

# CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF CHRIST- CENTERED RESTORATION



IMPACT REPORT  
FOR 2025



# DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

---



There is much to celebrate from 2025 as we entered our 25th year of ministry. I am delighted to report on the great work being done through our counseling center. We experienced a record year as more than 250 friends sought counseling with us and 194 of those were first time visitors. We are grateful for the marriages that were strengthened, parents who were supported, those finding hope in their depression, and others finding freedom from life-controlling issues.

During 2025 we were excited to welcome some new staff to our teen-residential team as Luke & Meredith Rodman joined us as house parents and Shawn Whittle joined us as our new lead educator for our school. They were great additions to our team, and we witnessed Christ continue to change the lives of teens who are part of the program

One other noteworthy highlight is the continued growth and popularity of our Jammin for Joy pickleball fundraising tournament. We had over five hundred participants in 2025 and raised around \$57,000 for the ministry. We are also developing many new ministry partners through this event.

Continuing to see lives changed here is only possible through the partnership of people like you who believe in our mission. We continue to be a faith-supported debt-free ministry that never rejects anyone seeking help based on financial considerations. Parents have frequently shared how grateful they are for our ability-to-pay policy because that is the only way they could have gotten the help they needed.

Thank you for your continued partnership in seeing the Lord change lives through The Joy House.

**STEVE LOWE**

Executive Director



# Our Mission & Vision



At The Joy House, we believe that every teen, every family, and every individual deserves the opportunity to experience hope, healing, and restoration. Rooted in our faith and guided by compassion, The Joy House provides Christ-centered restorative care for struggling teens, families, and individuals who are navigating some of life's most difficult seasons.

Through a comprehensive residential program for at-risk teens and a community-based Christian counseling center, The Joy House walks alongside those seeking help with practical support, biblical guidance, and a deep commitment to lasting transformation. Our residential program provides teens with a safe and structured environment where they can step away from the pressures and patterns that have shaped their struggles and begin rebuilding their lives through counseling, academic support, spiritual growth, and healthy relationships. At the same time, our counseling center serves individuals, couples, and families in the broader community, helping them strengthen relationships, navigate life's challenges, and grow in faith and resilience.

At the heart of everything we do is a commitment to restoring not only individuals, but entire families. By addressing emotional, relational, and spiritual needs together, The Joy House seeks to break cycles of struggle and replace them with renewed hope, stronger families, and lives grounded in faith.

Every life restored is a reminder of what is possible when compassionate care, faithful partnership, and God's transforming grace come together.

## Teen Residential Program: Restoring Young Lives



Each teen who arrives at The Joy House comes with a story – often one marked by deep struggle, confusion, and pain. Many are facing anxiety, depression, trauma, family conflict, or behavioral challenges that have left both the teen and their family feeling overwhelmed and unsure where to turn. The Joy House exists to walk alongside these young people during some of the most difficult seasons of their lives, offering structure, compassionate care, and the hope found in Christ.

Through the residential program, teens experience a safe and supportive environment where healing can begin. They receive individualized academic support, spiritual guidance, counseling, and the daily rhythms of a stable home life. Over time, we begin to see remarkable transformation as students develop healthier coping skills, grow in emotional maturity, strengthen their faith, and begin rebuilding trust within their families.

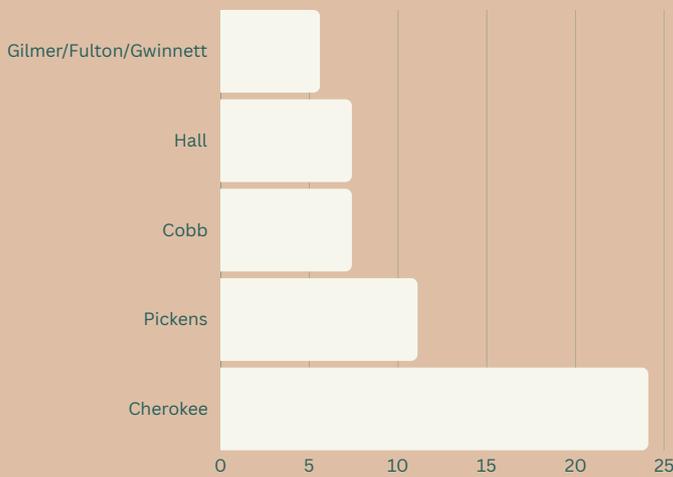
In recent years, hundreds of teens from across Georgia and neighboring communities have come through the doors of The Joy House seeking restoration and a fresh start. Each life touched represents a family given renewed hope and a young person discovering a new path forward.

# A Note From Ava Lincoln One of Our Residents

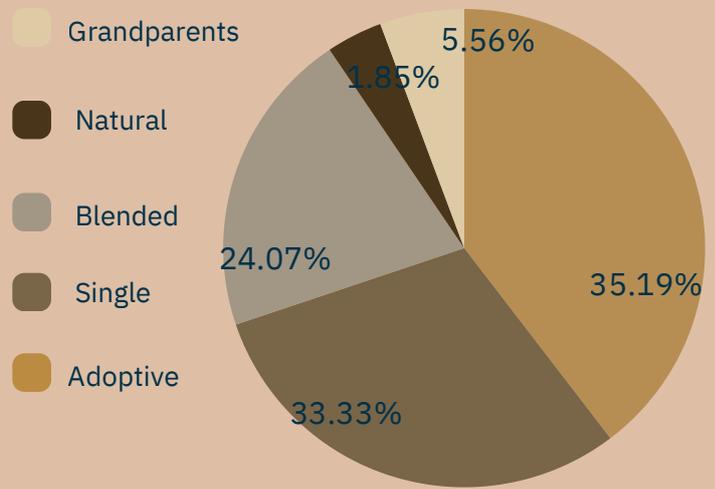


Life is a journey for everyone. At one point in life you'll learn something about yourself, and the lies of the world. I grew up in a house where God was not taught. During my journey at the Joy House God helped me realize the mess I was in. It took me 5 months to get fixed from my ways and believing in the world lies. After I had let all the lies go, I was so angry but then I began to decide God's way was better for me and I began to believe God's truths. I found the courage and strength to choose His ways over mine. Once God saw me turning to Him, He turned me into a walking testimony to share and help turn others around.

## Top 5 Counties Served



## Family Structure



# Raising the Bar Academically

The addition of Shawn Whittle as Lead Educator has elevated the standard within our accredited school program. Academic rigor, individualized instruction, and intentional spiritual formation are strengthening outcomes for our students and increasing family confidence in the program



# Counseling Center: A Record Year of Healing and Hope

In 2025, we experienced the strongest year in the history of our Counseling Center – a clear sign of both growing community trust and increasing need.

The dramatic rise in Christian counseling demand reflects a broader spiritual hunger and deep emotional strain families are facing. Under the leadership of Andy Craddock and our counseling team, we are witnessing marriages restored, teens stabilized, parents strengthened, and individuals freed from life-controlling issues.

One couple shared:

## Counseling Center

"Starting our marriage as unbelievers, we had no blueprint for selfless love and quickly found ourselves overwhelmed by our own expectations. Through biblical counseling, we have gained wisdom in living a God-based marriage, dying to our pride, and looking to the Gospel as our ultimate guide for forgiveness and grace. God has completely shifted our trajectory."

-Couple growing in grace and wisdom of our Lord



SESSIONS

1279



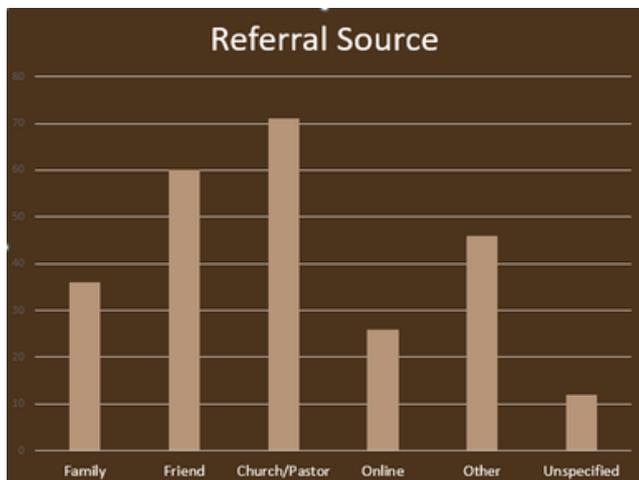
TOTAL CLIENTS

251



NEW CLIENTS

194



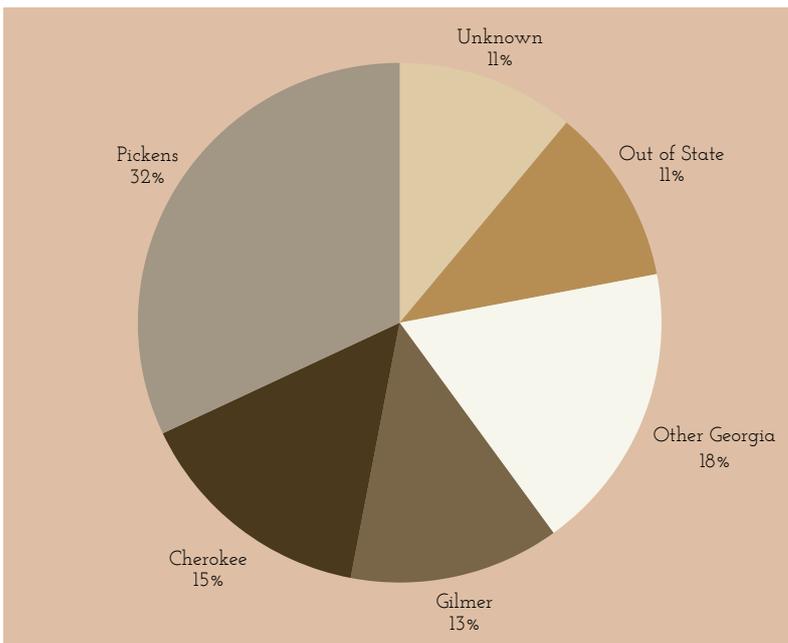
# Financial Accessibility

At The Joy House, we believe that healing, hope, and restoration should never be limited by a family's financial circumstances. Many of the teens, parents, and couples who seek help are already carrying heavy emotional, relational, and spiritual burdens. The last thing they should face is the fear that they cannot afford the care they desperately need.

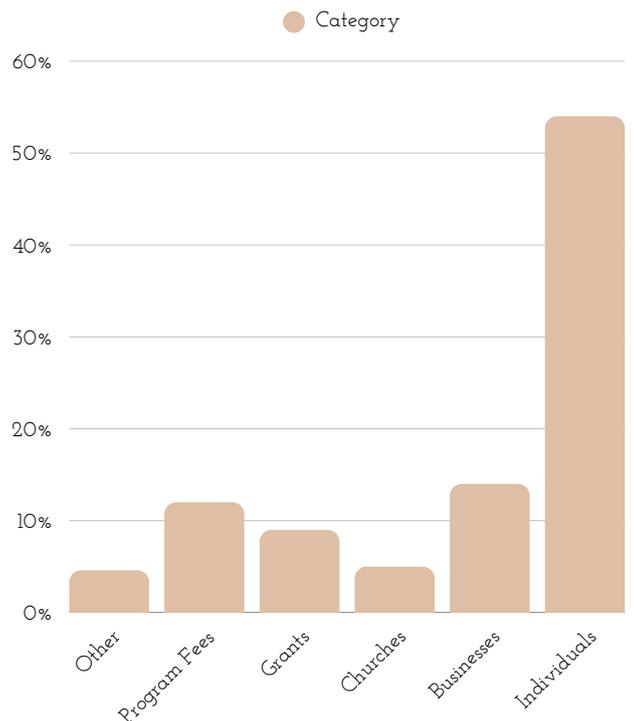
For this reason, The Joy House remains deeply committed to an ability-to-pay model that ensures counseling and restorative care are accessible to everyone who comes through our doors. Families are invited to contribute what they are able, but no teen, individual, or family is ever turned away because of financial hardship.

This commitment reflects the heart of our ministry: meeting people where they are and walking alongside them as God brings healing and transformation to their lives. The faithful support of donors makes this ministry possible. Their generosity allows The Joy House to continue offering compassionate, Christ-centered care to every teen, individual, and family seeking help—ensuring that financial barriers never stand in the way of hope, restoration, and a changed life.

## INDIVIDUAL DONOR BY CATEGORY



## INCOME BY CATEGORY



# MINISTRY GROWTH & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

---

## Spring & Fall Banquets

Each year, our Spring and Fall Banquets bring together friends, supporters, and community partners who share a heart for the mission of The Joy House. These gatherings have become meaningful opportunities to celebrate the lives being restored through the ministry and to share the stories of teens and families experiencing hope and healing.

As word continues to spread about the work happening at The Joy House, attendance and engagement at these events have grown. More individuals and families are discovering the ministry, learning about the impact being made, and choosing to partner in the work of restoration. The increasing generosity shown through these gatherings reflects a community that deeply believes in the mission and desires to see it continue for years to come.

---



## Jammin' for Joy Pickleball Tournament

---

What began as a fun community event has quickly become one of the most joyful and engaging ways people connect with The Joy House. The Jammin' for Joy Pickleball Tournament brings together hundreds of players, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters for a day filled with energy, laughter, and purpose.

Beyond the competition on the courts, the event serves as an important introduction to the ministry for many in the community. Participants learn about the life-changing work taking place at The Joy House while forming new relationships that often grow into lasting partnerships.

Jammin' for Joy has become much more than a fundraiser. It is a celebration of community, generosity, and shared commitment to helping struggling teens and families find hope and restoration.



# Making an Impact

---

The work of The Joy House is sustained through the faithful generosity of individuals, families, churches, and community partners who believe in the mission of restoring teens and strengthening families.

This year marked an especially meaningful season of support, as more people chose to invest in the ministry and stand alongside the staff and volunteers who serve on the front lines each day. Their generosity ensures that The Joy House can continue offering Christ-centered care, counseling, and residential support to those who need it most.

Even more encouraging than the growth in giving is the expanding community of supporters who are joining the mission. New friends are discovering The Joy House while long-time partners continue to faithfully walk alongside the ministry year after year.

Together, this growing community of supporters is helping ensure that The Joy House remains a place where struggling teens and families can find guidance, healing, and hope.

## The Road Ahead

---



As The Joy House looks toward the future, our commitment remains the same as it was when the ministry first began: to walk alongside struggling teens and families with compassion, wisdom, and the transforming hope found in Christ.

Across our communities, the need for Christ-centered counseling, guidance for parents, and restorative care for teens continues to grow. Families are searching for help, often in moments of deep crisis, and The Joy House stands ready to meet them with grace, truth, and practical support.

In the years ahead, the ministry will continue strengthening its residential program, expanding access to Christian counseling, and building deeper partnerships throughout the community so that more families know where to turn when they need help most. At the heart of every effort is a simple but powerful goal: to see lives restored, families strengthened, and young people discover the hope and purpose God has for them.

None of this work happens alone. The Road Ahead is made possible through the faithful prayers, encouragement, and generosity of supporters who believe in the mission of The Joy House. Because of this partnership, doors remain open, hope continues to be shared, and lives are being transformed every day. Together, we look forward to the next chapter of ministry—confident that God will continue to guide the work of The Joy House and use it to bring healing, restoration, and lasting change to the teens and families we serve.

Thank you for believing in restoration.

Thank you for investing in transformation.

Thank you for partnering with The Joy House.