



MOMS ADOPTING MOMS

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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WE BELIEVE REUNIFICATION DOESN'T HAVE TO MEAN GOODBYE

Through adopting the whole family for life, foster and biological families walk this journey together.

Through our peer mentorship program, women with lived experience guide moms on both sides of the foster care system—creating lasting connections and better outcomes for everyone involved

Our Mission:

We offer advice, encouragement, mentorship and resources to moms (and dads when possible) who are doing everything in their power to reunify with their children and thrive post reunification.

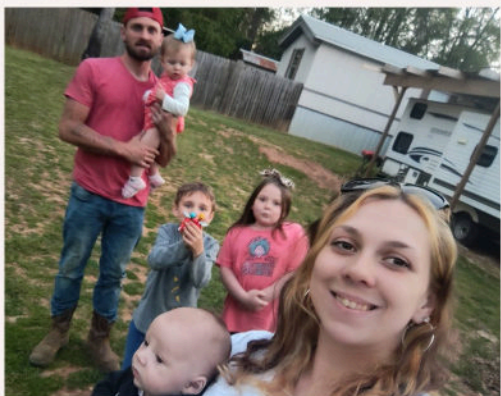
CORE IMPACT IN 2025

6 families reunified	20 children home	22 mothers supported
86 children impacted (Adopt-a-Family Christmas)	8 counties reached	5971 miles driven

26+ Families Reunited to date • ~90% Reunification Rate • 0% Return to Care

PROGRAM IMPACT IN 2025

DRIVE TO THRIVE 12 vehicles provided (4 paid off, we remain on track for 2026)	ADOPT A FAMILY 35 families served last Christmas	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT 6 church partners
PEER MENTORSHIP \$192,298 invested in reuniting families	GRANT & SPONSORS • NQCF Fund it Forward Grant • Resilient Northeast Georgia Grant (Athens Area Community Foundation) • Johnson Insurance • W&A Engineering	EVENT IMPACT 45 attendees at summer barbeque 120 attended year end banquet



6 FAMILIES REUNITED, 20 CHILDREN BACK HOME

MOMS ADOPTING MOMS PROGRAMS



Peer Mentorship

The foundation of everything we do.



Drive to Thrive

Transportation equals opportunity.



Renew & Reunite

Love in action.



Journey Home

A clear path forward.



Adopt for Life

Two families. One lifelong commitment.



Adopt-a-Family

Meeting needs. Restoring dignity.



Restoration Ridge

A place to heal and rebuild.



Freedom Fund

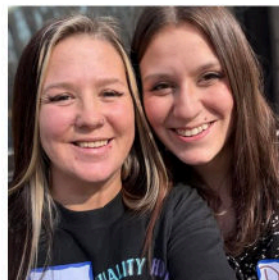
Help when it matters most.



BIO MOM PEER MENTORSHIP

WE DON'T JUST SUPPORT MOMS, WE WALK WITH THEM

- Mentorship from women with lived experience
- Step-by-step emotional and practical support
- Guidance through court, case plans, and transition
- A community committed to supporting families for life

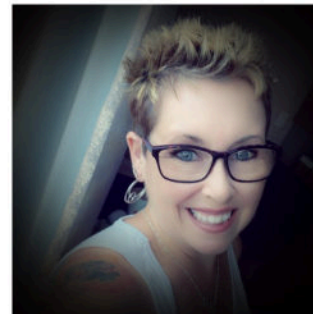




ADOPT FOR LIFE

FOSTER MOM SUPPORT - REUNIFICATION DOESN'T HAVE TO MEAN GOODBYE

- Through adopting the whole family for life, foster and biological families remain connected beyond reunification—continuing relationships that provide long-term stability and support.
- Through our peer mentorship program, women with lived experience guide moms on both sides of the foster care system—creating lasting connections and better outcomes for everyone involved.





DRIVE TO THRIVE

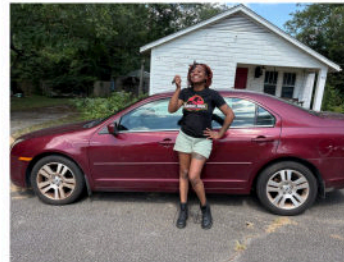
Transportation removes one of the biggest barriers to reunification

12 Vehicles Provided

- 4 fully paid off
- Remaining vehicles on track for payoff in 2026

Current Inventory

- 4 vehicles not yet assigned to moms
- 2 currently being repaired for upcoming placements
- 1 will be sold for parts & 1 will be sold at fair market value and monies reinvested into DTT





FREEDOM FUND

Program Concluded in 2025

- The Freedom Fund provided short-term financial support to help remove barriers to reunification for 6 families.
- A total of \$29,079 was distributed, with nearly half already recovered. The current outstanding balance is \$15,461.30.
- Through this work, we identified the importance of long-term sustainability and accountability in financial assistance programs.
- As a result, we have discontinued this program and are focusing on more sustainable models, such as Drive to Thrive.



ADOPT A FAMILY

Year-round support for families navigating real-life needs



- 35 Families Supported
- 6 Church Partners
- 120 Attendees at Christmas Banquet and gift giveaway
- Currently, only 1 mom is partially funded for ongoing support.
- Support includes unexpected expenses, back-to-school needs, birthdays, gas cards and everyday stability.
- We are working to grow year-round adoption of families and invite individuals, churches, and partners to step in beyond the holiday season.



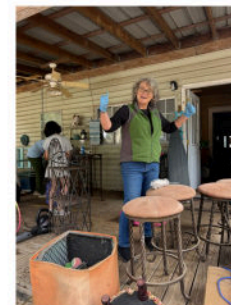


RENEW & REUNITE

Helping moms carry less—so they can focus on what matters most.

Through our Renew & Reunite program, volunteers come alongside one foster family, one transitioning family, and one recently reunified family to provide hands-on support—cleaning, organizing, and preparing homes during a critical season of change.

This work creates space for moms who are doing everything they can, but need support to keep up with everything being asked of them.



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COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

Reunification isn't the end—it's the beginning.

Through events like our summer barbeque, families come together to build lasting relationships, celebrate milestones, and continue supporting one another beyond reunification.



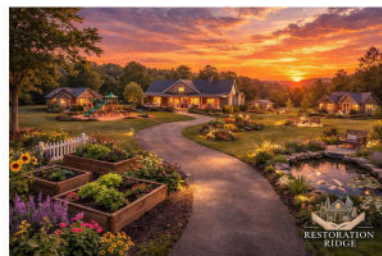
**Restoration Ridge is our vision for a transitional living
community designed to support families before, during, and
after reunification**





RESTORATION RIDGE

A place for families to stabilize, grow, and thrive.



Progress to Date:

- Partnering with W&A Engineering for site planning (second year of support, including \$7,000 in pro bono services)
- Engaged with local leadership, including the Mayor and Madison County Board of Commissioners
- Building relationships with Habitat for Humanity and local Land Trust partners
- Submitted grant applications for HOME, CDBG, and CPP funding in Clarke County

What we Learned:

Through this process, we received valuable feedback emphasizing the importance of starting with a smaller pilot and partnering with established organizations to build toward long-term development.

What's Next:

We are continuing to refine our approach, strengthen partnerships, and explore opportunities to launch a pilot model that will serve as the foundation for Restoration Ridge.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

\$192,298

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

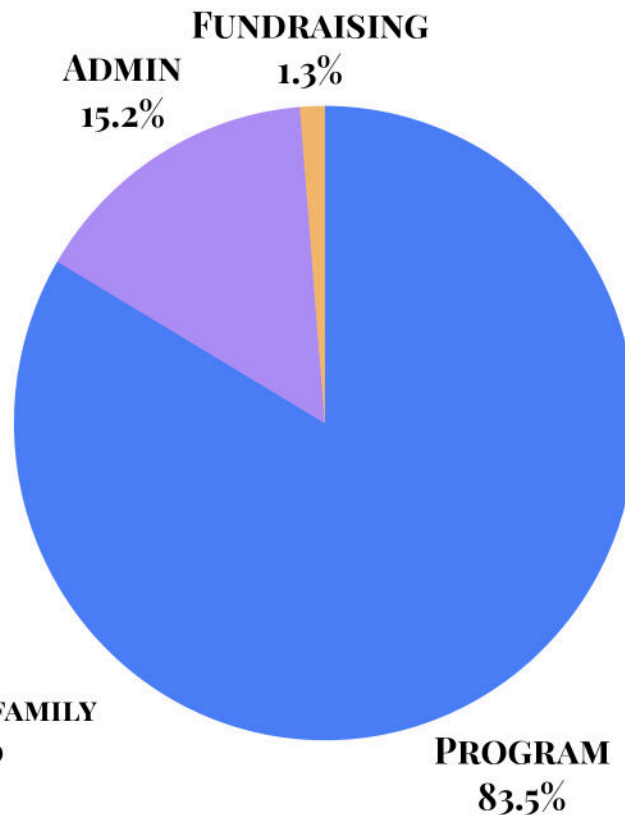
\$106,727

PROGRAM EXPENSES

\$64,492

NET OPERATING REVENUE

**FUNDS ARE USED TO SUPPORT PEER MENTORSHIP, DIRECT FAMILY
SUPPORT, AND PROGRAM OPERATIONS THAT LEAD TO
SUCCESSFUL REUNIFICATION.**





OUR TEAM & BOARD

The Team

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Sallie Starrett – Board Member (2025)

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE OF ALL BOARD MEMBERS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO OUR WORK IN 2025.

JOIN US IN REUNIFYING FAMILIES

EVERY STEP FORWARD IS POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF PEOPLE LIKE YOU.

- **VOLUNTEER**
- **PARTNER**
- **SPONSOR A FAMILY**
- **DONATE**



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