



# 2022 IMPACT REPORT





# 2022 TUSCALOOSA ANGELS TEAM



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# 2022 SNAPSHOT

# 212

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE  
IMPACTED BY PROGRAMS

# \$26,287

VALUE OF GOODS AND SERVICES  
DONATED



# 151

CHILDREN AND  
YOUTH SERVED  
MONTHLY



# 152

SERVED  
THROUGH ONE-  
TIME BOXES



# 1

CASE  
MANAGER



# 38

FAMILIES  
SUPPORTED  
MONTHLY



# 24

NEW MATCHES  
MADE



# 1,048

VOLUNTEER  
HOURS





# MISSION

To walk alongside children, youth, and families in the foster care system in West Alabama by offering consistent support through intentional giving, relationship building, and mentorship

# CORE VALUES



INTENTIONAL GIVING



RELATIONSHIP BUILDING



MENTORSHIP





# VISION

Every single child/youth who experiences foster care has the opportunity to reach their fullest potential, and every family who fosters is radically supported in their journey.

# CORE VALUES

HOPE

COMMUNITY

EMPOWERMENT

CURIOSITY

TRANSFORMATION







## THERE ARE OVER 6,000 CHILDREN & YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

Children are removed from their homes and placed in foster care due to abuse, neglect, or abandonment. The compounding traumas of this experience, the removal itself, multiple placement changes, and a system that too often lets children slip through the cracks, lead to other issues.



50% of foster homes close within the first year.



50% of youth in care graduate from high school.



3% of former foster youth will graduate from college.



1 in 5 former foster youth will become homeless after age 18.



# OUR PATH TO CHANGING THE STATS



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### RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

Devote time and energy to fostering healthy relationships that promote healing through connections and interpersonal bonding.



### MENTORSHIP

Equip and empower youth to be prepared for independent living and to reach their fullest potential.

### BUILDING SUSTAINABLE FOSTER HOMES

Ensuring children and caregivers have the tools, resources, and support needed for long-term placement.



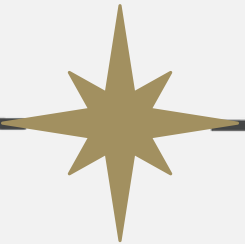
### INTENTIONAL GIVING

Give thoughtful and personal resources, gifts, and care packages that meet the real needs of the child and their entire family.



### NORMALCY

Providing children and youth with normal childhood experiences that promote positive mental health, well-being, and identity formation.



### OUR NORTH STAR

To change the statistics.

Statistics say that youth in foster care are less likely to graduate from high school and college, and more likely to struggle with their mental health, become homeless, be human-trafficked, or go to prison.

But we believe these outcomes **CAN CHANGE**.

Why? Because our programs were built to change them.



Our dream is to reach and serve every child, youth, and family experiencing foster care in West Alabama.





# LOVE BOX PROGRAM

The Love Box program focuses on holistically supporting and sustaining fostering families. Volunteers spend time building relationships with all members of the family by playing games, sharing meals, and connecting, while also delivering monthly personal care packages (Love Boxes) based on the family's current needs.

**148**

CHILDREN AND  
YOUTH IMPACTED

**37**

FAMILIES  
SERVED

**788**

VOLUNTEER  
HOURS

**22**

NEW  
MATCHES





# DARE TO DREAM PROGRAM

The heart of the Dare to Dream program is to walk alongside youth as they navigate through life's challenges. Mentors meet bi-weekly with youth and help meet both practical and emotional needs, as well as provide guidance through tailored developmental milestones.

**3**

YOUTH  
IMPACTED

**2**

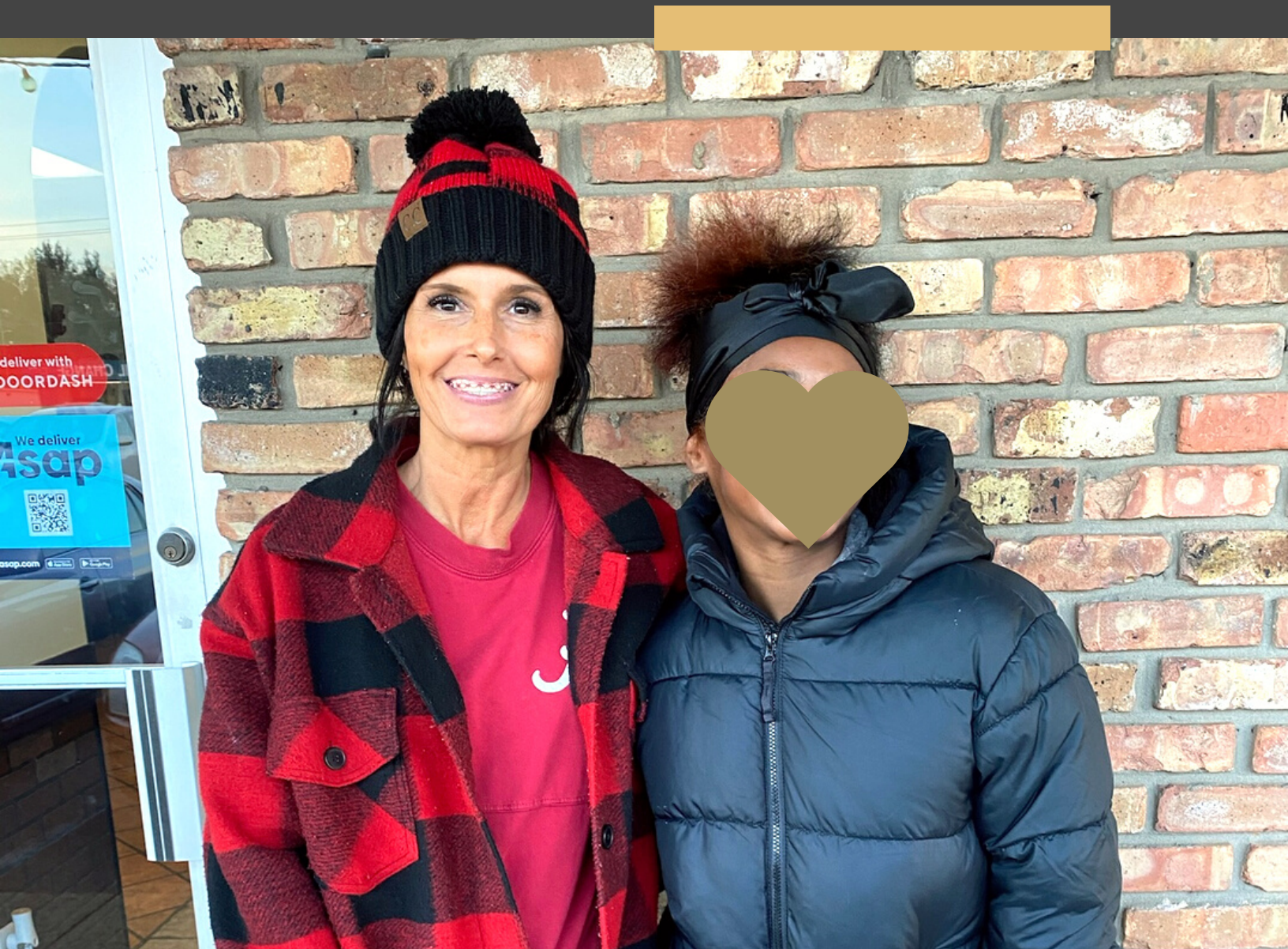
NUMBER OF  
MENTORS

**260**

VOLUNTEER  
HOURS

**5**

HIGH SCHOOL  
GRADUATIONS





# EASTER EGG HUNT



In April, we hosted around 75 people for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at a local park. Foster families from Tuscaloosa County and Pickens County were invited to join in on the fun. Families enjoyed playing on the playground, Easter festivities, and dinner for everyone! Thanks to donations from the community, volunteers from Church of the Highlands, and filled eggs from ACA and UCCA this event was a blast.

# FOSTER THE FUN NIGHT

In May, we celebrated National Foster Care Month with a Foster the Fun Night. All of the foster families in our Love Box program and on our waiting list were invited to an indoor playground facility to have a fun night with the family in honor of NCFM. Everyone enjoyed snow cones, popcorn, and a pizza dinner - and of course a great time at the playground. Each family was given a small gift and gift card as a thank you for the work they do for our local children.





# BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

In July, we hosted our fourth annual Back to School Bash - our largest event of the year! Over 120 people participated, and we provided backpacks and school supplies for 82 children with the support of Backpack Connections. Each child also received a lunch box and water bottle. This year, we were able to offer free back to school haircuts. This was an expressed need from our families that we were excited to help with! For some children in foster care, this may be the first year that they will show up for school with everything they need to be successful.



# HOLIDAY CELEBRATION



In December, we partnered with Capstone Church to host a Holiday Celebration for all foster families in Tuscaloosa and Pickens Counties. Capstone served a delicious breakfast, and kiddos enjoyed pictures with Santa and fun Christmas crafts. Thanks to a donation from High Socks for Hope, caregivers were able to pick out toys for Christmas gifts for their children as well. We love getting to celebrate the holidays with our foster families!



# PARTNERSHIPS

"Tell us what you do and we'll tell you how you can help."

From discounts, to free event space, to services, food, gifts, and activities, to grants and sponsorships, the generosity of the businesses and individuals with whom we get to partner has been overwhelming in the best way! This giving has empowered us to wrap support around our youth and families in radical ways--providing joyful celebrations, delicious meals, and fun activities.



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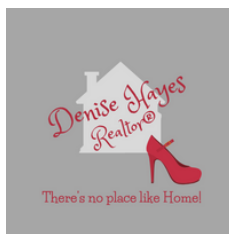
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I cannot begin to express my gratitude for everyone who supported Tuscaloosa Angels in 2022. Because of your faithful support, we were able to transition to two full-time staff members, and that has made a world of difference. 24 new matches were made in 2022! That is 24 new families/youth who are receiving love, community, emotional support, and a listening ear.

Our vision statement says that we want every fostering family to feel **radically supported** in their fostering journey. That is only possible because of our fantastic volunteers! Volunteers who commit to showing up. I am often asked "What is Love Box?" and I always tell people that every month is different. "Showing up" may look like dropping off a meal, going to watch a kid's t-ball game, taking mom out for a birthday lunch, or maybe even offering to babysit. Love Box is about building a relationship with the foster family so that you can be intentional with the way that you serve them.

Our ultimate goal is to reach every child, youth, and family experiencing foster care in West Alabama. We cannot do that without the support of our volunteers, donors, community advocates, board members, sponsors, and everyone else that has contributed to our mission. We cannot do that without YOU!

Here's to serving even more children and even more families in 2023! Will you join us in creating sustainable change in the foster care system in West Alabama?

Until every child is reached,

**Lauren Hurn,  
Executive Director**





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Tuscaloosa Angels gives a foster family space to be heard and seen. To be valued in the role we take on, and proud to be a foster parent. They treat us with practical needs for our family as it transitions with new kiddos coming in and out, and makes the remaining members of the family feel just as important.

-Amanda, Tuscaloosa foster mom

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# LET'S WORK TOGETHER

## ANGEL ALLIANCE

Join our passionate and committed group of monthly donors who are on a mission to change the way our country experiences foster care.

## DONATE

We rely heavily on donations from the community, and your support allows us to continue growing and expanding our reach across the state.

## VOLUNTEER

Sign up to volunteer through our Love Box or Dare to Dream program. We have a waitlist of families waiting to be matched!

## SPREAD THE WORD

Share the work of Tuscaloosa Angels with your friends, family, coworkers, and community leaders!

## FOLLOW THE IMPACT

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