

STARRING SUSIE

*“Thank you for
helping me keep my
dream alive.”
-Susie*

THIS IS MY STORY

YOUR 2023 GRATITUDE REPORT

SAVING  *grace*



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FILM SCRIPT

Sequence:
"Welcome Home"

SETTING: SALVATION ARMY

SUSIE, an 18-year-old girl who dreams of becoming a filmmaker one day, contacts Saving Grace while living at the Salvation Army with her father. After bouncing from shelter to shelter and spending the nights in between at the Days Inn Hotel, she longs for stability and support to reach her goals.

Echoing in her heart are the words her grade school teacher once told her, "You're retarded and will never amount to much." Determined to overcome the expectations placed upon her, she enrolls in Northwest Arkansas Community College (NWACC) through her disability support but has no housing.

Without stable housing, she knows it will not be long before she is forced to quit her studies simply to focus on surviving. Feeling scared but hopeful about her future, she picks up the phone and calls Saving Grace—an organization recommended to her by a counselor at NWACC.

SETTING: SAVING GRACE LITTLE HOUSE ON POPLAR STREET

After interviewing to live at Saving Grace, SUSIE is invited to move in and begin the program. Eager to start, SUSIE arrives at Saving Grace at the little house on Poplar Street in Rogers with a bag of clothing.



SUSIE expresses that she feels a little intimidated at first. She does not know anyone else in the house yet but is glad to get a fresh start.





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While at Saving Grace, SUSIE meets BRI, her program coach. BRI inspires and advocates for Susie in a way she has never experienced. BRI is also involved in cinematography and encourages SUSIE to keep moving forward, telling her that every step brings her closer to her goals. BRI helps Susie get the supplies she needs for her classes and works with the Program Team to introduce her to film experts in the community.



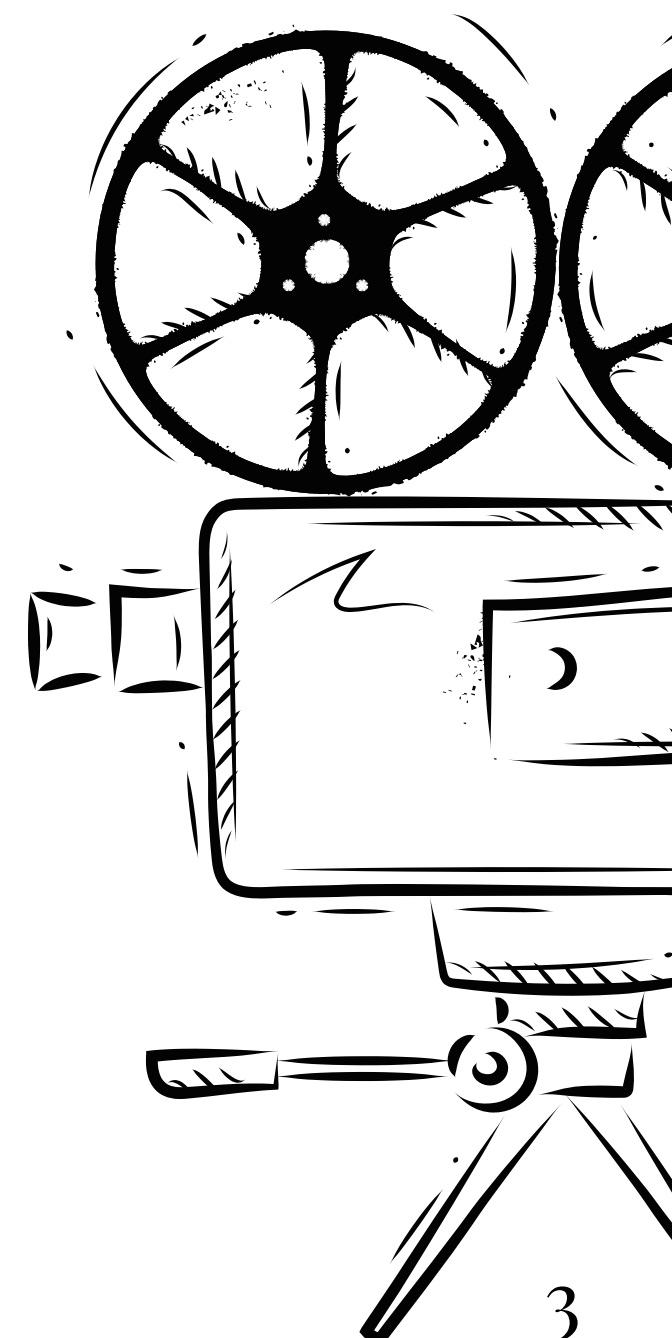
SUSIE has the chance to job shadow producer and director ANDREA CADELLI in her role as host and producer of a local TV news show.

ANDREA is the CEO and founder of Newcastle Media and Executive Producer at Fabled Motion Pictures and becomes a professional mentor to Susie.

SUSIE also starts therapy and says,

"Therapy has helped me learn how to better deal with my emotions. I'm learning how to process things."

She recognizes that she's no longer hesitant to try new things, so when the opportunity to transfer to The University of Central Arkansas and enroll in their film program opens up, SUSIE jumps on this!





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Sequence:
Susie Goes to College

SETTING: THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS

SUSIE begins school at The University of Central Arkansas while remaining in contact with Saving Grace and her mentors, continuing to attend Grace Camp each fall.

In May 2023, she graduates with her Bachelor of Science in film. Still needing more support and training in life skills, she reapplies to the Saving Grace program to finish the program and obtain her driver's license before moving out on her own.

SETTING: Saving Grace at Grace Farms

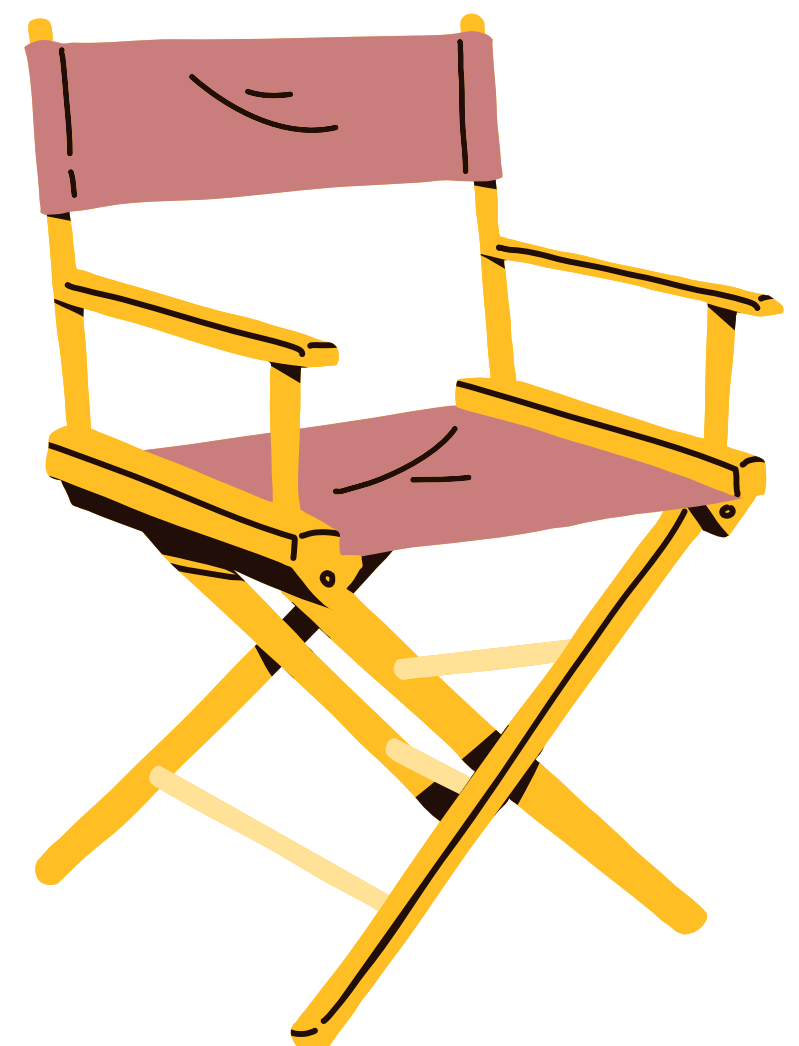
SUSIE is welcomed back home and moves with the current program to Grace Farms. She enrolls in Drivers Academy and prepares to take her driver's test.

She also works on finding a job so she can begin saving to purchase a car.

Susie continues to go deeper in her healing process and journey to independence by participating in counseling, coaching, and life skills courses as she makes plans and creates a path to get there—while having the safety to fail and try again within the care and support of Saving Grace.

“BECAUSE OF YOU, I WAS ABLE TO GO TO COLLEGE. I GRADUATED THIS PAST MAY WITH MY BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN FILM...”

Susie



SNAPSHOT: FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Statement of Financial Position		
Years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022		
ASSETS:	2023	2022
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,287,769	\$ 1,503,563
Other assets	1,227	1,546
Property and equipment, net	3,673,129	2,712,644
TOTAL ASSETS	4,962,125	4,217,753
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:		
Liabilities:		
Long-term debt	2,000,375	2,042,530
Total Liabilities	2,000,375	2,042,530
Net Assets:		
Without donor restrictions	2,651,021	927,622
With donor restrictions	310,729	1,247,601
Total Net Assets	2,961,750	2,175,223
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Statement of Activities		
Years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022		
REVENUE AND SUPPORT	2023	2022
Contributions and grants	\$ 1,531,901	\$1,237,765
Donations of nonfinancial assets	132,497	221,084
Fundraising	342,600	354,392
Investment Income	2,168	2,710
Program Income	6,274	7,325
Miscellaneous Income	2,770	6,560
Total Revenue and Support	2,018,210	1,829,836
EXPENSES		
Program Services	692,015	711,861
General and administrative	282,474	212,711
Fundraising	257,193	237,700
Total Expenses	1,231,683	1,162,272
Change in net assets from operating activity	1,723,399	(232,518)
Change in net assets from non-operating activity	(936,872)	900,082
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	786,527	667,564
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,175,223	1,507,659
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	2,961,750	2,175,223

The fiscal year 2022-2023 was challenging yet exciting for Saving Grace as we moved to Grace Farms, where we are growing to serve 50 young women at a time. We celebrated our largest Butterflies and Blooms event this past year and hosted our first Uptown Hoedown fundraising event. These events combined increased our donor base and contributions. As shown, contributions increased 24% over the previous year, partly due to our move to the farm. We also had increased expenditures compared to '21-'22 as we welcomed "Grace" home. Our operating budget has doubled with our transition, and we have continued to watch God provide through YOU. Saving Grace is in a strong position to begin Phase II Growth in 2024.

JULY 2022-JUNE 2023

impact by the numbers



66 YOUNG WOMEN

You helped provide a safe home for 16 young women—giving them access to opportunities that empower generational change. Additionally, 50 alumni received continued educational opportunities and support.



48 LIFE SKILLS CLASSES OFFERED

You provide “Grace” with access to everyday educational experiences, plus the chance to learn new skills from local leaders and industry experts. These opportunities aid her journey toward independence as she gains exposure to new ways of thinking and potential career paths.



20,916 VOLUNTEER HOURS

You ensure “Grace’s” story is known in the community. As a result, Saving Grace encounters more individuals and organizations who wish to volunteer with us. More than 1,130 community members partnered with us through service to help create generational change.



240+ HOURS OF COUNSELING

You helped provide over 240 hours of professional counseling to residents and alumni, including equine-assisted therapy—giving “Grace” the chance to heal from childhood trauma.



35 NONPROFITS MENTORED

Your support enables us to mentor other nonprofit leaders and startups. Annually, Saving Grace hosts Grace Collaborative, where we share our best practices in programming and “business” — mixing business and ministry. We are better TOGETHER!



205 REFERRALS PROVIDED

You enable Saving Grace to serve as a resource for others needing assistance. We work diligently to partner with local, state, and national organizations to offer resources that can best serve individuals reaching out in crisis.

Thank you for being a light for “Grace” and partnering to create lasting generational change!