Sunflower House™
Child Advocacy Center

2025-2026 ANNUAL REPORT

A LETTER FROM JUDI

As I reflect on this past year, my heart holds many emotions. When I picture the faces of the hundreds of children and families who walk through our doors, my heart is heavy for all they have endured. At the same time, I feel tremendous pride in the compassion, expertise, and unwavering support our team provides to children, families, and the broader community. As you explore this annual report, you will see how Sunflower House has expanded services, addressed critical gaps in our community, and increased access all while remaining firmly grounded in our mission.

This year, we revisited our core values, considering what they mean for the children and families we serve, our multidisciplinary partners, our community, and one another. We build a culture of belonging. We strive for excellence in all we do. We practice ethical stewardship of the resources entrusted to us. We create trauma-informed environments where people feel safe, respected, and supported. And we embrace innovation.

These values are more than words. They guide our decisions, shape our services, and strengthen our relationships. Throughout this report, you will see them reflected in our responsible financial management, the growth and reach of our programs, and most importantly the voices and experiences of those we serve.

At Sunflower House, we are in the business of hope. We carry hope for children and families during their most difficult moments until they are ready and able to carry it for themselves. It is an honor to do this work, and we are deeply grateful to every person who makes it possible.

Judith Rodman
President and CEO

"I'm thankful that places like this are here to help in a situation like the one we have right now.

My kids are safe now."

Client Testimonial

COMMUNITY IMPACT

LOCAL SCHOOLS PARTNER WITH SUNFLOWER HOUSE

When a school district faces a Title IX investigation involving a child, the stakes are immediate and deeply personal. Sunflower House stands alongside school superintendents and our multidisciplinary team partners in these moments, bringing trauma-informed expertise to situations that schools are rarely equipped to navigate alone. Our collaboration ensures that a child's voice is heard in a way that protects them, rather than compounds their distress, and that school leaders have a trusted partner who understands both the legal complexity and the human weight of what's at stake. This work happens quietly, without recognition, but it reflects the heart of what a multidisciplinary team model is meant to do: bring the right expertise together, at the right moment, so that no single institution has to carry the responsibility of protecting a child alone.

FULL-CIRCLE STORY

Not long ago, a child sat down with one of our forensic interviewers and, partway through the conversation, shared that Sunflower House educators had visited their school. They remembered what they learned that day: that their body belongs to them, and that telling a trusted adult is always okay. Now, sitting in the very building those educators came from, they knew they were in a safe place. It's something our interviewers hear often, and it never stops meaning something. That moment captures the full circle of our work. Prevention education gave this child the words to speak up. Our multidisciplinary partners came together so they only had to tell their story once. Advocacy and therapy are now helping them and their family heal. And every step was made possible by donors, sponsors, and volunteers who believe no child should have to find their voice alone.

Children Served	Adults Served	Total Persons Provided Services
47,762	9,708	57,470
Last Year	**Last Year**	**Last Year**
41,026	7,991	49,017
Difference	**Difference**	**Difference**
+16%	+18%	+17%

MISSION & VALUES

To protect children in our community from physical and sexual abuse through education, advocacy, forensic, medical and mental health

Our Vision

Safe children thriving in nurturing families and communities.

Our Mission

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Our Shared Values

Sunflower House staff are guided by the following core values which reflect what is important to us and describe our organization as we want it to be. These values do not change from time to time, situation to situation, or person to person, but are the soul of our company culture. Our values empower us to uphold high professional and ethical standards, providing a common understanding of our expectations for one another and guiding our daily decisions and actions.

Belonging:

We cultivate a culture of belonging by fostering feelings of security and support that embrace the sense of acceptance, diversity, equity, inclusion and identity. We believe that strength lies in the diverse perspectives, backgrounds and experiences of our team members, our partners and the people we serve. We invite everyone to be their authentic selves.

Excellence:

We aim to achieve the highest possible standards of personal performance and service quality. We embrace a growth mindset, striving to do better than the day before while offering grace when mistakes are made. We approach challenges with curiosity rather than judgment.

Stewardship:

We prioritize responsible management of both natural and human resources. We recognize our duty to care for the world around us, protecting it for future generations. Patience, self-discipline, courage and thrift are core competencies of stewardship.

Trauma Informed:

We understand how trauma shapes lives, and we believe healing is always possible. We create environments of safety, trust, and dignity for the children and families we serve and for one another. Rooted in hope, we focus on strengths, celebrate resilience, and walk alongside others as they find their way forward.

Innovation:

We encourage a culture of introspection and passion for continuous improvement. We promote curiosity, view failure as a learning opportunity, and provide resources for experimentation. We celebrate innovative ideas and recognize those who challenge the status quo.

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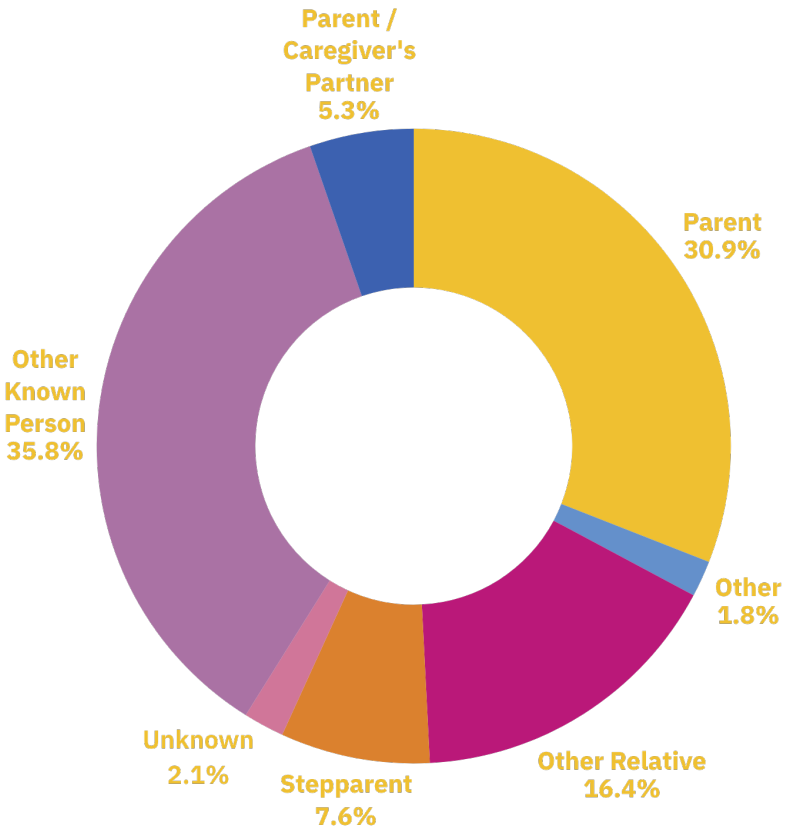
DEMOGRAPHICS

A VIEW OF THE CHILDREN SUPPORTED THROUGH OUR SERVICES

Relationship to The Child



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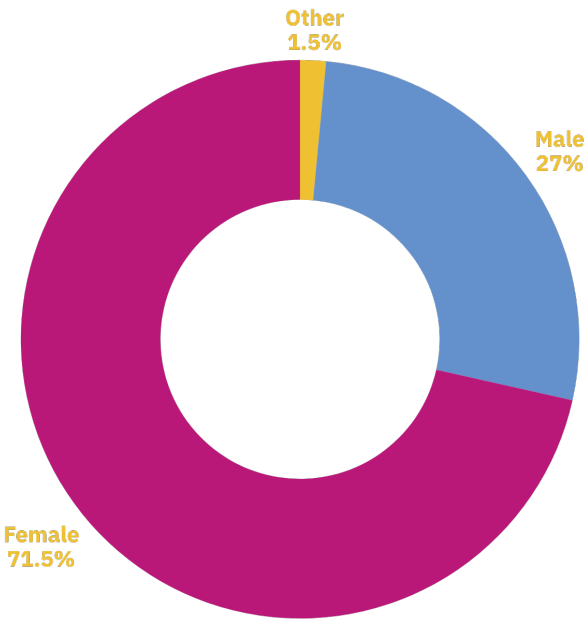

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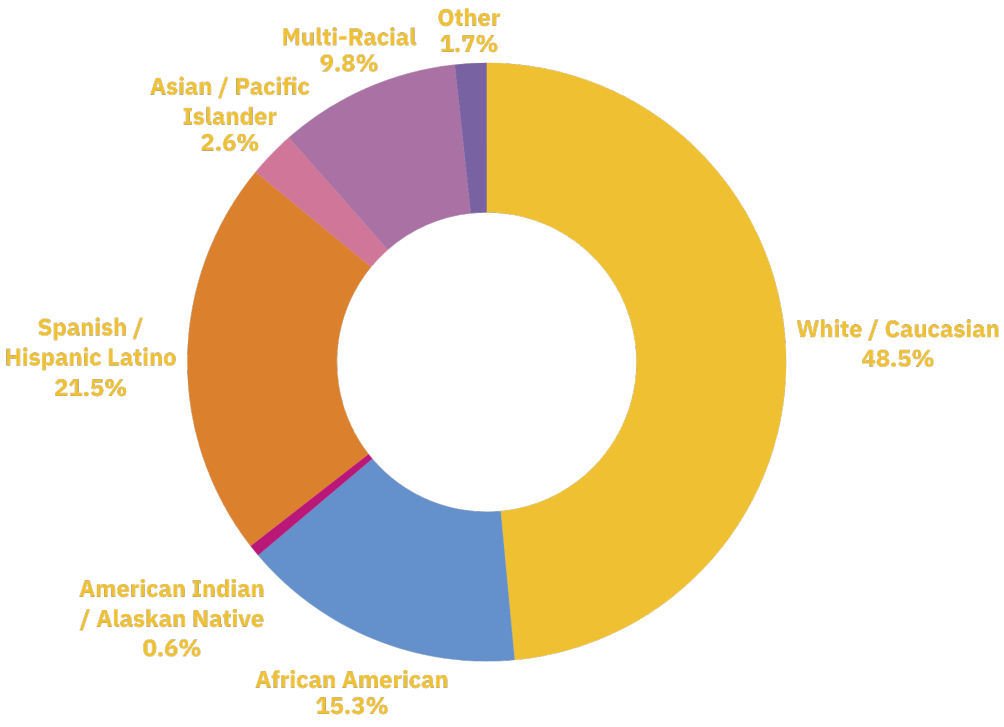
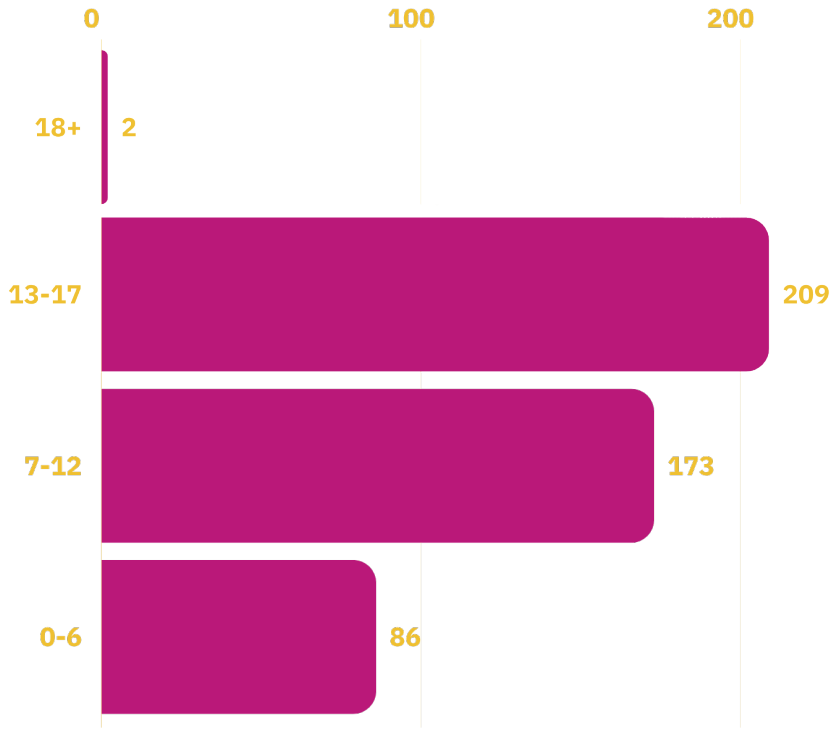
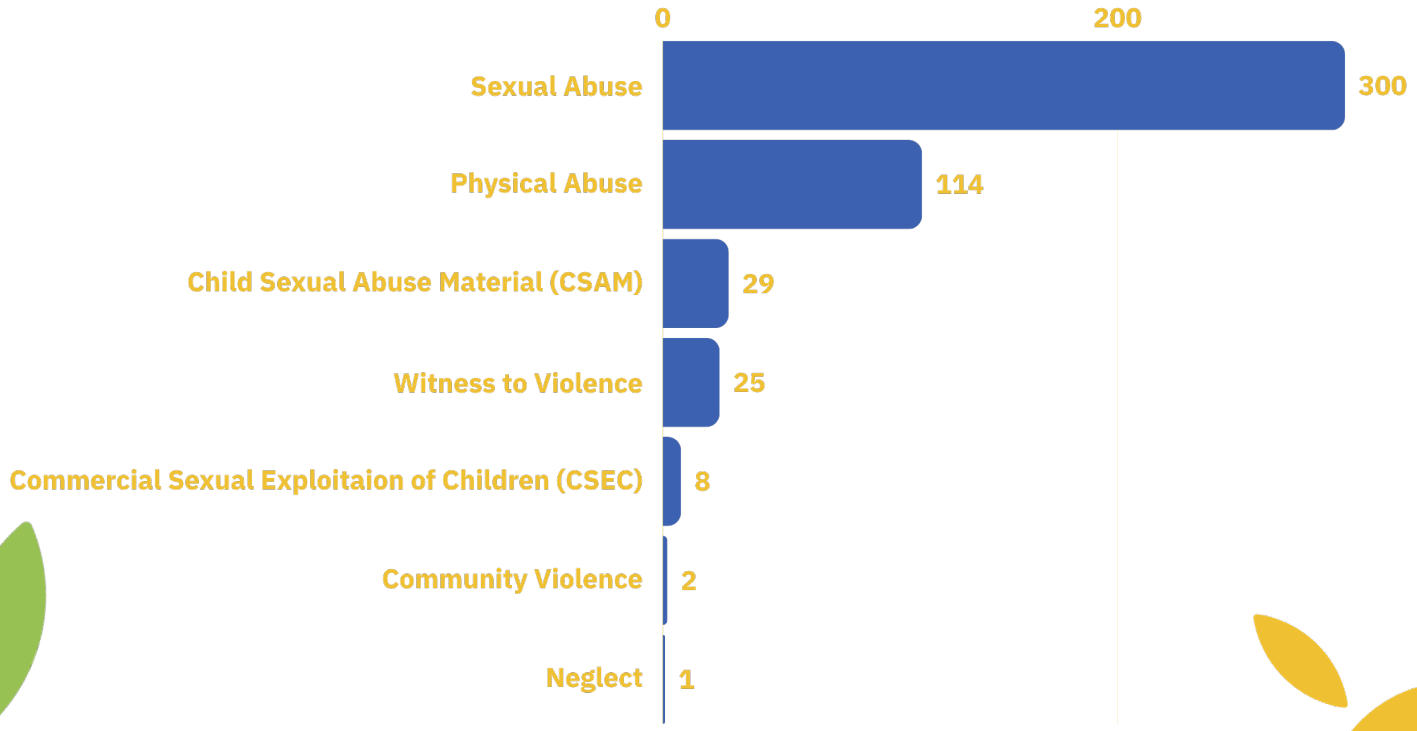


Age of Child at Time of Referral



Primary Reason for the Initial Referral



EDUCATION PROGRAM SERVICES

SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Sunflower House's prevention education work extends well beyond the public school classroom. Recognizing that every child deserves access to the language and tools to stay safe, our education team adapts curriculum and delivery for populations often left out of standard programming. We partner with the Kansas State School for the Deaf and the Kansas School for the Blind to ensure children with sensory disabilities receive the same personal safety education as their peers. We work alongside Happy Hearts Working Inc. to bring this training to adults with disabilities, and with KidsTLC to reach children with autism, meeting each learner where they are. These partnerships reflect a simple belief: prevention education only works if everyone can access it, and Sunflower House is committed to reaching the children and adults most often overlooked.

GROWTH OF SERVICE

Sunflower House's investment in formal partnerships with school districts is paying off in a very tangible way: more children are receiving prevention education than ever before. Through active MOUs with school districts, deepened relationships built through our Title IX collaboration, and consistent, ongoing engagement with district leadership, the number of children reached through our prevention education program grew from 41,026 to 47,292 this year. That growth is not incidental. It reflects the trust superintendents and school leaders have placed in Sunflower House as a partner, not just a visiting program, and it means thousands more children now carry the language and confidence to recognize unsafe situations and ask for help.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

This year, the Sunflower House prevention program, **PS Academy©**, has been recognized by the National Children's Alliance. **PS Academy©** is a research-based, peer-reviewed personal safety and internet safety education program designed for students in Pre-K through 12th grade. Through engaging, interactive, age-appropriate, instructor-led presentations, the program empowers children and adolescents with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to prevent, recognize, and report abuse, exploitation, and other forms of child victimization.

PS Academy aligns with the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) Social, Emotional, and Character Development Model Standards and supports select Information Technology (IT) educational requirements, Caleb's Law information, making it a valuable resource for schools seeking to promote student safety and well-being.

This curriculum has been approved by NCA as a pre-approved curriculum that satisfies Essential Component B of the Optional Child Abuse Prevention Standard for Accreditation.

EDUCATION PROGRAM SERVICES

Children participated in an education program	47,292
Adults participated in an education program	9,291
K-12 education program presentations	754
Children and adults received educational programming in spanish	2,443

CHILD ADVOCACY SERVICES

SCREENING AND INTERVENTION

When a child and family first come to Sunflower House, our family advocates are there to meet them. As part of every intake, advocates screen for the severity of trauma symptoms and for suicidality, and they provide immediate crisis intervention when a family needs it most. This early screening does more than identify urgent needs. It establishes a clear baseline for each child's wellbeing, giving our therapists a starting point to measure progress and ensuring that the trauma treatment each child receives is truly working. From the very first conversation, families know they are supported, and children are set on a path toward healing.

David Breiner
Detective

ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

Sunflower House is proud to recognize Detective **David Breiner** of the Olathe Police Department as this year's Child Advocate of the Year. A 21 year veteran of the Olathe Police Department, Det. Breiner has spent the last eight years investigating crimes against children, working on 241 cases with children interviewed at Sunflower House. He is a trusted, respected leader among his multi-disciplinary team partners, collaborating closely with DCF, CMH, and the District Attorney's office to ensure thorough, coordinated investigations. Beyond his casework, he trains the next generation of police officers in trauma-informed response through the Johnson County Police Academy and has been a consistent, generous voice for Sunflower House's mission in the community. Colleagues describe him simply: they love working with him, and they love when he's assigned to their cases. Det. Breiner represents the very best of what collaborative child advocacy looks like, and Sunflower House is grateful for his years of quiet, steadfast commitment to protecting children.

CSEC/CSAM

This year, Sunflower House's work to identify and support victims of child sex trafficking and exploitation reached a critical inflection point. Through collaboration with local MDT partners, a task force was formed to improve response to CSEC, (Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children)/CSAM, (Child Sexual Abuse Material) victims, the first of its kind in the state. Because of this work, we saw the number of children identified and connected to services grow by 140%, an increase that represents real children who, without this collaboration, would likely have continued falling through the gaps between systems. Working alongside JIAC and utilizing enhanced screening protocols, Sunflower House is reaching victims of exploitation earlier and more consistently than ever before, connecting them to the specialized interventions and trauma-informed care these cases uniquely require. As technology continues to evolve and create new avenues for exploitation, so too does our approach; we are committed to adapting our identification methods and response to meet children wherever the threat finds them.

CHILD ADVOCACY SERVICES

Forensic Interviews Provided	481
Children Received Crisis Services	470
Caregivers Provided Family Advocacy	417

THERAPY SERVICES

Support Services

Healing looks different for every child, which is why Sunflower House is continually expanding the ways we meet families where they are. This year, our therapy team introduced new services designed to close gaps in support that families have long felt. Our Problematic Sexual Behaviors group now welcomes children as young as 3 to 6 years old, ensuring that even our youngest clients receive age appropriate, trauma informed intervention at a critical developmental stage. We also launched a Parent Support Group, recognizing that healing is not a journey a child takes alone, and that caregivers need their own space to process, learn, and be supported. And through a new Art Therapy Group, children now have another avenue to express what words alone cannot capture, building trust and resilience through a medium that feels safe and familiar. Each of these additions reflects the same commitment: therapy at Sunflower House will keep evolving to meet the real, specific needs of the children and families who walk through our doors.

Increasing Access

Access to trauma informed care should never depend on how far a family can travel or how long they can wait. This year, Sunflower House deepened its commitment to reaching more children where they already are through a new partnership with Johnson County Mental Health Center, placing one of their therapists on site at Sunflower House full time to expand our capacity to serve families without adding a referral to an outside provider. We also strengthened direct lines with area school districts, establishing therapy referral pathways so that children experiencing trauma or problematic sexual behaviors can be connected to care more quickly, without unnecessary steps standing between a child and the support they need. These partnerships reflect a simple truth: the sooner a child receives the right care, the sooner referrals can begin, and Sunflower House is committed to shortening that distance wherever we can.

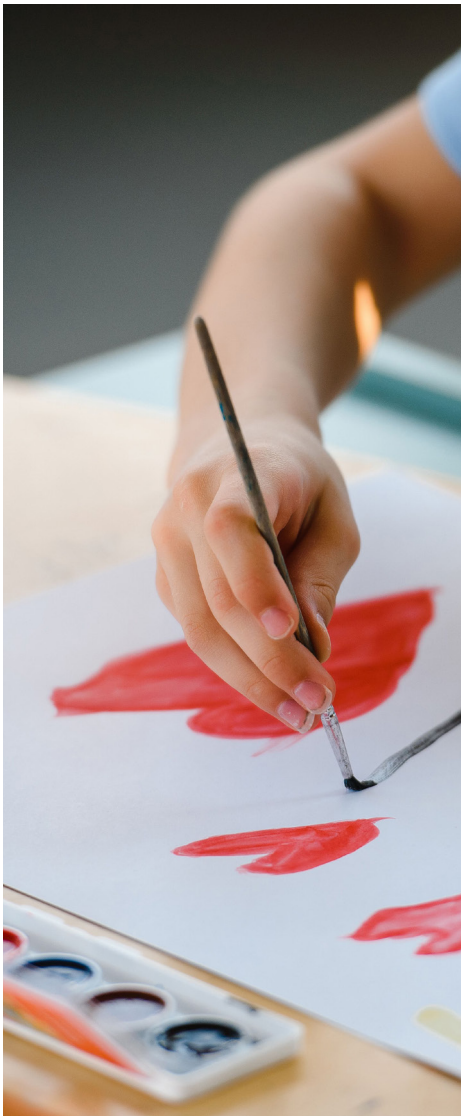
"Sunflower House staff was very professional, personable and kind. They made my children feel comfortable and safe. Thank you for your support and compassion.

Client Testimonial

THERAPY SERVICES

Contacts made with clients **3,566**

New clients accessed mental health services **157**



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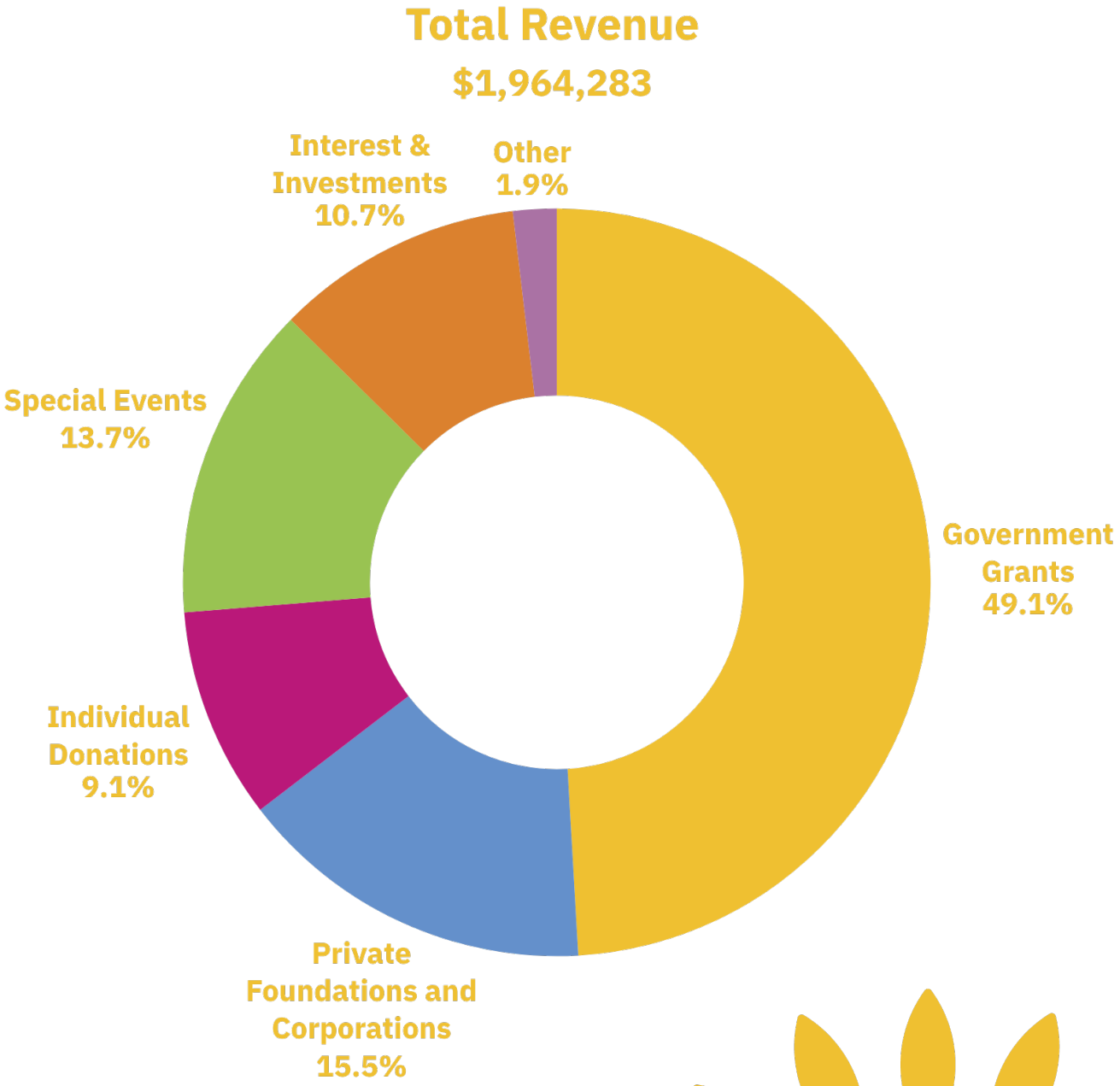

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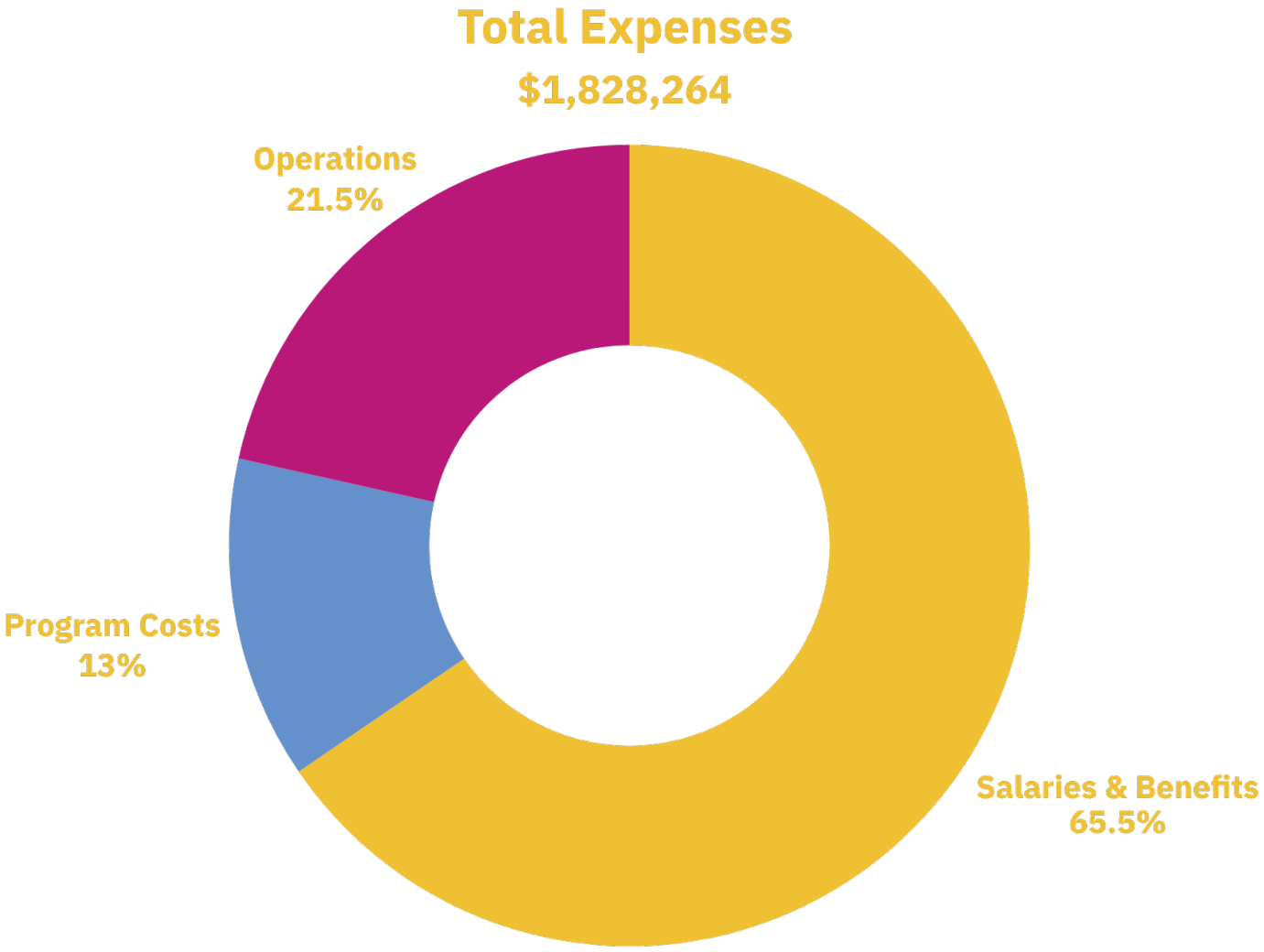

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