

## 2024 impact report







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a note from our executive director

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on the full year of 2024, I am proud to share the remarkable impact we have made together at Charlotte Angels. Through your dedication and compassion, we have positively impacted 215 individuals through our programs, provided crucial support to 47 individuals through one-time services, served 77 children and youth, and supported 22 families in building stronger, more connected relationships.

These achievements are more than just numbers—they represent lives touched, hope restored, and futures brightened. Your generosity and commitment have made all of this possible, and I am deeply grateful for your continued support.

As we close out the year and look ahead to all that's to come, I am filled with gratitude and anticipation. With YOU by our side, I know we will continue our commitment to shift the narrative from trauma to transformation. Thank you for standing with us and believing in the power of community and compassion. If you're inspired by this impact and want to be part of the story we're writing in 2025, I invite you to get involved—become a volunteer, join us as a monthly donor, or help spread the word about our mission. Together, we can continue to walk alongside every child, youth, and family who deserve to feel seen, supported, and truly loved.

With heartfelt gratitude,

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#### **ASHLEY COOPER**

CASE MANAGER

Ashley Cooper joined the Charlotte Angels team in July 2024. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice from Roanoke College, and a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Radford University.

Before stepping into this role, Ashley spent over seven years working in various positions with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. She has extensive experience in case management, policy development, and program creation, oversight, and compliance.

While her professional background provides a strong foundation, it is her faith and love for people that guide the work she does every day. Ashley has a deep desire to be the hands and feet of Jesus—serving others with compassion, humility, and grace.

Ashley has been married to the love of her life, John, for 12 years. Together they are raising two beautiful children, and wrangling three rambunctious dogs. The Cooper family values times together and lives with purpose - to know God and be known by Him. They believe there is nothing more important than loving God, and others well.

The Cooper family enjoys the outdoors, including hiking, walking, biking, exploring new places, swimming in the pool, kayaking, and going to the beach. They also enjoy new adventures and quality time with friends and family. Ashley and John are also passionate about CrossFit and staying active together. Ashley is grounded by her Christian faith, which remains the most important part of her life.



### **MISSION**

To walk alongside children, youth, and families in the foster care community by offering consistent support through intentional giving, relationship building, and 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.



To change the statistics.

## CREATING PLACEMENT STABILITY

It is all too common for children to move between placements multiple times during their time in foster care.

Every time a placement changes, a child's caregivers, siblings, home, school, friends, and routines also change. This instability, combined with past trauma, can not only cause children to feel unworthy, but also lead to falling months behind in school and missing crucial developmental milestones.

Placement stability is one of THE most important aspects of healing for a child experiencing foster care.

There are so many amazing foster parents out there, but the unfortunate reality is that half of foster homes close within the first year - not because they lack heart or intention, but because they are not equipped or are poorly supported.

We provide whole-family care - encouraging and supporting both parents and children, and ensuring that parents have all of the tools they need to keep children in their home for as long as possible.





## our programs

#### **LOVE BOX**

## Every year over a quarter of a million children enter into foster care in the U.S.

The Charlotte Angels 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 (referred to as "Love Boxes") based on the family's current needs. The program is designed to increase placement stability and build an infrastructure of support around the home. Volunteers are matched with a fostering family based on location, compatibility, and scope of needs. This program requires a one-time-per-month, one-year commitment.







#### Types of support provided through the Love Box program:



Meals & Groceries



Quality Time



Extracurricular Activities



Seasonal Treats



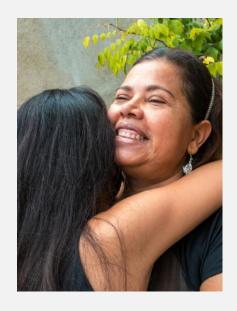
Babysitting Help



#### DARE TO DREAM MENTORSHIP

## 25,000 youth age out of foster care every year, often with limited resources and family ties.

The Dare to Dream program focuses on one-on-one mentoring for youth (ages 11-22) who are in care, at risk to age out, or have aged out. Mentors serve as positive role models who meet with their youth to build relationships and empower them to accomplish their goals. Our tailored developmental milestone model equips youth to succeed and be prepared for adulthood. A mentor commits to initiating hangouts with the youth twice monthly to build a relationship, set and accomplish goals, and help them achieve their dreams. The program commitment is one year, but these connections will hopefully last a lifetime.







#### Benefits youth experience in our Dare 2 Dream program:



Healthy Relationships



Self-Esteem



Academics & Career



Interview & Résumé Skills



Life After Foster Caree



As we reflect on 2024, we are proud to share the incredible impact our Charlotte Angels community has made. Your support and dedication have helped us achieve these milestones.

215

#### **TOTAL PEOPLE IMPACTED BY PROGRAMS**

Our programs have positively impacted 215 individuals this year, providing essential support to foster families and children. Through mentoring, community engagement, and educational initiatives, we've created meaningful connections and opportunities for growth.

77

#### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVED**

We have served 77 children and youth this year, offering them vital support and resources. Through our programs, these young individuals have received mentorship, consistency, and community engagement, fostering their growth and development.

47

#### **SERVED THROUGH ONE-TIME SERVICES**

Our one-time services have benefited 47 individuals this year, providing crucial support when they needed it most. These services have offered immediate relief and assistance, making a significant difference in their lives.

22

#### **FAMILIES SUPPORTED**

We have supported 22 families this year, providing them with essential resources and guidance. Our programs have helped these families build stronger connections and create a more stable environment for their children.























