

HOUSE OF REFUGE

# ANNUAL REPORT

# 2025





# ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

## MISSION

House of Refuge provides transitional housing in a neighborhood setting for homeless families. Honoring the faith-based traditions of our founders, we treat people with dignity and respect through programs that bring hope and self-sufficiency.

## VISION

Every family deserves a home.

## VALUES

**Empowerment:**

We provide resources that lead to sustainable change that extends far beyond our neighborhood.

**Community:**

We build home and stability through connection, collaboration, and belonging.

**Integrity:**

We foster a culture of honesty, accountability, and transparency.

**Excellence:**

We uphold the highest standards in our work and service.

**Compassion:**

We treat all with empathy, kindness, and understanding.



For 30 years, House of Refuge has helped families experiencing homelessness rebuild their lives through safe housing and comprehensive support. We provide homes, furnishings, clothing, food assistance, individualized case management, and employment and education services to help families achieve long-term stability.

Residents also benefit from on-site resources including our Community Center, Teen Center, Employment & Education Center, Community Garden, and Donation Center—creating a supportive environment where families can grow, heal, and thrive.

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

## 2025 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025)

### Revenue Breakdown:

- Total Revenue: \$6,349,515
- Donations: \$5,283,596
  - The majority of our revenue, approximately 83%, came from donations, highlighting the generous support of individual and corporate donors.
- Grants: \$811,396
  - 13% of our revenue was sourced from grants, demonstrating our success in securing funding from foundations or other sources to support our mission.
- Fundraising Events: \$ 254,523

### Expense Breakdown:

- Total Expenses: \$ 5,501,434.
- Programs and Services: 4,789,630
  - 87% of our expenses was dedicated to programs and services that directly benefit the individuals and families we serve. This high allocation underscores our mission-focused approach.
- Administration: \$ 459,431
  - Administrative costs accounted for 8.4% of total expenses, reflecting our ongoing efforts to keep operational costs low and maximize impact.
- Fundraising Expenses: \$ 252,373
  - 4.6% of expenses went towards fundraising, illustrating our cost-effective efforts to raise essential funds for our programs.



## 2025 Volunteer Report (Jan-Dec 2025)

Total Number of Volunteers: **2,328**

Total Number of Volunteer Hours: **8,058**

Total Number of Volunteers per Program

- Donation Center: **1,464**
- Community Center/Garden: **335**
- Maintenance: **657**
- Administration: **96**

# RESIDENT SUCCESS STORIES



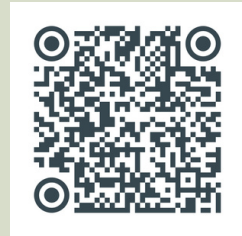
## ALANA'S STORY

Alana escaped a controlling and violent relationship with her two young sons. Leaving meant starting over, without stable income, housing, or a clear roadmap forward.

At House of Refuge, Alana began rebuilding piece by piece. She earned her education, launched her own LLC, and grew a successful cleaning business. She regained her confidence, financial independence, and the ability to provide long-term stability for her children.

When Alana exited the program, she did so not only as a survivor, but as a business owner, a provider, and a role model for her sons. Her journey reflects what's possible when families in crisis are given the tools, time, and support to rebuild their lives.

**Watch Alana's  
Inspiring Story**



## VANESSA'S STORY

Vanessa and her two children were forced to leave a home filled with uncertainty, suddenly finding themselves without a stable place to go after being displaced.

Through the support, housing, and guidance provided by House of Refuge, Vanessa began rebuilding, stabilizing her family, strengthening her finances, and working toward long-term independence.

Today, Vanessa and her children are living in a home of their own. Her journey is a powerful reminder that when families are given structure, opportunity, and encouragement at the right moment, they can move from displacement to ownership, and from survival to lasting stability.



**Watch Vanessa's  
Inspiring Story**



# IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

(JAN-DEC 2025)



## WE ARE A VITAL RESOURCE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

**136**

Families rescued from homelessness last year

**437**

Individuals rescued from homelessness (270 minors and 154 adults)

**26%**

Report that domestic violence led to homelessness

**53%**

Reported that a loss of job or economic hardship led to their homelessness

**85%**

Served are single moms

**69,888**

Bed nights in the safety and comfort of our homes in a peaceful neighborhood setting

## PROVEN OUTCOMES AND POSITIVE IMPACT

**92%**

Participating families graduated to stable housing

**60%**

Residents participated in the Earn a Reliable Net Income program

**52%**

Participating families increased their household income prior to graduation

**88%**

Adult heads of households were actively employed at graduation

# NEW 2025 FAMILY PROGRAMS (JUL-DEC 2025)



## ALUMNI PROGRAM LIFE AFTER HOUSE OF REFUGE

**30**

Families served with move in support

**17**

Parents received child care support  
(59 children)

**13**

Families received exit support

**5**

Families received rent support post  
graduation

Program began July of 2025

## KEY TO INDEPENDENCE RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION

**9**

Families received new tires for their  
vehicles

**4**

Families received gas cards

**4**

Families received car services for repairs  
or oil changes

**1**

Received a new bike to get to work

Program began December of 2025

# DONORS

## IN 2025 WE WERE GENEROUSLY AWARDED GRANTS BY SEVERAL FOUNDATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING:

Applied Materials Foundation  
Avnet  
Beaty Martinez Foundation  
City of Mesa  
Del E Webb Foundation  
Dignity Health  
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# SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR 2025 ROAD PROJECT DONORS

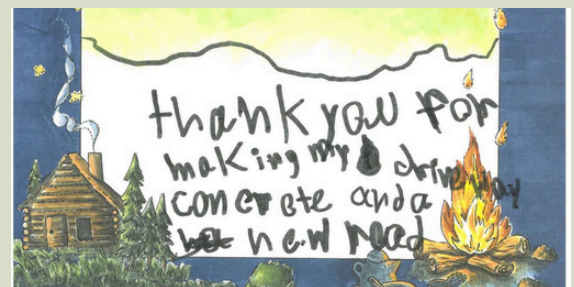
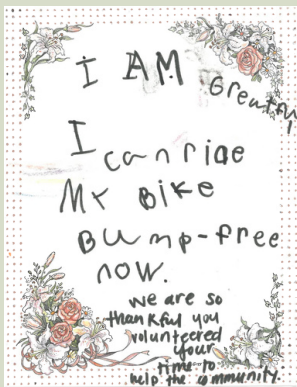
In 2025, House of Refuge experienced an extraordinary act of community partnership through our Road Project. Under the leadership of Richard Candelaria of Sharp Creek Contracting and Brian Heath of SRP, all our roads and 74 driveways were fully replaced at no cost to House of Refuge. Thirty-nine companies came together, each bringing their best crews, equipment, and expertise, and completed the entire project in just one week. This effort not only transformed our campus but also stands as a powerful example of what is possible when a community unites to support families on their journey toward stability.

ACS Concrete  
Arizona Materials  
Arizona Ready Mix Concrete  
Arizona Rock Products Association  
Austin Companies Concrete  
AWP Barricades  
Bryco  
Buesing Corp  
Camelback Trucking  
Contractor & Community  
Magazine  
Core Ready Mix  
DCS Construction  
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