN OUR  
OFF-SITE CHILD CARE PROGRAMS IN 2023

# 2023 OFF-SITE CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

OFF-SITE LOCATION	TOTAL # SERVED IN 2023	% OF FAMILIES SERVED WITH AN ANNUAL INCOME BELOW \$30,000
CHILDREN'S ACADEMY FOR EDUCATION AND LEARNING	76	68%
MAURICE KIRBY CHILD CARE CENTER	101	35%
NEWTON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	53	100%
PRO RE BONA EARLY LEARNING CENTER	61	69%
VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY SCHOOL	54	65%
CHAMBLISS CENTER FOR CHILDREN AT RED BANK	51	8%



# SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAMS

Chambliss Center for Children provides early childhood education and care programs for the children of teachers in Hamilton County Schools. This program has helped reduce turnover rates for new teachers in the schools where our classrooms are located.

SCHOOL SITE	TOTAL # SERVED IN 2023
APISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	11
DAISY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	17
EAST BRAINERD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	9
NOLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	13
NORMAL PARK MAGNET SCHOOL	17
OOLTEWAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	8
RED BANK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	18
SALE CREEK MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL	4
SODDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	10

**107** TOTAL CHILDREN SERVED IN OUR SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAMS IN 2023

# RESIDENTIAL SERVICES PROGRAM

Our **Residential Program** cares for children who have been removed from their home due to abuse, abandonment, or neglect and are in the custody of the State of Tennessee. The children and youth reside in our foster homes throughout Hamilton and the surrounding counties.

The goal is to help our young people deal with the past trauma they have experienced and to find them a permanent, loving home. We accomplish this through reunification with the birth family or through an adoptive placement.

Youth who have "aged out" of foster care are able to participate in our Transitional Living Program. This program serves to assist young adults with housing and case management as they work and attend school.

Our most pressing need is for loving, stable adults to consider becoming foster parent(s). Please call 423-693-2580 or email [fostercare@chamblisscenter.org](mailto:fostercare@chamblisscenter.org) for more information on fostering.



**83** TOTAL CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVED IN 2023



# FOSTER CARE



Number of Children Served in our Foster Care Program in 2023:

**49**

Average Number of Days Spent in our Foster Care Program for Those Discharged in 2023:

**476**

Number of Children Reunited with their Families in our Foster Care Program in 2023:

**14**

Number of Children Adopted from our Foster Care Program in 2023:

**11**

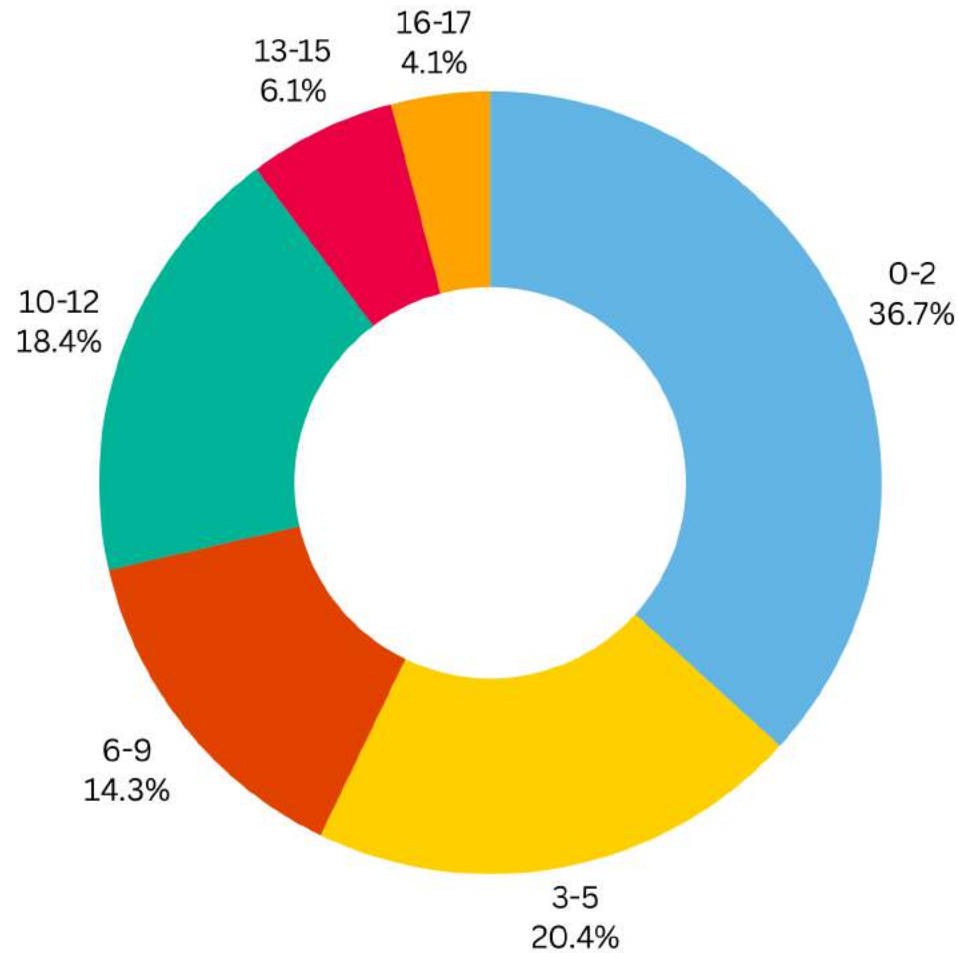


Gender Breakdown of Youth Served in our Foster Care Program in 2023:

MALE: **22**

FEMALE: **27**

## Age Breakdown of Children and Youth in Chambliss Center for Children's Foster Care Program





# TRANSITIONAL LIVING



Total Number of Youth Served in our Transitional Living Program in 2023

**34**

Gender Breakdown of Young Adults in our Transitional Living Program in 2023

MALE: **14**      FEMALE: **20**



Average Number of Days in our Transitional Living Program in 2023 (for those discharged)

**356**

# 2023 ISAIAH 117 HOUSE AT CHAMBLISS CENTER FOR CHILDREN

The Isaiah 117 House at Chambliss Center for Children provides children entering State care in Hamilton County a welcoming place of respite as they await a suitable foster placement.

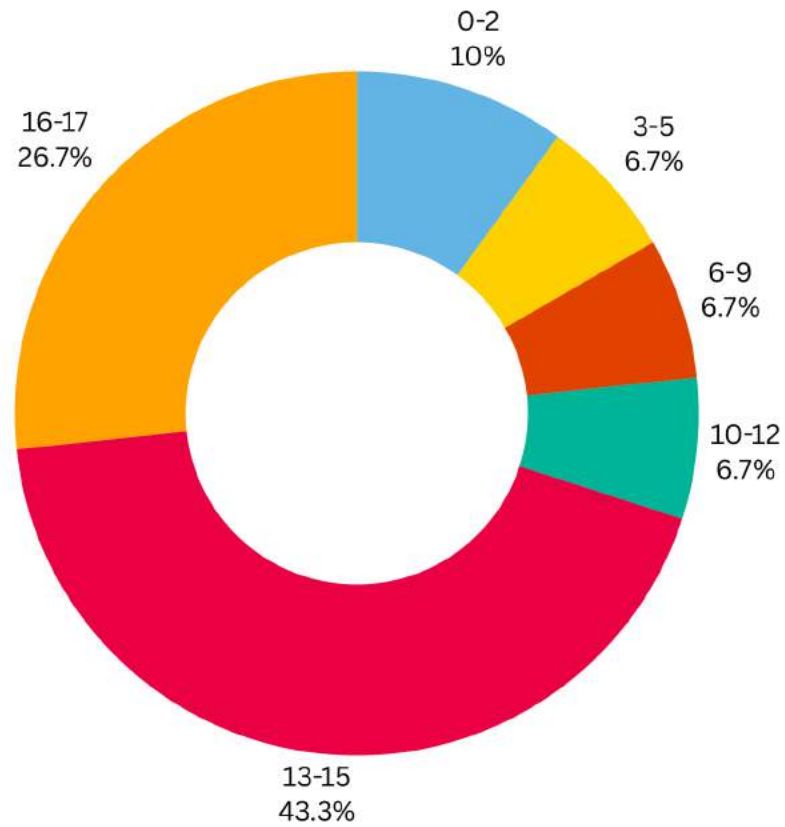
A special ribbon-cutting event was held in October 2023, officially opening the Isaiah 117 House to the community.





# 2023 ISAAH 117 HOUSE AT CHAMBLISS CENTER FOR CHILDREN

## Age Breakdown of Children and Youth who have spent time at the Isaiah 117 House at Chambliss Center for Children



**30** Children Served

**66** Volunteers

# VOLUNTEERING



Most Involved Volunteer Groups in 2023:

**TVA**

**Crosspoint Community Church**

**Heritage High School**

**Rocky Bayou Christian School**

**Unum**

**National Junior Tennis & Learning**

**2,040** TOTAL VOLUNTEERS

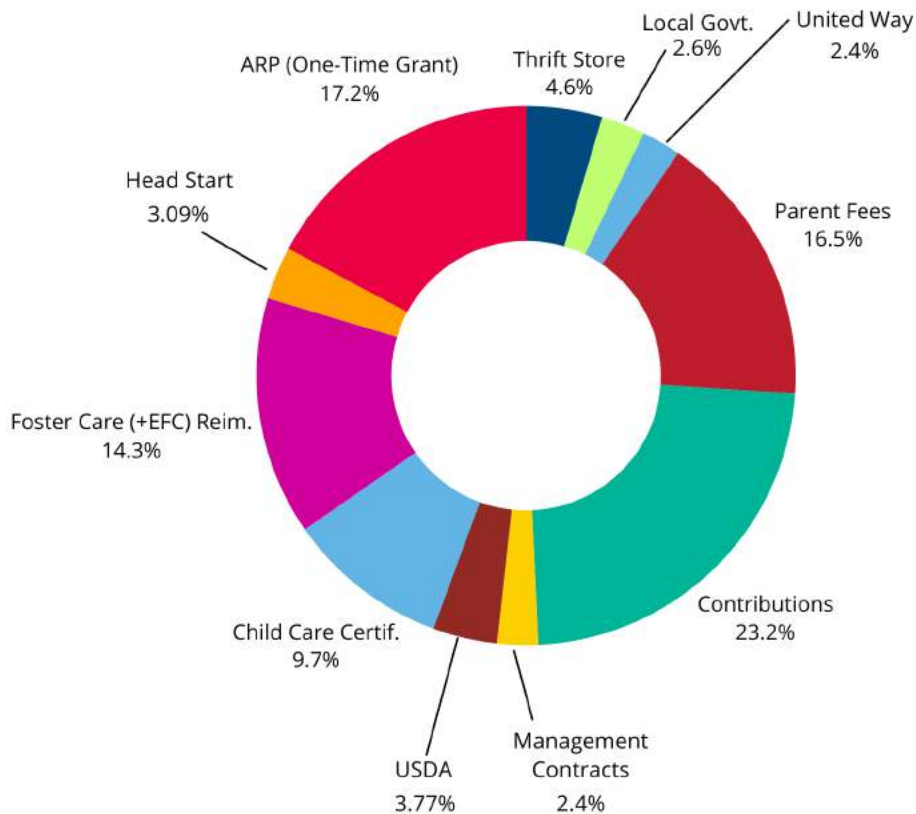
**6,467** TOTAL HOURS



# 2023 BUDGET

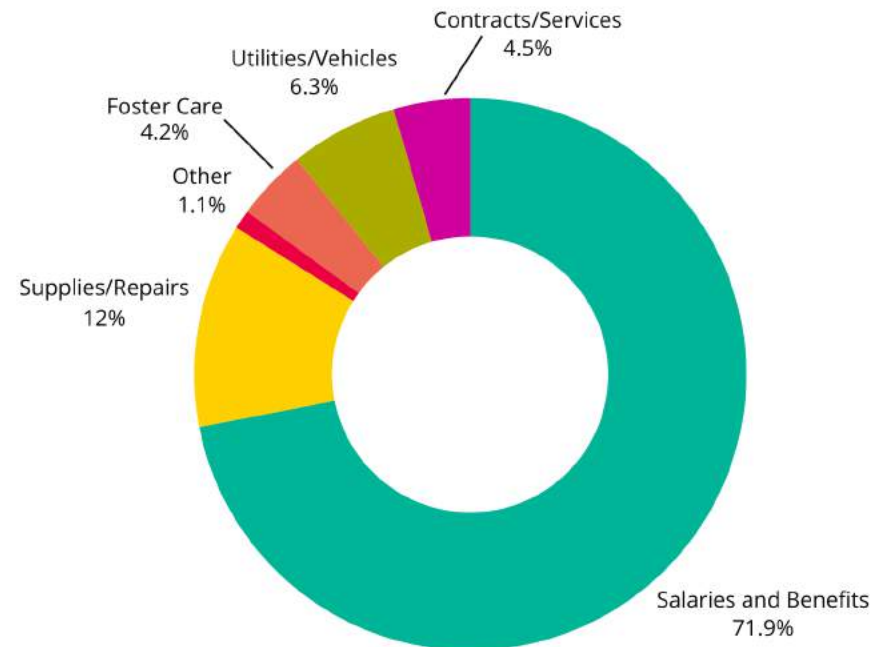
## 2023 Revenue

Total: \$5,983,635



## 2023 Operating Expenses

Total: \$6,395,072



# FUNDRAISING



Fundraising Goal for 2023:

**\$1,000,000**

Total Amount Raised by the  
Development Office:

**\$1,948,043**

Total Unrestricted Amount Raised by the  
Development Office:

**\$1,138,301**

Total Number of Gifts Made in 2023:

**2,726**



Income Produced by  
**THRIFT STORES**



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