



2021-2025

# SOLUTIONS BY LYNN IMPACT REPORT

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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## *Impact Is More Than Programs – It's How We Steward What's Given*

*Solutions by Lynn is a community-based, faith-guided nonprofit dedicated to supporting children and families across Wake County, North Carolina. Founded with the vision that every child deserves to be cared for, protected, and supported—regardless of circumstance, the organization was created to ensure that children do not fall through the cracks when families face hardship.*

*That vision, set forth by Founder and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Cathy Sauls, continues to guide the organization's work. Her hope was simple and steadfast: that Solutions by Lynn would be a place where children are seen, families are supported, and immediate needs are met with dignity and compassion. Five years later, that vision remains the foundation of every program, partnership, and financial decision.*

*Solutions by Lynn focuses on serving families at critical moments, including early childhood, school transitions, foster care placement, medical treatment, and periods of crisis. Through its C2C initiatives and Community Reach program, the organization provides essential resources such as baby supplies, shoes and school materials, hygiene kits, foster care clothing, and comfort items for children receiving medical treatment.*

*From 2020 to 2025, Solutions by Lynn has consistently delivered meaningful impact while maintaining low administrative overhead. In 2025 alone, the organization increased its general operating balance by more than \$10,000. During the same period, the organization raised almost \$20,000 in donations and deposits while limiting total expenses, ensuring that the majority of resources were directed toward direct support for children and families. This financial growth reflects strong donor confidence and a commitment to transparency, responsible budgeting, and ethical stewardship.*

*As Solutions by Lynn enters its next phase of growth, the organization remains grounded in its founding purpose: to ensure children are cared for and families are not left to navigate hardship alone. Future priorities include strengthening community partnerships, increasing unrestricted funding for rapid-response assistance, and sustaining responsible growth without compromising quality or mission.*

*Five years in, Solutions by Lynn stands as a trusted community partner with a proven track record of turning compassion into action. Its impact is measured not only in financial growth, but in children supported, families stabilized, and a vision fulfilled—one child at a time.*



DR. CATHY SAULS,  
SOLUTIONS BY LYNN FOUNDER AND CEO

# ABOUT

# SOLUTIONS

# BY LYNN

Solutions by Lynn is a community-based nonprofit dedicated to supporting children and families through compassionate, dignity-centered services. Since 2021, our committed Board of Directors and passionate members have confidently led the organization, earning the trust and support of the community we serve. We are honored to hold tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, reflecting our commitment to transparency and responsible stewardship.

While our current operations are virtual, our long-term vision is to establish a Family Resource Center where families can access services seamlessly in a welcoming, centralized space. Since our founding, Solutions by Lynn has successfully launched and expanded multiple programs to meet the evolving needs of underserved families with children.

We believe babies and elementary-aged children thrive when they are supported in safe, nurturing environments. Families often face a wide range of needs—from school supplies, meals, and clothing to healthcare, extracurricular activities, and opportunities for play, learning, and community engagement. Solutions by Lynn exists to help close these gaps, ensuring children are cared for and families are supported when it matters most.

## 2025 SNAPSHOT

(AS OF AUGUST 2025)

### General Account Growth:

- From \$8,646.54 at the start of the year to \$22,355.49 (reflecting a net gain of \$13,708.95)

### Total Donations & Deposits

- \$17,964.00

### Fundraiser Contributions

- \$1,686.00

### Total Expenses

- \$2,806.94

This growth did not come from excess—it came from disciplined spending, volunteer leadership, and strategic use of in-kind support!



# OUR MISSION, GOALS & PROMISE



## Mission

Our mission is to support underserved children and families by providing essential resources that promote health, education, and overall well-being. Through compassionate, community-centered efforts, the organization works to address barriers, strengthen families, and create lasting, meaningful change.

## Goals & Vision

Our goal and vision focus on empowering underserved families by ensuring children have access to essential resources, quality education, and supportive environments. By strengthening parents and investing early in children, the organization aims to break cycles of hardship and help families build a more stable, successful future.

## Our Promise

- 1 Serve families with respect, dignity, and compassion—no judgment, no barriers
- 2 Provide consistent, reliable support focused on real needs
- 3 Use resources responsibly and transparently to maximize impact.
- 4 Collaborate with partners and communities to expand reach and effectiveness.
- 5 Stay committed to the mission, even when the work is hard

# MEET THE BOARD MEMBERS

At Solutions by Lynn, our work is powered by committed leaders who believe in service, stewardship, and community accountability. Each team member brings a deep sense of responsibility to the mission—ensuring that every decision, dollar, and partnership aligns with our purpose of supporting children and families with dignity and care.



Our work is strengthened by a dedicated network of individuals who contribute their time, skills, and expertise to extend our reach and deepen our impact. This includes **Diane Anderson**, **Dr. Derrick Sauls**, and **Shanté Hayes**, whose support helps ensure families receive meaningful assistance when it matters most.

# SIGNATURE INITIATIVES



## **BABY'S CHEST**

Provides essential baby items for newborns, infants, and pregnant or parenting teens.



## **HEAD 2 TOE**

Supports school readiness through shoes, clothing, and essential school supplies.



## **PERFECT VISION**

Provides replacement eyeglasses.



## **BUTTONS N' BOWS**

Provides Easter attire.



## **WE CARE ESSENTIALS**

Supplies hygiene and toiletry kits to support children's health and dignity.



## **KIDNEY CARE FOR CHILDREN**

Provides comfort items to children receiving dialysis or ongoing medical treatment.

## OUR IMPACT **AT A GLANCE**

Since the launch of *Solutions by Lynn*, we have been honored to serve and support our community in meaningful ways. Through our programs and partnerships, we have:

- **Supported over 20 families navigating critical moments of need**
- **Provided direct assistance to more than 300 children, from infancy through adolescence**
- **Supported 90 mothers and caregivers with essential resources, education, and care**
- **Paid school lunches for over 25 elementary school students**

Each number represents more than a statistic—it reflects a family strengthened, a child supported, and a community made more resilient. From the earliest days of our organization, our commitment has remained the same: to ensure children are cared for and families are not left to face hardship alone.

# FUNDRAISING THAT BUILDS COMMUNITY

**AT SOLUTIONS BY LYNN, FUNDRAISING IS ROOTED IN RELATIONSHIP, TRUST, AND SHARED PURPOSE—NOT PRESSURE OR URGENCY-DRIVEN APPEALS.**

We believe sustainable support grows when community members feel connected to the mission and confident in how their contributions are used.

Our fundraising approach prioritizes accessibility and inclusion. We intentionally create opportunities for individuals to give at all levels through small-dollar campaigns, community raffles, seasonal online fundraisers, and direct donor engagement. This model allows supporters to participate in ways that feel meaningful and manageable, while strengthening long-term relationships with the organization.

## **2021- 2025 FUNDRAISER RECIPIENTS:**

- *Hodge Road Elementary (2021)*
- *Make-a-Wish (2021- 2024)*
- *Safe Child (2021- 2024)*
- *Wake County NFP (2021- 2024)*
- *Wake County Public Health (2021- 2025)*
- *Wake County Regional Centers (2021- 2025)*
- *Wake County Smart Start (2021- 2024)*
- *Lincoln Heights Elementary (2022)*
- *Wake County Family Support (2022)*
- *Barwell Elementary (2023)*
- *Wendell Elementary (2023)*
- *Bugg Elementary (2024)*
- *East Garner Elementary (2024)*
- *Poe Elementary (2024)*
- *Brentwood Elementary (2025)*
- *Fuquay-Varina Elementary (2025)*
- *UNC Hospitals (2025)*
- *Wake County Angle Fund (2025)*
- *Wake County Foster Care (2025)*

Notably, two anonymous donations of \$7,500 each underscore the deep trust donors place in the organization's leadership and mission.



## LOOKING FORWARD

As Solutions by Lynn moves beyond its first five years, financial strategy will continue to focus on:

- Maintaining low administrative overhead
- Expanding partnerships that bring in-kind support
- Growing unrestricted funding for Community Reach
- Preparing for future program expansion without compromising quality



# Thank you for being part of our story.

*None of this work would be possible without the generosity, trust, and commitment of our supporters. To our donors, partners, volunteers, and community members—thank you for believing in our mission and walking alongside us over the past five years. Your support has helped ensure children are cared for, families are strengthened, and needs are met with dignity and compassion.*

*As we look ahead, we remain committed to serving with integrity, transparency, and heart. We invite you to stay connected, share our work, and continue supporting Solutions by Lynn as we grow our impact and deepen our reach.*

*Together, we are building a stronger community—one child, one family, and one act of care at a time.*

-DR. CATHY SAULS, SOLUTIONS BY LYNN FOUNDER AND CEO

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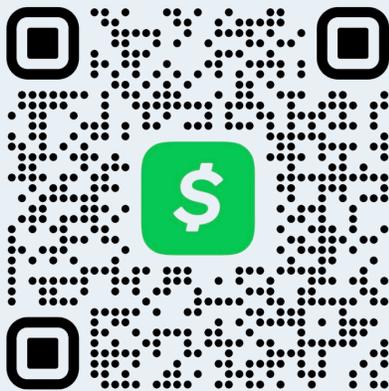


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