



2024 Annual Report



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Words cannot express our gratitude to God for bringing us through 2024, our most challenging year yet! The year began with bittersweet news as we bid farewell to Rhonda Cochran, our beloved house manager of 8 years, who retired on December 31, 2023. While Rhonda's shoes were large to fill, we knew that God had uniquely equipped each of us to serve in this ministry. We faced an unexpected hurdle when two house managers resigned after just five days, but through it all, God's faithfulness never wavered. By April 2024, we were blessed to welcome Jodie Coats as our new house manager, and her arrival has been a gift to us all.

In the midst of this staffing transition, we also had the opportunity to embark on a major remodel of the Pearls' house at 310 N. Kalamazoo St. The project included a new kitchen, repairs to cracks throughout the home, new flooring, and fresh paint on both levels. The Pearls' house was temporarily equipped with a "mock" kitchen for six weeks, but thanks to the amazing generosity of our Wings of God family, we were able to provide 34 meals — one for each day of the remodel. Truly, God's provision was evident as the project moved forward.

Of course, no large project goes without its challenges. The kitchen project manager encountered significant health issues, and I had to step in to manage the entire renovation. From coordinating contractors to overseeing payments, I witnessed God's hand at work — with contractors offering their services free of charge and vendors providing deep discounts. The remodel was a messy process, but the result was worth every bit of the dust and disruption.

During all of this, my dear marketing assistant faced serious health issues that left us uncertain about the future. But again, God's faithfulness prevailed, and we are grateful to report that she is doing great today!

The Pearls were incredibly resilient during the chaos of construction and transitions. Their strength and perseverance have been an inspiration to all of us. Even though the staff was weary from the many distractions and the demands of planning our biggest event of the year in June 2024, we pushed forward — knowing that God would see us through.

Amid tattered sails and stormy seas, as the leader of the ministry, I found peace in God's unwavering faithfulness. We are deeply thankful for His continued guidance and provision.

Karina Lamorandier,
In the Honorary Role as Executive Director

2024 HOUSE MANAGER REPORT

In 2024, the Pearls community thrived with a vibrant calendar of 56 events, reflecting growth, celebration, and support. Seven new Pearls were welcomed throughout the year, and the group marked significant milestones like graduations, baptisms, and home expansions. Key moments included Paula and Kim's transition to Next Step Home in June, alongside community-building activities such as birthday celebrations, concerts, and fundraisers. From spiritual retreats and baptisms to service events like Adopt a Highway and Operation Christmas Child, the Pearls fostered connection and purpose, culminating in a festive December with Christmas events and a New Year's Eve celebration.



List of Pearl Events in 2024 by Date

January 20 Retirement Party for Rhonda Celebrated Rhonda's retirement with staff and Pearls

February 4 Charm Baptized Welcomed Charm into the faith community with a baptism

February 5 Cookie Decorating Party with Ms Suzie Enjoyed a sweet bonding event

February 13 Tea Party at Melanie's Gathered for a cozy tea party hosted by Melanie

February 17 Pancake Fundraiser Breakfast Raised funds with a delicious pancake breakfast

March 7 New Pearl Stevie Welcomed Stevie as a new participant

April 12-14 Ashes to Beauty Women's Retreat Participated in a transformative weekend retreat

April 13 Home Remodel Completed Celebrated the completion of a home renovation

April 18 Forgotten Man Benefit Dinner Supported a benefit dinner for a worthy cause

April 23 Adopt a Highway Contributed to community cleanliness with a highway cleanup

April 29 New House Manager Jodie Welcomed Jodie as the new house manager

May 17 New Pearl Roxy Added Roxy to the Pearls community

May 18 Daily Harvest Ladies High Tea Enjoyed an elegant high tea event

June 1 Paula & Kim Moved into Next Step Home Celebrated their move into transitional housing

June 2 Paula & Kim Graduation Party Honored Paula and Kim's graduation milestone

June 3 New Pearl Cassandra Welcomed Cassandra as a new participant

June 4 If Movie at The Strand Enjoyed a group movie outing

June 14 Summerfest Participated in a lively summer festival

June 23 Unspoken Concert Attended a performance by the band Unspoken

June 28 Revival Night at the Zone Joined a night of spiritual renewal

June 30 Ben Fuller Concert Enjoyed a concert by artist Ben Fuller

July 8 12 Vacation Bible School Daily Harvest Church Supported a weeklong VBS program

July 13 Pool Party at Ann Fields Cooled off with a fun pool party

July 21 Micah Tyler Concert Attended a concert by Micah Tyler

July 22 Cassandra Baptized Celebrated Cassandra's baptism

July 26 Revive Fest Concert Enjoyed a night of music at Revive Fest

July 30 New Pearl Kelly Welcomed Kelly to the group

List of Pearl Events in 2024 by Date (Continued)



Handpainted Mural in the Wings of God Women's Home Dining Room - 125 Pearls)

List of Pearl Events in 2024 by Date (Continued)

- August 4 Kim Stevie Roxy and Carla Baptized Marked a special day with four baptisms
- August 11 Jordan Feliz Concert Attended a performance by Jordan Feliz
- August 12 Beach Day at Van Buren State Park in South Haven Relaxed with a day at the beach
- September 3 New Pearl Danielle Added Danielle to the Pearls community
- September 14 Previous Pearl Cookout Reconnected with past Pearls at a cookout
- September 16 Returned Pearl for Tune Up Rebecca Supported Rebecca's return for additional growth
- September 16 New Pearl Dawn Welcomed Dawn as a new participant
- September 22 Barn Revival Participated in a rustic revival event
- September 24 Adopt a Highway Conducted a second highway cleanup of the year
- September 25 Open House Hosted an open house to showcase the program
- October 6 Brittany Graduation Party Celebrated Brittany's graduation
- October 17 Annual Benefit Dinner Held a successful annual fundraising dinner
- October 31 Verhage Farms HayRide Enjoyed a festive hayride at Verhage Farms
- November 2 Sean Rodriguez Concert Attended a concert by Sean Rodriguez
- November 18 Operation Christmas Child Packing Boxes Packed boxes for a global charity initiative
- November 26 Thanksgiving Dinner Celebration Shared a warm Thanksgiving meal
- December 6 Mentor Tea Party Connected with mentors over tea
- December 6 Bethlehem Journey/Live Nativity Experienced a live nativity event
- December 10 Christmas Dinner with the Board Dined with the board to celebrate the season
- December 14 Unspoken Concert Enjoyed a second Unspoken concert of the year
- December 19 Christmas Party with Current and Previous Pearls Celebrated with past and present Pearls
- December 23 Christmas Caroling Spread holiday cheer through caroling
- December 31 Pearls Attended Narcotics Anonymous New Year's Eve Party at the Recovery Zone Rang in the new year with a supportive celebration

2024 Summery of Applications & Acceptance

Applied= 28
Interviewed=16
Accepted=10

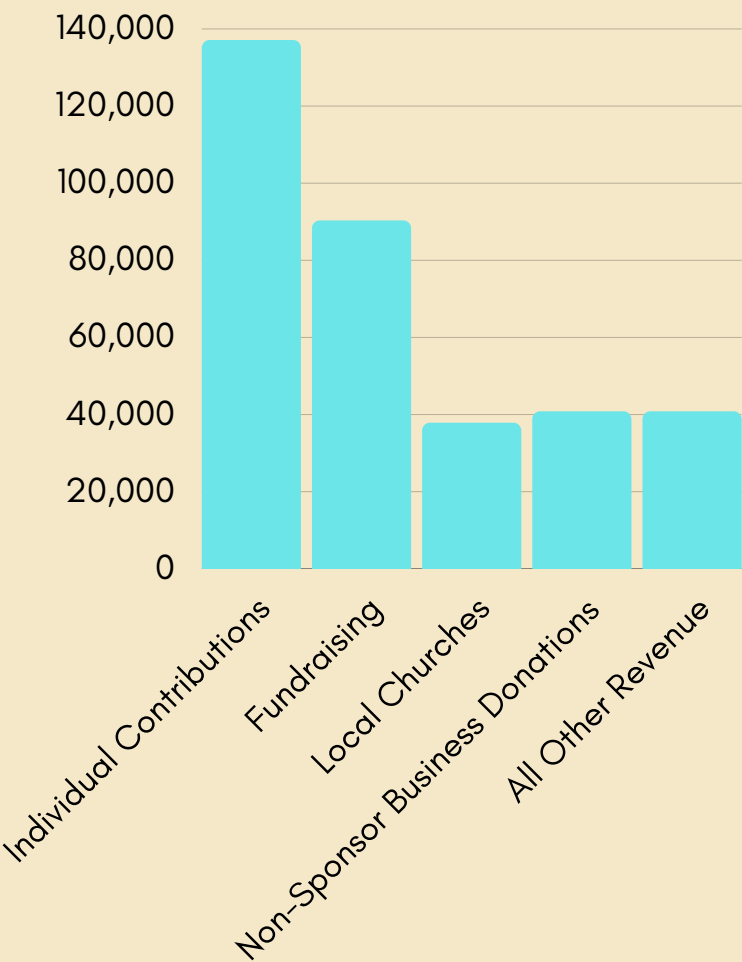
Active Volunteers - 51



Brittany, Graduated Pearl 2024

2024 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Wings of God does not receive any state or federal money.
We are 100% funded by our generous community partners.



Total Revenue \$ 306,193

Total Expenses \$261,487

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2024 Ashes to Beauty Weekend



In April 2024 the Pearls and Staff of Wings of God Transition Home had the amazing opportunity to travel to Missouri and experience [Encounterministry.org](https://www.encounterministry.org) Ashes to Beauty Weekend.

It was "Sisterhood and testimonials. How God shows you up. The holy spirit was so present. The best weekend ever. It would not have happened without the pure loving heart of Cornerstone who took the girls from Wings of God."

Kim, Pearl

"I had the unique opportunity to share a bunkhouse with seven Pearls. I will never forget all the laughter and joy we experienced. We also received incredibly good wisdom and were challenged to grow to the next level of our discipleship. This is the first time we have ever done an event like this and traveled out of state. Thank you to the probation officers and judges who granted special permission for Pearls to take this trip."

Karina, Executive Director

"I wanted to let you know how thankful I am to have been blessed with the opportunity to go to the retreat. This was a huge risk for me to get out of my comfort zone and participate in the retreat with women I didn't know. I have been praying to get closer to God and this retreat confirmed for me that I am loved by God and that I belong to His Family. The testimonies confirmed for me that I am not unique in my earthly challenges and that my sin isn't greater than anyone else's. I learned that God wants a relationship with me, not just blind obedience. I felt a shift in my spirit that significantly reduced my fear and increased my longing to draw nearer to God. I trusted and let go of my fear and received so many blessings I didn't know were waiting for me. I have a new fire and commitment to serve the Lord. I would recommend this retreat to any woman."

Rhonda, Former House Manager

"Soul soothing, refreshing, water I needed... Eternal and everlasting..." Paula, Pearl

"I found the testimonies to be profound." Beth, Pearl

"I was in awe of the presence of the Lord and extremely motivated to let God work through me and my testimony." Brittany, Pearl

"It was beautiful. How can you put something so life-changing into words?" Carla, Pearl

"It was mesmerizing and I found a new perspective on my life. I enjoyed being with everyone praising God."

Stevie, Pearl

We thank **Karmen Ball**, **Tracie Hernandez**, and **Cornerstone/Hernandez Specialized Residential Services** for sponsoring our entire group of ten. This included lodging, bus travel, meals, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and a nice hotel on the trip home! They showered us with God's love.