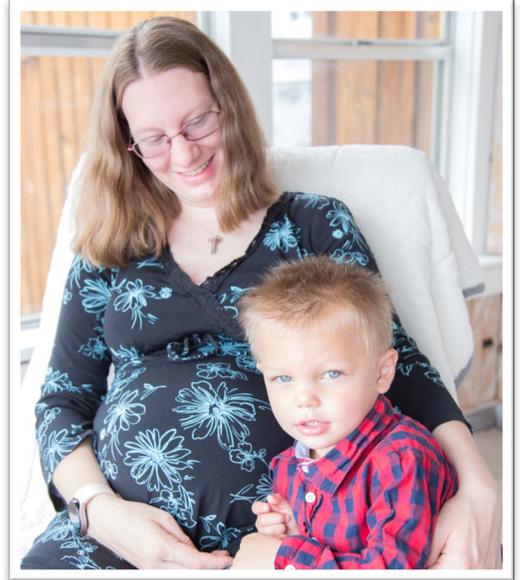


Happy New Year!

Hello, my name is Hallie Marks and I live in Victor, CO with my two children and husband. I first learned of CHOICES in Cripple Creek about four years ago when I discovered I was pregnant. I had passed by CHOICES and remembered seeing on their sign that they offered free pregnancy testing. I decided to stop by and have my self-administered test results confirmed. I didn't know of anyone who had ever come to CHOICES for anything, and I didn't have any idea about all the programs and services CHOICES offered at the time, but I was pleasantly surprised to find out!



I began attending the Earn While You Learn Parenting Education classes in the first trimester of my pregnancy with my son Gabriel. I learned all about the development of my child, pregnancy markers, and about labor and delivery. Once Gabriel was born, I began to learn parenting skills that gave me a better understanding of how to raise my child. Everybody knows a child doesn't come with directions, so taking parenting classes at CHOICES was very helpful to me.

As my son grew and developed, the parenting classes on ADHD, having a strong-willed child, and others helped me to recognize that he was having issues. CHOICES has



developmental tests along the way that helped to identify that my son was not meeting some of his developmental markers. We were able to take these test results to the pediatrician to help them realize we needed to have him tested further.

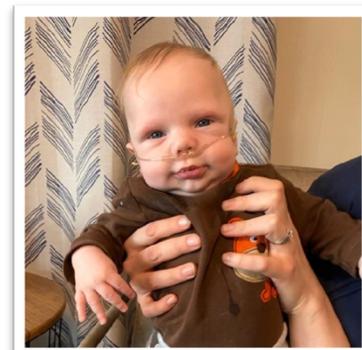
Gabriel had completely stopped talking at 2 years old. What was discovered with the additional medical testing was that Gabriel is autistic. I am grateful to CHOICES and to my mentor who helped guide me throughout this very lengthy and challenging process.

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Our second child, Michael, was born in October of 2023. CHOICES parenting classes reward me with baby bucks for taking classes. Being able to shop in the boutique is great because nowadays everything is so expensive. CHOICES has so many services they offer, and CHOICES is like a second family to me. It helps me to



have a mentor to talk to about concerns I have with my children, and it helps my mental well being.



CHOICES is the place to go for help. They will make you feel welcome. There are so many kinds of parenting classes to choose from for what you need. They will help you to understand how to raise a child. If there are any kind of other things that you need, just let them know and they will try their best to get you what you need.

Thankful for the Churches that support CHOICES monthly, through the Baby Bottle Campaign or with in-kind donations

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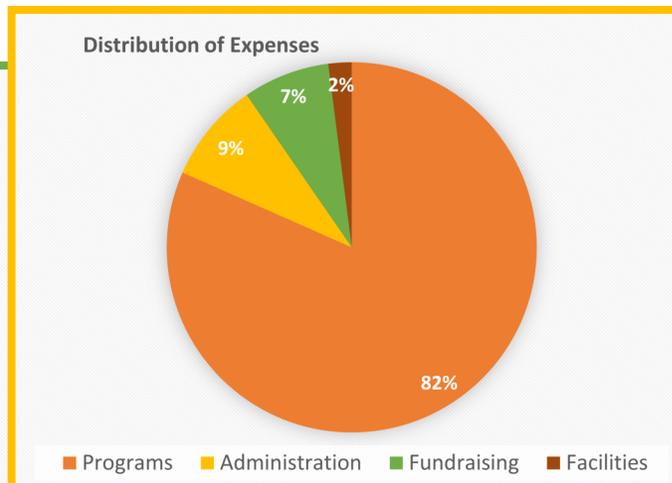
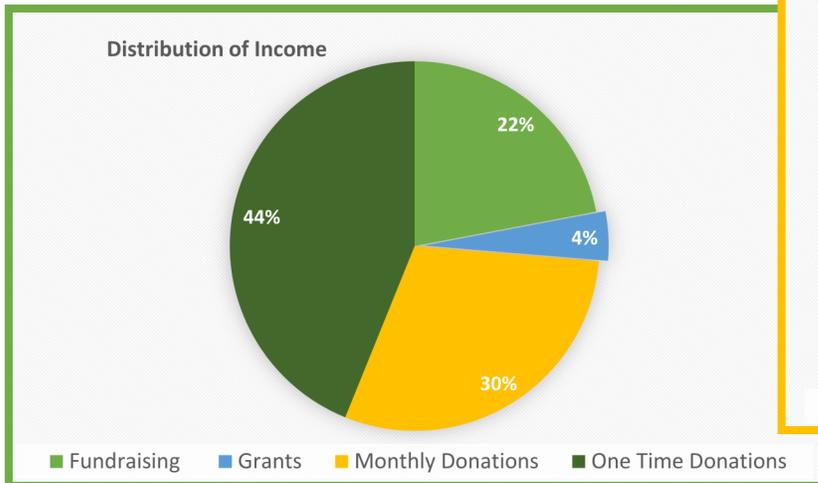
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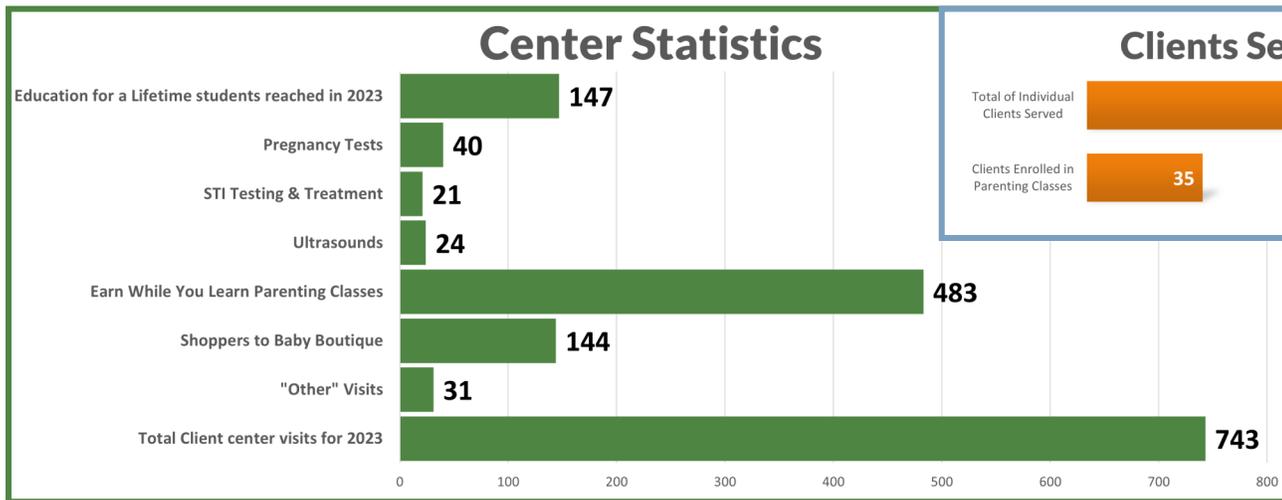
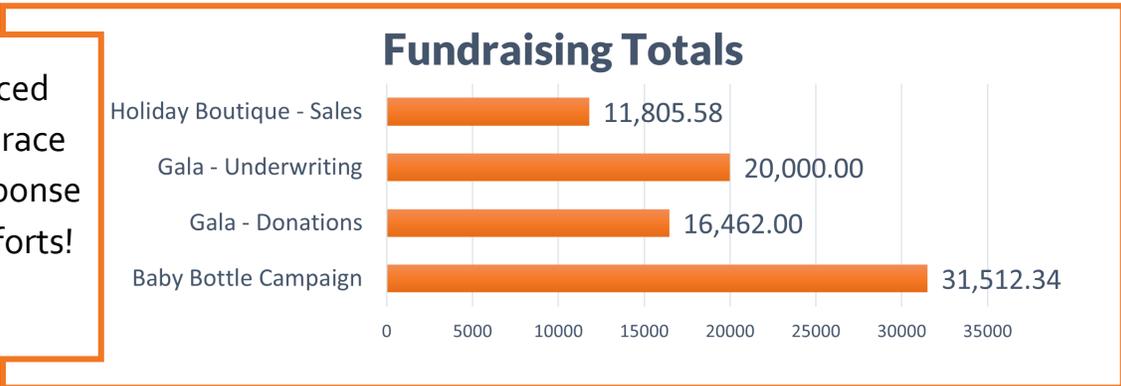
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2023 Financial and Center Update



CHOICES experienced a huge measure of grace in 2023 with your response to our fundraising efforts!

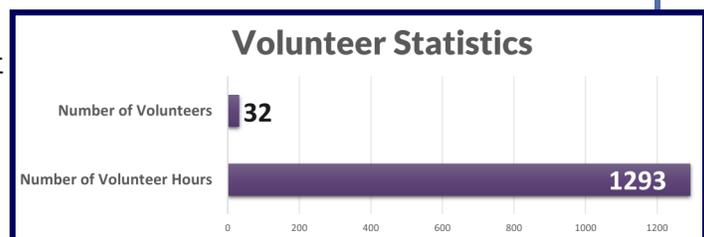
Thank you!



The mission of CHOICES is carried out with the help of many people. We are grateful for every volunteer; for their time and talent given to CHOICES to help make the organization run smoothly.

We are grateful for a Board of Directors who serve faithfully and who give wise leadership.

We are blessed by artisans who create all year long to make beautiful one of a kind items that they donate for the Rocky Mountain Christmas Boutique. **Thank you for blessing CHOICES!**



A letter from the CEO ...

Happy New Year and welcome to 2024! We are hopeful that this new year will bring more positivity and unity to our communities as we learn how to navigate the current culture with kindness and curiosity.

Staying curious is how Hallie and her mentor navigated assessing the needs of Hallie's first son, Gabriel, in our client story. CHOICES parenting education program has comprehensive tools within the program to help assess a child through their developmental stages. This helps parents who might not know when a child is not meeting those markers. It is an honor to be able to walk alongside parents as they learn about parenting, learn about their children, and learn life skills like accountability and building trust in relationships. Our outcomes are so much more than the numbers you see in our statistical reports. Lives are being changed and transformed because of our free services and programs in ways that cannot be counted.

We are all so very grateful for the trust and investment you make in the work God is doing through CHOICES in Teller County and beyond. Thank you for your generous hearts to faithfully continue to help save lives and truly make a difference.

If you have any questions or concerns or even words of encouragement, we welcome your feedback.

With gratitude,

Teresa Diamond

CEO CHOICES



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