



Lovie's Pearls 
Empowering Teen Moms

2024 & 2025

**ANNUAL
REPORT**



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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 2024 & 2025 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 Weatherton



Our Mission & Vision

Lovie's Pearls empowers teen moms through education, edification, and encouragement, offering out-of-school-time programs focused on college and career readiness, wellness, and parenting excellence.

Lovie's Pearls believes that every teen mom deserves a **BED** for herself and her baby: a safe space to **B**uild a future, be **E**mpowered, and **D**ream big. We envision nationwide second chance homes so teen moms and their babies can live in a safe space to grow and thrive.

Our Board

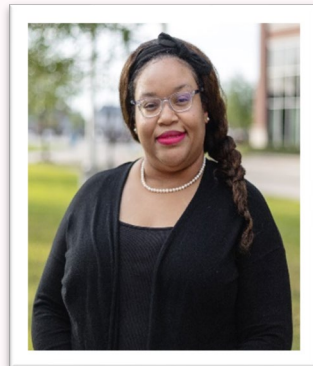
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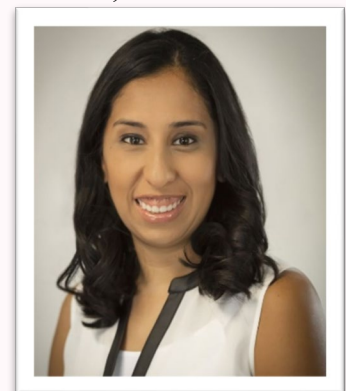
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Our Founding Story



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 250 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 \$15,500 in scholarships and put over \$40,000 into our Outreach Program. And so, with the help of Dr. Pamela Ogletree, Melanee (Orellana) Rivera, Elizabeth (Bolden) Leonard, and Kori Donlon, *Lovie's Pearls* became a staple of Klein ISD's Parenting Education Program. The rest is still history in the making!



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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 (scholarship)!!! Thank you so much for everything you do! It's because of people like you that I stay so motivated! (YG)

Teen Moms Testimonies

Lovie's Pearls is a community of teen moms who come together to support one another and share our experiences. I joined when I was 16 years old. I continue to get love and support from the program. The thing I love most about this community is that it's completely judgment free. Everyone is treated the same no matter their situation. This is a place for teen moms out there who are looking for help! (JH)

Lovie's Pearls changed my life. As a teen mom, I felt lost and alone, but this program gave me support guidance, and hope. They helped me believe in myself again and reminded me that my journey didn't end with motherhood, it had just begun. I'm stronger, more focused, and grateful for everything Lovie's Pearls poured into me! (AG)

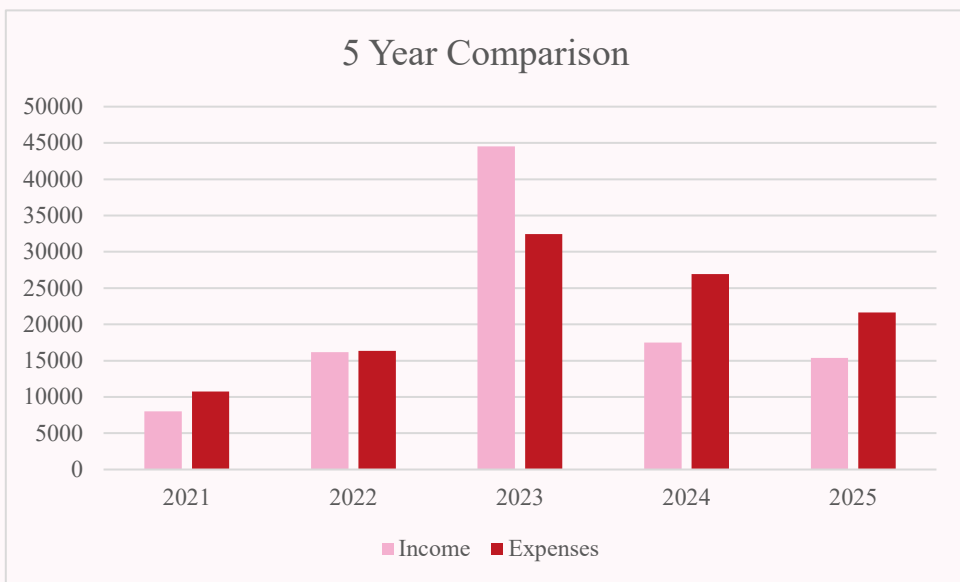


Financial Report

Annual Growth

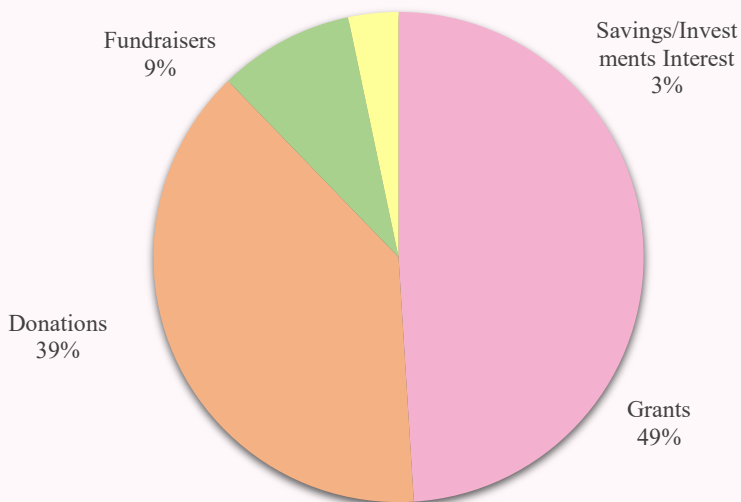
Thanks to the unwavering support of our community, *Lovie's Pearls* has continued to grow over the past five years to meet the increasing needs of the teen moms we serve. We're excited to explore new and innovative ways to expand our impact in the years ahead.

Despite a decrease in revenue in 2024 and 2025, our commitment never wavered. Through strategic spending and careful use of our reserves, we were able to continue providing essential services to our teen moms.

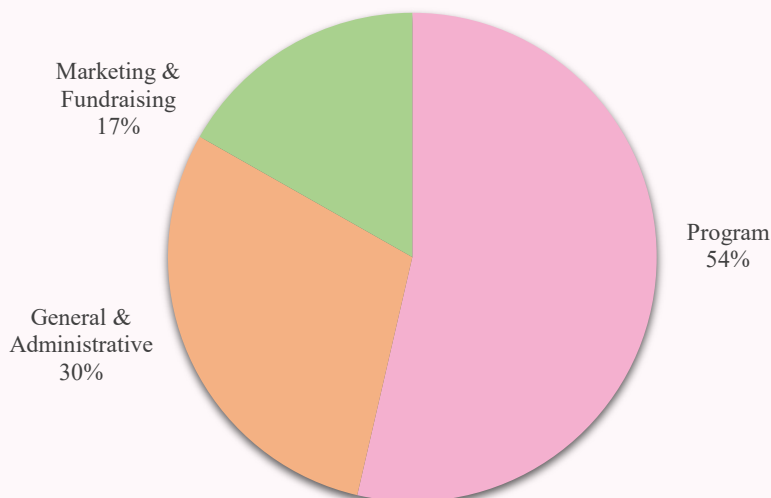


2024 & 2025 Income & Expenses

Total Income \$32,835



Total Expenses \$48,540



Grantors & Sponsors

Once again, we would like to give a special THANK YOU to the Houston Fund for Social Justice and Economic Equity for providing grant opportunities funded through their program! Houston Equity Fund has been committed to taking actions that encourage equitable systems of change for nonprofits and small businesses within our communities. Thank you to Wells Fargo for initiating the funding through which we have 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!!!



Thank you to our Sponsors who made significant impact!
We could not have done it without you!



Spotlight Sponsor



Chris & Susan Ray
Kinsmen Lutheran Church

We are honored to spotlight our valued partner and donor, Kinsmen Lutheran Church, for their generous support of Lovie's Pearls. Over the years, through the countless hours they have made their facilities available to us, Kinsmen has provided a welcoming and dependable space where our teen moms can gather, learn, and grow.

Their generosity has made it possible for us to host educational workshops, life-skills training, parenting classes, and community-building events that empower young mothers to create brighter futures for themselves and their children.

Partnerships like this demonstrate the power of community. By opening their doors, Kinsmen Lutheran Church has helped us create opportunities for encouragement, connection, and personal growth for the families we serve.

Thank you, Kinsmen Lutheran Church, for investing in teen moms and for helping us educate, edify, and encourage the next generation of strong mothers and thriving families.



Donors & Partners

In 2024 & 2025 our donors gave \$15,250 to support our cause! Without your continuous contributions we would not be able to make the impact that we do.

Thank you all so much!

We would like to thank our partners who, in their own way, supported us in goods and services!



Facilitators

THANK YOU to the professionals who facilitated our workshops! Your time, talents, and expertise do not go unnoticed. Your generosity made a huge impact in helping us fulfill our mission to empower teen moms.

We appreciate you!

Carmesha Jones

(Behaviorist)

Healthy Relationships/
Mommy & Me

Dr. Sherri Sandifer

(Pediatrician)

My Healthy Baby

Nikki Greenway

(Nurse Practitioner)

My New Body

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(Financial Advisor)

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Perfume Making

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(Registered Dietician)

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HR Manager

Career Development

Toni Harris
(Sales & Marketing Coach)
Network for Success



Volunteers

How do we say thank you to our incredible volunteers? Your time, dedication, and talents have made a lasting difference. Every hour you give and every helping hand you extend plays a vital role in advancing our mission and achieving our goals. The willingness to put your “hand to the plow” helps us create meaningful opportunities for teen moms and their children. Because of your service, encouragement, and commitment, lives are being changed and brighter futures are being built.

Thank you for being an essential part of the Lovie’s Pearls family. We are deeply grateful for all that you DO!!!

