2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



"Our Mission is to improve the Mental, Emotional, and Spiritual health of Women, Girls and Families through Holistic Empowerment Programs."

Dear Beloved,

We are so grateful for your continued support throughout the years. We have survived and are learning to live with COVID-19. Now that we have a better understanding of how to manage this virus with all of the tools available, we are looking forward to a great 2023 and the reemergence of some of our in-person events.

Although we launched our first program in 2017, "Images, the Media and the Impact of Women and Girls" at the Northwest Activity Center in Detroit, we actually began the organization in 2016.

We are so humbled and thankful for our growth over the years thanks to you, our faithful Multiple Giving Society and other donors. Here are some highlights and what we accomplished in 2022.

Mission Statement

The Lord revealed to me in 2022 that I need to broaden our mission to it's original goal of empowering "all" Women, Girls, and their Families to live life to their fullness. So, we have reverted to our original mission with a slight edit. Our updated Mission Statement is:

"Improving the Mental, Emotional and Spiritual Health of Women, Girls and their Families."

We do not want to exclude anybody from our services—all is welcome!

Partnerships

We partnered with Metropolitan Church of God (MCOG) for our inaugural "Adopt-a-Child for Christmas" for George Washington Carver Academy

Homeless and High Needs Students. This was a successful and heartwarming project. MCOG adopted 29 kids and RRWES adopted 4 kids. Collectively we were able to bless these families with over 200 gifts. Your generosity afforded us the opportunity to adopt 4 kids and bless them with close to \$700 worth of Christmas gifts!

GPS/George Washington Carver Academy

We are entering our 3rd year as sub-contractor with Global Psychological Services, (GPS) to provide Homeless Liaison Services for George Washington Carver Academy (GWCA) an elementary school in Highland Park, Michigan.

The position was expanded this year to also serve GWCA High Needs students. The priority is to serve the Homeless Students first which is a federal mandate under the McKinney-Vento Act for schools to provide Homeless Liaison services to remove barriers from the MV students so they can receive a quality education like all other students. Under the MV Act, they define "Homeless" as anyone who doesn't have a "*fixed, regular, adequate nighttime residence.*" Which means someone may be living in a residence with mold, and/or living with friends, or family or doubling up temporarily.

In 2022 we serviced 49 students providing a total of:

- > 94 Uniforms
- > 18 Coats
- ➢ 8 pairs shoes
- > Undergarments, Hygiene packs, gloves, and sweaters.

2022 Programs

The Grace Program

As the leader of RRWES, I am always looking at the "big picture," and connecting the dots to develop and provide meaningful and impactful programs for our families.

While the McKinney-Vento Act requires schools to provide services for the

housing insecure, the parents should also be a focal point. If we can help parents provide a stable environment for their students, research shows students will perform better academically.

As a result of my observagtion we developed the Grace Program, with the mission of providing mentorship, advocacy, a support system and emergency financial assistance for those transitioning out of homelessness.

The Grace Program fits perfectly with our mission of "improving the mental spiritual and emotional health of Women, Girls, and their families. Ninety-nine percent of the GWCA Homeless families are headed by single mothers who are looking to improve their quality of life.

We mentored 3 three single Moms in 2022 and provided services and other needs such as:

- > Airbeds
- > Laptop for employment
- Cooktops
- > Work boots
- Financial Assistance for moving, transportation fees, medication etc.
- Assistance with accessing services such as Secretary of State, Michigan Bridges, etc.

It is because of your generosity we were able to provide close to **\$3,000** for these families. Two families transitioned out of homelessness and needed a "helping hand." We are pleased to announce that they met their goals to improve their health both mentally and physically and financially.

We are hoping to expand the program as we recruit more volunteers.

Board of Directors

We welcomed a new Board Member in 2022, who is replacing Minister Marlina Dantzler.

Ms. Jessica Hill is a former track star from the Ohio State University and an

Entrepreneur running several businesses. We are pleased to welcome her to the Board!

Financial

Thanks to you, I am so pleased we have increased our revenue by **53% from 2021 to 2022.** We are fiscally responsible and looking forward to investing more revenue dollars in our programs to expand our services in 2023.

We also invested in assets. You will notice in the financial section a substantial increase in Office Supplies and Software due to the purchase of technology for our Parent Support Specialist/Homeless Liaison that includes a Laptop and a Cell phone.

Multiple Year Giving Society, Donors & Supporters

Finally, we could not accomplish any of this without our founding Members of the RRWES Multiple Year Giving Society and our Board of Directors. Together we are a team, a community with one mission.

Because of all you have done for RRWES, we want to thank you in 2023 with a "Thank You Lunch." We are working on the details and will give plenty of notice to get this on your calendar in 2023!

I am excited for what the future holds for RRWES and the Women, Girls, and Families we will serve in 2023!

Warmest wishes,

Rev. Linda Seatts-Ogletree, M.A., Christian Ministry,

M.A., Dispute Resolution Founder/President



"I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint." Jeremiah 31:25

Adopt-a-Child for Christmas

Corey and his Mom was happy to be Adopted for Christmas!







Richard RRWES CFO, Linda, CEO and Debra, RRWES Volunteer organizing gifts for distribution



Mom of Four was happy to bless her Children for Christmas





Dad picking up for his two kids!

"Providing Coats for Kids"



8th and 2nd Graders receive new coats

Another happy young lady with her new coat





APPENDIX

Our Financial Supporters

A "Big" Thank-You to our Donors who continues to make a positive impact on Women, Girls, and Families through your generosity. We could not operate without you!

Founding Members of the Multiple Year Giving Society

Anthony K. & Lauren Seatts Linda & Richard Ogletree Aletha Menefee

Board Giving

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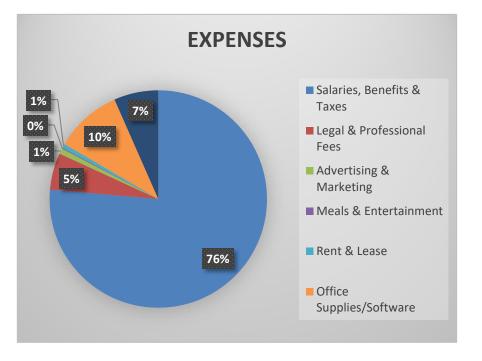
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FINANCIAL REPORTS

EXPENSES	
Salaries, Benefits &	
Taxes	\$46,224.72
Legal &	
Professional Fees	\$3 <i>,</i> 300.50
Advertising &	
Marketing	\$492.26
Meals &	
Entertainment	\$95.78
Rent & Lease	\$364.00
Office	
Supplies/Software	\$6 <i>,</i> 033.98
Charitable	
Donations	\$3,994.53



REVENUE & PUBLIC	
SUPPORT	
Contributions	\$3,321.94
Fundraiser	\$35.00
Grant	\$68,664.75
GWCA	
Reimbursements	\$2,418.67

