

**Raleigh's Place  
Annual Report**

**Living the Gospel by Loving the Fatherless.**

**2024**

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# A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings Friends,

As we push further into the year 2025, I wanted to take a moment to prepare this report and share it with you. At the end of each passing year, it is always great to look back and see how the Lord was at work in our lives and ministry. 2024 was no exception.

One of the core doctrines of the Christian faith that I absolutely adore is that of God's providence. Usually when we think of the term providence, we think exclusively about the things that God has provided in a time of need. We tend to focus on those blessings that the Lord has given to us. While this is certainly an aspect of God's providence, it is not the whole story.

Providence also has to do with God's will. Not only does He provide means but He is also the cause of His providence. We see this time and again with the way that God orchestrates events, people, and resources to achieve His plans. Raleigh's Place is pleased to be a part of those plans.

Part of God's providence at Raleigh's Place is YOU. Your support and encouragement are what keep us going as we seek to Live the Gospel by Loving the Fatherless. 2025 is shaping up to be a big year for us. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless our efforts while we seek to do His will.

The remainder of this report highlights some of what the Lord accomplished at Raleigh's Place in 2024. Please read and be encouraged. Consider the ways in which you may be able to further partner with us in the mission to care for the fatherless.

Mike King, Executive Director

# HISTORY & MISSION OF RALEIGH'S PLACE

Raleigh's Place was founded in 2004 after the death of Raleigh, Tim (co-founder) and Sharon King's (co-founder) oldest daughter. Raleigh became ill as a toddler. This illness led to many other debilitating issues: mental retardation, physical disabilities, and seizures. The Kings thought they would spend the rest of their lives caring for Raleigh and were prepared to do so. One fateful night, however, God demonstrated that He had a different plan for the Kings' lives. Raleigh died in her sleep after struggling with a seizure.

Devastated by this, the Kings did not know what to do. They sought counsel from friends, family, church members, and pastors. God eventually led them to a Bible verse that immediately gripped their heart: James 1:27 - "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world." (ESV) The Kings felt particularly called to care for orphans, thus the beginning of Raleigh's Place.

Raleigh's Place exists to Live the Gospel by Loving the Fatherless. We are a foster care ministry with the desire to impact the lives of foster children and families with the love of Christ. We serve Chilton and surrounding counties as we support foster homes, host a free summer camp, provide clothing and other resources, train foster parents, equip teenage foster youth for life after care, and provide housing to aged out foster youth.

# OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM ACTIVITY



Our Partner Homes continued to grow in 2024. We currently have 15 families that we serve through this program. Partner Homes receive a weekly food box through our partnerships with Grace Klein Community, Oak Mountain Mission, and (new in 2024) the Heart of Alabama Food Bank. These food boxes have been a huge blessing as these families continue to add to their homes. Through the generosity of so many of you and the Clanton Kiwanis Club, we were able to provide 40 gift cards this Christmas to children in our Partner Homes.



We were able to serve 108 incredible campers this summer at Camp 1:27. These campers were from all across the state of Alabama. They got to hear and experience the love of Christ this summer while also having one of the best weeks of their life. In September, we hired Rachel Herron as our new Camp Director.

The camp theme was “What is the Gospel?” Our campers were walked through the message of the Gospel during their time at Camp 1:27 by camp staff and chapel speakers. The biggest hope and prayer we have for our campers is that they would hear the gospel, respond in faith, and commit themselves to Christ as Lord.



Katie's Kloset continues to thrive as our thrift store ministry. The revenue generated by the store covers much of our overhead, which is a huge blessing. More importantly, we continue to provide foster children and families with free items due to our amazing donors. 125 children were served in 2024 by receiving free items from Katie's Kloset. Many of these children returned multiple times to shop throughout the year.

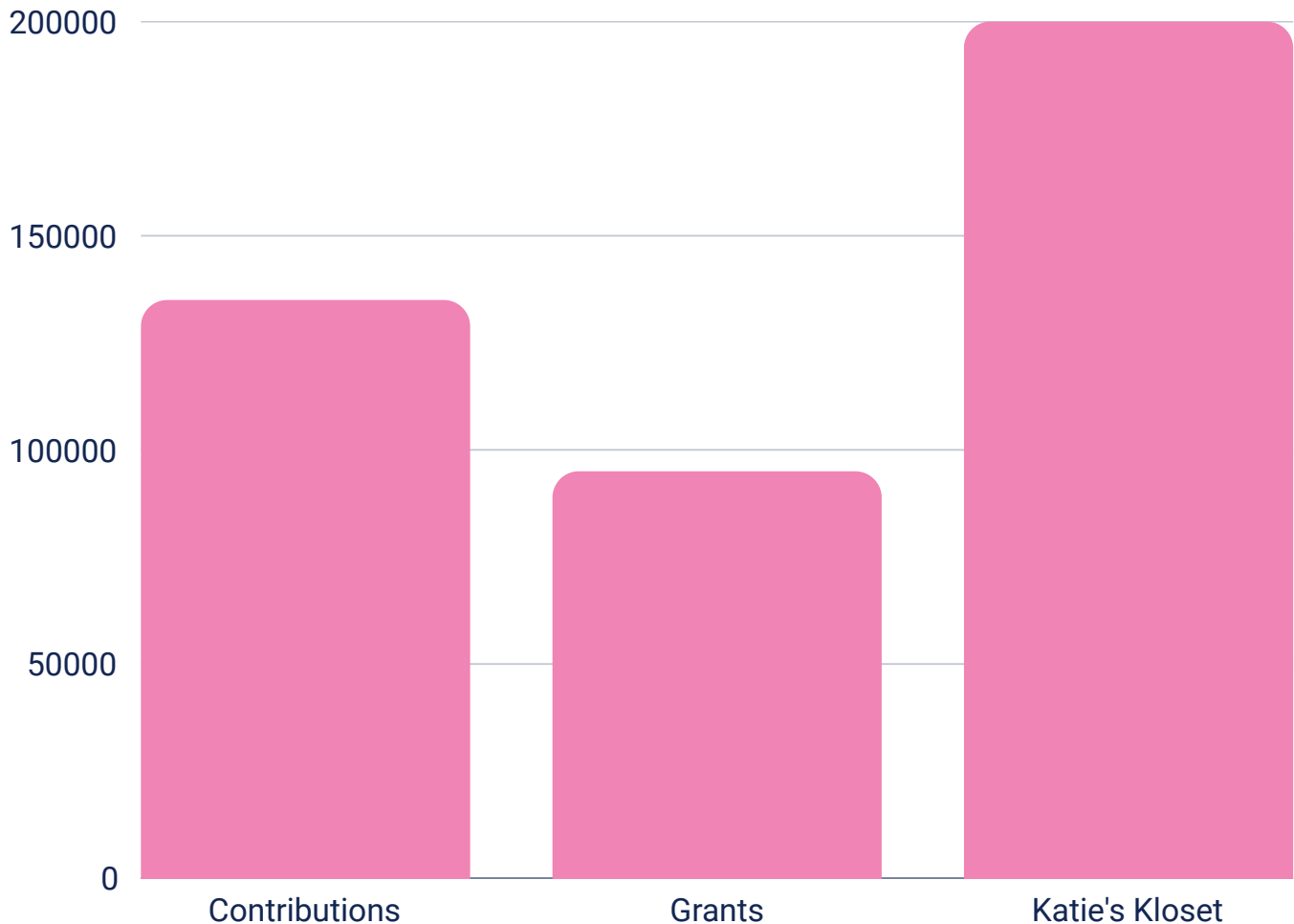


The Workmanship Initiative continued to partner with Chilton County Department of Human Resources to provide training for their Independent Living Program. We were able to teach basic life skills to 17 foster youth in 2024. Furthermore, we finally saw the completion of our Transitional Living Apartments which function as a continuation of the Workmanship Initiative. Our first two residents moved in before the end of the year.

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*James 1:27*

# FINANCIAL REPORT: REVENUE

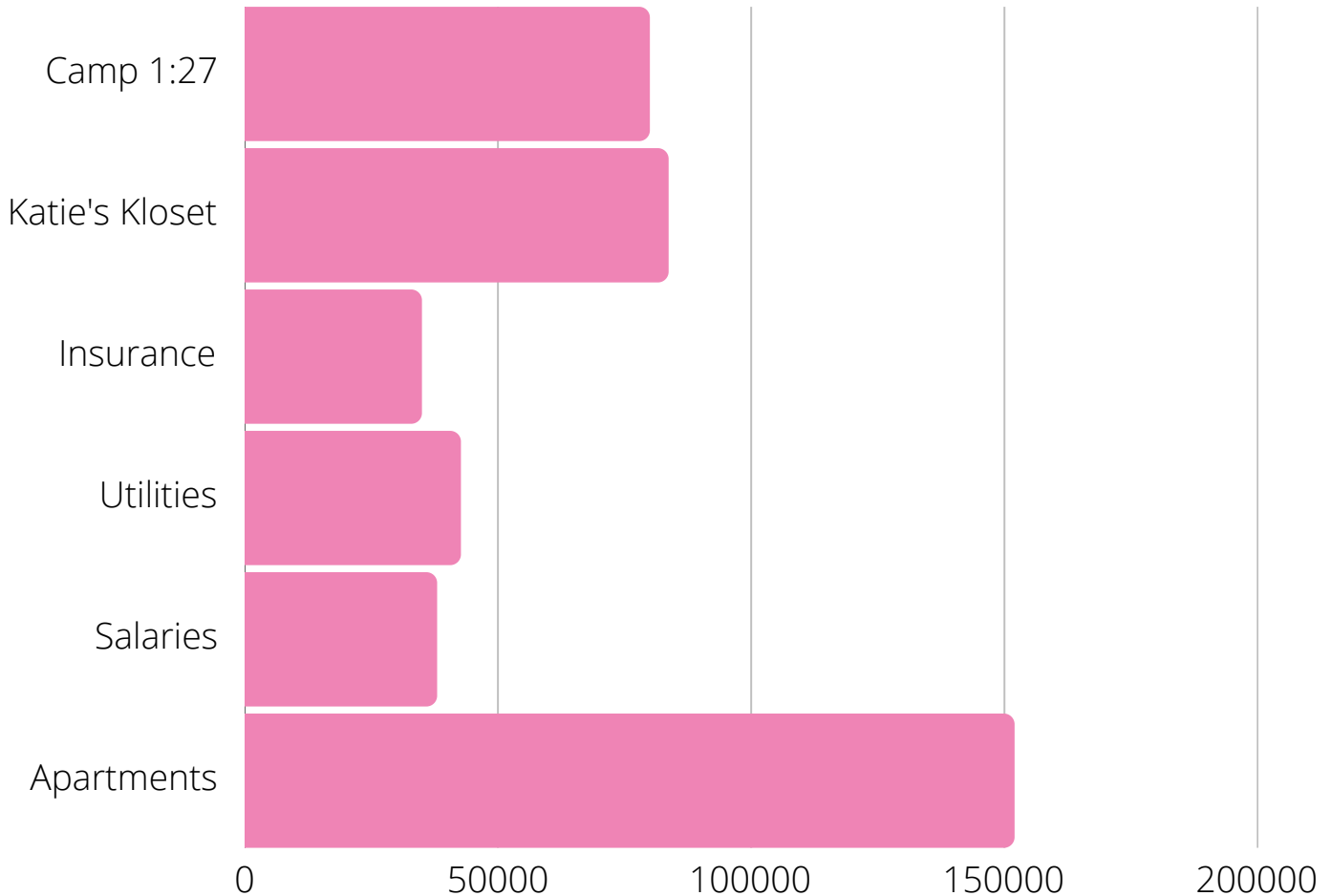


2024 was another year blessed by the Lord. We are thrilled to have such great supporters partner in our mission to Live the Gospel by Loving the Fatherless. The generosity of our community allowed us to do so much in 2024 as we continue to serve foster children and families. We thank God for each and every person who gave their time, talent, or treasure.

*“Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!  
For he satisfies the longing soul,  
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.”  
Psalm 107:8-9*



# FINANCIAL REPORT: EXPENSES



The graph above summarizes a few of our biggest expenses in 2024. The most significant was in the completion of our Transitional Living Apartments. As our programs and ministries continue to grow, so do our expenses. We are pleased that the Lord has allowed us to do this while remaining debt free. He has truly provided every step of the way.

# GIVING THANKS & LOOKING FORWARD

As we move into 2025, we expect the Lord to continue to do amazing things here at Raleigh's Place. We are so excited to see what He will accomplish through our efforts this year. Our hope is that you will join us in our efforts.

Our Partner Homes continue to grow each year. We are excited to launch a new parent resource on our website this year to help foster parents in their development as caregivers.

This summer will be year 14 for Camp 1:27. The Lord has significantly blessed this aspect of our ministry as we seek to introduce every camper to Christ and give them one of the best weeks of their life. We are actively recruiting camp staff for this summer with more information found on our website.

Katie's Kloset continues to perform well as our thrift store ministry. We have been so blessed with donors and shoppers. More importantly, we are able to provide foster children with free items. We look forward to serving more children in 2025.

Our partnership with Chilton County DHR will continue this year as we help teach their Independent Living Program. We look forward to continuing to teach foster youth basic life skills to better prepare them for life after foster care through our Workmanship Initiative.

The Workmanship Initiative will also continue to grow with our transitional living apartments. Our hope and prayer is that the Lord uses this program to bring radical transformation to every young man who will call Raleigh's Place home.

Lastly, we want to THANK YOU for your generous support. You are a blessing to us by praying, serving, and giving towards the cause to Live the Gospel by Loving the Fatherless. We thank God for you!

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## In Memory of Mark McKinnon

This annual report is being dedicated to the memory of Mark McKinnon. Mark went to be with the Lord on December 3, 2024 leaving behind quite the legacy. Mark was best known for his generosity. He was a true champion in our community and a personal friend of Raleigh's Place. He truly understood what it meant to Live the Gospel by Loving the Fatherless. We have all been blessed to know Mark and take comfort that he is now resting eternally with Christ.