



WOMEN'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTER



Annual Report 2024



Empowering Women to Change Their Lives

Women's Community Support Center, located in Hancock County, MS, is a collaborative effort between **Gulf Coast Christian Women's Job Corps (GCCWJC)** and **Magdalene House** residential community. We are designed to serve as a safe haven for women in our community whose lives have been shattered by the interwoven issues of homelessness, incarceration and drug or alcohol dependency.

Gulf Coast Christian Women's Job Corps offers help and hope for women in our community by providing computer classes, job training, money management, bible study and more.

Magdalene House offers residents a therapeutic setting, which offers women a peaceful place where they can experience transformative, sustainable recovery through housing, counseling, and community building.

Our Founding

Founded by **Diane Bennett** and **Barbara Ambrose** in 2019, GCCWJC/Magdalene House is a faith based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located in Hancock County Mississippi. We seek to empower women and minister to their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs, enabling them to move from addiction, homelessness, and/or incarceration to a stable and independent life.

Our Mission

Our mission is to encourage women to pursue a relationship with Jesus Christ, to provide hope, and to move them toward self-sufficiency by providing education, mentoring, and strength-based skills.

Our Vision

Our vision is to equip our clients through life skills training, safe supportive housing, and ongoing support, and to minister healing and restoration through Christian counseling and teaching.

Our Board of Directors

**Diane Bennett, Director**

Retired registered nurse after 45 years of professional service. Certified Christian Job Corps Coordinator since 2009.

"In 1998 God broke my heart for the women that struggle with addiction and incarceration and called me to tell them about the love and forgiveness of Jesus."

**Barbara Ambrose
Director Magdalene House**

Graphic Artist for National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

"After volunteering in the jail system for many years I realized that women in our community did not have a safe place to

return to after leaving jail or rehab. It became my passion to provide that safe place and help them recover, and find their purpose in life."

**Christine Jarrett, Secretary**

Retired Department Director for Plans, Programs, and for the Naval Oceanographic Office

"I joined the board to be in service to and bless others with encouragement and understanding. Addiction has

impacted my family and the ministry of Magdalene House/GCCWJC shows there can be hope and restoration for the future."

**Bo Gray, Treasurer**

Owner of Providence Powerhouse, Denham Springs, LA. Vice President of Supreme Automotive Group

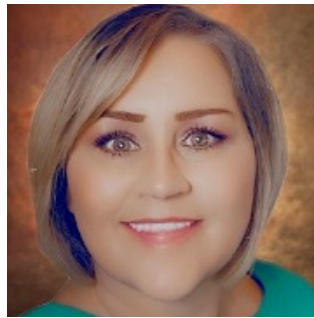
"I love seeing what God is doing through the Magdalene House. Barbara, Diane and a

team of volunteers seek to provide a safe place where God is able to re-establish these ladies on a solid foundation based on His truths."

**Tami Curtis, Board Member**

Full time artist and gallery owner. Volunteer Chaplain in Hancock County Jail.

"This Ministry is a God send collaboration for me to serve as a board member. Many of the women I minister to in jail follow through to MH. It is so very important to have a place where women can transition into a new life and MH does just that."

**Melissa Dunn, Board Member**

Principal at SouthGroup Insurance. Holds several designations, PWCAM, CBIA and OSHA 10.

"I serve on the board because I believe we all deserve a second chance to make our lives better."

**Kimberly Thomas, Board Member**

Child Advocacy Studies Coordinator
Children's Advocacy Centers of MS

"Serving on the board of Magdalene House allows me to return what was provided to me four decades ago. It is a pleasure to be part of God's Work and know that the little bit

someone can do for such a program has awesome returns as I know personally."

**Brett Riley, Board Member**

Retired from the U.S. Army after 28 years. Master Resilience Training.

"I feel it a privilege to be on the Board of Magdalene House, I have seen with my own eyes what can happen in a woman's life when love is poured into them, when the love

and life in Christ is accepted, my daughter is 14 years clean from a similar program and launching that same program in the Reno, NV area."

Stories of Restoration

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29: 11



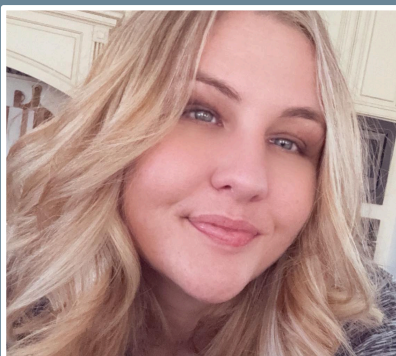
"Magdalene House was a truly life changing experience for me. It provided a supportive environment where I learned the importance of living a clean and independent lifestyle. With their guidance, I learned the skills and confidence I needed to maintain my sobriety, be a productive member in my community and most importantly be a mom to my daughters. Magdalene House and Christian Women's Job Corps helped me to gain a close relationship with God and empowered me to work towards a more fulfilling and purposeful life."

Alexa Weldon



"Magdalene House for me was none other than God ordained; without it I am not sure where my life would have gone. The influence and support there held, molded and loved me in a time of my life when I needed it most. It was a catalyst for growth and a realization of God's love working through others. I'm forever changed and beyond blessed for my time spent at Magdalene House. My sobriety, my family, and my career are testimonies of what God has done for me and it was Magdalene House that mentored, guided and loved me while the pieces of my life came back together. Thank you, Magdalene House."

Adrianna Lott



"Since completing the Gulf Coast Christian Women's Job Corps program, I've experienced nothing but change and progress in my life. In just a little over a year, I obtained my GED along with many other certifications. I'm currently in college working on my associates degree and thriving to succeed further. I have gained my self worth and confidence back and got a chance at a new life while gaining a wonderful support system and family for life "

Brandi Osborn

Workforce Reentry Programs

Gulf Coast Christian Women's Job Corps, Goodwill Industries, Hancock Family Intervention in partnership with Hancock County Detention Center and Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) is providing workforce, reentry programs to the female inmates at the Hancock County jail. This program offers tools, skills and knowledge to assist these women with successful reentry back into the community. They obtain skills on resume building, job search in the communities in which they will return and work place soft skills. Thank you to all of the agencies that are collaborating to change lives, generations to come and our communities.

The women that will live in the Gulf Coast area are referred to our work force reentry program in Bay St. Louis to further their opportunities and find sustainable employment. **Magdalene House** is an option for some of the women if they need safe sober living upon release.



Southern MS Planning & Development District Reentry Program

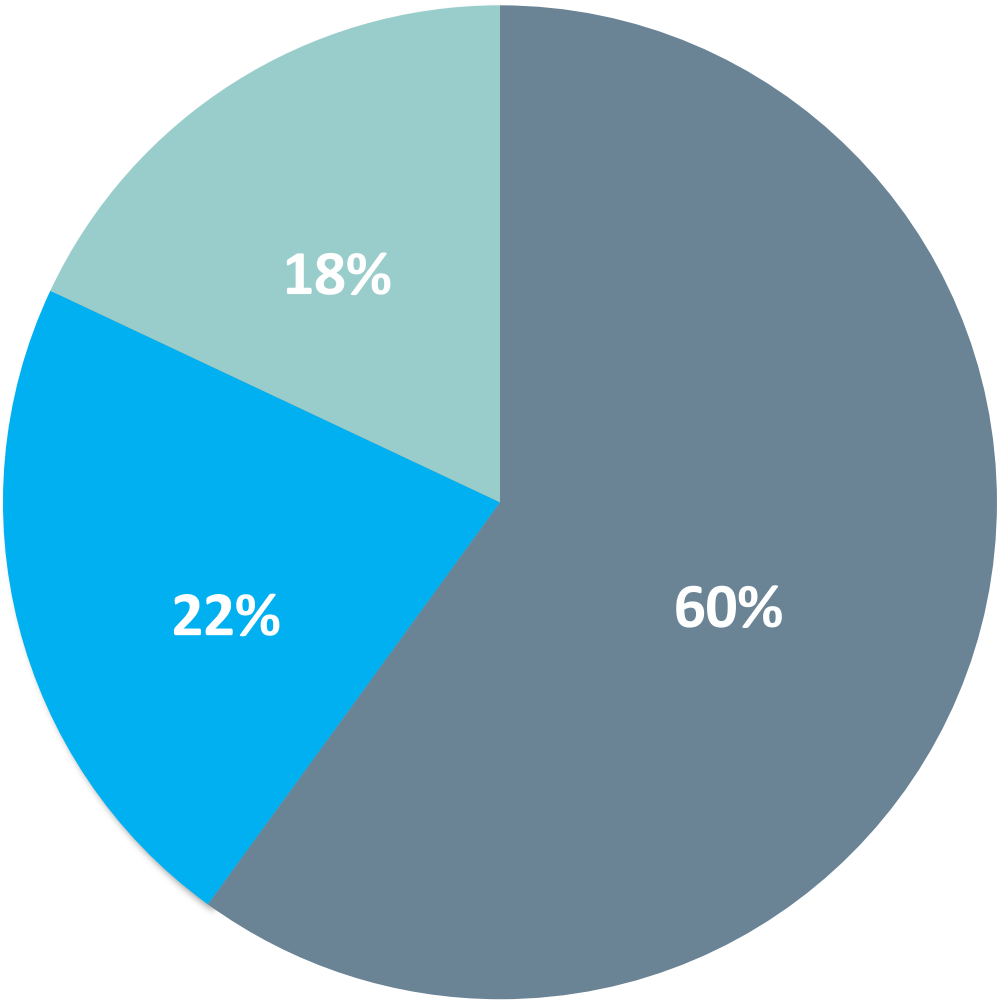
Southern MS Planning and Development District and **Women's Community Support Center** partner to provide workforce reentry program to women once they are released from incarceration. They provide job search, resume building, and wrap around services.



Financials:

Revenue Summary

\$105,054



■ Individuals 60% ■ Fundraising 22% ■ Grants 18%

By The Numbers

106

Individual Donors

103

Lives Touched

56

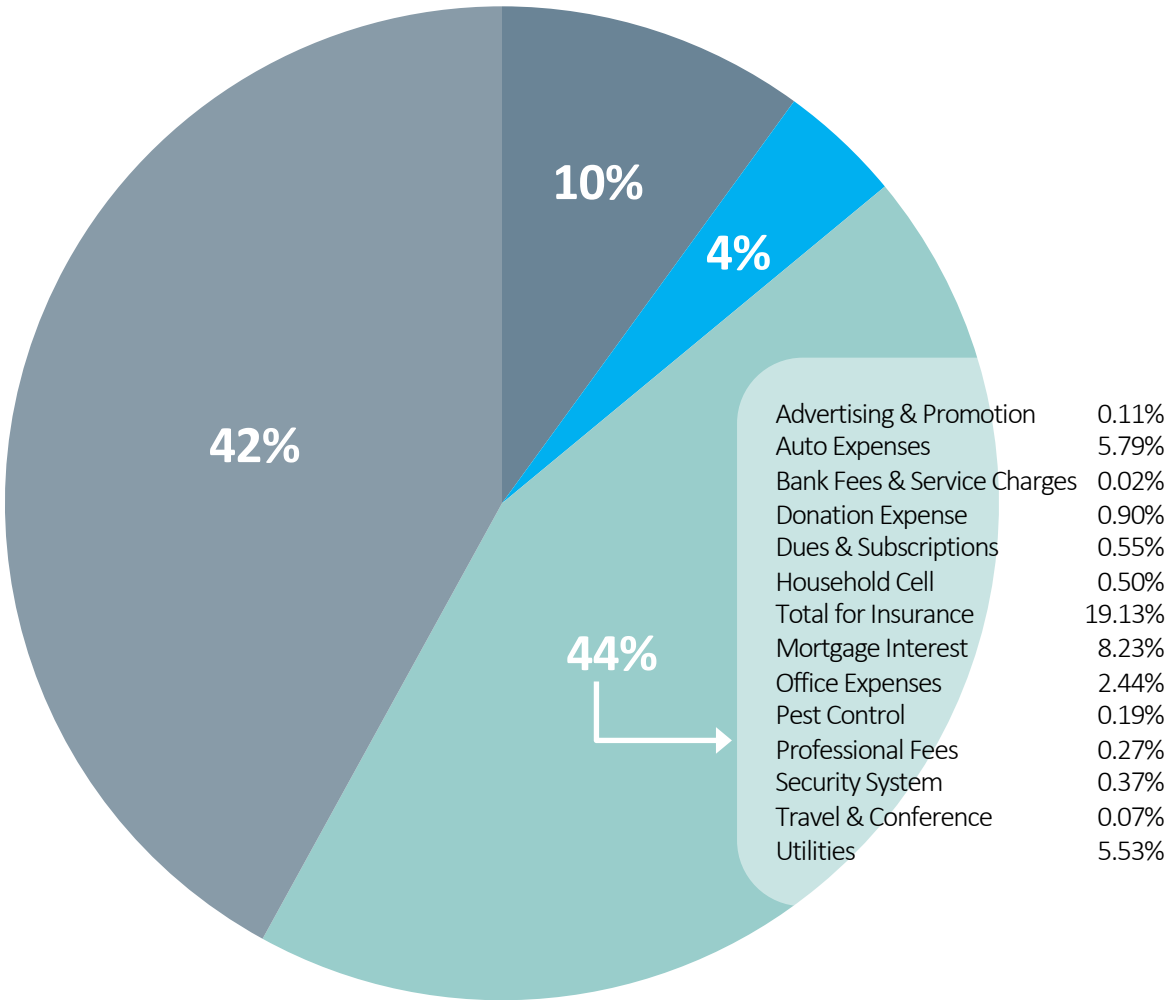
Program Participants

9,270

Classroom Hours

Expense Summary

\$84,048



■ Payroll 10% ■ Fundraising 4% ■ Admin & Operations 44% ■ Program Expenses 42%

By The Numbers

21

GCCWJC
Participants

14

Participants
Secured Jobs

41

Total
Volunteers

2,178

Volunteer
Hours

Our Supporters:

FOUNDATIONS

Diamondhead Lions Club
Diamondhead Women's Club
Fidelity Charitable Foundation
Gulf Coast Community Foundation
Heritage Community
Knights of Columbus Council 1522
Krewe of Olympus
MS Baptist Convention Board
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GOVERNMENT

City of Diamondhead

CHURCHES

Church of the King
First Assembly of God
First Baptist Church – BSL
Jacobs Well
Lutheran Church of the Pines
Main Street United Methodist
New Life Methodist Church
St. Thomas Episcopal
Steep Hollow Baptist Church
The Bridge Church
Trinity (United) Methodist Church
Union Baptist Church
Word of Faith Christian Fellowship

How You Can Help

DONATE, VOLUNTEER, SHOP

WITH YOUR HELP

We have the potential to change the future because what we do for someone today may have greater impact on the generations to come.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer with us to make a difference in the lives of women in our community. Go to our “Support Us” page on the website to fill out an application to volunteer.

SHOP OUR APPAREL STORE

By purchasing one of our t-shirts or sweatshirts, you help support our mission to empower women and minister to their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs, enabling them to move from addiction, homelessness, and/or incarceration to a stable and independent life.

<https://magdalenehousegc.itemorder.com/shop/home>

SHOP FOR NEEDED SUPPLIES

Shop for Needed Supplies at Walmart **Registry for Good** - Check our wish-list for supplies and materials needed:

www.walmart.com/registry/RR/7ef445c0-1087-4776-92b3-848842de093b

GET IN TOUCH

Please reach out if you would like more information on any of our programs or would like to get involved.
info@womenscommunitysupport.org

Phone: 228-586-3510

DONATE

GCCWJC/Magdalene House is a 501c3 charitable organization and relies on community support. Your gift is tax deductible.

Donate online using ACH, debit or credit card at:

www.womenscommunitysupport.org/support-us

You can elect one-time or recurring donations for any amount. Every little bit helps and we truly appreciate your generosity.

Donations can be made by cash, check, our website, PayPal, or Venmo:



venmo



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