

Baltimore Abortion Fund

Expanding
abortion
access since
2014



2024
Annual
Report



Letter from the Co-Executive Directors

DEAR COMMUNITY,

Four years ago, the Baltimore Abortion Fund began a major transformation—from a volunteer-led effort to a staffed organization. **That decision was rooted in a deep belief: that community-based work is powerful, and that when we invest in local networks, we spark change beyond our state borders.**

That belief has been proven right, again and again. Since *Roe v. Wade* was struck down three years ago, the Baltimore Abortion Fund has supported nearly 6,000 individuals across 43 states and 10 countries—more than three times our reach as a volunteer-run organization. We've expanded our partnerships with clinics, community organizations, and advocates across the region. We've added new services to

support more people, in more ways, than ever before.

Maryland has emerged as a place where abortion access is stronger than ever. This security is no accident—it is a direct result of unwavering dedication from our community of supporters, providers, and activists.

The Baltimore Abortion Fund has been a bridge between people and the care they need for the past decade. And we aren't going anywhere. **Our vision for the future includes deeper statewide coordination, more wraparound support for our callers, and positioning Maryland as a national model for abortion access.**

We will continue showing up for our community for as long as it takes, because our fight has never just been about access to a procedure. It's about building a world where everyone has the

power and resources to make decisions about their body and their future.

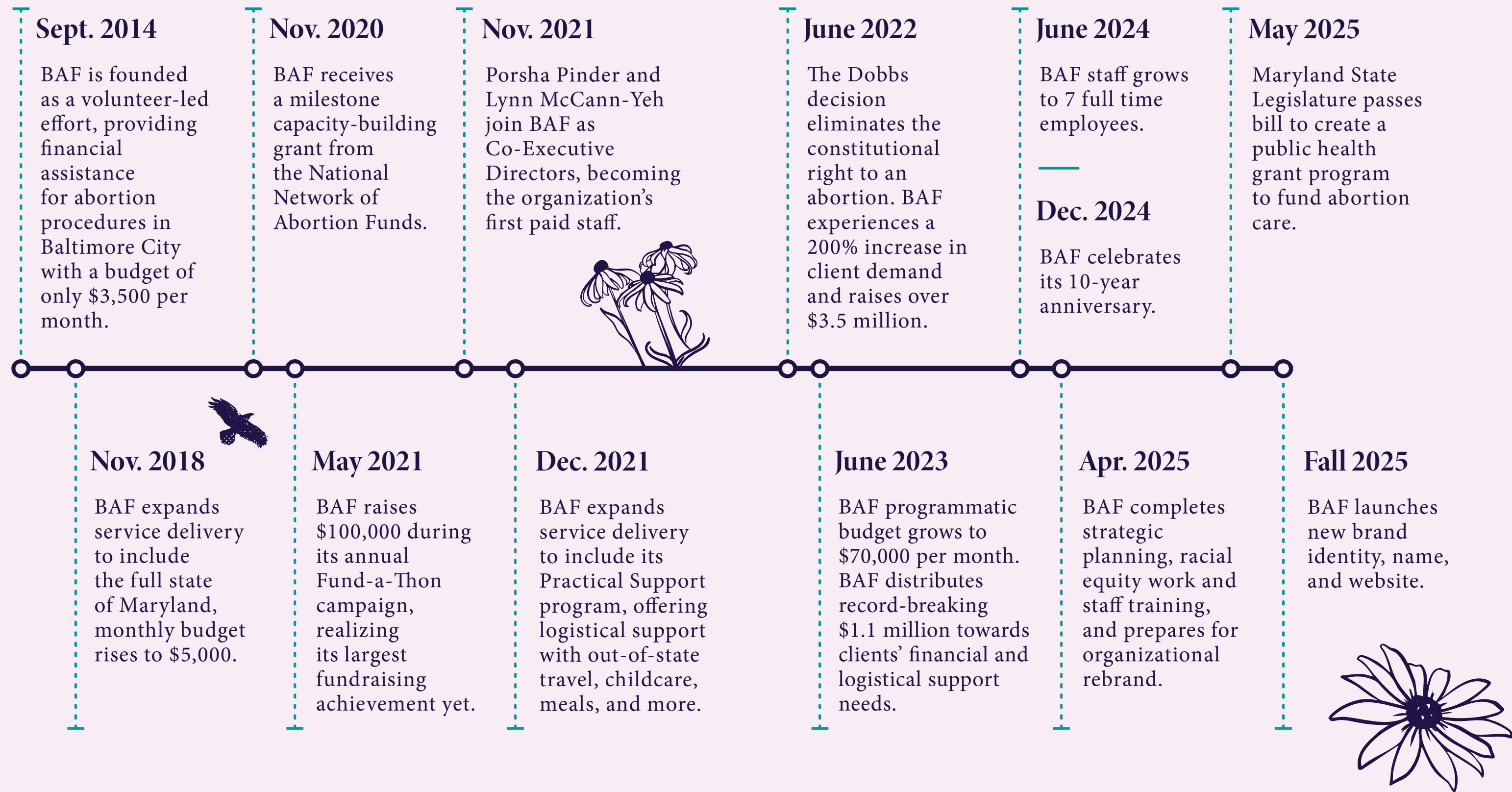
To everyone who has supported our work over these last ten years—thank you. You are part of every ride we coordinate, every abortion we fund, and every person who gets to move through the world with more freedom and less worry. The world we deserve is taking shape right now—and it's being built by all of us.

WITH GRATITUDE & SOLIDARITY,

Porsha Pinder and
Lynn McCann-Yeh
BAF CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS



Organizational Timeline



Client Services Overview

The Baltimore Abortion Fund provides free financial and logistical support to reduce or remove the barriers between individuals and their abortion, assisting with all or part of the procedure costs, facilitating travel to their appointments, securing safe accommodations, or even providing warm meals during their stay. Our services extend across all 23 counties and Baltimore City, and we work

with clients who live in Maryland or are traveling here for care.

In addition to abortion access, we also provide support via our emergency contraception program, which discreetly mails free Plan B and contraceptive supplies to Maryland residents. We are excitedly preparing to relaunch the program in late 2025.



HOW WE WORK

- * The client makes an appointment with an abortion clinic.
- * They then call BAF to express their financial or logistical needs. Someone from our team calls them back within 24-48 hours.
- * Depending on the need, we make a financial pledge to offset their procedure cost directly to the clinic where they are scheduled, or we coordinate their travel by directly booking flights and hotels or providing direct cash assistance for gas, meals, etc. Sometimes it's both.
- * We operate on a limited weekly budget for funding and monthly for logistical support to maintain client support throughout the year. Clients are given pledges based on their gestational age and the total cost of their procedure.



Case Study: Alex

Alex* and their guardian contacted the Baltimore Abortion Fund from Georgia seeking support for travel assistance for an appointment they had scheduled in Maryland. Based on Alex's gestational age, this was their last opportunity to access care.

We booked a flight for Alex and their guardian and set them up in a hotel the day before the multi-day procedure began. On the morning of their appointment, they were turned away from the clinic due to a lack of funding for the abortion

procedure. They were facing an \$11,000 funding gap—above and beyond the capacity of BAF's weekly budget.

To avoid turning the client away and sending them back to Georgia, still pregnant, the BAF team worked with our incredible network of donors to crowdsource emergency funding, covering their remaining financial gap and ensuring that they could start their appointments the next day. We extended their hotel stay to cover the appointment length, provided cash assistance for meals, and were able to arrange for their flights home following the procedure.

COST OF ALEX'S CARE:

FLIGHTS (2).....	\$1500
HOTEL.....	\$746
LYFTS.....	\$465
MEALS.....	\$150
FUNDING GAP.....	\$11,000
TOTAL SUPPORT....	\$13,861

*Names and certain details have been changed to protect the client's privacy.



Case Study: Koi

Koi* contacted the Baltimore Abortion Fund seeking financial assistance with paying for a medication abortion they had scheduled on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The total cost of care was \$500, of which Koi had \$250 to put toward. Koi’s support system was able to provide a ride to the clinic, a 60-minute drive from their home, but Koi couldn’t afford to cover the gas and medication costs. As a full-time student, they were unemployed and had no reliable income. The BAF team was able to close the funding gap for Koi’s care and provide gas assistance so they could make it to their appointment.

**Names and certain details have been changed to protect the client’s privacy.*

COST OF KOI’S CARE:

FUNDING GAP.....	\$250
GAS REIMBURSEMENT:.....	\$25
TOTAL SUPPORT.....	\$275

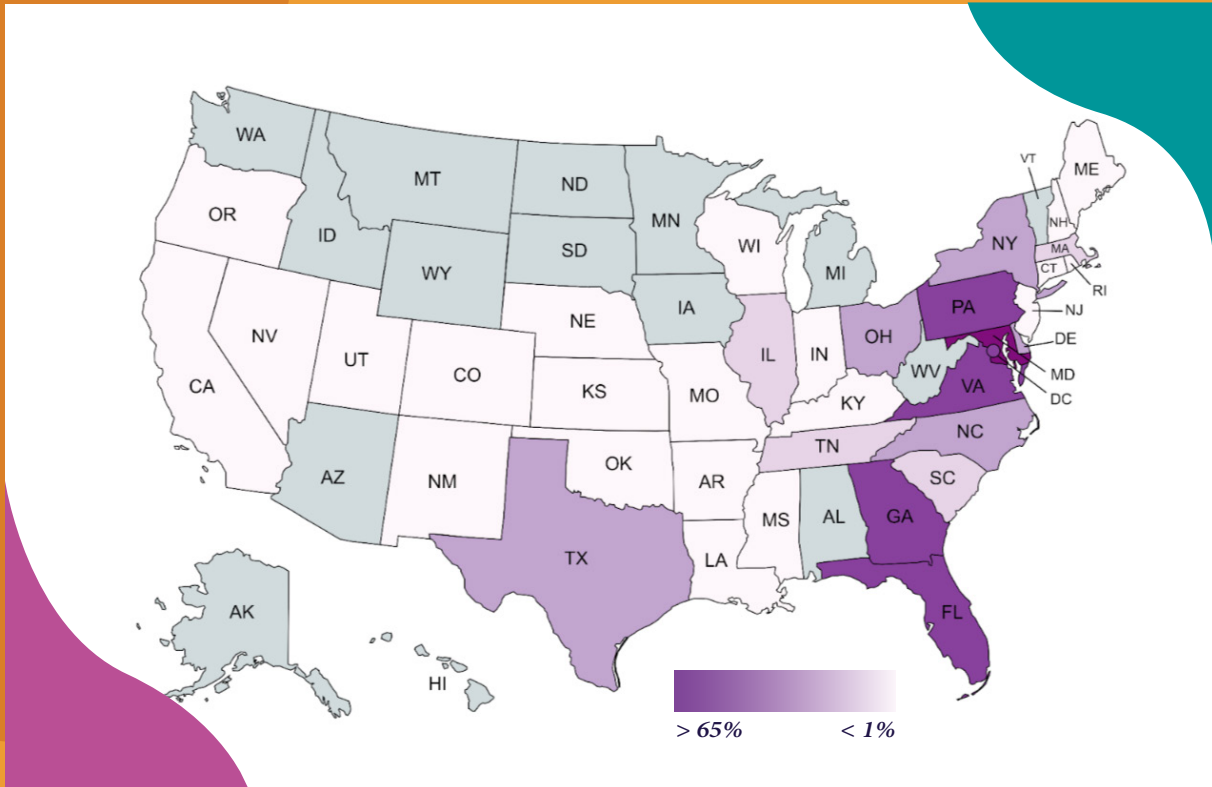
Client Spotlight

“I had been left to figure this out on my own. Without resources like this I’m not sure what I’d do. [...] If not for BAF, my whole life would be flipped upside down and the person and life I dreamed of would cease to exist.”

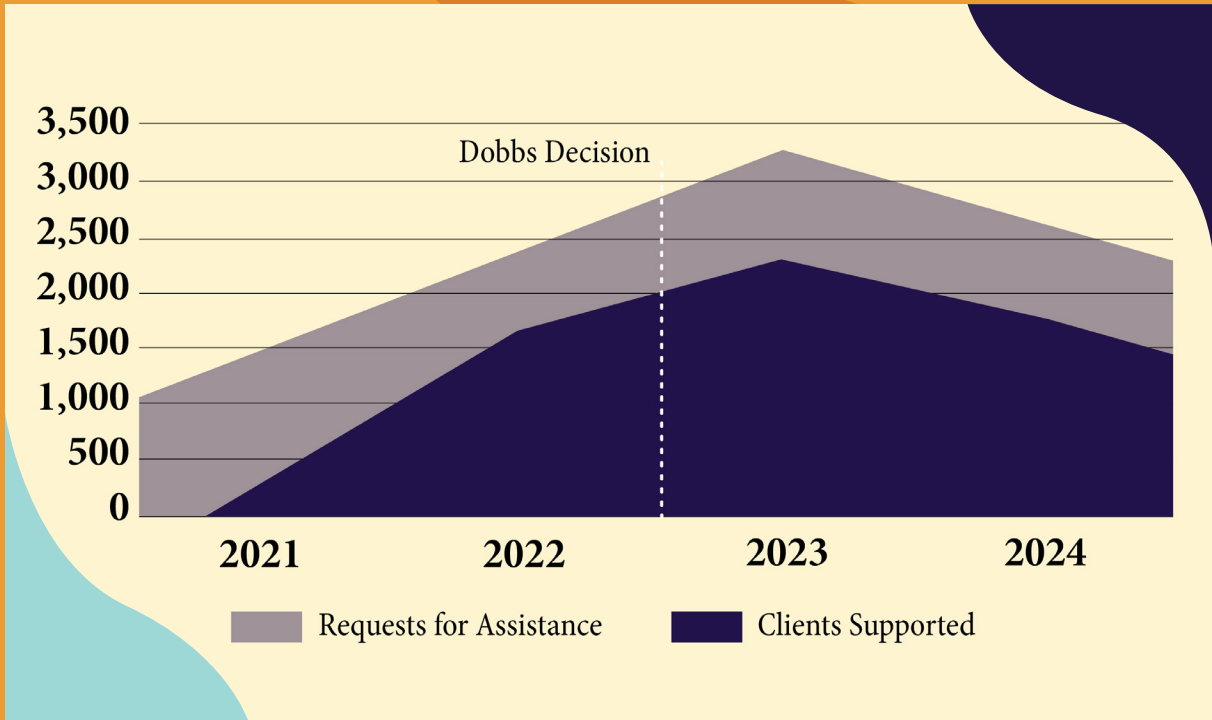
“I have four children with autism spectrum disorder/ special needs and I cannot handle having another child. I made this decision for my own family and my own mental health well being.”

Client Demand

WHERE ARE OUR CLIENTS TRAVELING FROM?



YEAR-OVER-YEAR CLIENT DEMAND

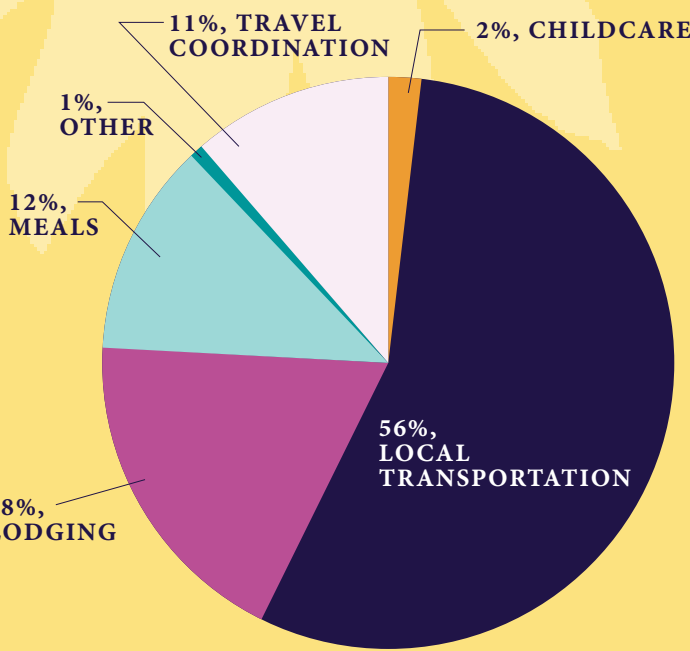


Spending

SUPPORT NEEDED VS. SUPPORT PROVIDED

YEAR	CLIENTS	TOTAL ABORTION CARE COST	BAF FINANCIAL SUPPORT
2022	1,909	\$ 5,818,312.00	\$ 743,253.00
2023	2,620	\$ 6,784,309.00	\$ 1,311,828.00
2024	1,982	\$ 6,720,342.00	\$ 953,415.00
TOTAL	6,511	\$ 19,322,963.00	\$ 3,008,496.00

LOGISTICAL SUPPORT BREAKDOWN



Client Spotlight

“I found out I was pregnant and immediately knew I wanted an abortion. My only problem was I had no transportation or support. The clinic in my city isn’t performing surgical abortions right now so the closest clinic that was doing them was an hour away. I was depressed and stressed out for weeks before finding BAF. That very next day they found a volunteer that would take me to and from my appointment. I was over the moon happy and relieved. My driver was an absolute angel. He had snacks, blankets, birth control, condoms, ibuprofen, abortion information pamphlets, etc. I could go on and on about how amazing and helpful he

was. This organization has essentially given me my life back. It might sound a little dramatic, but it’s true.”

“Not having health insurance, I was extremely scared that I wouldn’t be able to access care and forever be tied to my abuser. BAF helped me pay for the procedure and had wonderful volunteers that discreetly took me to my appointment. I never felt alone.”

Organizational Highlights

10 YEARS OF BAF!

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In December 2024, BAF hosted Charm City Icons, a Baltimore-themed costume party to commemorate our 10-year anniversary. Our staff, along with 125 of our closest friends, celebrated the momentous occasion with a drag and burlesque variety show from local queer entertainers, Kenny Rooster & Friends.



FUND-A-THON



This year, BAF brought silliness, summertime nostalgia, and the spirit of friendship to the National Network of Abortion Fund's annual Fund-a-Thon. Rallying around a "summer camp" theme, we gathered friends and families for a barbecue in the park, made friendship bracelets and sang karaoke, and even hosted the zaniest adult field day, complete with a pool noodle javelin toss. We were proud to recruit 65 community members to help us raise over \$122,000—an effort that made abortion care affordable for 245 more people.

LANDMARK LEGISLATION

In May 2025, Maryland will become the first ever state to create a public health abortion grant program, leveraging \$25 million of existing and unspent premiums for abortion coverage that are already required to be collected by the Affordable Care Act. This new grant program will make abortion more accessible for Marylanders, regardless of whether they have insurance coverage. BAF was proud to partner with providers, policymakers, and community members to provide both written and oral testimony in the Maryland State Legislature in support of this landmark bill.



Supporter Spotlight

“My first interaction with BAF was for a fundraiser—the Bowl-a-thon! I was part of a team with some work friends and we had a great time. I work in abortion care, so I greatly value and appreciate how abortion funds like BAF help people get access to the care they need. I attended a few more fundraisers over the years and eventually decided that becoming a sustaining supporter was the way to go.

People need abortions all the time under so many different circumstances. I remember getting emails from BAF with requests for donations to help specific clients—“someone needed this many dollars by Wednesday in order to get an abortion.” After a few rounds of those, I decided that I didn’t want to wait until hearing about an urgent need. I’d rather give regularly in the hopes that the funding will just be there when people need it. Figuring out how to get an abortion—a time-

sensitive need—is already stressful enough. If a monthly donation can reduce that stress a little, it’s well worth it.

Abortion access isn’t just having a clinic or provider near you. It’s also having the money to pay for care, the ability to take time off work, to have someone watch kids or have a place to stay if people need to travel. The stigma that still surrounds abortion care blocks people from getting support that might otherwise be available to them, and abortion funds like BAF help meet that need. Funds get people over hurdles like lack of insurance coverage, needing to conceal an abortion from family, or spending limited resources on getting to Maryland from other more restrictive states. Abortion can be life-changing in the best possible way, and helping someone get the abortion they need benefits our whole community.”

Jenny Robinson,
BAF DONOR

2,792
INDIVIDUAL DONORS

Institutional Support

\$10,000+

National Network of
Abortion Funds

Sherman Family Foundation

Goldseker Foundation

Anonymous

Shapiro Family Fund

Jewish Women’s Giving Foundation of Baltimore,
a program of The Associated: Jewish Federation of Baltimore

The Moriah Fund

Abell Foundation

2024 Financial Breakdown

Fiscal year 2024 ran from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. Finalized audited financials and IRS 990 Forms for the 2024 fiscal year will be ready after September 2025 – available upon request.

INCOME TYPE	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Monthly Sustaining Donors	\$ 272,854.21	14%
Individual Donors	\$ 539,616.69	29%
Foundation & Institutional Support	\$ 1,000,979.40	53%
Events	\$ 49,029.00	3%
Other Revenue	\$ 24,267.73	1%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,886,747.03	
EXPENSE TYPE	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
Fundraising & Communications	\$ 283,441.74	14%
General and Administrative	\$ 299,889.75	15%
Abortion Support & Outreach	\$ 1,335,867.80	67%
Capacity Building	\$ 86,585.00	4%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,005,784.30	

Organizational Refresh

Over the past eighteen months, the Baltimore Abortion Fund has been on a journey of deep reflection, growth, and transformation.

With the guidance of an incredible team of consultants, we have engaged in intentional racial equity work at both the board and staff levels, laying the foundation for a more just and inclusive organization. This work has included a comprehensive assessment, training for staff and board, and metrics for long-term accountability. We also developed a three-year strategic plan to sustainably expand our reach and capacity to serve more clients year-over-year.

We’re also reimagining how we present ourselves to the community through an organizational rebrand. This includes a new name, refreshed values, a clear mission and

vision, and a vibrant new visual identity and website, all set to launch in fall 2025.

While the heart of our work remains unchanged, these efforts position us for a powerful new chapter that aligns with our evolution into a fully staffed, multi-million-dollar nonprofit serving communities across Maryland while staying grounded in the grassroots, volunteer-led spirit of our Baltimore beginnings.



BAF in the Media



THE BALTIMORE BANNER

HEALTH

Abortion clinics are closing, even in states where abortion is legal

Geoff Mulvihill, Associated Press 6/17/2025 1:54 p.m. EDT

The increase in contributions that followed the 2022 Supreme Court ruling has declined for most funds and clinics. “The resources have not kept pace with demand continuing to surge.”

The Nation.

POLITICS / DECEMBER 7, 2023

As Costs and Demand Skyrocket, Abortion Funds Struggle to Keep Up

BRYCE COVERT

Funding gaps have serious consequences. The fund has noticed that when a client can’t cobble together all of the money they need to cover the procedure and other necessities by the day of their appointment, “often that means that they have to cancel and reschedule or sometimes it means they no show,” she said. “There is an attrition rate.”



Maryland turns to ACA money to help fund abortion care

JUNE 11, 2025 · 5:06 AM ET

By [Scott Maucione](#)

McCann-Yeh estimates the fund turns away around a third of the people who call. Since Roe v. Wade was overturned in 2022, Maryland clinics have been providing about 39,000 abortions a year, up from 31,000 in 2020. Part of the reason is that Maryland voters put reproductive rights in the state constitution.

BALTIMORE BEAT

THE BALTIMORE ABORTION FUND MOVES MOUNTAINS TO MAKE REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE A REALITY

BY GRACE HEBRON MAY 21, 2024

“There have been times where we’ve provided child care for someone to be able to have a six-hour appointment. And there have been times where we have literally driven across the state to take someone to their appointment because it’s the only option they had,” Pinder said.

THE BALTIMORE SUN

There are no sanctuaries for abortion care, no matter what your state says | GUEST COMMENTARY

For far too many people, sanctuary states are inadequate. The safety that they claim to offer is meaningless when their legal protections are unreachable, fleeting and insufficient even for their own residents. We can no longer accept a reality where half of Americans are denied reproductive freedom, bodily autonomy and the right to decide their futures. Instead of believing in sanctuary, we must act in solidarity.



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