

# 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

**11** Behavior Technicians  
obtained national certification  
through our training

Assisted **47** children & **68**  
parents and caregivers at Family  
Group Night

SGCA received **104** new  
family phone calls / program  
inquiries in 2024

SGCA served **130** students  
and staff at The Mountain  
Community School

**256**  
CAREGIVERS &  
INDIVIDUALS  
WITH AUTISM  
SERVED

**6%**  
increase in  
enrollment

**36,036**  
hours of 1:1 ABA therapy

**13** participants enrolled in the  
Feed the Need Program

SGCA provided **55** parents &  
caregivers **723** hours of 1:1 parent  
training



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16th Annual  
**FIRST WORDS OF** *Hope* Luncheon  
Blue Ridge Community College — Flat Rock, NC

# IMPACT REPORT

"The measure of your compassion lies  
not in your service of those on the  
margins, but in your willingness to  
see yourselves in kinship  
*with them*"

Fr. Gregory Boyle



2024



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# CAROLINE LONG TINDALL

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



2024 began with strong momentum for St. Gerard House. After years of recovery from the challenges of COVID, we were finally regaining our stride—until Hurricane Helene brought everything to a halt in the fourth quarter. While our operations were disrupted, we are deeply grateful that everyone remained safe, which was our top priority.

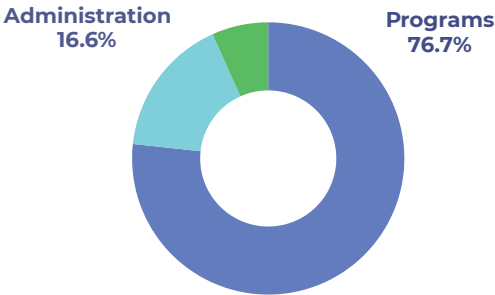
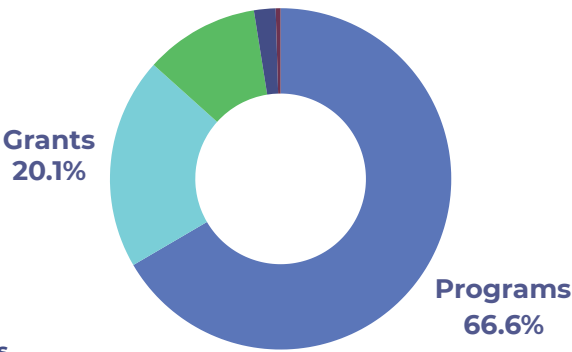
In the months that followed, we witnessed extraordinary resilience from our staff, families, and supporters. Because of that collective strength, we ended the year stronger than we imagined—and we are still on track for our much needed expansion.

With Gratitude, *Caroline Long Tindall*

## INCOME- 4,733,057

- Programs 3,140,585
- Grants 962,329
- Contributions 511,722
- Gifts in Kind 96,422
- Other 21,999

### Fundraising & Donations 10.8%



## EXPENSES- 4,561,614

- Programs 3,496,591
- Administration 758,812
- Development 306,211

## 2024 FINANCIALS

# ST GERARD CENTER FOR AUTISM

My favorite thing about getting to work with my clients is the chance to stand beside them for their moments of growth. No matter how small the step forward, I feel grateful they entrust their learning to me. The joy it brings me to be connected through discovering new things together is invaluable!

- Sarah Freeman, Grotto Operations Manager

## 2015

Purchased 705 Building

## 2016

Launch Grotto II

## 2017

Legislation

Insurance coverage for Autism Services

## 2019

Grotto 1.5 Launch

## 2014

Feed The Need  
Adult Service Initiates

## 2011

Community Outreach  
Family Group Night

## 2010

Grotto I  
Opened our doors to 2 children



## 2020

COVID Impacts ABA Care

## 2024

Hurricane Helene Impacts WNC

## 2025

Expansion Campaign  
“Dream Big”

They operate the program with so much joy and dignity/respect for each client. I have seen consistent growth in (my child) and they are always excited to go!

**SGCA Parent**

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St. Gerard Center is full of more soul and heart and joy than anyplace I've ever been. Thank you for all that you do!

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“I love it when something that  
used to be hard for our clients is  
easy for them now”

Donna Snow  
Feed the Need Program Manager

# FIRST WORDS OF *Hope*

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