



ST. ANN'S CENTER
FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

2026 ANNUAL REPORT

Building on Strength. Investing in Futures.



St. Ann’s Mission, Vision, and Values

MISSION: St. Ann’s Center helps mothers and children overcome crisis and achieve lasting independence and stability by providing a safe and supportive home, child care, education and employment assistance, and clinical social work services within a Catholic community that welcomes all.

VISION: A world where all women and their children have a loving home and thrive as a family.

VALUES: St. Ann’s is committed to care that is safe, nurturing, healing, empowering, and strengths based and where all are served with compassion, dignity and respect.

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Letter from Sister Nancy

A year at St. Ann's Center is measured in more than numbers. It is reflected in the determination of a mother leaving for work while her child begins the day in our Child Care Center. It is seen when a woman sits with a social worker to reconsider a goal, enrolls in school, begins a new job, or prepares her family for a home of their own.

For more than 165 years, St. Ann's has evolved in response to the needs of those we serve while remaining grounded in an enduring belief: every person deserves dignity, compassion, and the opportunity to thrive.

That belief shapes our work today. We provide more than a safe place to live. Housing and wraparound service come together around each family's individual goals. Reliable child care can make employment or education possible. Stable housing can create the space to plan for the future. And trusted relationships can help a woman recognize her strengths and discover, or rediscover, her unique gifts.

The impact highlighted in this report belongs first to the women and families whose courage, hard work, and determination are at the heart of every success reflected here. Progress may mean earning credentials, strengthening the bond between mother and child, improving emotional well-being, securing employment, or receiving the keys to a new home. Our role is not to define success for the women we serve. It is to accompany them, provide support, and celebrate the futures they are building.

Fiscal year 2026 also marked an important point in St. Ann's own journey. As we look toward our 2026–2029 Strategic Plan, we are building upon the strengths of our integrated approach while investing in the people, partnerships, and resources that will sustain this mission for years to come.

None of this happens alone. It is made possible by dedicated staff, generous donors, volunteers, community partners, and friends who believe in the potential of every family. Your generosity, service, advocacy, and prayers create opportunities for women and children not only to find stability, but to thrive.

Thank you for being part of the St. Ann's community and for making it possible for women to realize their potential and build new futures for themselves and their children.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sr. Nancy J. Downing".

SISTER NANCY DOWNING
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



What Progress Looked Like This Year

Every family's journey is different, but progress often begins with the same essentials: a safe place to live, opportunities for children to learn and grow, and support to reach personal goals. Throughout FY26, St. Ann's Center partnered with women and children as they worked toward greater stability, well-being, and independence.



82

women and children
received housing



105

children served
through our Child
Care Center, including
children living at
St. Ann's Center
and children from
the community

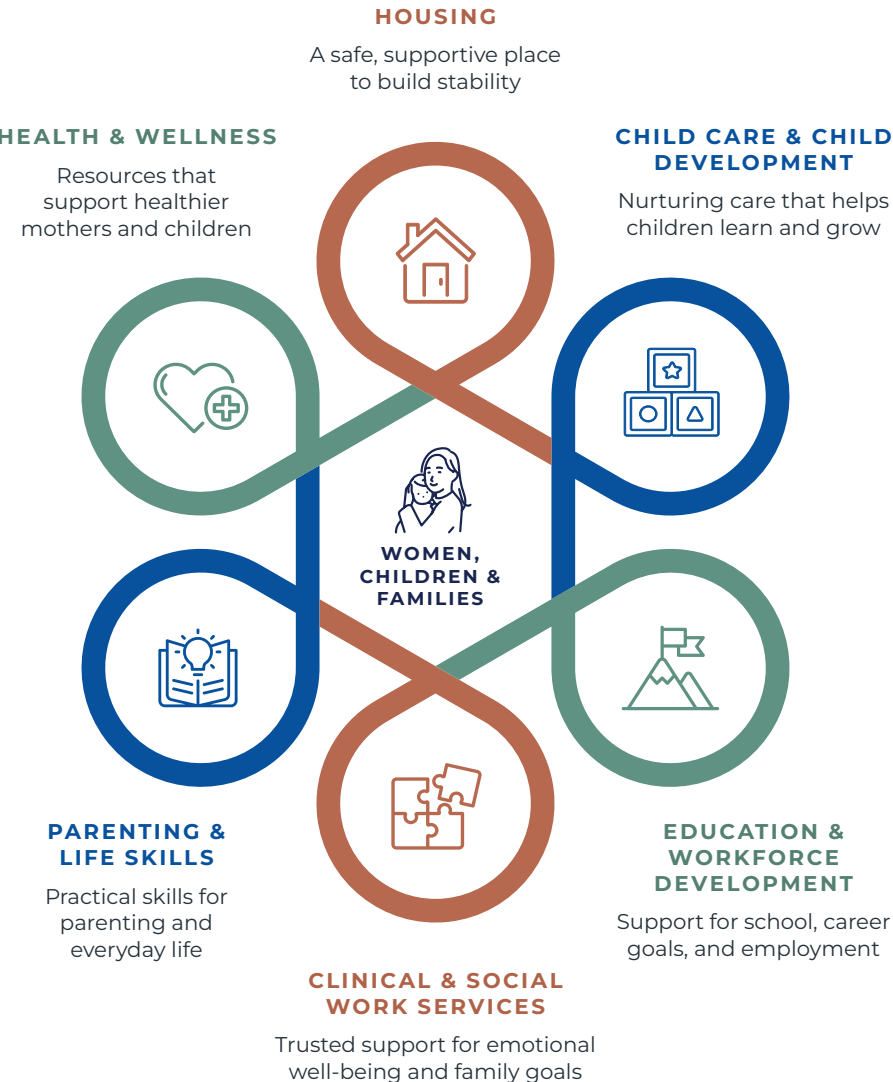


76%

of residents
made progress
toward goals of
self-sufficiency

Building Stronger Futures Together

Each family's goals guide our work. St. Ann's Center brings together a safe home, child care, and coordinated support so mothers and children can build on their strengths and thrive.





In Her Own Words: Smiley's Story

My name is Smiley, and this is my son, Amir.

I was five months pregnant when I moved into St. Ann's Center. Before that, I was living with my aunt, who was sick. Leaving her was difficult because I loved her and cared about her, but I knew I needed a safe and stable place for myself and my baby.

The transition was emotional, but St. Ann's gave me hope and helped me realize that I could do this.

“Being at St. Ann's Transitional Housing Program has helped me learn that I am resilient, determined, and capable of getting through difficult situations.”

Having people around me who understand what I am going through has helped me feel less alone and reminded me that it is okay to ask for help. Encouragement and support have helped me grow stronger, more confident, and more focused on my goals.

BELIEVING IN MYSELF

One night at 2:00 a.m. I could not sleep so I decided to check if Amazon was hiring. I had tried many

times before to get hired with this company and was not successful, but I decided to try one more time.

I saw an opportunity for locker retail associate and I went for it. To my surprise I got an offer letter that same night. I felt confident and able to do anything I wanted if I put my mind to it. I felt so proud that I had not given up.

I could not wait to share this good news with staff because they have supported and encouraged me and told me to never give up.

READY FOR WHAT'S NEXT

My goals are to create a safe, stable, and happy life for myself and my children. I want to continue growing as a mother, become more independent, and build a strong foundation for my family. I hope to find stable housing, achieve my personal and career goals, and be financially secure. I want my children to see that hard work, faith, and determination can help us overcome difficult times. I dream of a future where my family can thrive, and I am committed to taking the steps needed to make that future a reality.

One of my biggest goals is to go back to school and become a travel nurse. I want to build a career that I can be proud of while creating a stable and secure future for my son. I also love the idea of being able to travel, experience new places, and give my son a life full of opportunities. I want to show him that with hard work and determination, he can achieve anything he sets his mind to.

MOTHERHOOD & MY JOURNEY

The moments where Amir and I bond the most are the simple ones. I love watching his face light up when we play, cuddle, or just spend time together. His laughter is contagious, and those moments of connection make me feel so close to him. At nine months old, he is growing and discovering so much.

My journey hasn't always been easy, but becoming a mother has given me so much strength and motivation. I'm proud of how far I've come, and I'm excited about where I'm going. I'm taking life one step at a time and working toward my goals while giving my children the love, stability, and opportunities they deserve.

I would tell other mothers who are facing challenges to never give up on themselves or their children. Difficult times do not define who you are or determine your future.

It is okay to ask for help and accept support when you need it. Take things one day at a time, celebrate small wins, and remember how strong you are!



A Safe Place for Families to Rebuild & Flourish

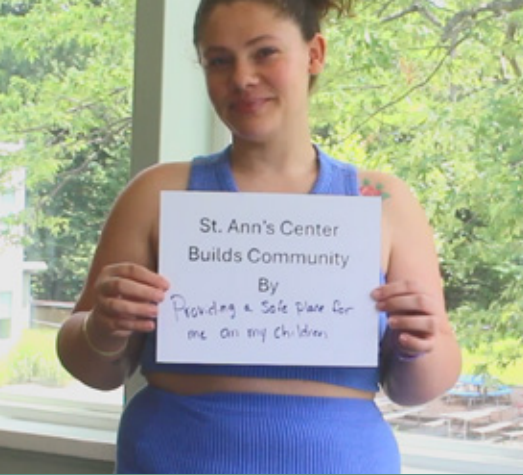
14

families
transitioned to
independent
living

A safe and stable home creates the foundation for families to move forward. At St. Ann's Center, women and children find more than temporary shelter. They find a supportive community, access to coordinated services, and the opportunity to build toward long-term stability. In FY26, 14 families successfully transitioned to independent living, creating stronger futures for themselves and their children.

Looking back, I'm so thankful for every piece of support I received here—the childcare, the clothing donations that kept me and my son warm in the winter, and even the structure I sometimes resisted. St. Ann's taught me how to be responsible, how to cook, how to manage my life, and most importantly, how to build a future for myself and my child.

AFRICA, FORMER HOPE HOUSE PARTICIPANT



Strengthening Family Well-Being

78%

improved social and emotional functioning

77%

demonstrated progress in parenting

28

residents participated in therapy

Family well-being is about more than meeting immediate needs. It is built through strong relationships, emotional wellness, and the confidence to navigate life's challenges.

At St. Ann's Center, women have access to clinical support, parenting education, and wellness services that help strengthen both individual and family outcomes. In FY26, residents demonstrated meaningful progress in social-emotional well-being and parenting, building skills and resilience that support long-term stability.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Housing instability can have serious consequences for maternal and family health. A national study found that pregnant patients experiencing homelessness had more than double the risk of severe maternal morbidity compared with housed patients. By providing stable housing along with wellness, therapeutic, and parenting supports, St. Ann's Center helps families build healthier futures.

Source: Green JM, et al. *JAMA Network Open*. 2023;6(7):e2326352.



Volunteers with Georgetown University Residential Life read to children during their service day at St. Ann's Center.

A Strong Start for Children

30

residential children
served through Child Care

96

physical therapy
sessions provided

5

babies born during FY26

Children thrive when they have safe, nurturing environments that support healthy growth and development from the very beginning. At St. Ann's Center, children receive care and support designed to help them learn, grow, and reach important developmental milestones while their mothers work toward their own goals. They are also part of a community that celebrates milestones, birthdays, and special moments, creating opportunities for families to connect, build relationships, and enjoy experiences together. From early childhood education to specialized developmental supports, St. Ann's Center invests in the well-being of children and the strength of families, helping create a foundation for lifelong success.

My son gained friends and a village. We shared birthday parties, meals, and triumphs... He blossomed here in the safety of their doors.

BRITTANY, FORMER RESIDENT, FAITH HOUSE



For Deloitte Impact Day, women at St. Ann's Center were welcomed to Deloitte offices for professional headshots, makeup, wardrobe styling, résumé reviews, interview coaching, and individually tailored "Brand Booth" consultations.

Pathways to Education and Employment

11

residents obtained employment

100%

of teen mothers were actively attending school or GED programs

84%

of eligible women participated in Education & Workforce Development workshops

22

professional résumés completed

Since the earliest days of our mission, job training and workforce readiness programs have been among the supports that women across generations know they can rely on. St. Ann's Center continues this tradition today through its Education and Workforce Development Program, helping women build the skills, confidence, and experience needed to pursue employment, further their education, and create greater stability for their families.

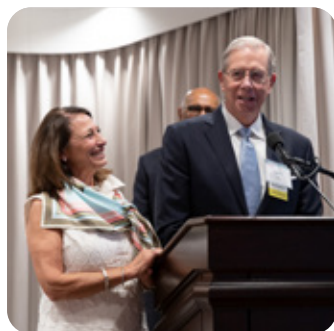


Community Makes It Possible

There are many ways to support St. Ann's Center, but each begins with the same belief: that every woman and child deserves the opportunity to build a brighter future. We asked members of our community – including our volunteers, Circle of Angels donors, Founders Society donors, and 1860 Alliance members – a simple question, “Why St. Ann’s?” Their answers reflect the generosity, compassion, and commitment that make our work possible.

JUDY RITZ

St. Ann's matters to me because it inspires residents and volunteers and employees to be better than before. It is a special place. After hearing a resident speak about her experiences at Hope Blossoms, my husband John and I realized right away that the mission of St. Ann's was an opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy (i.e. shelter the homeless, feed the hungry).



What stays with me is the film of the resident who used the [renovated] beauty salon for the first

time, the joy and self-esteem she felt, to have that care. Everyone deserves respect and dignity. Comfort and safety. Food and self-care.

For anyone considering getting involved, please know: Any little thing you can do – of time, or measure, or referral – makes a difference.

“When one walks through St. Ann's doors one feels the gifts of faith, hope, love. You get more than you give, believe me. It feels like family.”



stanns.org/WhyStAnns

Read their full stories and hear from other members of our community about why they share their time, talents, and treasure.

MARY MCCORMICK .

Through my involvement with St. Ann's, I hope to bring joy to the mothers and children with the festive holiday decorations, a little less stress when a meal is provided either during the mentorship nights or back during COVID when the board provided a weekly meal to the families, and awareness to the greater community about St. Ann's through Hope Blossoms along with additional financial support for programming.

What always stays with me is hearing the mothers at St. Ann's talking about the sense of relief they feel when they walk through the doors knowing that they will be taken care of along with their children. Especially hearing Africa and Brittany sharing their stories at Hope Blossoms.

KABIN BELL

50 years ago, Sister Ursula and staff took care of my twin brother and me while my mom was getting a permanent home for us all. I stay connected today because I know that St. Ann's, my maternal family and God played a huge part in my life, upbringing and success. St. Ann's was and is a building block of "Kabin".

To anyone considering getting involved: Please help if you can. My twin brother and I are true testaments. I am aware of other children who were in my shoes and their lives unfortunately turned to the streets. I was fortunate that my mom was given the time and opportunity to get back on her feet. St. Ann's kept a roof over my brother's and my head. Please help because it does make a difference.



St. Ann's matters to me because everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect while working to build a better life for their family.



Kabin Bell (right) with twin brother Kim

Someone in the past donated to St. Ann's and gave my family a chance. I hope I can do the same.



Leadership & Governance

STAFF LEADERSHIP

Sister Nancy Downing, CND

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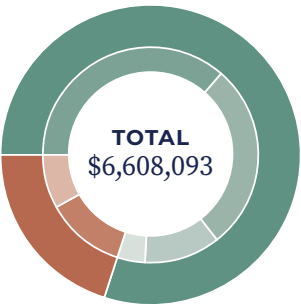
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Financial Stewardship

EXPENSES FY2026



80%
PROGRAM SERVICES
\$5,284,553

36.3%
CHILD CARE CENTER
\$2,400,692

27.9%
TEEN MOTHER AND BABY PROGRAM
\$1,840,537

20%
SUPPORTING SERVICES
\$1,323,540

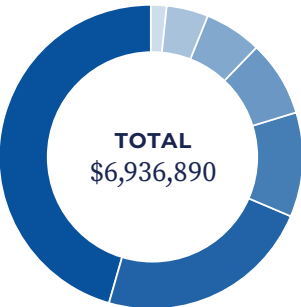
11.4%
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM
\$749,805

4.4%
EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT
\$293,519

11.8%
FUNDRAISING
\$782,707

8.2%
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE
\$540,833

REVENUE FY2026



45.5%
PRIVATE DONATIONS AND GRANTS
\$3,154,727

23.1%
GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS
\$1,602,654

10.9%
INVESTMENT INCOME
\$759,280

8.2%
CONTRIBUTED SERVICES AND MATERIALS
\$566,500

6.0%
SPECIAL EVENTS
\$417,682

4.4%
PRIVATE FEES
\$307,347

1.9%
RENTAL INCOME
\$128,700

Visit stanns.org for the audited financial statements.

Ways to Support Us



OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE

MAKE A GIFT

Give online or by check, or explore giving through stock, a donor advised fund, an IRA distribution, or employer matching gift.

PARTNER WITH US

Corporations, foundations, faith communities, schools, and community partners strengthen our mission through grants, sponsorships, in-kind support, and shared service.

VOLUNTEER

Share your time and talents with St. Ann's Center through individual and group opportunities that support our families and community.

LEAVE A LEGACY

Include St. Ann's Center in your will, trust, or beneficiary designation and help sustain the mission for generations to come.

Reach out today to give or connect

stanns.org/donate | donations@stanns.org | (301) 559-5500



OUR GIVING SOCIETIES

Members of our giving societies are invited to special opportunities throughout the year to connect more deeply with St. Ann's mission and community. Contact us to learn more about joining.

FOUNDERS SOCIETY

Recognizes donors whose annual giving totals \$5,000 or more, providing vital support for St. Ann's Center's mission.

CIRCLE OF ANGELS

Monthly donors provide dependable support that sustains the mission throughout the year.

1860 ALLIANCE

Members who include St. Ann's Center in their estate plans help carry our mission forward for generations to come.

Upcoming Events



**ST. ANN'S
CENTER'S ANNUAL
COMMUNITY
CONVERSATION**
*Film. Community.
Understanding.*

**Thursday,
November 12, 2026**

The Nolan Center
at Georgetown
Visitation

Moderated by
WAMU's Tamika
Smith | Host of All
Things Considered



**CHRISTMAS
OPEN HOUSE**

**Sunday,
December 6, 2026**

St. Ann's Center

Enjoy cookies, hot
cocoa, and a warm
welcome as you
experience our
programs, meet
members of our
community, and see
the impact of your
support firsthand.



**HOPE BLOSSOMS
2027 GALA**

**Wednesday,
May 12, 2027**

Columbia
Country Club

Join us for St. Ann's
Center's signature
fundraising
celebration, bringing
our community
together to support
mothers and
children establishing
strong roots as
they move toward
thriving futures.

Learn more and RSVP at stanns.org/events



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