

The Open Door

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



"Living Our Best Life"

*Residents find stability and support in
Journey Home Housing Communities*

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Our Mission:
**Guiding the journey from
homeless to home.**

**Presbyterian Night Shelter strives
to break the cycles of homelessness
and empower our guests through
shelter, housing, and employment.**

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FROM THE CEO

Dear Friends,

With 2025 squarely in our rearview mirror, we are taking a moment to reflect on some of the incredible things we accomplished at Presbyterian Night Shelter. We are making strides in our mission to guide the journey from homeless to home, and I am happy to share with you that last year, we helped 1,195 individuals exit homelessness. This number includes 392 children who are now able to wake up each morning in a home of their own.

We continue to be at the forefront of shelter services in Fort Worth and Tarrant County, increasing our overnight shelter beds by 4%, allowing us to house 757 individuals across all of our facilities each night. An important tool available at Presbyterian Night Shelter is our Moving Home program. Through case management, addressing the underlying issues that caused a person’s homelessness is crucial in helping them exit homelessness and avoid falling back in. You can read about how our Journey Home Guides make a difference on page 4 in this issue.

We are moving closer to our goal of creating 1,000 units of supportive housing with the grand opening of two new Journey Home Housing communities. In October, we celebrated ribbon-cutting ceremonies at Journey Home Housing at Crowley Road and Journey Home Housing at Camp Bowie West, welcoming City officials, partners, and Journey Home Housing residents. Not only did we open 144 brand new units of permanent supportive housing, they were fully furnished with handcrafted furniture suites built by our WOODWORKS by UpSpire crew. A donor supported “Warm the House” effort ensured that residents had all the necessary household items to begin their new chapter. Thank you to all of you who helped provide these household essentials, as well as to the numerous volunteer groups that set up the apartments, allowing residents to walk right into a warm, cozy home.

This past fall, we announced an exciting new expansion of UpSpire: Greater Good Collective. After a generous donor gave us a building at 2603 Cherry Lane in West Fort Worth, we began renovations to establish a west side donation station, a curated thrift shop, and a coffee house. This creates new jobs for individuals who often face barriers to full-time work, particularly women and mothers. Once the business fully takes off, other skills-based programs are planned to open, such as a handyman service and a junk removal and recycling service.

These great initiatives don’t just happen – they take incredible planning and dedicated donors who ensure Presbyterian Night Shelter is able to meet the needs of our community. I’m so proud of our staff who work tirelessly to help our neighbors exit homelessness, and am so grateful to each of you who support our work and mission as a donor, volunteer, or even a caring individual.

We have an exciting year ahead; thank you for being on the journey with us.



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Sincerely,
TOBY OWEN | CEO

GUIDING THE JOURNEY HOME

Journey Home Guides help guests address their underlying issues

DAWN HOWELL HAS BEEN HELPING GUESTS AT PRESBYTERIAN NIGHT SHELTER since 2020, first as an Advocate, then a Diversion Specialist, and now, a Journey Home Guide. As a Journey Home Guide, she is a vital resource to individuals who have joined the Moving Home program, helping them address the underlying issues that have caused or exacerbated their homelessness. With her help (and that of our other Journey Home Guides) guests are able to formulate a plan on how to exit homelessness and move into a more secure housing situation.

“When somebody initially comes in, it’s pretty overwhelming at first,” she says. “They have like 24-48 hours to meet with us and complete the enrollment. Once we do that and get them initially enrolled, we find out ‘what do you need? What are your barriers? What can we do to get you from homeless to housed?’”

Each person that comes to her desk has a different story – and different needs. Some arrive without any of their critical documents, such as Social Security card, driver’s license, or birth certificate. Without this documentation, it’s impossible for the guest to apply for a job, so obtaining those documents are often the first step. Others may have their documents, but don’t know how to formulate an exit strategy, are struggling with addiction, or a myriad of other problems. With the help of a Journey Home Guide, they explore or locate resources that can put them back on track towards moving out of homelessness.

Guests who are unemployed meet with their Journey Home Guide twice a month to create goals around employment, health and well-being, and other areas of need. Employed guests meet with their case manager once each month. During these sessions, the case manager leads the conversation to help the guest find the solutions themselves, creating goals in tandem with the guest that they will accomplish on their own.

“One of the things that we help with, and are trying to get them to do, is go into training,” she continues. “Get some certifications to help maintain that job. Not just going to get a starter job.” She emphasizes getting people into classes – like welding or forklift operating or obtaining a commercial driver’s license – through community learning centers and places like Texas Workforce Commission or Goodwill Works. UpSpire is also heavily encouraged.

She has seen varying degrees of success with those in her care. She’s had guests who have all but given up and others who have flourished. Like her client, Qualyn. He arrived at the Shelter with no income and an extensive background. He looked and looked for work but couldn’t find anything until a lucky break came through and he got temporarily hired on at a local brewery. After three short months, he was made a permanent employee. This was all a result of his own hard work and with a little guidance from his case manager.



Guests work with Journey Home Guides like Dawn (L) to establish goals, create a plan, then work towards exiting homelessness.

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Our Shelters

KARL TRAVIS MEN’S CENTER

Emergency shelter and transitional housing program for single adult men (18+). Provides case management to help individuals exit homelessness.

LOWDON-SCHUTTS WOMEN’S CENTER

Emergency shelter and transitional housing program for single adult women (18+). Provides case management to help individuals exit homelessness.

PATRIOT HOUSE VETERANS SERVICES

Transitional housing program to prepare homeless veterans for permanent independent living within 12 months.

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Transitional housing for children and their parents experiencing homelessness, including single mothers, single fathers, two parent households, and intergenerational families.

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Project-based permanent housing program for those living with severe mental illness.



Journey Home Guides work as a team to provide support to guests on their journey out of homelessness.

In 2025, 211 male guests and 109 female guests enrolled in the Moving Home program exited to permanent housing, and 35% increased earned income. This life-changing work is made possible by supporters who invest in long-term stability, beyond just temporary shelter.

For Dawn, this work is personal. “I was homeless once, too, a long time ago,” she shares. “So, being a person that went through it myself, that’s what drives me. To me, what blesses my soul is if I can help or make a difference in one person’s life a day. That makes everything I do worth it.”



TRUE WORTH PLACE

True Worth Place is a one-of-a-kind facility that offers day shelter plus consolidated access to a variety of services — including showers, meals, laundry, mail service, and case management — all in a convenient, compassionate place that fosters an environment of respect.

WORKING FOR THE GREATER GOOD

A new initiative aims to create more jobs for those facing barriers

SINCE 2016, UpSPIRE HAS PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN PRESBYTERIAN NIGHT SHELTER'S MISSION, providing meaningful work and steady income to help people exit homelessness. Each year, our employment opportunities have grown thanks to new and developing partnerships in our Litter Abatement, Landscaping, Janitorial, Warehouse, and Staffing service arms. For instance, we added twenty-five new full-time jobs last fall, when the City of Fort Worth added five litter abatement crews to its UpSpire contract.

UpSpire is expanding in areas beyond our core services, too. WOODWORKS by UpSpire, our skills-based carpentry apprenticeship for adults exiting homelessness, launched in late 2024 and is providing new opportunities for job experience in the carpentry and construction industry. The first WOODWORKS contract built all of the furniture for the 144 new Journey Home Housing units, creating a suite of sturdy, sustainable furniture pieces for each tenant exiting homelessness into a home of their own.

And now, we're preparing for even more growth in 2026! Greater Good Collective will open a new workforce hub and set of microbusinesses in the Las Vegas Trail district of Fort Worth. A curated thrift store, donation drop-off station, coffee bar, and other microbusinesses will provide retail and food service employment opportunities in that area.



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"This expansion reflects what 'uplifting people' and building an 'inspired workforce' truly means in practice," says Daryl R. Davis, II, Vice President of Workforce and Career Development. "It allows us to focus intentionally on career development; helping individuals build skills, gain experience, and see a future for themselves."

The Greater Good Collective will prioritize employment for populations who often face barriers to full-time work, particularly women and mothers, and will offer wraparound supports such as workforce coaching, flexible scheduling, and trauma-informed practices.



"Opening a thrift store, coffee house, and donation station together means building trust on multiple fronts at once," states Barbara Clark-Galupi, Social Enterprise Launch Manager for Greater Good Collective. "We're asking the community to shop, give, and linger—all while understanding that these businesses are also creating opportunity for people rebuilding their lives. Greater Good Collective is needed [on the west side] not as a charity, but as a place people choose—one that feels welcoming, high-quality, and rooted in the neighborhood. When people see excellence paired with purpose, it changes how they engage."

Expected to open in May 2026, Greater Good Collective will roll out other businesses once the main businesses are up and running. Plans include new skills-based initiatives, too, like a handyman service as well as a recycling service.

"We are equipping people not just to work, but to grow," Davis continues. "When individuals feel supported in their development and confident in their potential, they show up inspired, and that inspiration carries forward into their work, their families, and the communities they are part of."

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Daryl R. Davis, II, VP of Workforce and Career Development, Barbara Clark-Galupi, Social Enterprise Launch Manager of Greater Good Collective, and Jasper Clements, Lead Carpenter of WOODWORKS by UpSpire review construction plans for a new donation station, thrift store, and coffee house.

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

For people experiencing homelessness, immediate shelter is just the first step. Presbyterian Night Shelter is dedicated to breaking chronic cycles of homelessness by removing barriers to affordable housing and sustainable employment - guiding the journey from homeless to home.

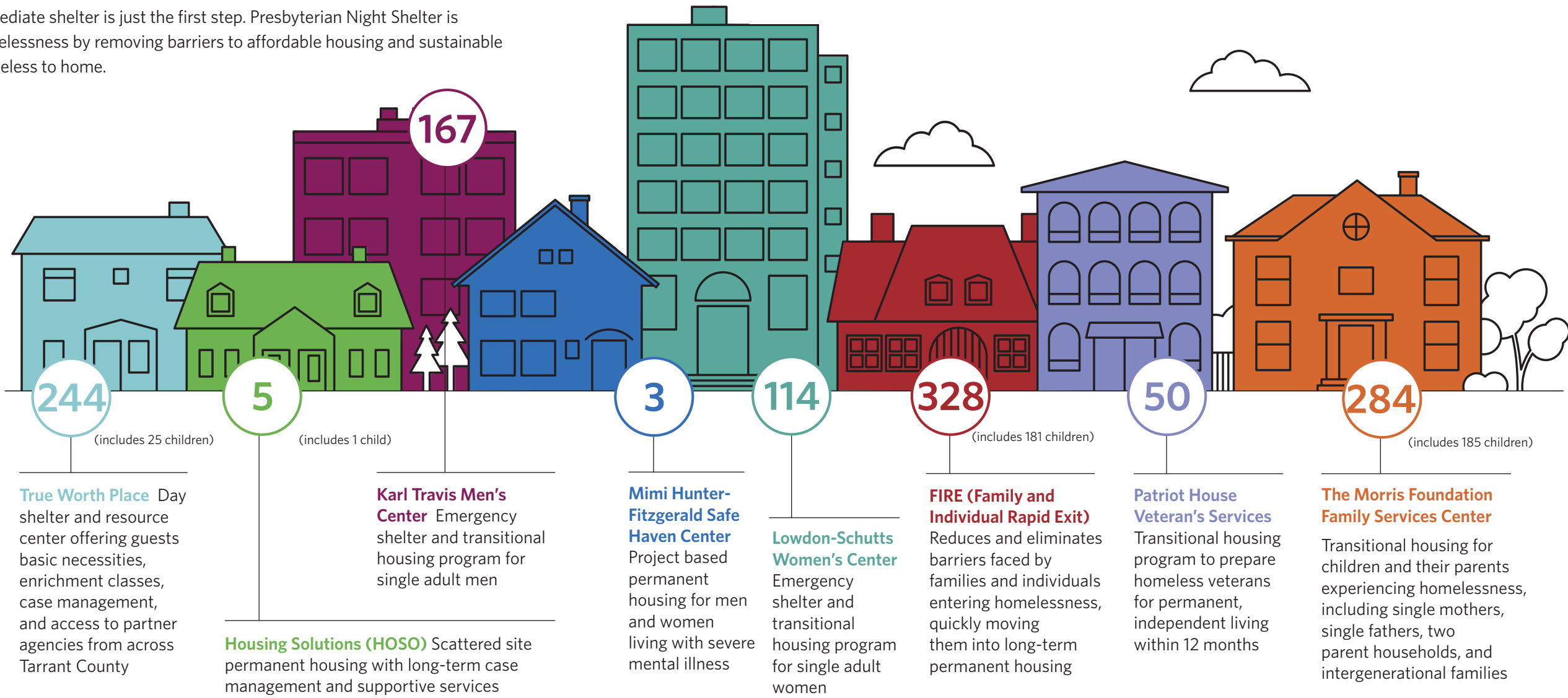


IN 2025, THE HARD WORK OF OUR STAFF, ALONG WITH THE OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT FROM OUR DONORS AND COMMUNITY, HELPED GUIDE

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*This number includes 392 children



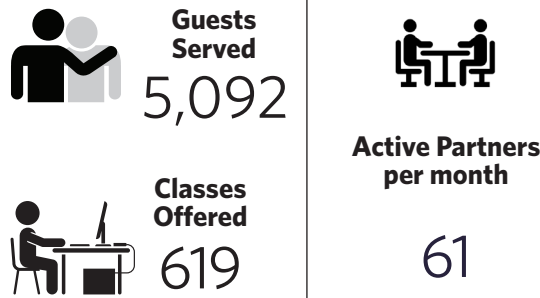
Additional ways we helped our neighbors experiencing homelessness in 2025

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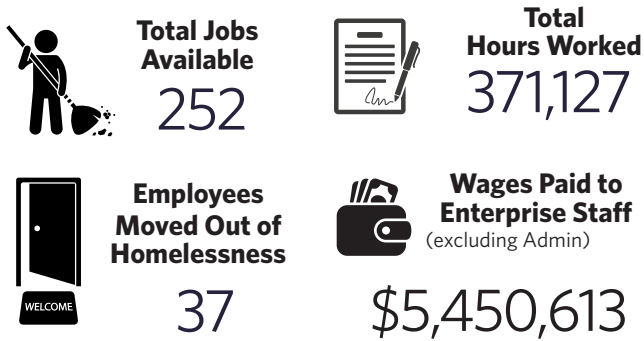
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2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Audited Financial Information
Year Ended December 31, 2024

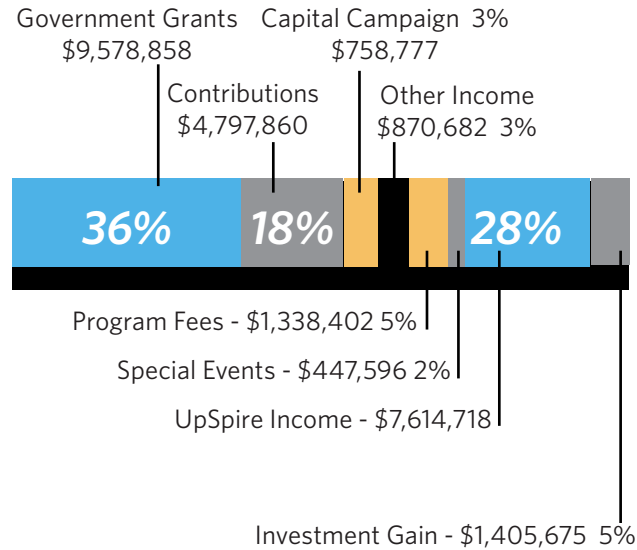
SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Government Grants	\$9,578,858
Contributions	\$4,797,860
Capital Campaign	\$758,777
Other Income	\$870,682
Program Fees	\$1,338,402
Special Events	\$447,596
UpSpire Revenue	\$7,614,718
Investment Gain	\$1,405,675
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$26,812,568

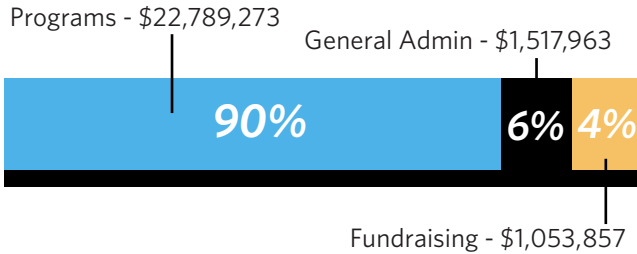
EXPENSES

Program	\$22,789,273
General and Admin	\$1,517,963
Fundraising	\$1,053,857
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	\$25,361,093
Change in Net Assets	\$1,451,475
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	\$65,270,870
Net Assets - End of Year	\$66,722,345

REVENUE - \$26,812,568



EXPENSES - \$25,361,093



(L-R) Co-Chairs, Dr. Brian & Mrs. Courtney Tulbert; Toby Owen, CEO; Mrs. Kaci & Dr. Jason Biggers

THE 31ST ANNUAL HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS GALA PRESENTED BY TEXAS CAPITAL was the perfect way to end 2025, raising over \$600,000 to benefit the people served at Presbyterian Night Shelter.

Thank you to our co-chairs, Kaci Biggers and Courtney Tulbert, and dedicated Gala Committee members (pictured below), our Emcee, Marc Istook from WFAA's "Daybreak," and all those who donated in-kind items for our silent auction, live auction, and raffles.



To see photos from the Home for the Holidays Gala, scan this QR code!

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WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO HAVE SUCH AN AMAZING GROUP OF DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS! In 2025, 1,898 volunteers put in 18,624 volunteer hours in service to Presbyterian Night Shelter, serving meals, working in the mail room, providing enrichment classes or services to our guests, landscaping at Journey Home Housing, and so much more.



"LIVING OUR BEST LIFE"

Residents find stability and support in Journey Home Housing communities

LEE ANN WAS RUNNING A SUCCESSFUL HOUSE CLEANING BUSINESS WHEN HER MARRIAGE BEGAN TO FALL APART. After her divorce, a series of difficult circumstances led to Lee Ann experiencing homelessness with an uncertain future. Fortunately, she found her way to Presbyterian Night Shelter and several months later, moved into her own apartment in one of our Journey Home Housing communities.

"I'm home," she says through emotion, "I may cry, because it took a long time to get here. But I'm home."

Lee Ann is not the only one who has found "home" through Presbyterian Night Shelter. Last year, Journey Home Housing offered hope, stability, and a brighter future for 54 families (including 93 children) and 140 adults. And we continued adding more permanent housing in Fort Worth - celebrating two new supportive housing communities in October 2025: Journey Home Housing Camp Bowie West and Journey Home Housing Crowley Road. Community members, local representatives, residents, and Shelter staff gathered together on two bright fall mornings to recognize the occasion and tour the new facilities.

"The most effective way to end homelessness is through housing," shares Toby Owen, CEO of Presbyterian Night Shelter.

"These new units represent meaningful progress in our mission to ensure our most vulnerable neighbors have not only a place to live, but access to the supportive services they need to thrive."

Journey Home Housing tenants sign a 12-month lease, with case management available to help work towards personal goals like purchasing a car, building emergency savings, certification and trainings for new career pathways, and reconnecting with family.

Moving from a shelter setting into a home of their own, residents may feel apprehensive about maintaining housing after long, often repeated experiences of homelessness. Our staff members work onsite at each community, offering support and resources to navigate crises that could jeopardize someone's stability.

"Our case management services focus on meeting basic needs, being a good neighbor, and building a community that fosters a sense of belonging so our residents can thrive," states Krystal Lotspeich, Vice President of

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Mayor Mattie Parker cuts the ribbon for Journey Home Housing at Camp Bowie West, along with Board members of New Leaf Community Services and Presbyterian Night Shelter.

Lee Ann enjoys a quiet moment on the front porch of her Journey Home Housing unit.



Housing Services. "Case management is about rapport and connections. It's connecting with each other and to resources in the community. It's about walking alongside someone in their journey, helping them thrive and overcome [obstacles in their way]."

That emotional connection isn't the only way residents are supported. Journey Home Housing residents move into a fully furnished home, complete with linens, dishes, and other basic home goods generously donated through our Warm the House campaign. WOODWORKS by UpSpire apprentices built over 1,100 pieces for Journey Home Housing last year, constructing bedside tables, loveseats, microwave stands, beds, and other furniture items for each of our 144 new units. Our tenants are set up for success from the first time they set foot in their new home, filled with love from our community and necessary items that make a house a home, too.

For tenants like Lee Ann, Journey Home Housing is a fresh start, a chance to find peace and happiness in their daily life.

"We're here growing, and we've got new opportunities. And, yeah - we're living our best life!" Lee Ann says with a joyful laugh, "I don't know how else to say it, but we are!"



Each Journey Home Housing unit is fully furnished for residents to begin their new chapter.

From Homeless to Home: Rosemary and Ronnie Celebrate a New Chapter

LAST SUMMER, ROSEMARY AND RONNIE shared their story to highlight the impact of dangerous summer heat on people experiencing homelessness. They were regular guests of True Worth Place, spending the last several years alternating between camping, staying in motels, and sometimes staying at the Shelter. Grateful for the support and care they received at Presbyterian Night Shelter, they are delighted to be in a home of their own. This past fall they became residents of one of our new Journey Home Housing communities and are now living in permanent housing. "We love it here!" Rosemary enthusiastically shares, explaining how they are now thriving in their new home.



Day of Service



ON OCTOBER 25, MORE THAN 175 VOLUNTEERS CAME TOGETHER to complete critical improvement projects across the Shelter's campus. At Patriot House, volunteers installed a meditation water feature, laid an epoxy floor, and completed a kitchen demolition to better serve the veterans in our care. Additional efforts included a full pantry and freezer clean-out at True Worth Place, assembling over 1,500 hygiene kits, and deep cleaning at several of our buildings.

We are grateful to the corporate, faith-based, and community partners who made this day of service possible, including **Lockheed Martin, First Command Financial, TPG, Atmos Energy, Law Offices of Jason Smith, Range Resources, BNSF Railway, The Well Youth Group, St. Stephen's Youth Group, Celebration Church, Men Serving God, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Texas Christian University, and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.** It was a fantastic day!



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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF PRESBYTERIAN NIGHT SHELTER,

AS I REFLECT ON NEARLY 15 YEARS OF INVOLVEMENT WITH PRESBYTERIAN NIGHT SHELTER, I am filled with gratitude and hope. My passion for serving those experiencing homelessness began during my college days at St. John's University, a Vincentian university in New York City, where I first encountered the profound impact that compassionate outreach can have on individuals and communities.

Many may not realize that as a board, we choose to hold our meetings right here at the Shelter. This allows us to see, firsthand, the faces of those whose lives we touch. It is a constant and powerful reminder of the importance of this work and the impact we have on real people every day.

Serving on the board of Presbyterian Night Shelter, and now as Chair, has been a privilege and a journey of witnessing remarkable growth and transformation. Over the years, I have watched our organization expand its reach and its vision, thanks to our CEO, Toby Owen and all of our dedicated team members. What began as a mission to provide safe, low-barrier shelter for anyone in need has grown into a comprehensive network of services that offer hope, dignity, and opportunity. Today, we provide not only emergency shelter, but also permanent supportive housing for those rebuilding their lives. Our innovative UpSpire program offers meaningful employment opportunities, while WOODWORKS by UpSpire empowers individuals with new skills and a sense of purpose. Looking ahead, we are excited to launch the Greater Good Collective, further strengthening our commitment to helping our neighbors in need.

Through every new initiative and each bed made available, our dedication to serving the most vulnerable remains unwavering. Collaboration has played a key role in our success—our coordination with the City of Fort Worth and other community partners ensures that we can provide the most effective support to those who need it most. None of this would be possible without the support, generosity, and belief of people like you.

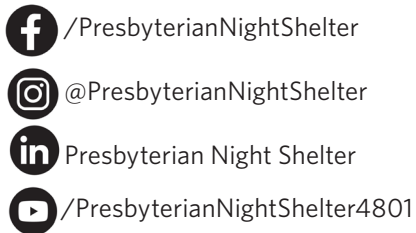
I invite you to come and see our work in action, to volunteer your time, or even consider serving alongside us. Together, we can continue building a community where everyone is valued, and everyone has a place to call home.



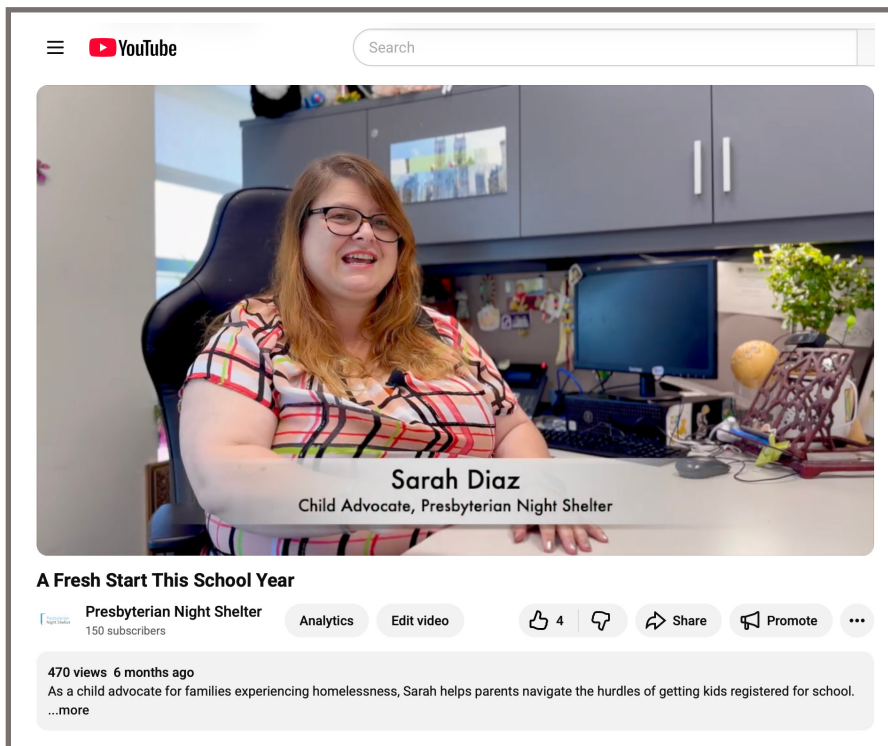
In Service,

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