



2024 ANNUAL REPORT



LIGHTHOUSE OF HOPE
Shining the light of hope to orphans



A Letter From Our Founders

2024 was an exciting year for Lighthouse of Hope.

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude and excitement for the incredible progress we've made together.

Celebrating the third year of operation of The JOY Home, we look back on a year full of growth, milestones, and heartfelt moments that have had a profound impact on the children we serve.

One of the most special highlights of the year was the first-ever Camp Joy, a weeklong summer camp created for children with special needs.

This inaugural camp provided an opportunity for the children to make new friends, create lasting memories, and experience the joy of being in a community that celebrates them.

We were also thrilled to welcome volunteers from around the world, whose support helped make the camp—and everything we do—possible.

Throughout the year, we continued to expand our therapy programs. We now provide weekly therapy to 22 children, a significant increase that reflects the growing demand for our services. Each week, our team works hard to create a safe, supportive environment where these children can thrive—emotionally, physically, and socially.

Looking ahead, we are energized by the opportunities before us. The JOY Home Day Center is not only a local hub of care but part of a global community that stretches across continents, bringing together people with shared values and a common mission. We are deeply grateful for every individual and organization that has supported us along the way, and we look forward to continuing this journey together, with even greater impact in the years to come.



Smiles,
Jen

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2024 IN REVIEW

Night to Shine

In February, Jen, Ece, and Filip had the joy of attending *The Tim Tebow Foundation's Night to Shine* in Skopje. It was an unforgettable evening of dancing, fun, and celebration for individuals with special needs. The event, held worldwide, provided a glamorous, prom-style experience where everyone was treated like royalty. Our team was there to celebrate, make memories, and enjoy a night filled with laughter and joy. It was a beautiful reminder of the importance of inclusion and the power of celebration for all.

3 Year Anniversary

This year, we proudly celebrated the three-year anniversary of The JOY Home. It's been an incredible journey of growth, connection, and making a lasting impact on the lives of the children we serve. As we look back on the milestones we've achieved, we are filled with gratitude and excitement for the many more years to come.

Sun Room Build

Increasing the number of children and therapy sessions meant it was time for additional space at The JOY Home. So in the Spring, the Sun Room was built. We were so grateful to have it done, as it was the perfect lunch and art room during Camp Joy! Since camp finished, it's now used as a space for play therapy, and includes an awesome a-framed therapy swing donated by the Evangelical Church of Veles.

Global Partnerships

Our global partnerships continue to remind us how small the world truly is when friends from all over come together to make a difference. From our Dutch friends at Stichting Mara Rotterdam to visitors from Sweden's Trollhättan, the American volunteers who joined us, and even a South African man who helped repair our well—these connections inspire and strengthen our mission. It's through these international friendships that we are reminded of the shared compassion and unity that transcend borders.

Volunteer Teams

In 2024, we were fortunate to have two incredible volunteer teams from America join us. Their dedication, hard work, and compassion made a huge impact on our programs and the children we serve. We're grateful for their support and the lasting connections we've made.

Program Expansion

This year, we expanded our therapy sessions to reach more children in need. We're proud to now provide weekly therapy for 22 children, helping them grow, heal, and thrive in a supportive environment. It's a step forward in our mission to make a lasting impact on every child we serve.

New Friends Made

2024 brought us wonderful new friends, including the generous families from Rosetta Stone English School. They blessed us with a year's supply of diapers, wipes, and smoothies, offering support that made a meaningful difference in the lives of the children we serve. We are deeply grateful for their kindness and partnership.

Camp Joy

Camp Joy was a special summer camp for children with special needs, filled with laughter, new friendships, and unforgettable experiences. From outdoor play to creative activities, every moment was designed to bring joy and celebrate the unique abilities of each child.

USA Trip

Jen traveled to America this year to connect with donors and supporters of Lighthouse of Hope. It was an inspiring trip, where she shared the impact of our work and deepened relationships that will continue to support and grow our mission.

Teambuilding Events

2024 was filled with fun and connection through team-building events like our Thanksgiving and 3rd Anniversary dinner, game nights, taco night, and Maznik. These moments brought our team closer together, strengthening the bonds that make our work even more meaningful.



IMPACT

WE BELIEVE THAT EVERY CHILD SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL, REGARDLESS OF THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES.

THROUGH INDIVIDUALIZED CARE AND A HOLISTIC APPROACH, WE PROVIDE CHILDREN WITH ESSENTIAL THERAPIES IN A NURTURING, BEAUTIFUL ENVIRONMENT.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO BEING A BEACON OF HOPE, EMPOWERING THEM TO HEAL, GROW, AND BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE.

Impact in Action

As we celebrated our third anniversary in 2024, it was a year for us to reflect on the impact we've made and plan for our next steps of growth. Our dream, upon opening our doors three years ago, was to provide life-changing therapies and to empower and encourage the children who live in government group homes.

Looking back on what we've accomplished, we are proud of the lasting impact we have made. Moving forward, we will continue to provide therapy in a safe and healthy environment that focuses on individualized care, where learning and exploration can thrive.

The main focus of Lighthouse of Hope continues to be The JOY Home Day Center. Each week, we transport twenty-two children from their group homes to the beautiful property at The JOY Home. Each day they visit The JOY Home, the children rotate between four one-on-one therapy sessions, depending on their needs and abilities. When the weather permits, we take walks outside, enjoy water play, plant flowers, and visit Chicken and Tater, our JOY Home pups.



Number of therapy sessions provided in 2024:

3,072



FRIENDS

IN 2024, WE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF PARTNERING WITH A RANGE OF ORGANIZATIONS, BOTH LOCAL AND GLOBAL, ALL UNITED IN SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

THESE COLLABORATIONS HAVE EXPANDED OUR RESOURCES, PROVIDED NEW INSIGHTS, AND FOSTERED MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS WHO SHARE OUR MISSION.

TOGETHER, WE ARE CREATING A STRONGER, MORE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THESE VALUABLE PARTNERSHIPS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

Rosetta Stone

We were so grateful for our new friends at Rosetta Stone English School, who invited us to their end of the year program. Together, the families of Rosetta Stone donated a full year’s worth of snacks and diapers for the children at The JOY Home!



Stichting Mara

We are so thankful for the team at Stichting Mara Rotterdam, who contacted us last year with an interest in partnering with The JOY Home. They were kind enough to provide donations toward the Sun Room, as well as the lunches for Camp Joy. We’re looking forward to future opportunities to work together!

Cornerstone Team

In the Spring of 2024, our friends from North Carolina visited for a week of encouragement, building relationships, and talking about how they can help and future opportunities with Lighthouse of Hope and The JOY Home.

Trollhattan Friends

New friends from Sweden visited in May 2024. We were excited to give them a tour of Bitola and the JOY Home. They had many questions about how countries outside of the EU work to support children who are at risk of poverty and social exclusion, as they are studying to be social workers in Sweden.

Arkansas Team

Camp Joy wouldn’t have been possible without the team from Arkansas, who came to help us host a week of laughter and fun for children in our community who have special needs. Camp was a smashing success and we have been asked several times when the next one will happen!



2024 Camp Joy

From June 10-14, we hosted our very first Camp Joy at the JOY Home Day Center, and it was a resounding success! This special camp was designed for children with unique needs from our community, giving them the opportunity to make new friends, have fun, and experience joy in a safe and inclusive environment.

2,000+
Smiles



5
Days

8
Campers

15
Volunteers

With eight children participating, we were joined by enthusiastic volunteers from America and our dedicated Joy Home team to run a series of engaging stations: outdoor play, sensory activities, crash & bump indoor fun, and creative arts.

Daily lunch and music time added to the excitement, making it a week full of laughter, growth, and unforgettable memories.

We are so grateful to everyone who made this inaugural Camp Joy possible and look forward to many more camps to come!





OUR TEAM

AT THE HEART OF THE JOY HOME IS
OUR INCREDIBLE TEAM.
FROM PROVIDING EXPERT THERAPY TO
OFFERING BOUNDLESS ENCOURAGEMENT,
THEY ARE THE TRUE CHEERLEADERS
OF EVERY CHILD'S JOURNEY.

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THEIR HARD WORK
AND DEVOTION, WHICH MAKES THE JOY HOME
A PLACE OF HEALING, GROWTH,
AND ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES.

JOY Home Team

Angela Cvetkovska, Administration & Life Skills Training
Doncho Cvetkovski, Bus Driver & House Majstor
Filip Kiproviski, Physical Therapy
Jennifer Naskov, Director
Angela Neskovska, Physical Therapy
Ece Naz Todorvoski, DIRFloorTime Therapy

Support Staff

Lazar Naskov, Bookkeeper
Cvete Razmovska, Cleaner

Advisors

Gordana Ristevska Dimitrovska, Psychiatry
Marjan Joncevski, Physical Therapy
Zorica Lajmanovska, Social Work
Aleksandra Micevska, Psychology

Board of Directors

Melinda Helle
Mike Kozlinski
Nastassia Naskov
Zoran Naskov
Bradlie Pokrandt
Kassie Wilson



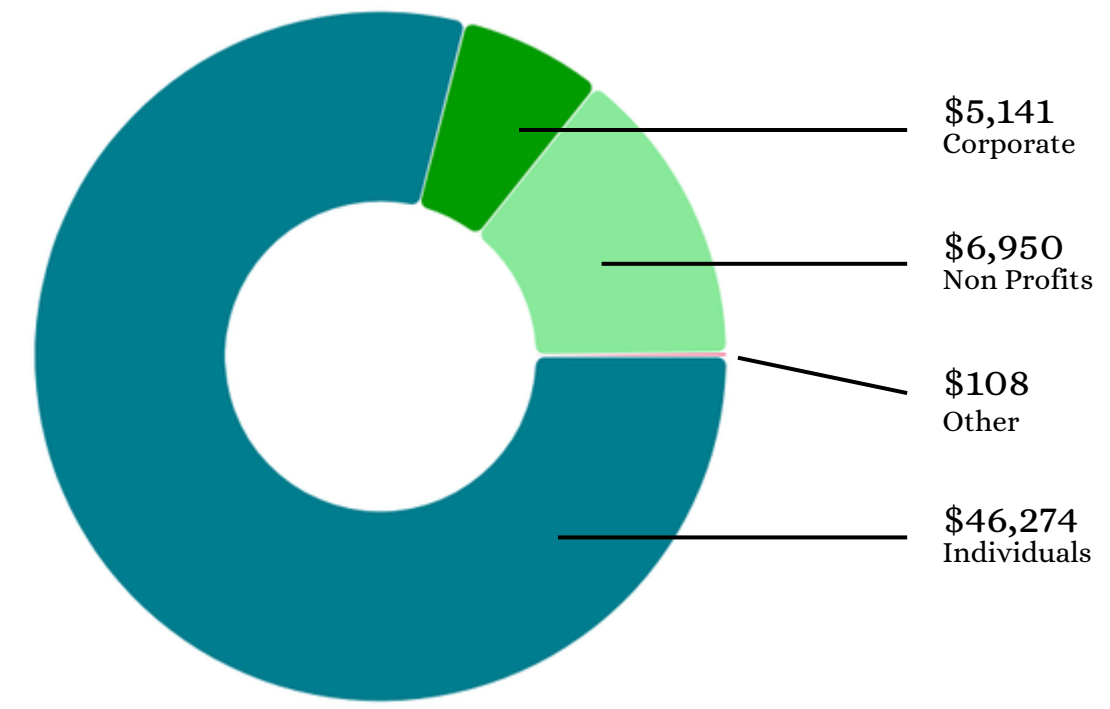
FINANCIALS

WE ARE COMMITTED TO TRANSPARENCY IN BOTH OUR IMPACT OUTCOMES AND OUR FINANCIALS.

HERE IS A SNAPSHOT OF OUR 2024 FINANCIALS. OUR COMPLETED 990 FORM WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE ONCE FINALIZED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN HELPING US MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Income
\$ 58,473



\$166,595
2024 END OF YEAR
NET ASSETS

Expenses
\$79,891

