

2021

Annual Report



CHAMBLISS CENTER FOR CHILDREN
GROWING YOUNG LIVES 24•7•365

ABOUT OUR WORK

The purpose of **Chambliss Center for Children** is to preserve family unity and to help prevent the dependency, neglect, abuse and delinquency of children by responding to the community's childcare needs.

2021

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"After 50 years of service I did not expect my final 365 days to be so difficult! On the other side of that coin, a lot of what I had advocated for, so we could grow the services that we offered, happened in 2021. The completion of the classrooms in the lower level of the gym building, the purchase of another building to serve the youth in our Transitional Living Program, and of course establishing the partnership with Isaiah 117 House occurred in 2021. I am so appreciative to the staff, board and all of our friends that honored me with a special celebration and naming the gym building the Acord Building in my honor. The 2021 year was hard, but I'm confident that Katie and her staff, the Board of Directors, along with all our friends and supporters will continue to press forward to serve the children, youth, and families of our community!"

- **Phil Acord**, CEO



"We have seen some big challenges in our long history, but surviving a pandemic might rank very high on our list of organizational achievements! From navigating quarantines and classroom closures to retaining staff and revenue sources, this has been another historical and eventful year. The real heroes of 2021 are the amazing, dedicated staff members who give of themselves each and every day and the incredibly generous and compassionate community members who believe in our mission. We wouldn't be the agency we are today without them."

- **Katie Harbison**, President



"2021 was a year of incredible adaptation and change. It has been inspiring to witness how Chambliss Center for Children listens to the needs of our children and responds as those needs arise or shift - always keeping what's best for our families at the forefront of all we do. Chambliss is an extraordinary organization providing educational, emotional and physical support to children in our community who need it most. It is such an honor to work alongside the staff and Board of Directors as we continue Chambliss Center for Children's 150 year legacy of commitment to children and families in Chattanooga."

- **Julie Stowe**, Board Chairman

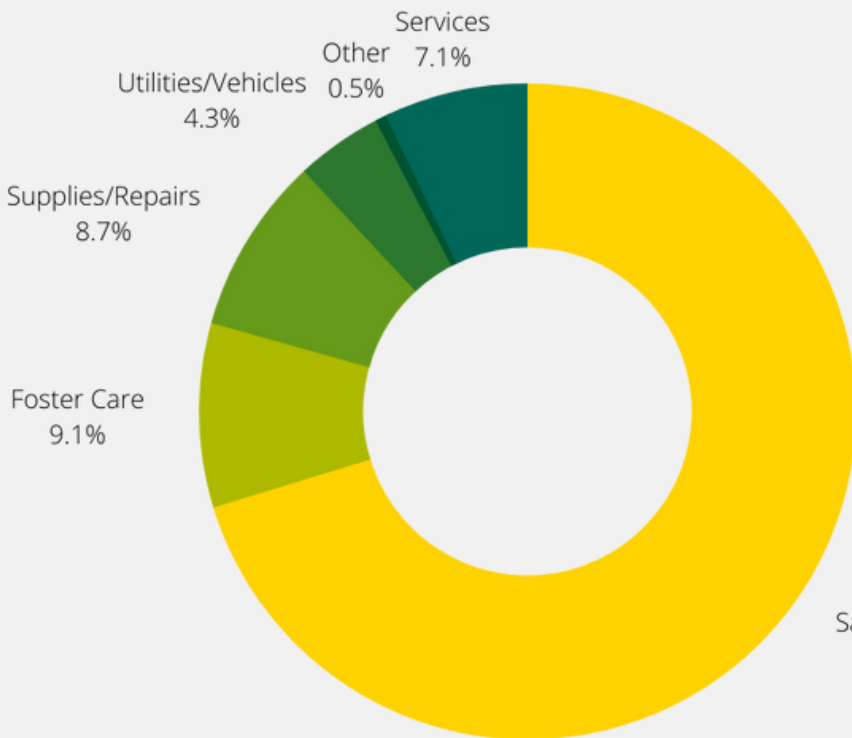
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BUDGET

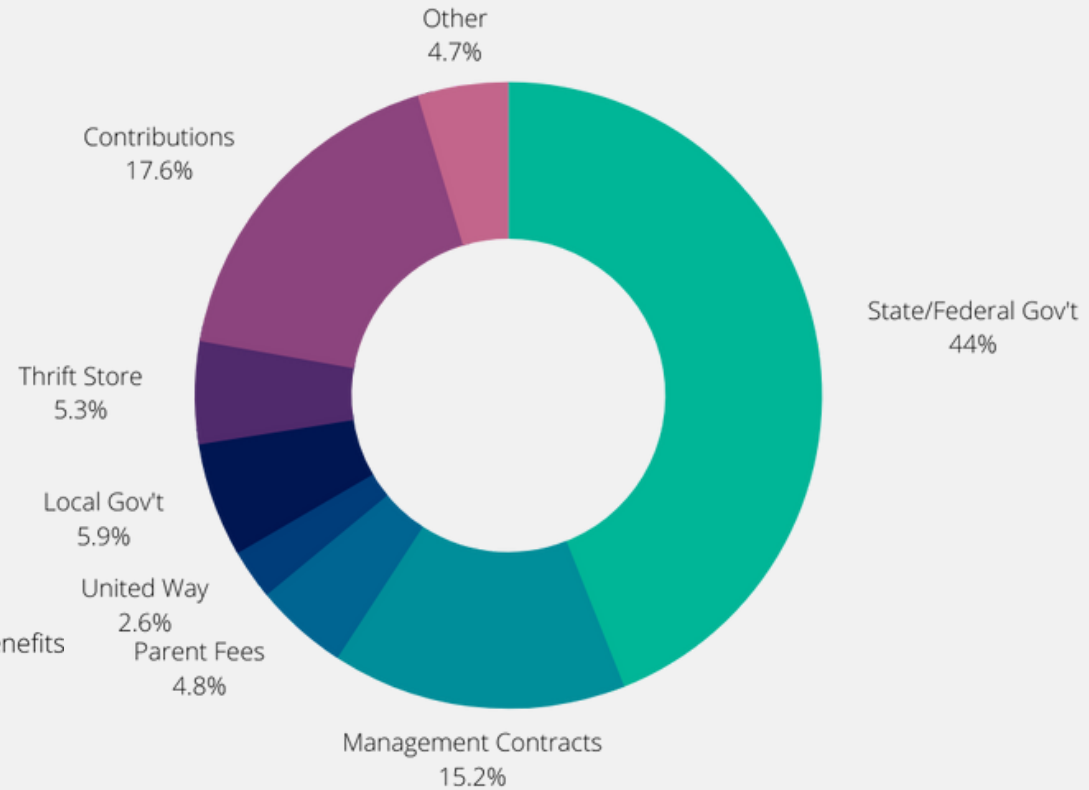
2021 Operating Expenses

Total = \$5,829,051



2021 Revenue

Total = \$5,944,635

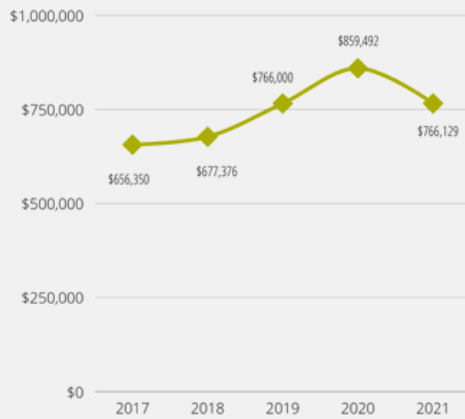


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FUNDRAISING

Unrestricted Contributions (minus Event Expenses)



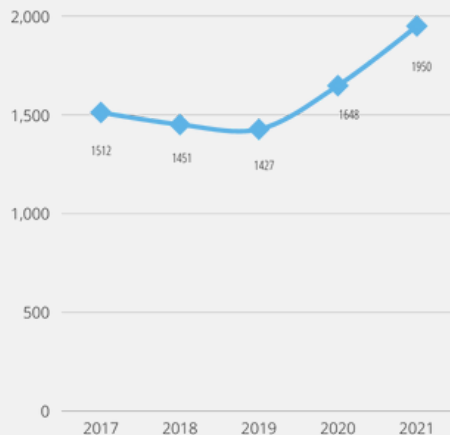
Fundraising goal for 2021:

\$700,000

Total amount raised by the Development Office:

\$2,665,750

Total Number of Gifts Made



Total unrestricted amount raised by the Development Office:

\$766,129

Percentage Increase of Monthly Donors in 2021:

53%

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FINANCIALS

THRIFT STORES

The Thrift Store-
Brainerd

Gross Sales from 2021

\$492,434.77

3723 BRAINERD ROAD
CHATTANOOGA, TN 37411

The Thrift Store-
Red Bank

Gross Sales from 2021

\$307,942.33

1936 DAYTON BLVD
CHATTANOOGA, TN 37415

Extended Early Childhood Program



Our **Extended Child Care (ECE) Program** offers high-quality early childhood education and child care to children from 6 weeks old - 12 years old on a sliding fee scale.

The program operates 24 hours per day, 7 days per week and serves parents who are either working or in school.

The goal is to provide the best possible education to young children, in preparation for Kindergarten, and to provide a safe place for our older children before and after school.

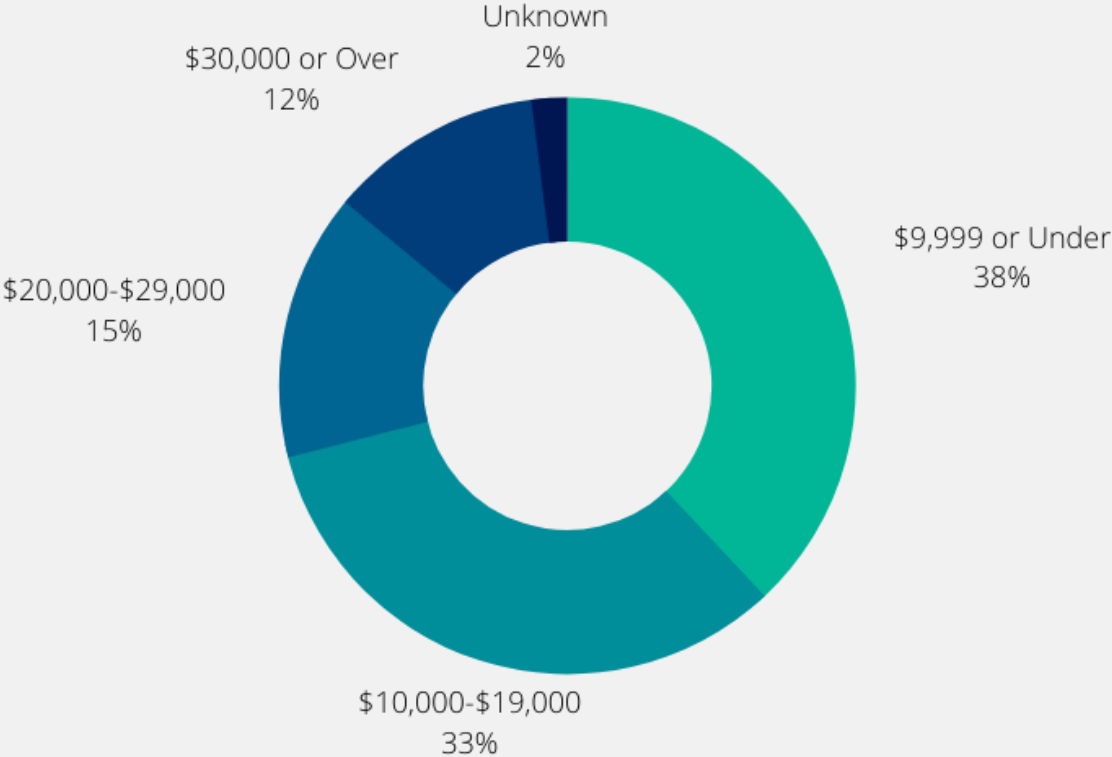
623 Total Children Served in 2021*

380 Total Families Served in 2021*

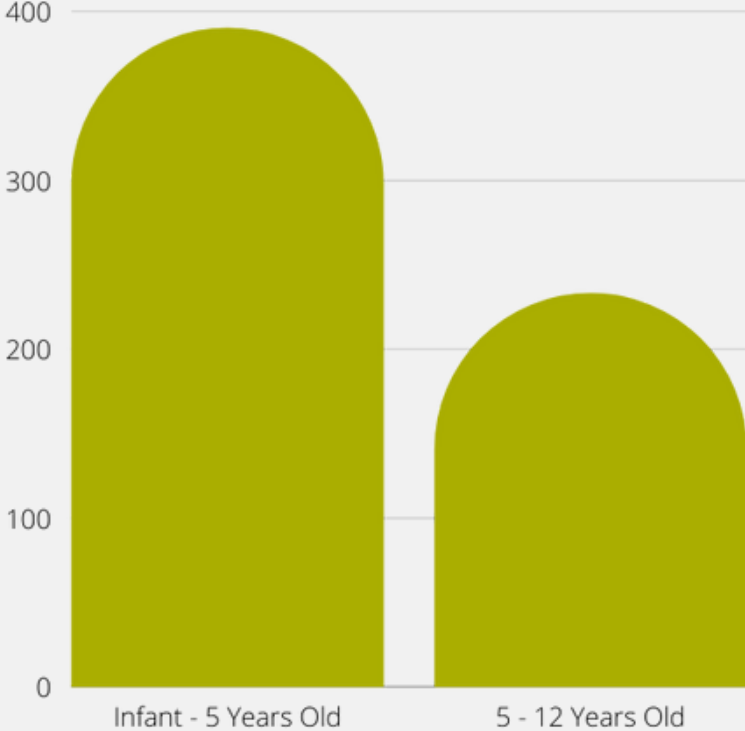
*This number reflects all Chambliss Center for Children locations and partner agencies

2021 EXTENDED EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

Annual Income Level of Families Served



Ages of Children Served in 2021



2021 EXTENDED EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM



During 2021, construction of six new classrooms on our main campus increased our license capacity by **103 children.**

WE ADDED



4 Toddler
Classrooms,
2 Runabouts
Classrooms...

...and an outdoor
covered classroom
space with access
from each room.



2021 EXTENDED EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

OFF-SITE LOCATIONS

As an extension of our main program, Chambliss Center for Children also manages six off-site Early Childhood Education programs throughout the Chattanooga community. Four of these centers have their own Board of Directors, however, through a management agreement our administrative staff do all of the back office work, and our program staff manage the day-to-day operations of each one. These centers use the same sliding fee scale and follow the same curriculum as the program on our main campus.

OFF-SITE LOCATION	TOTAL # SERVED IN 2021	% OF FAMILIES SERVED WITH AN ANNUAL INCOME BELOW \$20,000
MAURICE KIRBY	80	94%
CHILDREN'S ACADEMY	64	67%
NEWTON CHILD CARE	59	100%
PRO RE BONA	45	85%
VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY SCHOOL	50	24%
CHAMBLISS CENTER FOR CHILDREN AT RED BANK	34	18%

2021 EXTENDED EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

SCHOOL SITES

Chambliss Center for Children provides early childhood education and care programs for the children of teachers in 12 Hamilton County Schools*. This program has helped reduce turnover rates for new teachers from 49% to under 10% in the schools where our classrooms are located.

SCHOOL SITE	TOTAL # SERVED IN 2021
APISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	9
DAISY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	8
EAST BRAINERD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	7
MIDDLE VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	12
NOLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	15
NORMAL PARK MAGNET SCHOOL	12
OOLTEWAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	15
RED BANK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	17
SODDY DAISY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	10

* Due to COVID-19 impacting schools, some classrooms were temporarily closed in 2021.

Residential Services Program



Our **Residential Program** cares for children who have been removed from their home due to abuse, abandonment, or neglect and are in the custody of the State of Tennessee. The children and youth reside in our foster homes throughout the city and region.

The goal is to help our young people deal with the past trauma they have experienced and to find them a permanent, loving home. We accomplish this through reunification with the birth family or through an adoptive placement.

Youth who have "aged out" of foster care are able to participate in our Transitional Living Program. This program serves to assist young adults with housing and case management as they work and attend school.

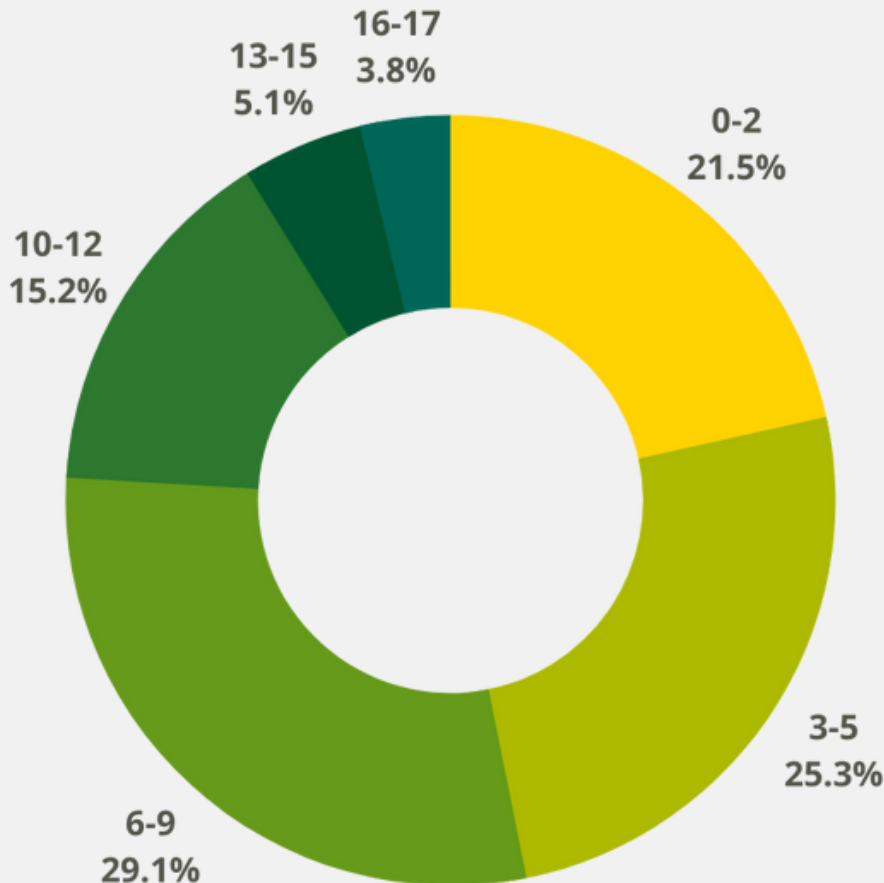
Our most pressing need is for loving, stable adults to consider becoming foster parent(s). Please call 423-693-2580 for more information on fostering.

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Total Children and Youth
Served in 2021

FOSTER CARE

Age Breakdown of Children and Youth in Chambliss Center for Children's Foster Care Program in 2021



Number of Children Served in our Foster Care Program in 2021:

79

Number of Children Adopted from our Foster Care Program in 2021:

16

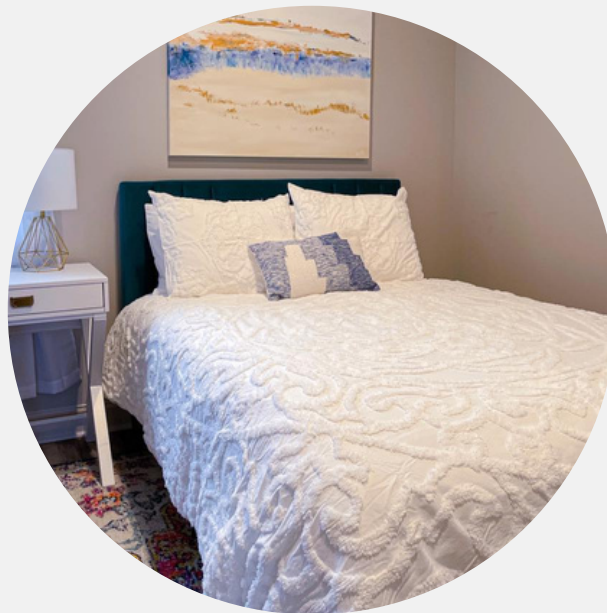
Number of Children Reunited with their Families in our Foster Care Program in 2021:

14

2021 RESIDENTIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS

TRANSITIONAL LIVING

Number of Participants in our Transitional Living Program in 2021: **23**
5 new units were opened in 2021 to accommodate the growth of the
Transitional Living Program.



2021 RESIDENTIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS



Isaiah 117

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CHAMBLISS CENTER FOR CHILDREN

Chambliss Center for Children has partnered with **Isaiah 117 House** to bring a much-needed service to Hamilton County that will benefit children removed from their homes as they enter foster care. Isaiah 117 Houses serve to provide a warm, comforting environment for children entering state care.

This project began in early 2021 with a kick-off event and awareness campaign. The goal is to start construction of the **Isaiah 117 House at Chambliss Center for Children in 2022.**

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VOLUNTEER SERVICES



GROUPS WHO
VOLUNTEERED THE
MOST TIME IN **2021**

1. UNUM
2. BAYSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
3. TVA
4. GARDEN CLUB OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN
5. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LINDALE

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