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MEET ETHAN AND DIANA, WHO SHARE THEIR EMOTIONAL STORY OF THEIR DAUGHTER, MONEE

see inside...

You helped support 70 families in 2024, Thank you!

Dear Donors, Friends and our Caring Community,

We are deeply grateful to each of you for helping Hearts Aligned grow in 2024. We have achieved a significant level of support and sustainability in a few short years. From our humble beginning in 2021, your generosity and unwavering commitment have provided much-needed relief to families facing one of life's most heartbreaking challenges—caring for a critically ill child. Thanks to you, these families are not facing their journey alone.

2024 was a year of tremendous growth and impact. We proudly partnered with new referral sources including Alpha Family Resource Center, Central Coast Home Health & Hospice, Stanford Children's Health, Tri-Counties Regional Center, UCLA, and Valley Children's Healthcare. These partnerships have expanded our reach and allowed us to assist local Santa Barbara County families –some traveling long distances to access life-saving care in Los Angeles, Palo Alto, or Madera. We also continue to walk alongside local families navigating chronic and critical illnesses right here in our own community.

In 2024, we worked with 70 new families as well as 20 continuing families, helping them navigate the overwhelming financial and emotional toll of their child's diagnosis. These families received immediate assistance with rent, vehicle expenses, utilities, hotel lodging, gas, and grocery cards—essentials that allow them to focus on their child's care, not their next bill. This is a growth of 125% in families served since 2023. To meet this growth, we have hired an additional case manager and opened an office in Santa Maria.

One of the most moving moments of the year was our Third Annual Hearts to Hearts Valentine's Luncheon at the beautiful Ritz-Carlton Bacara, which raised over $200,000.

To close out the year, we were honored to be named Emerging Nonprofit of the Year by the Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce—an unexpected but deeply meaningful recognition of the work we do and the community we serve.

We are looking ahead to 2025 with tremendous community recognition to new and exciting changes. More support for families, additional relationships with Dignity Health, CenCal Health, the Santa Barbara Association of Realtors and Grassini Vineyards to name a few. We project to serve 100 families in 2025.

To all of you who have stood beside us: thank you.

With gratitude and hope,

Vivian Solodkin
FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Our Mission

We help families with critically ill children living in Santa Barbara County by providing financial assistance, family support and advocacy.

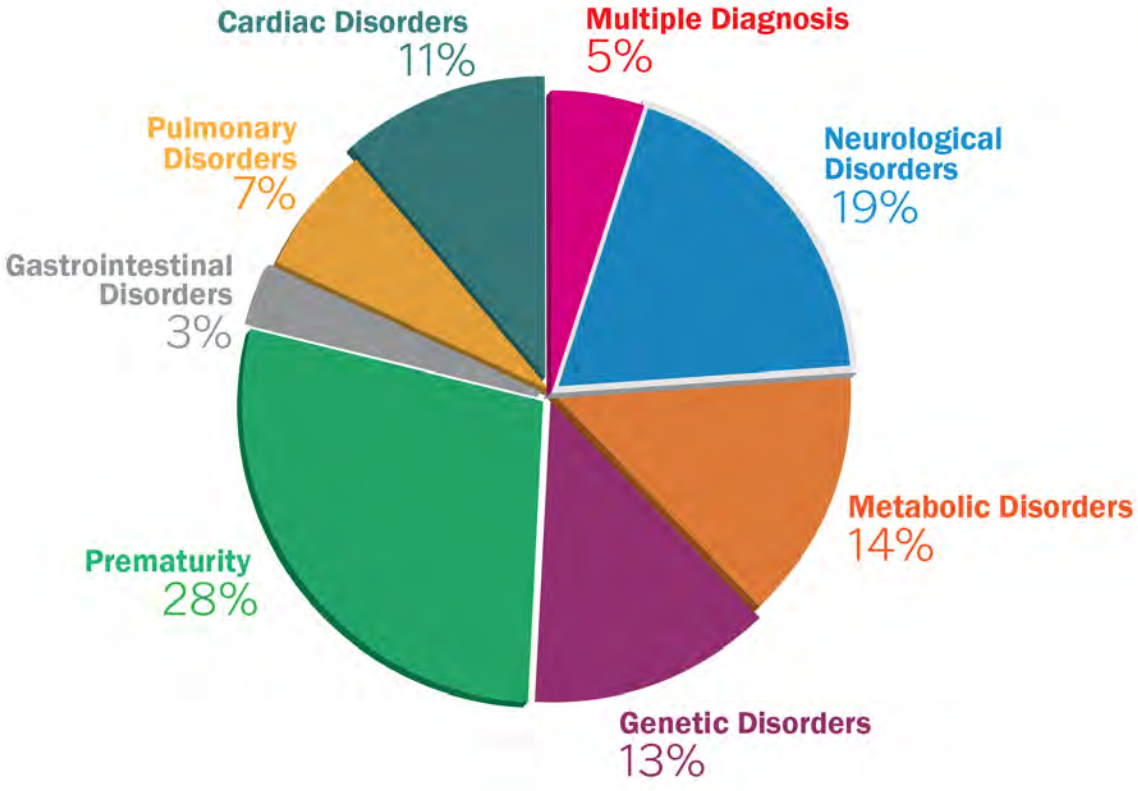
Financial Assistance: Families are provided immediate direct financial assistance up to $2,500 for bills. This includes rental assistance, utilities, car loan payments, car insurance, lodging, and child necessities such as diapers and wipes. We provide emergency food vouchers and gas cards for families to travel to and from medical appointments.

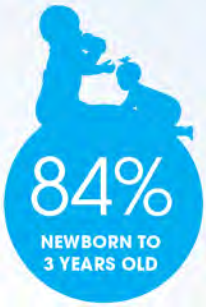
Family Support: We link families to other complementary resources who provide baby items such as diapers, car seats, strollers, food resources, transportation connections, utility bill assistance and many more. We also deliver items to the 50% of our families that do not have transportation.

Advocacy: We collaborate with families and social workers to understand their child's medical diagnosis and after-care. We follow-up with families for up to 1 year to ensure they feel supported and are connected to resources.

In 2024 Hearts Aligned served 70 new families throughout Santa Barbara County with an average family income being $33,705.

Critical Illnesses and Conditions





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Monee's Journey with Hearts Aligned

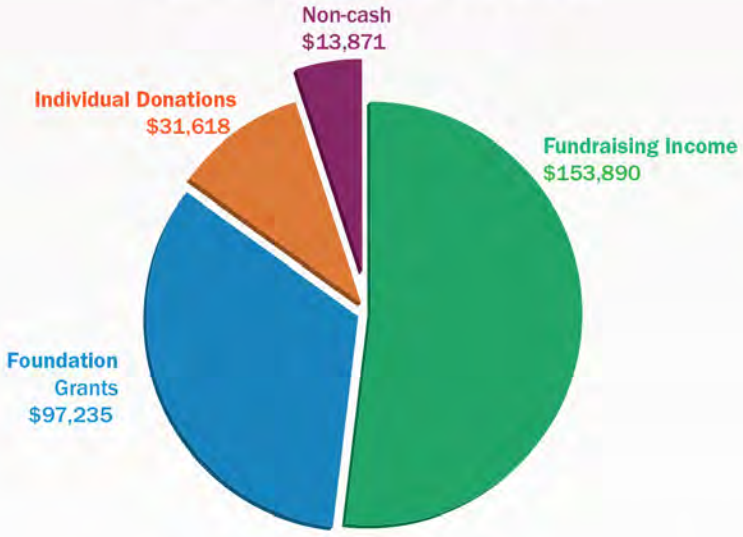
Moncerat (Monee) was born with her intestines outside of her body. She underwent immediate surgery following her birth along with several invasive procedures. She remained hospitalized for 4 months. Her parents, Ethan and Diana were determined to be by her side to ensure her recovery was successful. However, Ethan had just left the military and was looking for work and was unsure and worried about how he would provide for his family. Living an hour away from the hospital, they worried about how expensive it would be to drive daily to the hospital to be with Monee.

"Even after us leaving the NICU, they were still there for us. It really did lift off like a lot of stress from us."
—Diana

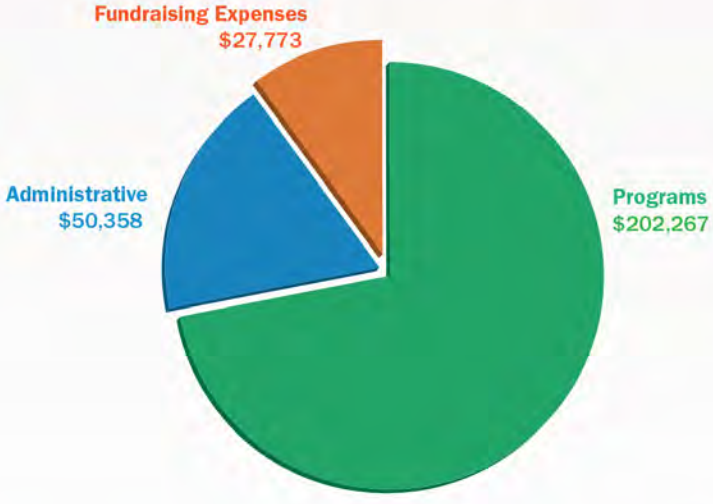
Hearts Aligned stepped in and provided gas and food cards to help this young family be there with their baby while she was in the NICU. Hearts Aligned also provided diapers and wipes along with much needed emotional support. Monee recently celebrated her first birthday and is thriving—happy, healthy, and embracing life with joy!

"The support from Hearts Aligned was honestly instrumental in not only Moncerat's care but in our marriage. We knew that there was someone that understood what we were going through."
—Ethan

REVENUES - $296,614



EXPENSES – $280,398



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3rd Annual Hearts to Hearts Valentine's Luncheon

From Left to Right: Kieran Shah, CEO VNA Health; Lailan McGrath, Director of the VNA Foundation, Ethan McQuivey, Diana McQuivey and daughter, Moncerat (Monee); Christie Glanville, VNA Health Board of Directors; Paula Bottiani, Sr. Executive Assistant of Administration CenCal Health. Photo by: Richard Garnica, RG Photography.

Our 3rd Annual Hearts to Hearts Valentine's Luncheon was a huge success—raising $200,000 to help families with critically ill children. Over 200 guests were in attendance to support the community we serve. Guests enjoyed a silent auction, our very popular wine pull, and exciting raffle prizes, including a Ritz-Carlton Bacara stay, VIP World of Pinot tickets, and Los Angeles Rams game seats.

The program was led by the ever-charismatic **Catherine Remak** of K-LITE 101.7, featured moving words from keynote speaker **Heather Sherman, DPT**, and the heartfelt story of **Ethan, Diana, and baby Moncerat,** whose journey touched every heart in the room.

Thank you to our sponsors, donors, and volunteers for making this unforgettable day possible. Your generosity is changing lives.

Guests raising their paddle to support critically ill children and their families.

A full house at our Hearts to Hearts Valentine's Luncheon—coming together to celebrate generosity, community, and love in support of families with critically ill children.

Save the Date 2026

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VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON

February 13, 2026 at the Beautiful Ritz-Carlton Bacara.

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