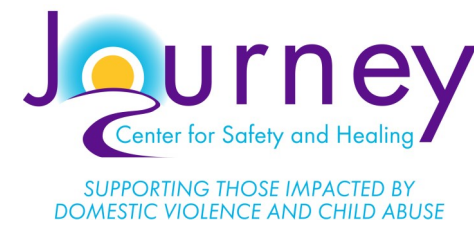
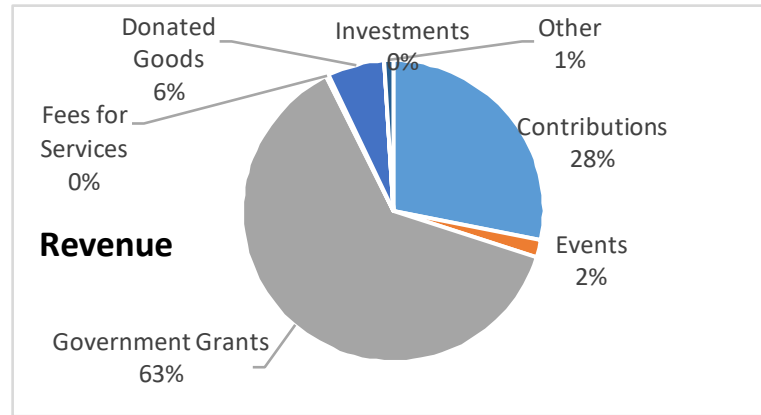


# July 2020 – June 2021 Financials



# 2021 Annual Report



Contributions	\$ 1,935,434
Events	\$ 6,532
Government Grants	\$ 2,605,226
Fees for Service	\$ 30,255
Donated Goods	\$ 230,471
Investments	\$ 93,745
Other	\$ 135,891
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,037,554</b>

Dear Friend,

Journey reached nearly 15,000 women, children, and men experiencing domestic violence and/or child abuse in Cuyahoga County in 2021. COVID-19 and the prolonged period of uncertainty, isolation, and stress resulted in increasing need for Journey’s crucial services.

We have seen an alarming increase in abuse, both in frequency and severity. Staff do a danger assessment with every client. Prior to the pandemic the average score was 16.8 (scale of 20). Since the pandemic, that average increased to 19.6. Any score over 17 on this scale indicates extremely high risk of homicide or near lethal attack. As children have returned to school, reports of child abuse have increased. Journey’s Helpline has seen more calls about or directly from young people.

This is why Journey’s life-saving services are so critical. We thank you for ensuring we can be there to walk alongside survivors and are pleased to share this 2021 Annual Report. Here are just a few highlights:

Journey is training courts and police districts in Cleveland and across Cuyahoga County with the Danger Assessment for Law Enforcement (DA-LE). This assessment helps officers and court personnel identify victims at the highest risk of intimate partner homicide and connects them immediately to Journey services.

Outreach has been vital to ensure Journey is reaching victims where they are during the pandemic. Nearly 2,400 people were reached through presentations and trainings with community groups, the faith community, health centers, and more.

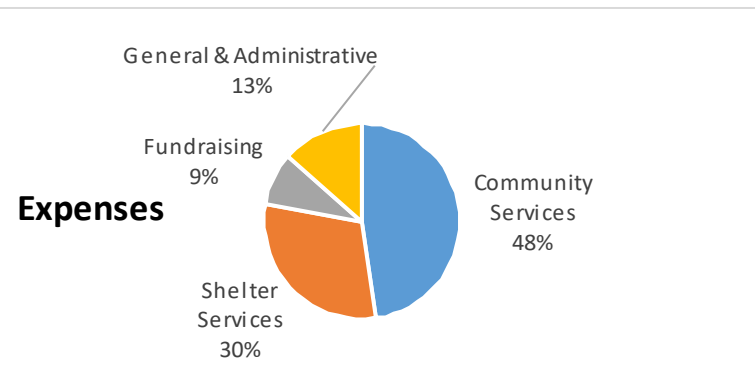
Victim advocates supported more than 3,300 through courts, in the community, and through the specialized Latina DV Project with safety planning, navigating systems, offering virtual and in-person support groups, and connecting them to resources for a life free from abuse.

Nearly 65% of Journey’s funding comes from government sources. Federal Victims of Crime funding has been cut dramatically over the last three years resulting in a loss to Journey of \$1.1 Million. Congress passed a “VOCA fix” to replenish that fund, but has told service providers we will not see more funding until 2023 at the earliest, and in fact, 2022 may see another reduction. This comes at a time when we need more support for survivors, not less.

This is why your continued and generous donations are so important. Thank you for your partnership and ensuring that those experiencing domestic violence and child abuse are not alone on their journey to health and safety.

In Peace and Service,

Melissa Graves, Chief Executive Officer



Community Services	\$ 2,255,189
Shelter Services	\$ 1,422,479
Fundraising	\$ 410,955
General & Administrative	\$ 636,183
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,724,806</b>

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### DID YOU KNOW THAT?

There were **131** fatalities due to domestic violence in the last year.

On just one day in September 2020, **1,246** adult and child victims of domestic violence sought shelter in Ohio’s emergency domestic violence shelters or transitional housing programs.

**Journey’s mission is to provide services that foster safety and healing for those affected by child abuse and domestic violence; and to prevent abuse through education, advocacy, and systemic change.**

### FISCAL YEAR 2021 BY THE NUMBERS

**11,504 individuals impacted by Journey’s mission**

**5,555** Crisis interventions through our 24-Hour Helpline & Emergency Shelter

**2,086** People educated about family violence and healthy relationships

**3,169** Victims of domestic violence supported through the judicial process

**1,082** Supervised visits and safe exchanges for children of separated parents

**136** Victims healing through individual therapy, art therapy and support group sessions

Journey welcomed Robin D. Johnson in April 2021 as the Chief Financial Officer . She has over 30 years of experience in the non-profit setting in Cleveland and Chicago. Robin is a dedicated volunteer and board member for nonprofit organizations within the Greater Cleveland community. Journey is excited for the expertise Robin brings to the organization and her dedication to the mission of the agency.

The new name, brand, and website – launched in October 2020 - reflects that we are there to walk alongside those impacted by domestic violence and child abuse. **Journeyneo.org** is more accessible for those seeking information and resources. Help seekers can now chat live with an advocate. If you haven’t visited the website recently, please do!

You’ll find more news, blogs, resources, services, and more.

## Services

### 24 - Hour Helpline and Emergency Domestic Violence Shelter

Operating in the same confidential location for nearly 50 years, the shelter operates as a safe haven for survivors and their children actively fleeing their perpetrators. Advocates provide clients with comprehensive case management, support, and group programming with a focus on safety and addressing barriers to obtaining housing away from their abuser. Advocates assist help seekers on the Helpline with crisis intervention, safety and escape planning, connections to resources and referrals, education on the justice system and intakes for services. The Helpline receives crisis-based and referral and information calls, texts, and live messages 24 hours a day/7 days a week. The Domestic Violence Housing First Initiative (DVHFI) connects survivors and their children to independent housing so they may remain safe without entering shelter. Case management is provided to survivors to rapidly assist in escaping abuse and living a life free of violence.

### Justice System Advocacy

Journey provides community based advocacy for domestic violence victims involved in criminal and civil proceedings throughout Cuyahoga County. Advocates offer crisis intervention, safety planning and education, and connections to community supports; they also facilitate support groups that help with the healing process.

Advocates also provide services at Canopy Child Advocacy Center to families with children under the age of 12 who have been impacted by sexual abuse.

### Safe & Sound Supervised Visitation Center

Safe & Sound Supervised Visitation Center (SSVC) is the only one of its kind in Cuyahoga County helping high-risk, high-conflict families in need of supervised visits and/or safe exchanges. The program meets a critical need in the community by increasing the safety of the child(ren) and the residential parent or guardian when domestic violence, mental health or substance abuse is an issue, or when other significant life challenges may put the child(ren) at risk. SSVC also serves families in neighboring counties.

### Prevention and Community Education

**Professional Trainings:** Journey has diverse speakers with years of experience providing information and education, seminars, and professional trainings to schools, human service agencies, medical professionals, law enforcement, and interested community groups.

**Latina Domestic Violence Project:** Offers culturally relevant advocacy and support services for Latino victims of domestic violence. All Advocates are bilingual in Spanish.

**Education Group:** This 7-week program provides education on the dynamics of domestic violence to help those affected by abuse make informed life decisions.

### Trauma Services

Therapy services for children, adolescents and adults who have experienced trauma, grief, and loss related to child abuse, teen dating violence, domestic violence and/or stalking. Therapists are skilled and trained in trauma focused therapy models like Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) and Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT). Services include individual and group therapy for both children and adults.