



**Save a Life**  
INTERNATIONAL

# 2022 IMPACT REPORT

*Sanctity of Life, Women's Dignity, and Love*



*The kids of SALI's first clients upon its founding in 2015 attending their first day of school in 2022. | Chernivtsi, Ukraine*



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## **MISSION STATEMENT**


*We want to be effective instruments in God's hands to save the lives of the unborn, operate Life Centers to help mothers and children in crisis pregnancy situations, and educate youth about sexual integrity and the sanctity of life.*



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# LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDER

A photograph of a woman with long brown hair, wearing a light grey blazer, holding a baby. The baby has light skin and blue eyes, wearing a light-colored sweater. The woman's hands are gently cradling the baby's head. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

*“No woman should feel the need to abort her child simply because no one was there to offer her support.”*

**NADIA GORDYNSKY**  
Founder, President & CEO

## ***The Year of Jubilee in the Midst of War***

It's been seven years since the first Save a Life International (SALI) opened its doors at our first Life Center to our clients in the Ukrainian city of Chernivtsi in 2015. At that time, we had a humble budget of \$300 and the use of one small room being donated to us by Young Life Ukraine. We couldn't even dream that God would transform us by His Grace into an organization that impacts many thousands of women and children today, a few short years later!

With the Life Center model, we have achieved tremendous success! SALI has now opened seven local Life Centers in Ukraine, one in Poland, and one in the United States. To date, the centers have helped saved the lives of over 700 babies and have helped over two thousand women in crisis!

On the morning of February 24, 2022, after the invasion of Ukraine, we woke up to a different world and an urgent task for SALI. At once, we had to figure out how to get our women out of the country and into safe places. Suddenly, we felt more responsibility than we ever had before. Our year of Jubilee turned into the most challenging time of our lives!

The last year has been incredibly difficult for all of us, especially for our staff and volunteers who have lost their homes temporarily or permanently. Despite all this, they proved that they are brave, full-hearted, and creative. They did not hide and did not give up! In difficult conditions, our staff cared first about our client mothers. They worked day and night in the cold and at times without sleep. I feel so blessed to work with such an amazing team!

We chose to expand our mission's scope and update our methods, but our focus has not changed! It aims to preserve life—the most important gift God gives us. I believe and know that together, we will be able to achieve the goals that the Lord sets before us. The war in Ukraine continues and there is a difficult road ahead, but we believe in the victory and restoration of Ukraine.


Today, I want to celebrate you, our partners, our supporters, and our entire SALI FAMILY! Each baby and each mother, whose lives were changed forever are saying a big THANK YOU to each of you! You are a part of this wonderful story of Save a Life International!

May God continue to give us strength and favor in growing our Life Centers in our 8<sup>th</sup> year and beyond!



*Nadia Gordynsky*  
**NADIA GORDYNSKY**  
*Founder, President & CEO*

# ORGANIZATION VISION

A photograph of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a blue and white plaid shirt, holding a young child. The child is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt, a dark patterned vest, and a white headband with a large, light blue sequined bow. They are both smiling and looking at each other. The background is a wooden structure filled with various pumpkins and gourds, suggesting a farm or pumpkin patch setting.

*Save a Life International is a pro-life 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports women in crisis.*

*Our work emphasizes crisis pregnancy support, violence and domestic abuse assistance, humanitarian aid for mothers and their children, and the education of youth about sexual integrity and the sanctity of life.*



**OUR VISION:**  
**SAVING LIVES,  
ONE LIFE CENTER  
AT A TIME**

## The Work of Our Life Centers

Our Life Centers provide a safe, judgment-free space for women experiencing a crisis pregnancy. Soon-to-be moms receive relational resources, material support, and encouragement.



### LEARN & EARN

Future and young mothers train to receive baby/personal care knowledge, domestic financial management skills, and spiritual counseling. Points earned through classes can be redeemed to purchase baby and household items.



### POST ABORTION HEALING

Women participate in a specially designed course called "Forgiven and Set Free" and partner with support groups to encourage hearts broken by abortion to find healing and God's grace.



### STUDENT PROGRAMS

We partner with local high schools to bring entertaining, interactive, and informative programming to secular students who oftentimes haven't considered the sanctity of life and the value of abstinence.



### THREADS OF HOPE

This program helps families who have experienced the tragedy of the premature loss of a baby. The course provides healing in overcoming depression, restoring trust, and strengthening family relationships.



**AN INTERVIEW WITH OUR COO:**

# ALLA MARIVTSAN

Alla Marivtsan has been on our team for several years. She started out as a volunteer, became an accountant, later a Life Center Director, and now she's Chief Operating Officer of Save a Life International in Ukraine.

As a social worker prior to joining Save a Life International, she brings the same heart to new projects. During the first year of the war in Ukraine, she personally transported hundreds of women from Ukraine to Romania in vans, saving them and their children from the war. Besides executing on her duties as a Chief Operating Officer, she currently studies non-profit organizational management at Ukraine Baptist Theological Seminary, and raises two beautiful children.

We were able to spend some time with her and get her perspectives...

**Q: What does your role entail?**

We provide support during crisis pregnancies, consult with expecting mothers considering abortion, provide post-abortion consultations, facilitate psychiatric assistance, and guide mothers through postpartum if needed. We also host educational events at schools and other higher education institutions on a frequent basis. However, our primary focus is on pregnant women who we continue to support for up to three years after the child's birth, or until the mother is able to provide for herself and the child.



***“Everything that we do, we do together. We wouldn’t be able to do any of this alone.”***

***Q: Do you only work with women in crisis circumstances?***

No, we also get to work with many people in different life stages who are in need. In reality, many women are burnt out from all the responsibilities that come with being a mother, and are in desperate need of a way to recharge. So we recently decided to become a hub for this kind of recharging and host small groups that we call “little gatherings” where moms can come to socialize and just hang out. We invite nail technicians, hairdressers, make-up artists, and we recently started fitness classes, all for free. We also have a program called “Learn and Earn” for pregnant women where soon-to-be mothers take a ten lesson course, and with the completion of each lesson, they earn virtual points that they can later spend on clothes, groceries, and other baby products at our supply store.

***Q: What is a Life Center like?***

The Life Center itself is equipped with everything we might need to hold events and arts & crafts, a play room, an office for sessions with licensed psychologists and counseling sessions, a living room, a conference room, a storage room for Learn and Earn program supplies, a kitchen, bathrooms, and management offices.

***Q: How many people are on the team?***

In total, there are about 100 staff and volunteers throughout Ukraine alone. Each Life Center averages around 20 individuals who are dedicated to its mission locally.

***Q: What gives you strength and motivation to keep going?***

At first you work solely on adrenalin, but then comes a moment when you burn out and need to recharge. It’s at this point that the team comes to the rescue. Everything that we do, we do together. We wouldn’t be able to do any of this alone.

# LIFE CENTERS: 2022 in Numbers

## CHERNIVTSI, UKRAINE

Established 2015



**29**   **207**   **1155**

Babies  
Saved

Clients  
Served

Volunteer  
Hours Donated

## KHMELNYTSKY, UKRAINE

Established 2017



**40**   **109**   **1330**

Babies  
Saved

Clients  
Served

Volunteer  
Hours Donated

## ZAPORIZHZHIA, UKRAINE

Established 2017



**172**   **506**   **416**

Babies  
Saved

Clients  
Served

Volunteer  
Hours Donated

## GDYNIA, POLAND

Established 2018



**34**   **103**   **1137**

Babies  
Saved

Clients  
Served

Volunteer  
Hours Donated

# LIFE CENTERS: 2022 in Numbers

## ODESA, UKRAINE

Established 2015



**47**

Babies  
Saved

**126**

Clients  
Served

**430**

Volunteer  
Hours Donated

## POLTAVA, UKRAINE

Established 2019



**35**

Babies  
Saved

**119**

Clients  
Served

**568**

Volunteer  
Hours Donated

## PHILADELPHIA, USA

Established 2019



**3**

Babies  
Saved

**13**

Clients  
Served

**72**

Volunteer  
Hours Donated

## LVIV, UKRAINE

Established 2022 (Figures reflect May-Dec 2022)



**18**

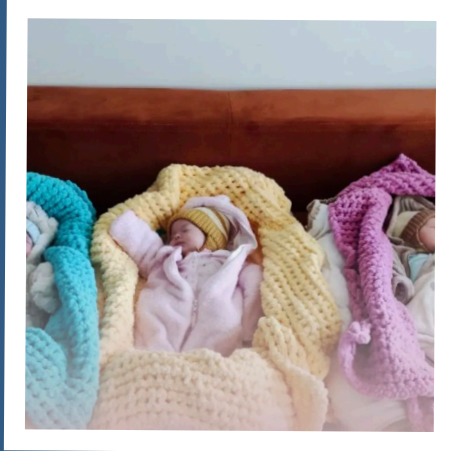
Babies  
Saved

**63**

Clients  
Served

**180**

Volunteer  
Hours Donated



## ***NOTE ON THE WAR IN UKRAINE:***

*Unfortunately, our Life Center in Pokrovsk, Ukraine was destroyed by rocket fire. SALI assisted relocating families to other centers.*

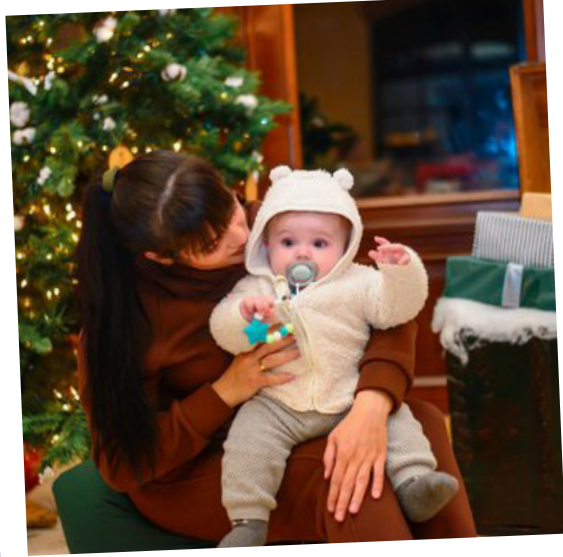
*Due to the number of Ukrainian refugees being displaced as a result of the war, SALI opened a maternity house over the border in Poland to offer a safe space for the refugees.*



# LIFE CENTER PROGRAMMING

	Learn & Earn	Small Groups	Social Days	Home Visits	Students	Threads of Hope Meetings
<b>Chernivtsi</b>	29	27	20	22	32	0
<b>Poltava</b>	31	9	21	9	0	0
<b>Khmelnysky</b>	30	12	9	57	160	5
<b>Zaporizhzhia</b>	4	11	10	2	0	0
<b>Odesa</b>	10	4	10	20	0	0
<b>Gdynia</b>	0	9	13	22	0	0
<b>Philadelphia</b>	3	5	0	2	3	0
<b>Pokrovsk*</b>	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Lviv</b>	0	1	1	0	18	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>5</b>

*\*Due to the war, the Pokrovsk Life Center has been closed.*



# 2022 WAR AID DISTRIBUTIONS



Map of  
**UKRAINE**

*Due to the war, the Pokrovsk Life Center has been closed.*

*"February 24, 2022 brought many changes to our work. We aimed our focus on helping the Eastern parts of Ukraine and its refugees, since that is where the worst fighting was taking place and the need was greatest.*

*"We distributed humanitarian aid and provided places to stay overnight for those in need. During the first year of war, we sent about 28 tons of humanitarian aid to our Life Centers in Zaporizhzhia, Poltava, and to our partners in Kherson that hosted many refugees.*

*"Those in Chernivtsi, farther away from the fighting, were provided with material and psychological help. We also began partnering with and connecting our clients to a group called Right to Protection, which offers support solving various documentation issues for individuals and families."*

**- ALLA MARIVTSAN, COO**

*"It was very difficult, physically and mentally...especially hearing the stories of all these women on a daily basis, over and over. We received a phone call that a girl from Kharkiv who was 32 weeks pregnant was driving out of the city in a caravan with some relatives. They were driving in 5 cars, the first three passed checkpoints safely but everyone in the last two were shot and killed. Her husband, mother, and mother in law were killed right before her eyes. We were able to receive her once she arrived, and helped to get her admitted to the hospital due to the stress she's undergone. She stayed there for quite a while before being able to move on. She now lives in Kyiv with her newborn."*

**- ALLA MARIVTSAN, COO**



*The cities that Save A Life International sent parcels to are where the attacks were and artillery fire, the post office was still open for us to be able to send packages. Some of the mothers could get help through our packages, they lived in villages, but went to the city for the parcels.*

**More than 35 tons (110,231 lbs) of humanitarian aid was distributed in 2022.**

# WARTIME WINTER CAMPS

SALI hosted three different Wartime Winter Camps for mothers and their children as a way of providing a safe place to rest, recover, connect with other moms, and have fun!

In January, SALI hosted the first ever Winter Camp for mothers from Eastern Ukraine who have lost their homes. Multiple different Life Centers were represented.

We were able to find a safe place in the Carpathian Mountains and give them a week of peace, quiet, and celebration. Our camp brought together 72 participants, most of whom are refugees.

Having experienced success with the first camp, SALI went on to host two more smaller camps, local to the Lviv and Zaporizhzhia Life Centers.

## SALI Winter Camp



## Lviv Winter Camp



*Client attendees and their children are greeted by Director Natalia Kolesnik and Kateryna Kit-Sadova, wife of Lviv Mayor, Andriy Sadovyi*



## Zaporizhzhia Winter Camp

*Read Iryna's Survival Story*

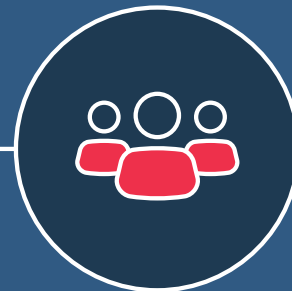


Members  
Needing  
Community



# LOCAL C PARTNE

*SALI adopts a symbiotic pro-local church approach to building relationships in communities where Life Centers operate. We*



Volunteers



In-Kind  
Support

Members  
Needing  
Community

**48**  
Clients Have  
Followed Christ

**350**  
Clients Involved  
in Church Now



# CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

*are constantly seeking to strengthen these partnerships and guide clients to healthy relationships in the local church body of Christ.*



Financial  
Support



Pastoral  
Guidance

# GALINA'S FIGHT FOR LIFE

Scan to read this story online!



Galina is the mother of four wonderful children. When her son Pavlik was three months old, he got diagnosed with a coarctation of the aorta, which is a localized narrowing of the aortic lumen, leading to hypertension of the upper extremities, left ventricular hypertrophy, and insufficient perfusion of the abdominal organs and lower extremities. She was in complete despair, scared for the life of her son. Pavlik's father was determined to save his son, however, and the next week they were already in Kiev in the Institution of the Heart and Cardiology.

Time in the hospital was hard, physically and mentally. Galina witnessed many children with different stories, and was extremely worried about her son's future. On the day of the surgery she was crying in the hospital room, begging God to save her son. Those were excruciatingly difficult hours. After a while, she got called to the doctor's office with wonderful news of a successful surgery. She was overjoyed.



However this was only the beginning of her journey. Pavlik cried every night after the surgery, so he was constantly on painkillers and still had a lengthy rehabilitation process ahead. More problems arose when her oldest son got sick with COVID-19, which led him to completely lose hearing in his left ear. This was a big hit for the entire family. Galina was in despair once again. All their money was being spent on medicine, to the point where sometimes she didn't have enough to buy food for herself or the other kids. The fact that prices for groceries in Ukraine had increased 50-70% because of the war did not help either. So Galina was searching for someone who could aid them.

While browsing the internet, she accidentally stumbled upon Save a Life International's website. After she reached out and met with me (Natalia, the director of the Lviv Life Center), we began our work. We were able to help her with things she

needed like groceries, diapers, hygiene products, warm clothing and then provide moral support. Galina's family still receives expensive treatments needed for their children and the Life Center is able to contribute some finances for medical expenses.

During her last visit, she expressed her gratitude:

***"Your support brings me to tears. I am sincerely grateful to everyone who participates in helping us, to the team of the Lviv Life Center, its director Natalia, and everyone from Save a Life International. Thank you for your generous hearts. We continue to fight. I sincerely wish all of you strong health. Remember, unity is power!"***

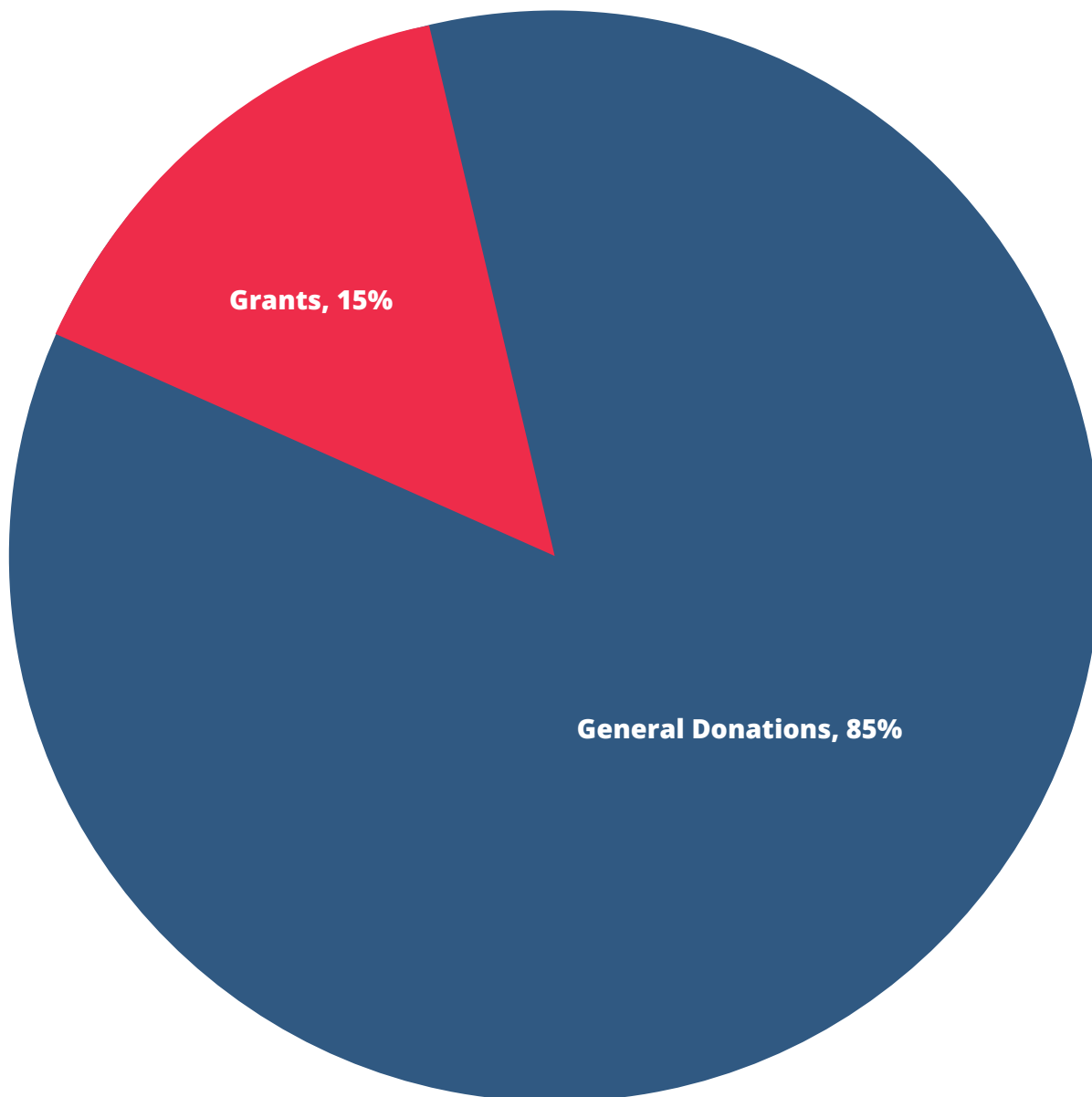
I share Galina's story so we can better understand the life of people in Ukraine. Missile shelling dangers and the absence of heating and lighting is adding to their personal problems and challenges. Thanks to our joint forces, however, we are able to help them survive and enjoy life once again.

**- Natalia Kolesnik, Director, Lviv Life Center**

# SOURCES OF REVENUE

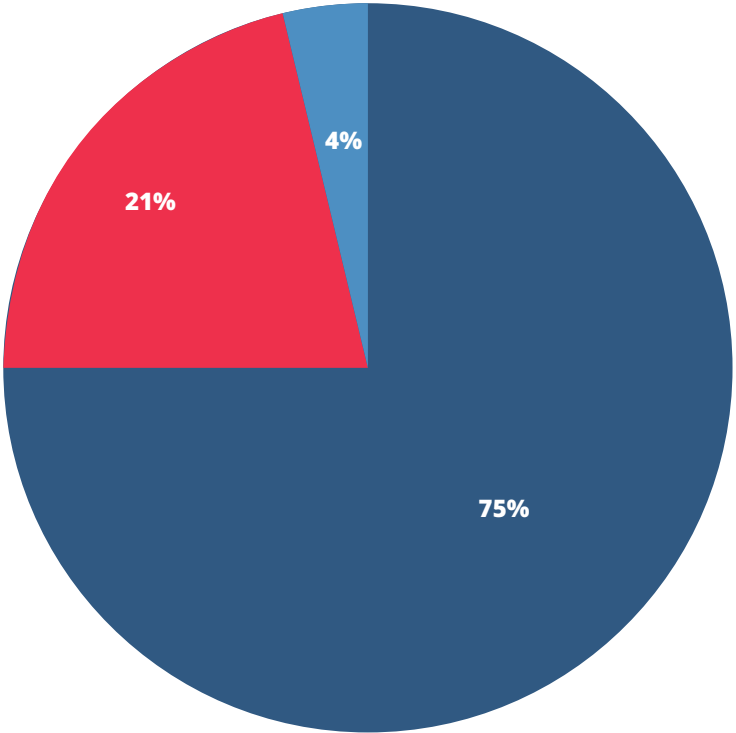
Revenue for period: 1/1/22 to 12/31/2022

General Donations	962,979.49
Grants	170,500.00
Interest	933.51
Total Revenue	1,134,413.00



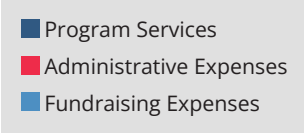
# EXPENSES

## Distribution of Expenses



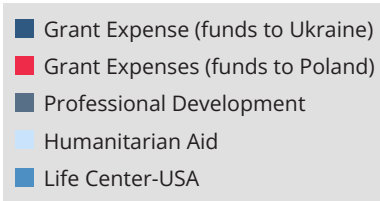
Summary By Category  
for period: 1/1/22 to 12/31/2022

Program Services	467,694.20
Administrative Expenses	131,172.64
Fundraising Expenses	26,565.81
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>625,432.65</b>

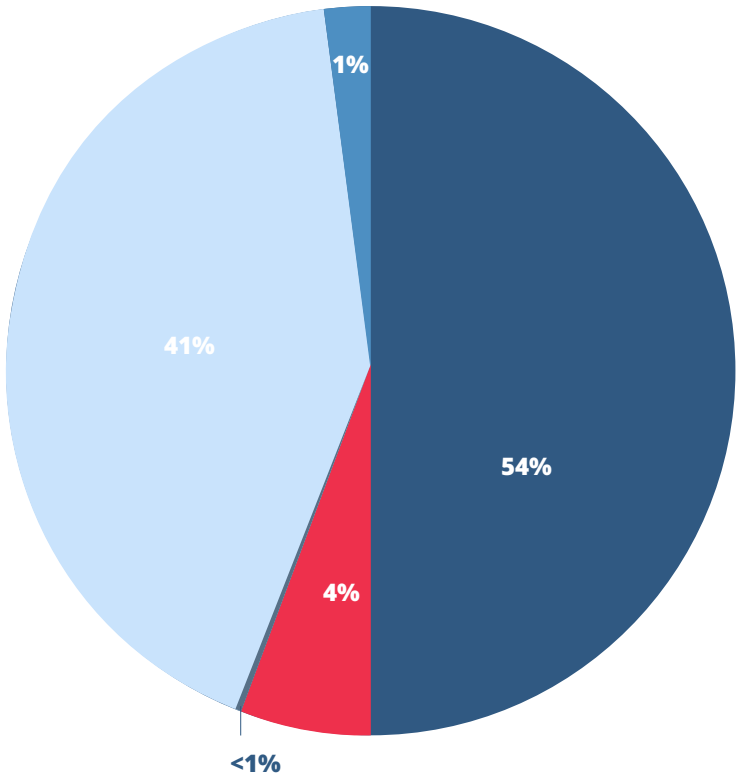


Details breakdown of Program Expenses  
for period: 1/1/22 to 12/31/2022

Grant Expense (funds to Ukraine)	252,025.54
Grant Expense (funds to Poland)	20,000.00
Professional Development	679.32
Humanitarian Aid	190,027.01
Life Center-USA	4,962.33
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>467,694.20</b>

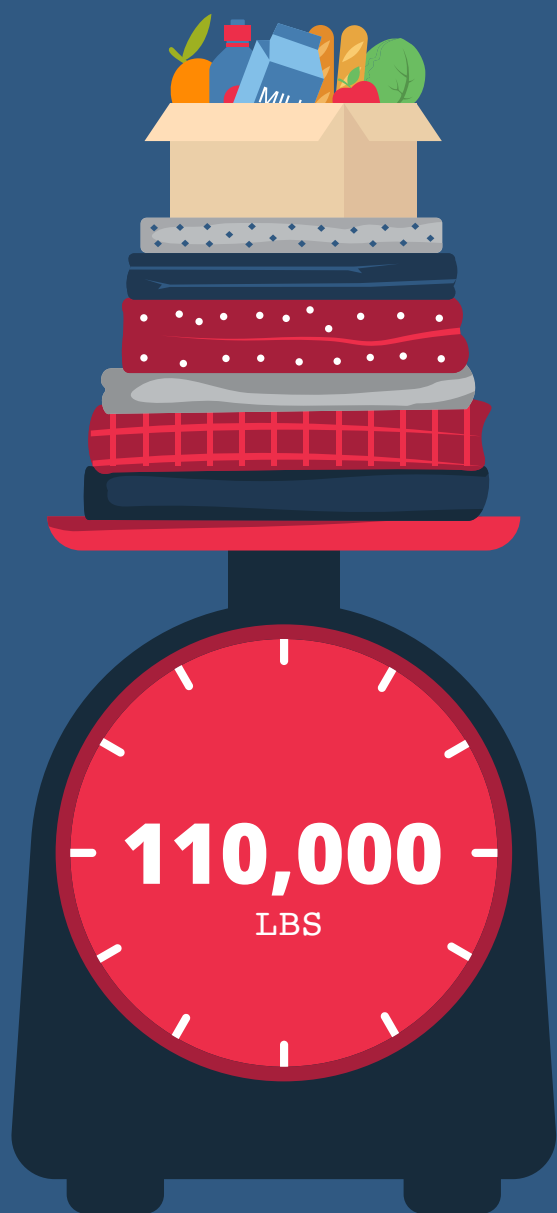


## Program Service Expenses

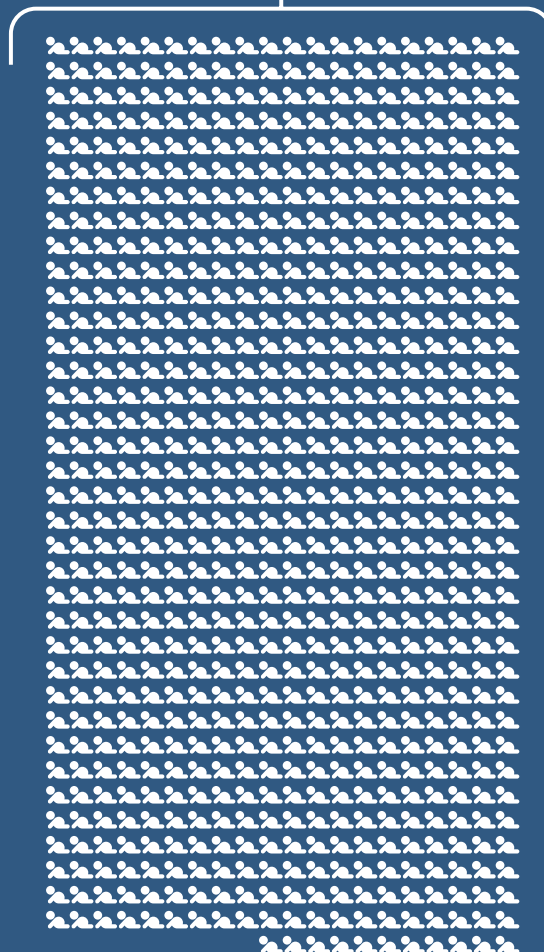


# MEASURING OUR IMPACT

from 2016-2023



Pounds of Clothing & Food Distributed in Ukraine (U.S. & Europe Donations)



...and counting!

# 1,922 WOMEN

Total Clients Assisted with Consultations, Counseling, Clothing Distribution, and Other Services



## \$30,300 of DIAPERS

Distributed to Clients

## \$30,000 of VITAMINS

Distributed to Clients



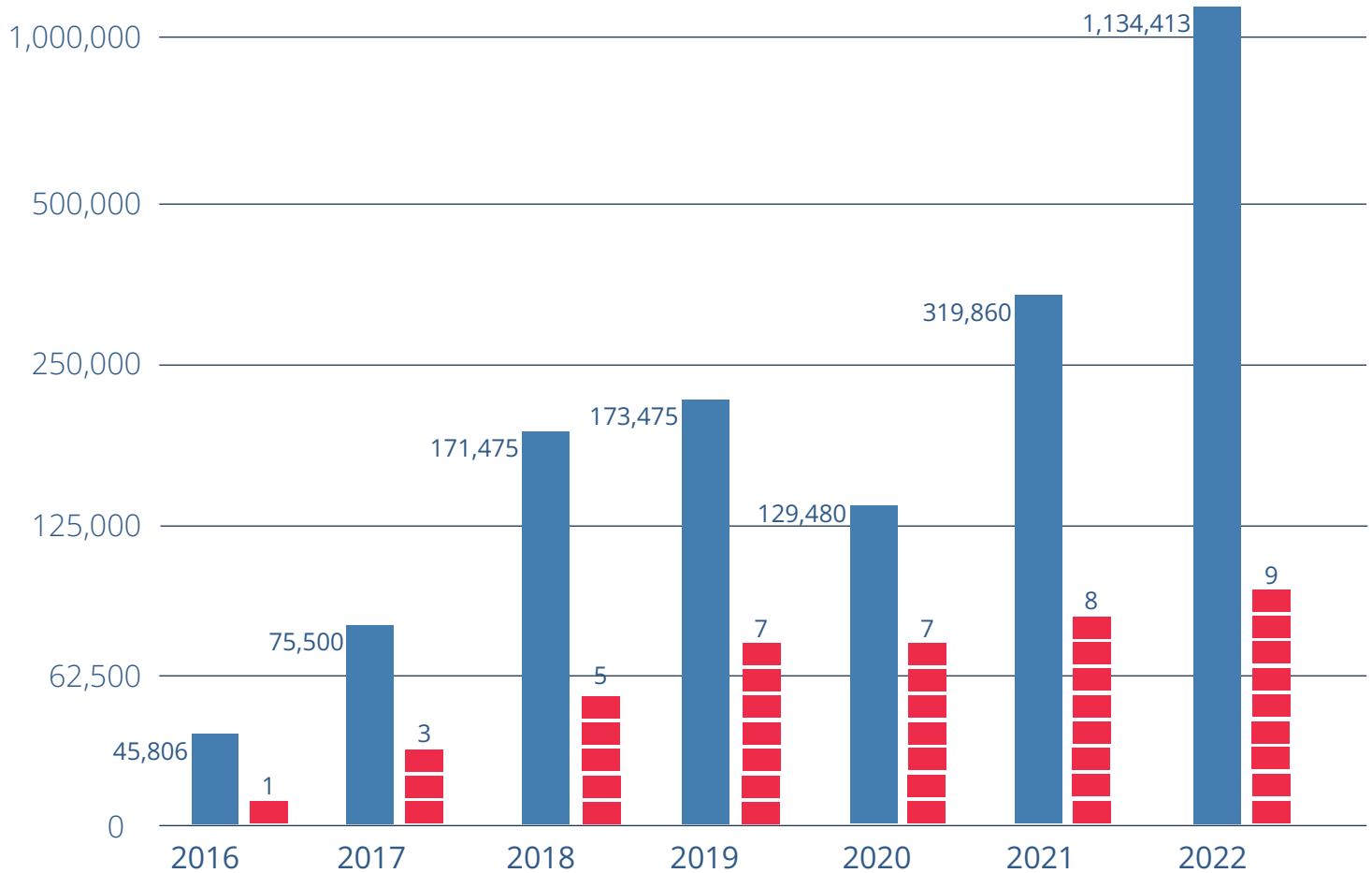
## 37,307 HOURS

Provided by Our Staff Counseling Clients in a Private One-on-One Setting

# INCOME BY YEAR

## Income By Year (2016-2022)

Income by year  
Cumulative Life Centers by year



# 2023 FUNDRAISING GOALS

## Capital Fundraising Goal:

**\$6,000,000**

to purchase 24 Life Center buildings

## Operating Fundraising Goal:

**\$2,500,000**

to support 24 Life Centers

### Future Life Center Locations:

Warsaw, Poland  
Krakow, Poland  
Rivne, Ukraine  
Zhytomir, Ukraine  
Lutsk, Ukraine  
Portland, Oregon  
Sacramento, California  
Chicago, Illinois

# OUR TEAM

## OUR STAFF



**NADIA GORDYNSKY**  
*Founder, President & CEO*



**ALLA MARIVTSAN**  
*Chief Operating Officer*



**ELINA BRYNZA**  
*Academy Director*



**ERIK BRYNZA**  
*Marketing Director*



**YURA LESKO**  
*Senior Director of Logistics*



**ANASTASIA YAKOBCHUK**  
*Marketing & Administrative Coordinator*



**BEN MCGEEVER**  
*Creative Director (Volunteer)*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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*Treasurer*



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*Board Member*



**VOLODIA GORDYNSKY**  
*Co-Founder & Board Member*



**IOANN USTENKO**  
*Board Member*

# LIFE CENTER DIRECTORS



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