



ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

2025



THANK YOU

FROM NICK DICEGLIE AND ED COLE



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To our Hope Villages of America Supporters,

This year, your compassion and commitment helped us turn challenges into powerful moments of hope and transformation. Thanks to your support, we continued to meet critical needs, expand our reach, and uplift individuals and families when they needed it most.

During a time when we faced rising hardship due to hurricanes that rocked our community, you stood beside us. Together, we served 78,200 individuals, provided nearly 10,000 shelter nights for domestic violence survivors, and created safe spaces for healing and opportunity. We are proud of what we have accomplished – but even more inspired by what’s ahead. As we look to the future, we remain steadfast in our mission to feed the hungry, shelter the abused, and provide housing stability programs for families in need. With your continued partnership and support, we will continue making lasting change for our community and neighbors in need.

With deep gratitude,

Nick Diceglie & Ed Cole

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ABOUT US:

RESTORING HOPE WITH DIGNITY
FOR THOSE IN NEED.

In 1967, fifteen local congregations of varying faiths and ethnicities came together to provide Help & Hope for people in need.

Our founding congregations were:

- Chapel by the Sea
- Christ Presbyterian Church
- Church of the Isles
- Church of the Reconciler
- Faith United Church of Christ
- Friendship United Methodist Church
- Good Samaritan Episcopal Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Hope Presbyterian Church
- Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church
- St. Cecilia Catholic Church
- St. John's Episcopal Church
- Skycrest United Methodist Church
- Temple B'nai Israel
- Trinity Presbyterian Church



Determined to make a difference, the leaders of those congregations studied the needs of the community and pooled their resources to provide efficient, secular services to the people of Pinellas County.

Together they founded Hope Villages of America, formerly known as RCS Pinellas. Since then, Hope Villages has provided millions of pounds of food to hungry families, provided safety and shelter for hundreds of women and their children fleeing domestic violence situations, and provided affordable housing options for families at risk of becoming homeless. We focus on serving individuals and families with dignity, helping them along to a path of self-sufficiency.



We are here to help solve these societal issues, and support from donors and partners like you allow us to make that happen.



YEAR IN REVIEW: ADDRESSING HUNGER

In communities facing **food insecurity**, many individuals and families lack consistent access to nutritious food. **The Food Bank and Distribution Center at Hope Villages of America** bridges the gap and provides essential groceries to those in need.

Our food bank rose to the challenges facing our community this year with love and compassion distributing 5,000,000 pounds of food! **We directly served 78,200 individuals in 2025; an increase of 12,400 individuals served over last year.** Over half of that increase happened in the last three months of the year.

The demand was so great that we had to close early several days at the food bank because we simply ran out of food to give. There is still much to be done to secure more food and more monetary donations to help us continue to meet the need of our neighbors who need help.

With such a dramatic increase in food insecurity, we put out a call to action for volunteers and the community responded! Having additional volunteers was critical to meeting the needs of the food-insecure struggling to stretch budgets. We had over 500 new individuals join the ranks of our volunteer program to help serve and make a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need.

The **Drive Our Mission** fundraising campaign launched last year came to a successful finale with us reaching our goal thanks to our generous donors and partners. We were able to purchase a brand new 26' refrigerated truck to add to our fleet, allowing us to reach more families and individuals in need throughout Pinellas County with fresh food. We are grateful to The Ruth & Jo Stone Foundation, Publix Supermarket Charities, Anona United Methodist Church, Clear Sky Restaurants, and a handful of generous individuals who made this purchase possible. Stay tuned for the unveiling celebration projected for summer of 2026.

Message from Melvin Thomas, VP of Food Distribution & Basic Needs:

"The Food Distribution Division had an amazing year serving our community guided by the vision and support of our wonderful leadership team. I'm looking forward to establishing new relationships and collaborating with community partners to bring additional resources to meet the increasing needs of our community. As the need for our Food Bank not only continues but increases, it remains a vital resource- ensuring no one in our community has to choose between food and other basic needs."



FOOD FACTS:

- 5 million pounds of food in 2025 correlates to 4.2 million meals
- We are a Sub-Distributor for USDA food in Pinellas County
- 1/4 of the population we served were children and another 1/4 was the elderly
- We averaged 6,500 unique visitors each month
- 5,000,000 pounds of food given out over 245 days of service = 20,408 pounds of food per day
- A \$1,500 donation would help us deliver 10,000 pounds of food to our neighbors in need
- A \$3,000 donation would help us distribute 20,000 pounds of food to struggling individuals and families in our community
- A \$16,000 donation will fund the operation of our Food Bank and Distribution Center for one week, as it's expensive to run a big warehouse with large refrigeration units!



ADDRESSING HUNGER





HOUSING STABILITY SERVICES

Our small but impactful Affordable Housing and Stability Services Division provides formerly homeless families, or those in danger of homelessness, with more than just a roof over their heads – it offers a **foundation for stability, dignity, and long-term success**. When families have access to safe, stable, and affordable housing, they can begin to heal from the trauma of homelessness and focus on rebuilding their lives.



THE HAVEN SHELTER FACTS:

- A stay in the shelter costs about \$125/night per person with an average stay of six weeks
- A single woman staying at the shelter for the full six weeks costs \$5,250 for the organization
- Upon arrival, each woman is given a “Welcome” basket full of new bed sheets and essential supplies during her stay
- A mother with 2 children costs approximately \$9,875 for their six-week stay
- We offer workshops, group therapy, workforce development, and special themed nights for guests at the shelter, creating as many opportunities for healing and connection as we can.

The shelter's presence and outreach services not only saves lives, but also strengthens the fabric of the entire community. **By breaking the cycles of violence, it promotes safer homes, healthier families, and more resilient neighborhoods.** Children who grow up free from violence are more likely to thrive in school, build positive relationships, and become contributing members of society.



We implemented a *Treatment Team* model to enhance our holistic approach to services by addressing the crisis, self-sufficiency, and trauma with services provided in-house by Advocates, Case Managers, and a Behavioral Health professional. Every life touched by the shelter creates a ripple effect – spreading safety, compassion, and hope throughout the community.

“Whether it was through your food assistance, housing support, or simply the kindness of your staff, your organization gave me more than just help- you gave me dignity and the strength to move forward.”

(Survivor/Resident at The Haven)

A photograph showing a woman in a dark jacket hugging a child who is sitting on the floor. The background is a cracked and peeling wall, suggesting a state of distress or homelessness. The lighting is dim, with a strong light source from the right, creating a somber atmosphere.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH CENTER SERVICES

OUR SERVICES AT THE HAVEN

- “Welcome Baskets” full of new sheets, bedding, and essential supplies for her stay at the shelter
- Mental health therapy
- Psychoeducational groups
- Legal assistance
- Relocation assistance
- Art classes
- Cooking classes
- Birthday parties
- Address confidentiality
- Stocked “Career Closet” to supply women with professional clothes and shoes for interviews or a new job
- Childcare and summer field trips for kids
- Story time for kids hosted by a volunteer on the weekends
- Support groups (2 times per day at The Haven; multiple times/days throughout Pinellas County for Outreach)
- Computer lab open 24/7
- Vehicle repair
- Rental assistance
- Case management and assistance with gaining access to benefits
- Resume building
- Life Skills classes (financial literacy, job preparation, education, benefits)

Community Education

- Pinellas Housing Authority
- St. Petersburg College
- Clearwater Police Department
- St. Petersburg Police Department
- Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office
- Pinellas Park and Recreation
- Morton Plant Hospital
- Online/virtual trainings on a range of DV topics
- Presenter at Share Hope International Conference
- Presenter at the 2025 National Domestic Hotline Conference

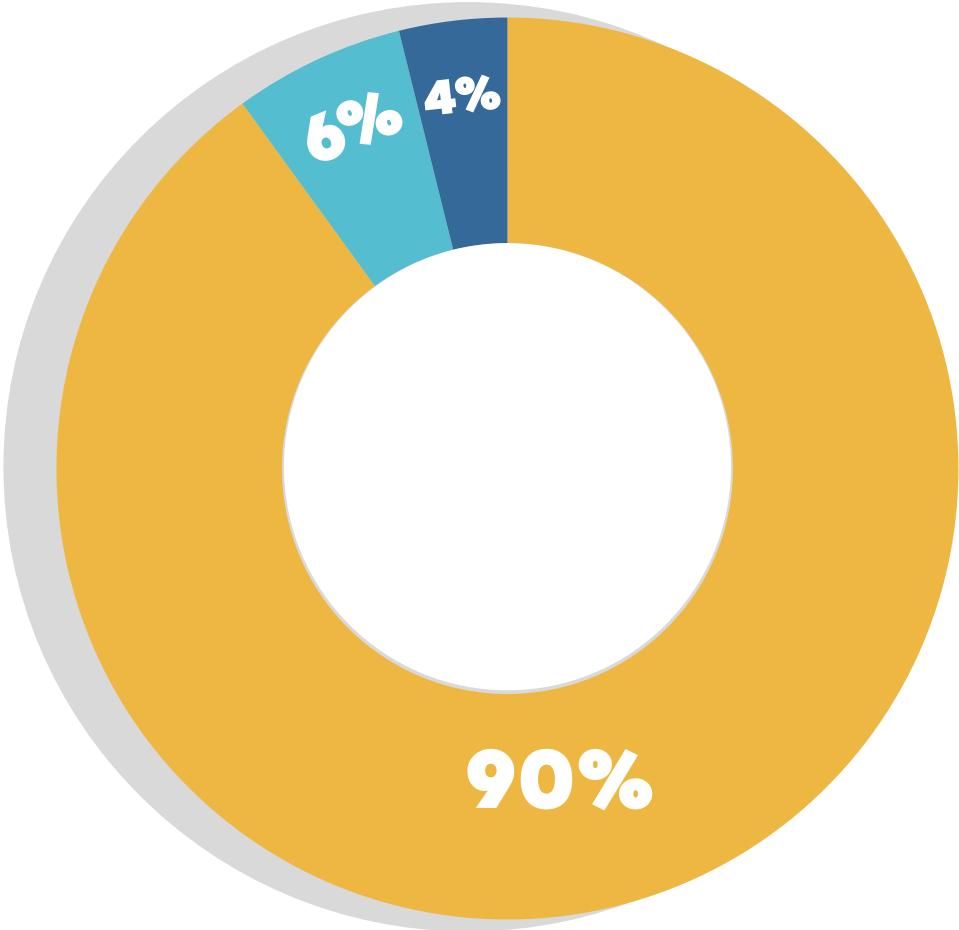
Our Prevention Education Services

- The Peacemakers program for Pre-K and Kindergarten had over 3,000 student participants in 2025 in over 90 different classrooms throughout Pinellas County.
- Youth Advocates worked with over 1,000 middle and high school students on what healthy relationships look like.



Hope Villages of America is proud to be a responsible steward of donor support. Last year, **ninety percent** of all expenses were invested directly in program services, providing shelter, food, advocacy, and life-changing support for the individuals and families who rely on us every day.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



PROGRAMS	
90%	\$10,080,681
ADMINISTRATIVE COST	
6%	\$686,449
FUNDRAISING	
4%	\$433,334

CONTRIBUTIONS

2025

\$1.4M

INCREASED BY ALMOST 50K

2024

**NEARLY
\$1.4M**

GRANTS & CONTRACTS

2025

**OVER
\$2.7M**

INCREASED BY NEARLY 275K

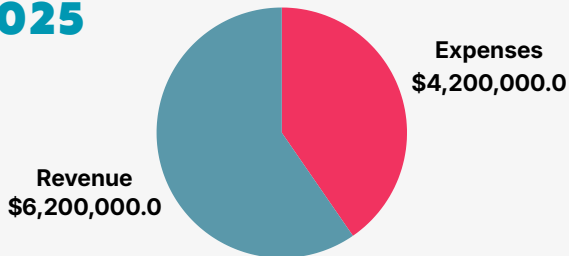
2024

**NEARLY
\$2.5M**

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	2025	2024	NOTES
Foundations & Corporate Grants	\$131,000	\$235,000	Decrease of about \$100,000
Affordable Housing Revenue	\$300,000	\$333,000	
Donated Food (in-kind)	\$8.2M	\$10.2M	<i>*Decrease of nearly \$2M from 2024</i>

TOTAL REVENUE VS EXPENSES **2025**



**2025 includes sale of The Oaks*

TOTAL REVENUE VS EXPENSES **2024**



OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

2025
EVENTS



MARCH, 26TH

2025

LIFT YOUR
HEART
RECOGNITION
EVENT



We celebrated the generosity of a small but mighty group of donors—along with our incredible community partners like Sam's Club #6420 in Clearwater and the Clearwater Lions Club— who came together to help us purchase TWO forklifts for our food bank instead of one!

We were treated to light bites from Clear Sky Restaurants, a ribbon cutting and blessing by Rev. Jim Sorvillo for the new forklifts, and fellowship with supporters. These purchases were incredibly impactful to the warehouse to help us work more efficiently and effectively to serve our community.



Last April, the community gathered in elegance and unity for our Black and White gala benefiting Hope Villages of America. The evening was more than a celebration, it was a powerful reminder of what is possible when compassion and community come together. Through inspiring stories, generous giving, and shared purpose, guests honored the mission of Hope Villages and the lives that are changed every day through its programs.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our supporters, the gala raised vital funds to help provide safety, nourishment, and stability for our neighbors in need. Each gift made that night helped ensure that individuals and families who are struggling to put food on the table, survivors of domestic violence, and neighbors experiencing hardship can find hope, healing, and a path forward to self-sufficiency. This is one of our annual signature events you don't want to miss!



In October, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, our community gathered for our annual Faces of Domestic Violence Luncheon—an inspiring event dedicated to awareness, advocacy, and hope. Guests heard a powerful story of resilience from a survivor, gained deeper insight into the realities of domestic violence in our community, and learned how their support makes safety and healing possible.

Because of the generosity of our sponsors and guests, the luncheon raised critical funds to support The Haven shelter for women and children fleeing violence, our Domestic Violence Outreach Center, and prevention programs. More than a fundraising event, the luncheon was a meaningful reminder that when we come together, we can change the face of domestic violence—replacing fear with safety, and silence with strength.



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\$10K+

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\$5,000 - \$9,999

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\$2,500 - \$4,999

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MAJOR DONORS

\$1,000 - \$2,499

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In 1967, fifteen local congregations of varying faiths and ethnicities came together to provide help & hope for people in need. Together they founded Religious Community Services, or more commonly known as RCS. Two of the founding members were Fred and Beanie Korosy.

As a centenarian, Beanie has dedicated a majority of her life to helping those in need and making a difference within our community in Pinellas County. We honor Beanie for her hard work and dedication to RCS by renaming the RCS Legacy Society to the Hope Villages of America Korosy Legacy Society.

The **purpose** of the *Korosy Legacy Society* is to recognize and honor those individuals and families who include Hope Villages of America in their estate plans.

The vision for the Korosy Legacy Society is to generate financial gifts that will help sustain Hope Village's mission for generations to come.

The Korosy Legacy Society Breakfast: Building a Lasting Legacy: Expert Insights in Finance, Wealth, and Estate Planning, takes place the morning of October 7th at 9am at the The Belleair Country Club and is the first of the Korosy Legacy Society Speaker Series events in 2026!



This educational breakfast brings together community leaders, professionals, and like-minded supporters for a meaningful morning centered on legacy, impact, and forward-thinking planning.

For more information on the Korosy Legacy Society, Please contact Casey Taylor at casey.taylor@hopevillagesofamerica.org

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