

# RCRC 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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# MISSION



Rooted in sacred, moral, and reproductive justice values, RCRC is a multifaith, intersectional, and antiracist movement for reproductive freedom and dignity leading in spiritual companionship, curating frameworks for faith leaders, and training the next generation of activists.

# VISION

We envision a world of abundance and compassion, where everyone is free to make decisions about their bodies, families, and futures with the support and care of their communities.



# MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

## A note from Rev. Katey Zeh, RCRC CEO

At RCRC, our work of advocating for reproductive and religious freedom is all about connecting with people: the patients seeking care, the providers offering it, and the communities of support that surround them both with compassion, support, and love.

This year, we have seen with renewed clarity that caring for people in reproductive crisis also means including those who care for them. Abortion providers, clinic staff, doulas, and other healthcare professionals continue to serve with extraordinary dedication despite escalating political attacks, stigma, and legal barriers that make their work harder every day. Too often, their emotional and spiritual burdens go unseen.

In response, we have continued deepening our work at the intersection of faith and healthcare, in order to better support providers and patients.

We convened conversations in the healthcare realm about the realities of abortion care in this political moment. Again and again, we heard how deeply providers are carrying the weight of restricted access, public hostility, and the heartbreak of turning patients away because of harmful legislation.



Those conversations reinforced an essential truth: healthcare is not only clinical—it is relational, emotional, and spiritual. Providers need spaces where their own humanity is honored, where their grief and resilience can be witnessed, and where they are reminded they do not carry this work alone.

As part of our efforts to meet this need, we expanded our resources at Abortions Welcome to include a section especially for providers. Also newly added: a Spanish-speaking section, as well as a dozen new spiritually affirming entries for people experiencing abortion.

We forged new relationships and strengthened old ones with faith communities, creating space for clergy and religious leaders to speak openly and courageously about reproductive freedom as a moral and spiritual issue.

We also continued working to reshape the narrative around abortion and faith by uplifting our theology of reproduction freedom. Through public appearances, interviews, essays, and more, we are helping make visible what has always been true: people of faith support reproductive freedom, and have always done so.

Even in difficult times, we remain hopeful because we continue to witness extraordinary acts of courage and connection. One especially meaningful moment this year was the ritual of blessing we organized for the newly opened Care for All Clinic in Milwaukee. The event was a culmination of all the different chambers of the heart of our work: building out faith communities, healing abortion stigma, empowering providers, and challenging tired narratives with a new story grounded in dignity, justice, and love.

Thank you for standing with us as we continue to care for those seeking care—and for those who make that care possible.

**In Community,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent 'K' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'y'.

# FORTIFYING OUR FAITH COMMUNITY



## Fellowship of Reconciliation

The Fellowship of Reconciliation, the oldest faith-based peace and justice organization in the country, broached the topic of abortion rights for the first time this year.

Rev. Zeh joined Executive Director Ariel Gold in a conversation about the history of faith support for reproductive freedom, shared values of compassion across theologies, and ethics around reproductive decision-making



## Chautauqua Institute Interfaith Series

RCRC Board Chair Asha Dahya joined the Chautauqua Institution for their Religion Department's Interfaith Series, delivering her lecture, "Bodies, Belief, and Rebellion - Who Controls Our Freedom?"

Asha addressed the need for new, stronger leadership in a post-Roe world where people's lives and very bodies are at risk from lack of healthcare access. She emphasized that now is the time for people of faith to step up, correct the flawed narrative, and lead the way for abortion rights once again.

## Maine Council of Churches

We also joined a town hall meeting hosted by the Maine Council of Churches, speaking alongside leaders from Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, Safe Abortions for Everyone (SAFE) Maine, and Bangor Theological Seminary.

The meeting spotlighted the evergreen topic of how local faith communities can best support women and pregnant people seeking reproductive health care, including abortion.

# YOUNG FAITH LEADERS



## Student Internships

As we did in 2024, we had the pleasure of once again hosting a Harvard Divinity School student, Carolyn Jones, for a summer internship position.

In addition to pursuing her Master's degree in Divinity, Carolyn also works as an abortion doula in her spare time.

She gifted us with "Love Letter from an Abortion Doula," one of our newly added entries at Abortions Welcome.

## MOASH consulting

Two years ago, we helped the Michigan Organization for Adolescent Sexual Health (MOASH) develop their first ever interfaith-based youth council called MY (Michigan Youth) Faith Advisory Council. We continued our collaboration this year, meeting quarterly to offer insights on how the council can address issues related to reproductive justice.



## Vanderbilt Talk Series

Rev. Katey Zeh delivered a sermon at Vanderbilt Divinity School and spoke at a university-wide panel entitled, "Complicated Choices: Religious and Clinical Perspectives on Reproductive Health and Justice," co-hosted by the Carpenter Program for Religion, Gender, and Sexuality; Generation Action for Planned Parenthood; and Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center.

She was also guest speaker at the "Women and Religion" seminar, taught by Dr. Rachel Heath, Assistant Director of the Carpenter Program in Religion, Gender and Sexuality.

# HEALING WITH HEART AND COMPASSION

## Abortions Welcome

We recently relaunched a new-and-improved Abortions Welcome—our virtual, pro-choice spiritual companion for people on their abortion journeys.

Updates include new sections for Spanish speakers, spiritual care providers, and over a dozen new resources, including a guided art therapy activity; Muslim, Catholic, Jewish, and Pagan perspectives; and an original love letter from an abortion doula to her patients.



**~1,000**

avg # of visitors per month



**~48,000**

# of visitors since 2022



## Clinic Outreach

This summer, we conducted an outreach campaign with independent abortion clinics across the country to introduce our work, provide our unique and faith affirming resources, and offer ongoing spiritual support.

## SASS Training

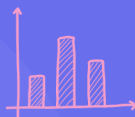
We also offered a new training this year for our Compassionate Care alums focused on self-managed abortion to help keep them fully resourced as they care for the reproductive needs of their communities: **“Safe Abortion with Pills: What Everyone Should Know About Medical Abortion.”**



The training was led by SASS (Self-Managed Abortion; Safe & Supported) and equipped participants with the knowledge and confidence to respond faithfully and compassionately to those navigating self-managed abortion care and share that information with others who might be interested in serving as a resource to people in need.

With the rise of medication abortion due to state abortion bans and the battle around mifepristone in the courts, the reality of self-managed abortion care is growing increasingly relevant and we were glad to be able to offer this resource to our community.

**27%**



Percentage of clinician-provided abortions done with abortion pills in 2025

**91k**

# of telehealth abortions in states with total abortion bans in 2025, up from 74k

# EMPOWERING PROVIDERS

## Compassionate Care for the Abortion Journey



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## EXHALE Training

In May, we partnered with Exhale: Pro-Voice to offer a training led by Tara Corbett, a licensed therapist and Director of External Training for Exhale, that focused on after-abortion care, combining key elements of our Compassionate Care for the Abortion Journey with Exhale's Fundamentals of Abortion Stigma & Mental Health training and newly tailored for these times.

Guided by Tara's therapeutic approach, training participants learned about abortion stigma and the techniques they can use in providing nonjudgmental care to people processing their abortions.



## Abortions Welcome for Providers

We added a dedicated section of resources for health providers to Abortions Welcome, our virtual spiritual companion for people to use before, during, or after abortion.

## MSFC Faith and Choice

In September we connected friend and colleague Rev. Sadie Stone with the UC Davis chapter of Medical Students for Choice to moderate a Faith and Choice panel event for medical students to discuss the impact of religion while providing reproductive and sexual health clinical care.

Rev. Stone spoke alongside other religious leaders and OB-GYNs, some of whom provide abortions and some who don't.



## Duke and UNC Roundtable Discussion

That same month, Rev. Katey Zeh visited the doctors, nursing staff, and faculty of Duke and UNC Chapel for a

roundtable discussion about their work in abortion care and family planning.

They discussed the complexities of faith for both patients and providers, the struggles that come with feeling policed in a legislatively-hostile state, and compassionate approaches to this delicate conversation with patients and colleagues.

# REWRITING THE WRONG NARRATIVE

## Author Q &A

In February, we hosted a live author Q&A event with Dr. Seema Yasmin, where we discussed her experience writing her debut novel about Muslim teens defying Texas's abortion ban—and how her Muslim faith, Queer identity, and background in medicine informed story.



We also spoke about the role of shame in reproductive decision-making and how to dismantle it, and how essential empathy and storytelling are to liberation and justice.

The  
Nation

## The Nation Op-Ed

Board chair Asha Dahya and CEO Rev. Katey Zeh co-wrote and published an op-ed about the power of people of faith speaking up and collectively changing the narrative.

**~96k**

total magazine circulation #



**~21k**

reach of article on social media

# PODCASTS



## RePros Fight Back

Katey sat down with the RePros Fight Back team to talk about RCRC's most recent clinic blessing, and spiritual support provided at abortion clinics. This topic is especially important in light of the fact that Christian nationalism coopts faith language for political purposes—which often include anti-abortion platforms.



## ShePack

RCRC CEO, Rev. Katey Zeh, joined ShePack Unleashed to discuss the systemic issues affecting maternal health in the U.S. and the complex intersection of faith, personal beliefs, and medical realities in shaping opinions and policies around reproductive rights.



## Outlawed

This April, Katey sat down with Rabbi Hannah Goldstein and co-hosts of the Outlawed podcast, Drs. Jonas Swartz and Beverly Gray, to discuss faith, abortion care, and finding hope in these times. Based in North Carolina, Drs. Swartz and Gray are OB-GYNs who provide abortion care, and launched this podcast as a way to humanize providers and the people they serve.

~24k

# of collective followers



~60k

# of collective monthly listeners

# BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER



## Care for All Clinic Blessing

RCRC was honored to co-create a clinic blessing with the Care for All team this year--a warm and loving multifaith ceremony that included singing, prayer, art, and testimonials from the close-knit staff.

Care for All Community Clinic of Milwaukee, WI is unique in that it offers abortion care to patients regardless of their ability to pay, removing a common barrier to access. They are committed to getting people the care that they need no matter what, and will also help arrange free transportation, lodging, and more.

Their approach to abortion embodies the truth that healthcare is a divinely-given human right. And the compassion on display is an example of the kind of just and supportive society that we at RCRC envision for the future.



Because of this, Care for All has attracted anti-abortion extremists since even before its first day of operations. Since then, there have been regular protests and disruptions, including an incident of vandalism. Much of the opposition has been steeped in religious rhetoric, which is exactly why the work of publicly blessing abortion clinics is so crucial.



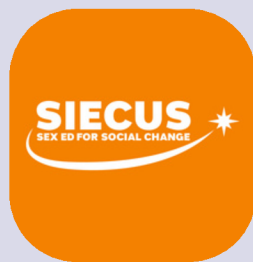
With this blessing, we demonstrated that there are many approaches to the theology of reproductive freedom. We talked back to opponents and lent strength to their targets in the language of faith—one that is affirming, loving, and healing.



We supported patients in knowing that they are entering a safe and sacred space and that there are people of faith who support and bless them in making decisions about their reproductive lives.

And we honored healthcare providers and staff and connected them with communities of faith that believe that the work they do is sacred and that they too are worthy of care and protection.

# PARTNERS



# MAJOR DONORS

*Deep gratitude to the faithful supporters who sustain this work*

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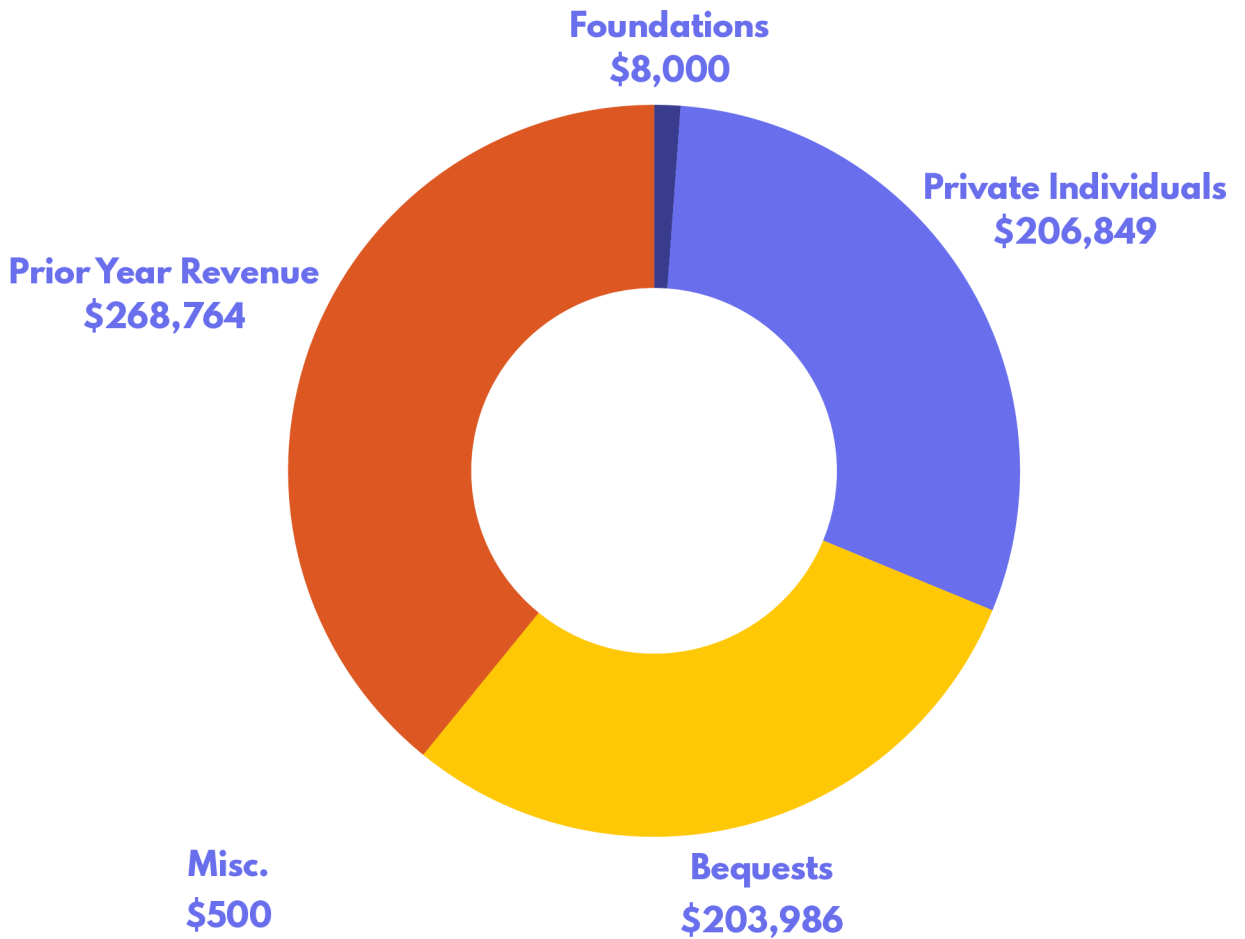
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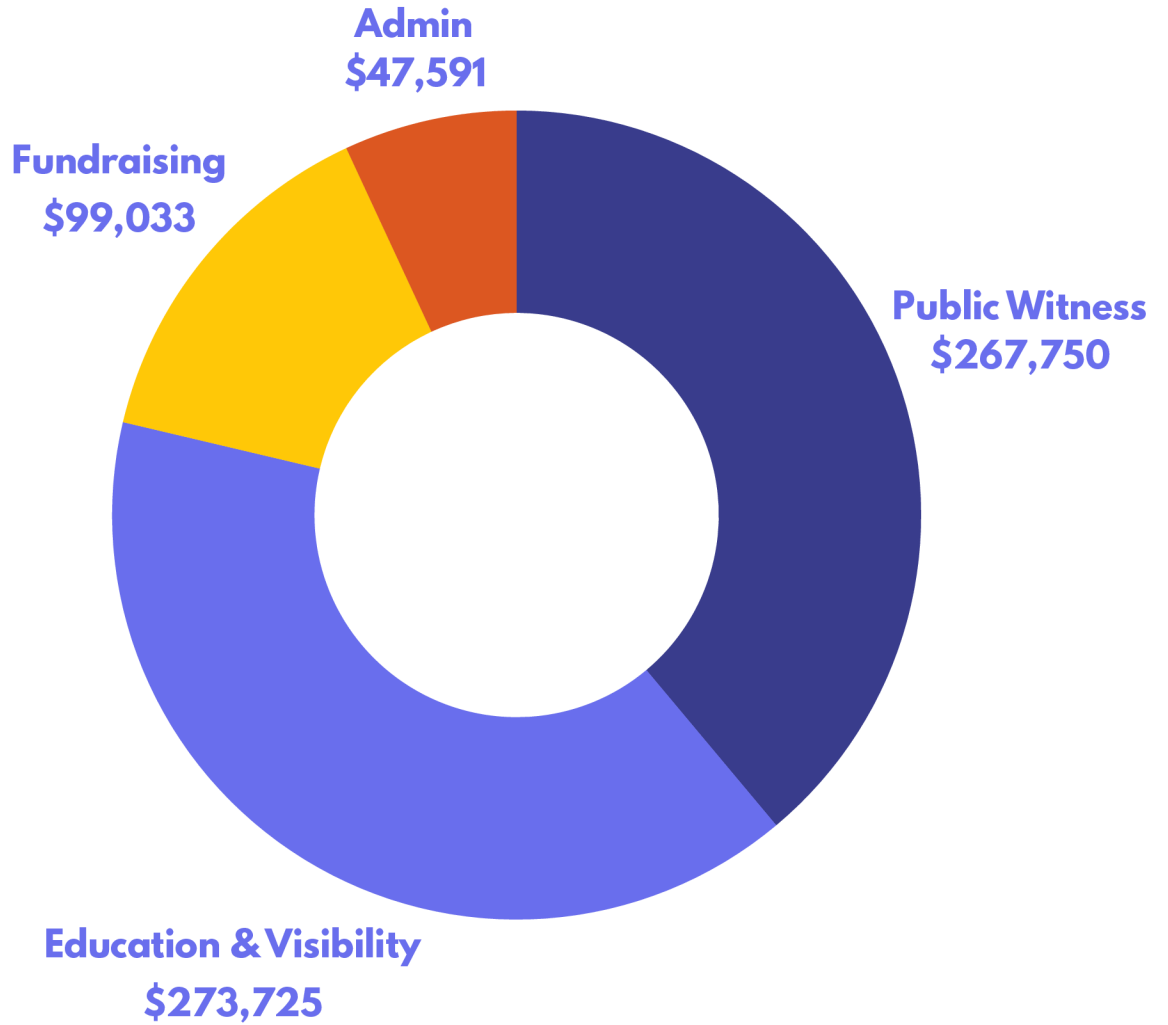
**2024 SUPPORT AND REVENUES**  
**\$688,099**



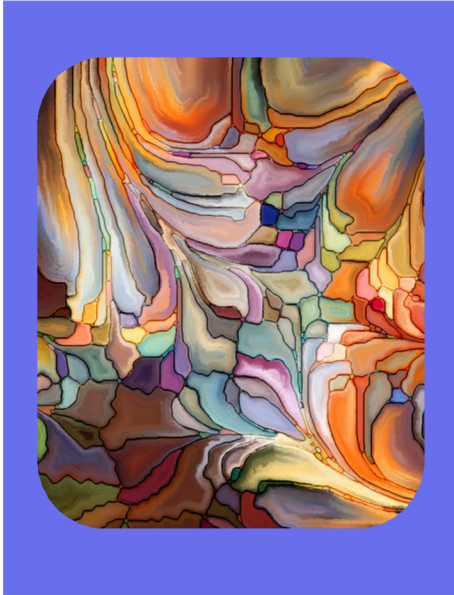
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# FINANCIALS

**2024 TOTAL EXPENSES**  
**\$688,099**



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