

2024

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



**GOOD FRIENDS
OF THE
FIRST STATE**
Inc.



We are **women** supporting **women**
We strive to be **Good Friends** to
our community and each other

Serving Delaware Women

2024 Funding Summary

\$82,020 donors and investors

\$8,100 grants

44

We helped 44 females in crisis situations.

The most requested expenses are rent, utilities, childcare, and transportation.

Evictions prevented, utility shut-offs stopped, peace of mind for safe children, and reliable transportation.

11

Organizations that submitted applications for aid –
Boys & Girls Club Delaware
Children & Families First
Children's Choice
Child Inc.
Community Legal Aid Society
Door of Hope
Healthy Families First
Howard High School
Nemours Children's Health
New Directions Early Head Start
Office of the Child Advocate

On behalf of their patients, social workers, case managers, and various licensed healthcare providers submitted applications.

Applications can be quickly and easily submitted online for aid.

\$49,423

Provided financial assistance to women in New Castle, Kent, and Sussex counties.

Providing an average distribution of \$1,096 per person, we helped keep life on track.

24-hour average turn time for distributions with completed applications and criteria met.



Mission

To provide hope and stability to women in Delaware who are facing crisis by granting one-time, limited financial assistance.



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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! I am so proud of the impact we made in our community in 2024. Our first annual luncheon sold out quickly and was a wonderful afternoon of camaraderie and giving. It was a pleasure to introduce Good Friends of The First State to new supporters and share our mission.



Your generous donations enabled us to partner with organizations across all three counties, helping 44 women in crisis since May 2024!

This year also brought many other notable events. In October, we partnered with Rescue Spa Philadelphia and Kendra Scott Jewelry for a sip-and-shop event, raising over \$1,200, and in November, we were honored to receive a \$3,100 grant from Wilmington Women for Good. The Junior Committee hosted two bake sales raising over \$1,000 and wrote personal thank-you letters to our largest investors. We now have 16 middle and high school girls participating. We are proud to share this important work with the younger generation.

Looking ahead, we're excited for our next fundraiser on April 24th at Wilmington Country Club. Tickets will go on sale March 1, and seating will be capped at 200. If you'd like to purchase a table of 10, a block of 5, or individual tickets, please visit our website. We are focusing on increasing our efforts within our local community by surpassing last year's \$35,000 raised from 11 investors to be able to assist more women in need.

We would love your help to expand awareness by following us on Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn. You can also read about our work in the recent *Delaware Today* [articles](#). As always, we welcome volunteers for our Junior, Luncheon, and Development Committees, so if you're interested, please contact us. Wishing you a very happy and healthy year ahead!

In Friendship,
Sabrina du Pont-Langenegger
Founder & Board Chair

Business Investors

The generous donations from these companies enabled us to provide Delaware women in crisis with things such as safe housing, childcare, transportation, medical needs, utilities, among others.

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Donors

Our efforts to support the women of Delaware would not be possible without the significant contributions from the following donors.

- ♥ Vera Belger
- ♥ Stephanie Carpenter
- ♥ Dr. Thomas Dougherty
- ♥ Roniece du Pont
- ♥ Sabrina du Pont-Langenegger
- ♥ Margaretta Frederick
- ♥ Tina Hayward
- ♥ Margaret Helmick
- ♥ Honorable Mary Johnston

Did You Know?



23%

of female headed households in Delaware live in poverty.

OUR MOST REQUESTED EXPENSES



Rent



Utilities



Transportation

- ♥ Melissa Michels
- ♥ Dr. Deborah Miller
- ♥ Dana Monzo
- ♥ Dr. Kelly Ruhstaller
- ♥ Missy Rust
- ♥ Anonymous
- ♥ Frances Leidy Weymouth



Thank you to all who donated in 2024



2024 in Review

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January

- ♥ First online donation received

February

- ♥ Junior Committee Bake Sale at Hockessin Athletic Club
- ♥ *Delaware Today* [story](#), “Good Friends of the First State Helps Women in Need”

April

- ♥ Annual Fundraising Luncheon at Wilmington Country Club

May

- ♥ **First distribution to women in need**

August

- ♥ Selected as a non-profit beneficiary at Beachapalooza fundraiser in Lewes

October

- ♥ Sip & Shop with Kendra Scott and Rescue Spa

November

- ♥ Awarded grant by Wilmington Women for Good
- ♥ LinkedIn launched

December

- ♥ Junior Committee Holiday Bake Sale at Adorn Goods
- ♥ *Delaware Today* [story](#), “Good Friends of The First State Supports Women in Times of Need”



How to Get Involved

2025 Annual Fundraising Luncheon

April 24, 2025

Wilmington Country Club

Our second annual fundraising luncheon will provide an opportunity to meet your fellow Delaware women committed to our state. Hear from our team, as well as our community members reaching out to help their clients with a “hand up!” Tickets go on sale March 1st. Follow us on social media for more information.



Become an Investor

We call our business sponsors, “Investors,” because their support is an investment in our community. Donations cover assistance to Delaware women and their families in need, luncheon costs not covered by ticket sales, and other administrative expenses. 100% of donations stay within Delaware.

Investor packages can include tables/seats at the annual luncheon, as well as event, web, and social media acknowledgements. Packages range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Follow & Share on Social Media

Follow along and share in our mission by following us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#). Please share with your friends and family.

Donate

Make a difference by donating online at GoodFriendsofTheFirstState.org or mail a check to Good Friends of The First State, P.O. Box 424 Hockessin, DE 19707. Thank you.

Volunteer

As we start year a new year at Good Friends of The First State, please join us! Get involved and help with events, development, and marketing.



"The work you do for these families is truly remarkable. Thank you."

RN Care Manager Nemours

Working with **Community Legal Aid Society**, together we paid the rent for a single mother who had lost wages because she had a premature baby



Working with a Counselor at **Howard High School of Technology**, we helped to secure housing for a family after repeated hardships over the course of a few years left them homeless

Affordable housing is a real crisis facing underprivileged women in Delaware



40%

of our requests for aid have been for housing



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