



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

GULF COAST CENTER FOR NONVIOLENCE, INC.

OUR VISION: A PLACE WHERE EVERYONE IS FREE FROM VIOLENCE

Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence is committed to fostering a secure, nurturing, and empowering atmosphere for individuals and families impacted by interpersonal violence and trauma. We deliver holistic, compassionate, and coordinated trauma-informed services that facilitate healing, advocate for justice, and build resilience within our community.

At the Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence, our work is grounded in a simple but powerful belief: every person deserves to live free from violence, fear, and control. This past year has been one of resilience, growth, and deepened commitment to that belief.

Across our service area, survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault continue to face complex and often overwhelming challenges. In response, our team has worked tirelessly to ensure that safety, advocacy, and hope remain accessible to those who need it most. Through crisis intervention, emergency shelter, legal advocacy, counseling, prevention education, and community partnerships, we have supported individuals and families as they rebuild their lives with dignity and strength.

This year also underscored the importance of collaboration. We strengthened partnerships with local organizations, legal advocates, healthcare providers, and law enforcement to create a more coordinated and survivor-centered response. These relationships allow us to meet survivors where they are and address not only immediate safety needs, but long-term stability and healing.

None of this work would be possible without the dedication of our staff, the compassion of our volunteers, the trust of survivors, and the generosity of our supporters. I am continually inspired by the courage of those we serve and the commitment of those who stand beside them.

As we look ahead, the Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence remains focused on expanding access to services, advancing prevention efforts, and advocating for systems that prioritize survivor safety and justice. Together, we are building a stronger, safer Gulf Coast—one where violence is not tolerated and healing is always possible.

Thank you for being part of this vital work.

STACEY RILEY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



SERVICES

SERVICE is the core value that directs our program. We offer comprehensive, trauma-informed services and supports to victims within the southern six counties of Mississippi. All services for victims are confidential and completely free of charge.

SUPPORT

Supporting our clients through cohesive leadership and strong community backing

EDUCATION

Impacting our community through increased knowledge and awareness of interpersonal violence

RESPECT

Committing to equity, basic human rights, and nonjudgmental, compassionate treatment for all

VISION

Aiming for a world free from violence

INCLUSION

Promoting the belief that violence against any individual or group is wrong

COLLABORATION

Believing effective communication, cooperation, and teamwork fosters community change and improves the quality of our work and outcomes of those we serve

EMPOWERMENT

Building a framework supportive of claiming voice, strength, and resiliency



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

- Emergency Shelter - locations
- Individual & group counseling
- Housing assistance
- Case management
- Safe Haven pet program
- Information and referral

SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES

- Waypoint Forensic Clinic
- 24-hour crisis response
- Counseling
- Case management
- SA Nurse Examiner (SANE) Training
- SA Response Teams (SART)

HUMAN TRAFFICKING SERVICES

- Emergency shelter
- Transitional housing
- Counseling
- Case management
- Advocacy
- Information/referral

SURVIVORS OF HOMICIDE SERVICES

- Counseling
- Case management
- Court accompaniment
- Support groups
- Remembrance Events
- Victim Compensation assistance
- Information/referral

JUSTICE PROGRAM SERVICES

- Court advocacy
- Northcutt Legal Clinic
- Protection orders
- Coordinated Community Response
- Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP) for abusers

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM SERVICES

- Counseling
- Case management
- Therapeutic preschool
- Childcare
- Parenting classes

OUTREACH EDUCATION SERVICES

- Prevention education sessions
- Preschool - college curricula
- Specialized professional trainings
- Conferences/webinars

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM SERVICES

- Internships
- Concert usher volunteers
- Youth Advisory Board
- Ambassadors
- Life skills volunteers
- Children's program volunteers



MISSISSIPPI'S FIRST FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

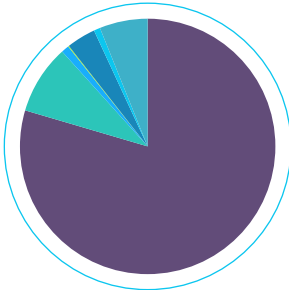
Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence is proud to become Mississippi's first Family Justice Center, a milestone that strengthens how our community supports survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and other forms of interpersonal violence. As a Family Justice Center, we bring multiple critical services together in one safe, coordinated location—allowing survivors to access advocacy, legal assistance, law enforcement support, counseling, and other resources in a single place. This collaborative model reduces barriers, minimizes the need for survivors to repeat their stories, and helps ensure individuals and families receive the comprehensive support they need to heal, rebuild, and move forward.



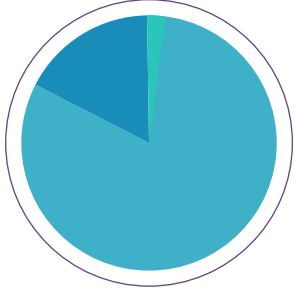
3,706
CLIENTS SERVED
 3,195 ADULTS
 511 CHILDREN

2025 AT A GLANCE

- ⋮ 21,002 SERVICES PROVIDED
- ⋮ 2,110 HOTLINE CALLS RECEIVED
- ⋮ 65,519 BEDNIGHTS OF SERVICE PROVIDED
- ⋮ 755 INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED SHELTER
- ⋮ 279 INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED HOUSING
- ⋮ 587 EDUCATION SESSIONS
- ⋮ 32,325 REACHED THROUGH EDUCATION
- ⋮ 20 CHILDREN SERVED IN PRESCHOOL
- ⋮ 227 OFFENDERS EDUCATED
- ⋮ 31 PETS SERVED THROUGH SAFE HAVEN
- ⋮ 874 VOLUNTEERS
- ⋮ 5,870.75 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE



- ⋮ 3,066 Domestic Violence
- ⋮ 338 Sexual Assault
- ⋮ 38 Stalking
- ⋮ 4 Teen Dating Violence
- ⋮ 142 Human Trafficking
- ⋮ 31 Survivors of Homicide
- ⋮ 235 Other



- ⋮ 3,062 Female
- ⋮ 638 Male
- ⋮ 9 Other

- 57 LGBTQIA+
- 53 Immigrants/Refugees
- 279 Individuals with Disabilities
- 77 Veterans
- 144 People Experiencing Homelessness

SERVICES PROVIDED

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| 3,906 Individual Counseling | 1,459 Housing Services |
| 427 Group Counseling | 3,722 Preschool services |
| 174 Family Counseling | 2,134 Civil Legal Services |
| 2,899 Case Management | 1,491 Legal Advocacy |
| 824 Transportation | 377 Batterer's Intervention |
| 1,453 Financial Assistance | 347 Protection Order Help |
| 1,473 Childcare | 734 Peer Support Services |
| 230 Youth Activity | 7 Forensics Exams |
| 3,455 Interpretation | 13 Hospital Response |

IMPACT

My name is Earlonda, and I describe myself as “easy like Sunday morning.” I am a woman who loves God, people, and family.



After years of marriage, raising children, and welcoming grandchildren, my husband and I eventually grew apart and made the decision to divorce. I took time to heal, reflect, and rebuild my life. When I finally felt ready to open my heart again, I met someone who first became my friend through a dating app. He lived in Mississippi, and I lived in Indiana. We traveled back and forth to see each other, and eventually we got married. It was the day he chose.

Looking back now, I ignored many red flags. He was controlling in very smooth ways. I had never been with someone who had that kind of charm before, and we had many things in common. But soon after the marriage began, problems started. He did not want me to work. One day, after an argument, he asked me to leave the house—even though I had given up my home and left my family to be with him. I went to Adrienne's House and stayed for three days. During that time, I thought deeply about my life and my choices. Eventually, I went back, hoping things would change. But the only thing that truly changed. . .was me.

I was slowly losing myself. I was giving up my dreams. I felt lonely and emotionally stressed. Everything revolved around him. Still, I kept praying, reading my Bible, and trusting God. Later, I discovered that during our entire relationship, he had continued relationships with other women.

I thought he was going to take me to Alabama to see the Christmas lights. Instead, he took me to sign divorce papers. That moment was shocking and painful. The ride home was tense. He became angry and violent because I was asking questions and speaking up for myself. This was only seven months into the marriage. The following day, he told me I had to leave again. So I called the Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence and was accepted to stay. That decision became one of the best decisions I could have made.

During that time, I focused on my health, my weight, and my goals. I surrounded myself with positive people and continued going to church. Everything began working together for my good. While at the shelter, I spoke with a Case Manager about housing, and things started moving in my favor. While there, I also received my divorce papers. For a moment, I had a pity party; but through counseling and prayer, God helped me regroup and move forward.

Then one special day came. I received the message that I was approved for the Center's housing program. I remember sitting with a Case Manager as she explained the program to me. I felt overwhelmed. I had never experienced anything like this before. I thought to myself, I'm better than this. I wanted to scream. I had given up so much for that marriage, and now I was homeless. I found the right apartment even though there were some concerns at first. I was able to move in and start working on my goals. Then I enrolled in school at the Adult Learning Center in Pascagoula, Mississippi, to get my GED. I also started working with United Way for Jackson County. On June 6, 2025, at the age of 60 years old, I received my diploma.

Eventually, I returned to Indiana; now I am enrolled in college and preparing to study Social Work with a focus on Addiction and Recovery. My goal is to open transitional homes for women, helping them rebuild their lives just like God helped rebuild mine.

I want to thank God first, my family, the Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence, the Adult Learning Center, SPMDD, Restoration and Revival Center, and United Way for taking me in during one of the most difficult times in my life. Today, I pray for every shelter and every staff member who helps women trying to start over. Because sometimes the place you never thought you would be. . .is the very place where God begins your restoration.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

Real change takes all of us working together. Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, the generosity of our donors, the leadership of our Board of Directors, the commitment of our staff, and the collaboration of our community partners, we are making meaningful progress toward a safer community—one where violence is prevented, survivors are supported, and hope continues to grow.



L-R: Our Waypoint Forensic Clinic was born, providing on-site forensic exams and support to survivors; our clinic and human trafficking staff took part in the AG's Operation Guardian Force, helping to facilitate the arrest of 72 traffickers and recovery of 29 victims



The MS Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team was brought to fruition as it was signed by Governor Reeves. This team will review DV homicides, suspicious deaths or suicides to identify strengths or weaknesses in programs serving DV victims and make recommendations to the legislature for future policy changes.



L-R: Angela Wolfe was awarded the Jane Philo Award of Excellence; A special guest showed up to help raise SA awareness at our first "Hop Into Awareness" Egg Hunt; We were honored to win first place in the IP Casino Trees of Hope contest



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VOLUNTEERS

A LARGE PART OF OUR SUCCESS COMES FROM THE DEDICATION OF OUR INCREDIBLE VOLUNTEERS AND THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY. THEIR COMMITMENT MAKES OUR WORK POSSIBLE, AND WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE ROLE THEY PLAY IN HELPING US SERVE OTHERS.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

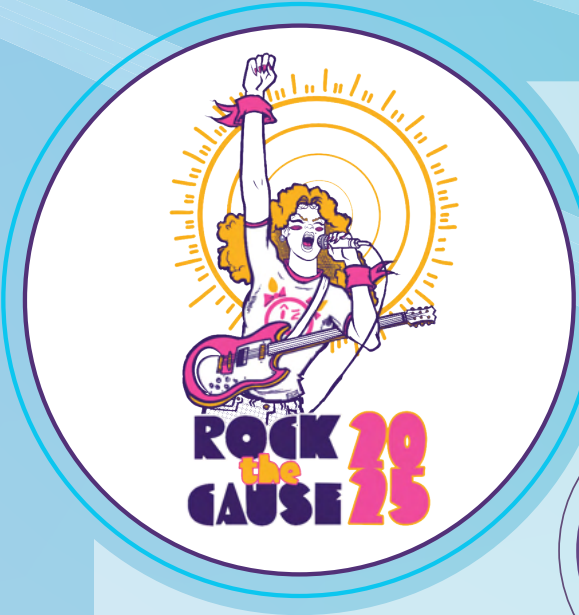


Top left: Katrina Currie with Beautify the Meek shares makeup and self-care with our shelter clients; **Right:** Carl and Dorothy Nehlig bring the magic of Santa & Mrs. Claus to the children in our shelter each year.



Above: GCCFN Volunteer Ambassadors; **Below:** Youth Advisory Board members; **Left top:** Our faithful IP usher volunteers; **Left middle L-R:** Board member Lori Massey; Zeta Phi Beta sorority; **Left bottom:** Edgewater Rotary Club





**\$7,565
RAISED**

WE RAN, WALKED, ROLLED, AND ROCKED OUR 12TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING 5K RACE FOR ADRIENNE'S HOUSE!

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR GENEROUS 2025 ROCK THE CAUSE SPONSORS:

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Eastlawn United Methodist Church
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Union Baptist Church





MOONLIGHT MASQUERADE NETHERWEEN BALL



IT WAS A STRANGE AND UNUSUAL EVENING AT OUR 15TH ANNUAL MOONLIGHT MASQUERADE FUNDRAISING GALA - A NIGHT OF FOOD, FUN, AND MUSIC!

THANKS TO OUR DONORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND ESPECIALLY OUR AMAZING 2025 SPONSORS:

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Scarlet Pearl Casino Resort
IP Casino Resort Spa

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**\$141,584
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SPECIAL THANKS

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE GENEROSITY OF OUR VOLUNTEERS, DONORS, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHOSE SUPPORT MAKES OUR WORK POSSIBLE. WE EXTEND SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO THESE INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES WHO CONTRIBUTED \$500 OR MORE IN FINANCIAL SUPPORT DURING 2025:

Lynn Baker
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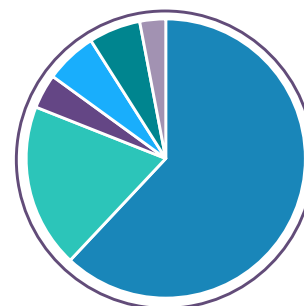
OPERATING BUDGET: \$4,934,874

94% PROGRAMS & SERVICES

6% ADMINISTRATIVE

0% FUNDRAISING

- 62% Federal
- 19% State
- 4% Local
- 6% Foundation
- 6% Fundraiser/Donation
- 3% Other



FEDERAL FUNDING:

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant
 Family Violence Prevention & Services Act Grant
 VAWA Sexual Assault Services Program
 VAWA STOP Violence Against Women Grant
 Rape Prevention & Education Program Grant
 Emergency Solutions Grant
 Community Development Block Grant
 Emergency Food & Shelter Program
 HUD Continuum of Care Grant
 OVC Expanding Access to Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations
 OVW Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program
 OVW Justice for Families Grant
 OVC Transitional Housing for Human Trafficking Survivors
 Mental Health Block Grant

STATE FUNDING:

Domestic Violence Shelter Grant
 MS Human Trafficking Fund
 MS Victim Services Fund

GCCFN IS SUPPORTED IN PART BY:

Office of Violence Against Women (OVW)
 Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)
 US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
 Mississippi Department of Health
 Mississippi Department of Mental Health
 Mississippi Home Corporation
 MS Office Against Interpersonal Violence (OAIV)
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 IP Casino Resort Spa
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 Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts Grant
 Renasant Bank Human Trafficking Grant
 MS Coalition Against Domestic Violence Allstate Grant
 Domestic Violence Intervention Program Income
 Caring individuals and businesses on the Gulf Coast

GULF COAST CENTER FOR NONVIOLENCE

☐☐☐ PORTER AVENUE WALK-IN CENTER

213 Porter Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530

Phone: 228-207-6553

☐☐☐ JANE'S HOUSE

(HARRISON COUNTY SHELTER)

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Crisis Line: 800-800-1396

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☐☐☐ ADRIENNE'S HOUSE

(JACKSON COUNTY SHELTER)

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☐☐☐ FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

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