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## ***Message from the Board***

Dear Donors, Partners, and Supporters,

As we reflect on the previous year, we can't help but feel an overwhelming gratitude for everyone that contributed in any way to *Lovie's Pearls*. We are delighted to present our Annual Report for 2023 highlighting the incredible work and impact of *Lovie's Pearls*. Our goal is to provide support, education, and resources to teen moms, helping them build brighter futures for themselves and their children. This report demonstrates the progress we've made over the past year and the lives we've touched.

## ***Message from the Founder***

It is with great pleasure that I share the remarkable achievements and growth of *Lovie's Pearls* in our ongoing mission to empower teen moms. Despite the challenges posed by the ongoing pandemic, our organization has continued to provide essential support and guidance to teen moms facing unique difficulties.

*Elisha Divinity Weatherton*



## ***Our Mission & Vision***

*Lovie's Pearls* empowers teen moms through education, edification, and encouragement so they and their children will succeed in life. We envision nationwide second chance homes so teen moms and their babies can live in a safe space to grow and thrive.

## Our Board

**Elisha Weatherton, President**



**Cheerice Davis, Treasurer**

As a Lovie's Pearls Board member, I am here to serve each and every young mother with grace. I want you to know that this is only the beginning. I want to be a part of the team that sees you win. Thank you for letting me serve you.



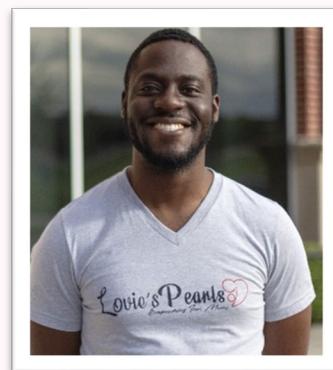
**Sharae Green, Secretary**

I am from New Orleans, LA and have been married to the love of my life for 15+ years. I wanted to be a part of Lovie's Pearls so I can encourage young teens not to give up on their dreams; show them God's love; and guide them on their journey of parenthood.



**Billy Ayoola, Board Member**

"It's all about putting these young women in a position to succeed"



**Melanee Rivera, Board Member**



I'm a native Houstonian who enjoys helping others. I want to empower and equip teen mothers to pursue their goals and aspirations while also sharing God's love with them.

## Our Founding Story



*Lovie's Pearls* was founded in 2012 by Elisha (Divinity) Weatherton. She shares, "In 2007, I was listening to Oprah talk about her school for girls that she started in Africa, and I began to seriously ponder in what way I could help others. I say "seriously" because I have always liked helping people and did so privately in whatever way I could. But this desire that I began to feel was bigger than that, and what came to me was homes for teenage mothers. Wow, I thought! Where did that come from? Right away, I knew it was from God. It was nothing that I could have come up with on my own because I did not know there was a need for it. It would take me years to fully understand just how much of a need it truly is.

After relocating to Houston, TX (from Los Angeles, CA) in 2009, and taking some time to get settled, I began to put more thought into the vision God had given me; and in 2012 I established *Lovie's Pearls* as a nonprofit organization. Of course, coming up with the name was no simple task, but just as God gave me the vision, He also gave me the name. I initially came up with Divinity House but wanted to represent both sides of my family. So, I played around with names, even ones that were non-family related. Then it hit me! My paternal grandmother's name was Lovie and my maternal grandmother's name was Pearlina. *Lovie's Pearls* was perfect!!! In my vision for this organization, I knew love would be one of the key ingredients in reshaping the lives of these teen moms, and I remembered what I had learned about how pearls are made. I knew then I was on to something that was much bigger than me.

Unfortunately, with some of life's ups and downs, there were several stops, starts and delays in getting *Lovie's Pearls* off the ground. But the thoughts, ideas and passion for it would not leave me alone! In 2018 I became determined that I would start again and **not** stop. However, I thought that trying to create housing for the teen moms was too big of a project for me. I tried to kick-off the support groups that I and a couple of others created a curriculum for, but to no avail. It was a slow and disappointing process until I finally realized that nothing was going to work until I got back to the vision God gave me, "homes for teenage mothers". I had to remember this was not about me and therefore was not about what I could do, but what He could do through me. As soon as I wrapped my brain around this, things seemed to begin to fall into place. In April 2019, I met Dr. Pamela Ogletree (I literally chased after her when I noticed she was preparing to leave a conference we had both attended). That chance encounter led to an extended phone conversation, followed by an amazing lunch meeting. From that was birthed a beautiful partnership predicated on helping teen moms. Dr. O brought me in as a guest speaker to share *Lovie's Pearls* with her teen mom students. To my delight, they were interested in becoming a part of our program. On December 21, 2019, we hosted our first annual Christmas Luncheon. With the help of sponsors, we granted the wishes of nine teen moms and gave away a large number of donated items. That is how Lovie's Pearls was founded!"

## ***Building Great Futures***

To date, *Lovie's Pearls* has impacted over 200 lives through our Outreach Reach Program! We've created a comprehensive Outreach Program that covers a wide range of areas crucial for the development and success of these young moms. From empowerment and money matters to selfcare, parenting tips, healthy relationships, CPR training, career workshops, and more. *Lovie's Pearls* offers a holistic approach to help these young moms thrive. We have awarded \$11,000 in scholarships and put over \$36,500 into our Outreach Program. And so, with the help of Dr. Pamela Ogletree, Melanee (Orellana) Rivera, and Elizabeth (Bolden) Leonard, *Lovie's Pearls* became a staple of Klein ISD's Parenting Education Program. The rest is still history in the making!



**Over 200  
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## 2023 Mission Moments & Milestones

### Programs & Services

- Scholarship Program: We awarded \$5,000 in scholarships, bringing our total to \$11,000.
- Workshops: We have provided monthly workshops on financial literacy, parenting, career development, self-care, healthy relationships, CPR/First Aid training, and college financial aid applications, which have empowered our teen moms with essential life skills.
- Golf Tournament: Our inaugural golf tournament was a great success. Special thanks to our sponsors and golfers who came out and had a great time!
- Daily Essentials: We assisted our teen moms with diapers, wipes, toiletries, and other daily necessities for them and their babies.
- We received appreciation certificates from the Klein ISD Health Services Department and Klein ISD School Board for our support of their teen mom students.



## Teen Moms Testimonies



*Thank you sooooo much! I really appreciate everything Lovie's Pearls does for me. This was one of the first organizations I joined that genuinely helped me and I couldn't be more grateful. Especially throughout the years when I was going through it...you were there...that's all I wanted... Thank you again! (KJ)*

*I just want to thank everyone that is a part of Lovie's Pearls for allowing me to receive this scholarship. It's greatly appreciated. I really just want to give thanks for allowing me to receive so many opportunities through you all, and all the help you all give. (SM)*

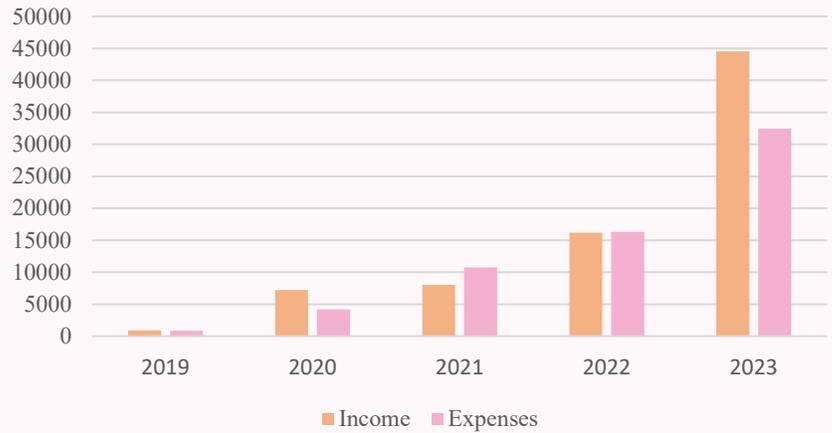
*I didn't know I had won again!!! Thank you so much for everything you do! It's because of people like you that I stay so motivated! (YG)*

# Financial Report

## Annual Growth

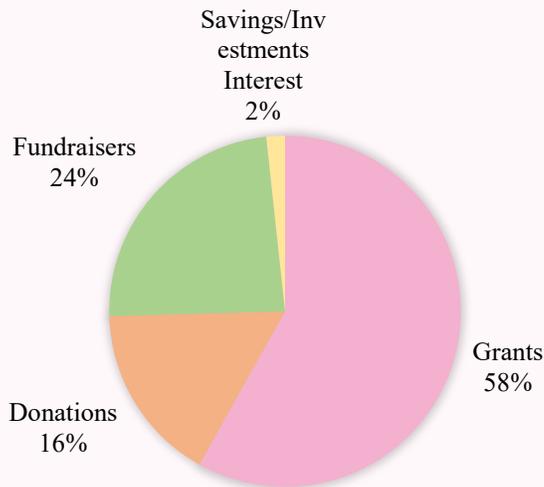
Thanks to community support, *Lovie's Pearls* has been able to grow to meet increasing need over the past 5 years, and we are looking forward to new ways to service our teen moms.

## 5 Year Comparison

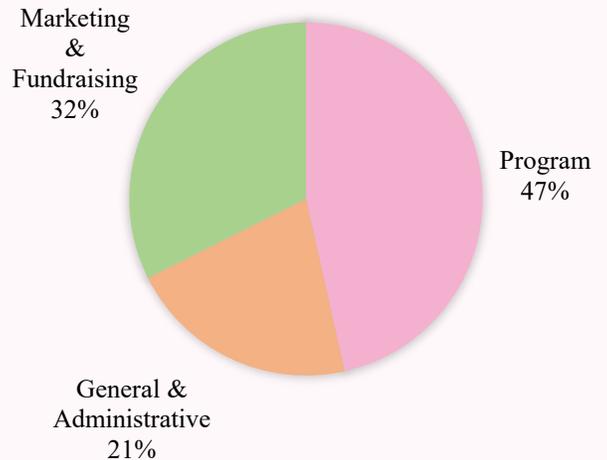


## 2023 Income & Expenses

Total Income \$44,540



Total Expenses \$32,427



## Grantors & Sponsors

A majority of our revenue this year came through grants we received. We would be remiss not to give a special THANK YOU to the Houston Fund for Social Justice and Economic Equity for providing grant opportunities funded through their program! We also want to show our appreciation for the Technical Assistance Sessions, where our Executive Director gained insight and knowledge through various topics to help us improve our impact in the community. Houston Equity Fund is committed to taking actions that encourage equitable systems of change within our communities. Thank you to Verizon and Microsoft for contributing to the fund through which we received grants.

Additionally, we would like to show our appreciation to the Executive Director of Houston Equity Fund, Dr. Gena L. Jerkins, for her diligence in ensuring that minority organization leaders and small business owners take major steps toward Social and Racial Justice, Economic Development, Youth Empowerment and Education, and Community Building. Thank you, Dr. Jerkins!!!



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Thank you to all of our Inaugural Golf Tournament sponsors!  
We could not have done it without you!



## ***Spotlight Sponsor***



### ***Vaughn & Alicia Clemmons Automobile Recovery Bureau***

We would like to spotlight our donors who generously sponsored our inaugural golf tournament. *Lovie's Pearls* is blessed with the most wonderful supporters: Vaughn and Alicia Clemmons, owners of Automobile Recovery Bureau. They have supported *Lovie's Pearls* for the past two years and this year, chose to make a huge impact to ensure that our tournament was a success!

We are deeply grateful for ARB's support and would like to say THANK YOU to the Clemmons for their contribution to our work!



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## Donors & Partners

**In 2023 our donors gave over \$17,500 to support our cause! Thank you all so much!**

### Individuals

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**We would like to thank our partners who, in their own way, supported us with over \$9,000 in goods and services!**



## *Volunteers*

How do we say THANK YOU to our volunteers! Your time and talents have not gone unnoticed! The “hand to the plow” makes a huge impact in helping us fulfill our mission and goals.

*We appreciate you!*



# Thank You

Our generous supporters make an impact every day in the lives of teen moms and their babies. We can't continue this life-changing work without you!

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*Empowering Teen Moms*

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