

2025

# ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

PROVIDENCE  HOUSE

Breaking the Homeless Cycle One Family at a Time



# OUR HISTORY

A MISSION THAT BEGAN IN 1988



Providence House was founded in 1988 when two members of First Presbyterian Church, Mary Anne Selber and Jean Sayres, recognized a need for shelter services serving homeless families with children. Originally named Evergreen House and operated by the Salvation Army, the organization served as a temporary shelter until 1992 when it became evident there was a significant housing need in northwest Louisiana for families with children. The organization was then renamed Providence House and the mission evolved to provide

long-term solutions for breaking the homeless cycle. The comprehensive support services were developed to help each family address the root causes that led to homelessness and ultimately move them toward their highest level of self-sufficiency. Providence House has continued to grow over the years in response to the needs of residents and the greater community.

## **Providence House Mission: "Breaking the Homeless Cycle One Family at a Time"**

Our mission statement speaks to what we believe and is the underlying motivation for all that we do at Providence House. The Lord who created you says: "Fear not, I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine" Isaiah 43:1. Providence House is a ministry called to live out God's gracious intention, sovereign purpose, and steadfast love for each and every person. In providing shelter, care, support, and encouragement for families in need, we seek to be a visible sign and instrument of God's own provisions for all of His children.

# A NOTE

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2025 has been a remarkable year of transformation, growth, and renewed momentum at Providence House. As I stepped into the role of Executive Director in June 2025, I was deeply honored to join an organization with a rich legacy of service spanning nearly four decades—a legacy rooted in faith, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to breaking the cycle of homelessness, one family at a time. I want to begin by expressing my profound gratitude to our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, partners, and the generous community that continues to uplift our mission.

Your belief in our work empowers families and strengthens the fabric of our community in Northwest Louisiana. This year, Providence House achieved significant milestones in our work to provide stability, dignity, and opportunity. Our programs continued to support families as they work toward lasting independence. From housing stability to workforce development and supportive services that address the root causes of homelessness, our holistic approach is showing real results.

A key highlight of 2025 was the completion of a major seven-month construction and renovation project across our campus. This work brought critical enhancements to our facilities—improving living spaces, community areas, and infrastructure so that our families and staff can thrive in a safe, welcoming environment. These improvements position Providence House for future growth and better service delivery for the families we are privileged to support.

Our progress this year reflects the collective dedication of many — from donors and community partners to volunteers and advocates. Each contribution, no matter the size, has helped ensure that our residents have access to resources, education, and pathways to self-sufficiency. As we look ahead, we remain committed to innovative, compassionate leadership and deepening our impact across the region. Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we are making a lasting difference—transforming not only homes, but futures.

With gratitude,



**Sharpel Welch**  
*Executive Director*  
*Providence House*

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# YOUR RETURN ON INVESTMENT

4,000+ PHONE  
CALLS  
REQUESTING  
HELP  
RECEIVED



\$245,046 IN-KIND  
GOODS RECEIVED



212 PEOPLE SERVED



16 FAMILIES PLACED  
IN  
INCOME-BASED  
HOUSING



21,490 MEALS  
SERVED



21 FAMILIES  
GRADUATED



64  
FAMILIES  
HOUSED



96 INDIVIDUALS  
PARTICIPATED IN  
WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT



4-STAR RATED  
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

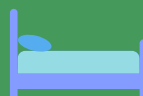
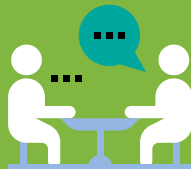


44  
VOLUNTEER  
GROUPS  
SERVED



48 COMMUNITY  
FAMILIES HOUSED

350+  
COUNSELING  
SESSIONS  
ADMINISTERED

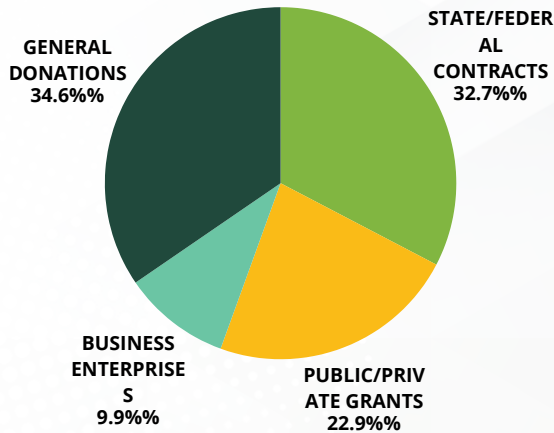


12,625 NIGHTS OF  
LODGING PROVIDED

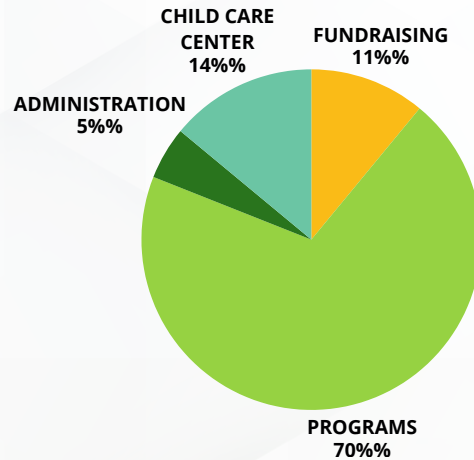
# SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

UNAUDITED, CPA PREPARED AS OF MARCH 11, 2026

## REVENUE



## EXPENSES



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION IN NUMBERS

### Income Statement

Revenue	\$1,911,017.16
Expenses	\$ 2,258,119.73

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<b>Total Net Income</b>	<b>\$ -347,102.58</b>
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*\*During fiscal year 2025, Providence House incurred a net operating loss due to an unbudgeted but essential remediation project addressing critical facility needs. While this created a temporary deficit, it strengthened our infrastructure and ensured the safety and continuity of our programs. Providence House remains financially stable, committed to responsible stewardship, and dedicated to providing a safe environment where families can rebuild their lives.*

# PROVIDENCE HOUSE

*William C. Woolf*  
**CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

**OUR FACILITY  
SUCCESSFULLY  
MAINTAINED A  
4-STAR RATING  
FOR QUALITY  
CARE.**

**WE OFFER A  
SPECIALIZED  
STEAM CENTER TO  
FOSTER HANDS-ON  
LEARNING AND  
INNOVATION.**

**CONNIE YOUNG  
ACHIEVED A  
PERFECT SCORE IN  
CLASS  
OBSERVATIONS FOR  
OUR INFANT  
CLASSROOM.**



**OUR CURRICULUM  
ENSURES EVERY  
STUDENT  
GRADUATES  
FULLY PREPARED  
FOR MAGNET  
SCHOOL  
ENROLLMENT.**

**WE MAINTAINED A  
RECORD OF ZERO  
DEFICIENCIES WITH  
THE LOUISIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION  
(LDOE).**

**WE PROUDLY  
SERVED 52  
CHILDREN  
THROUGHOUT  
2025.**

The William C. Woolf Child Development Center at Providence House is seeing remarkable results as one of the first four-star, 100% STEAM centers in the Shreveport-Bossier area. With over 92% of students meeting their goals, and enrollment numbers on the rise, our updated classrooms and cutting-edge STEAM curriculum are making a significant impact. This helps to level the playing field for all children, ensuring they have the tools needed to succeed.

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## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**FACILITATED THE ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT OF 20 RESIDENTS BY COMPLETING TABE TESTING AND SUCCESSFULLY ENROLLING THEM IN THE BPCC TRANSITION PROGRAM.**

**ACHIEVED A COMPETITIVE AVERAGE STARTING WAGE OF \$12.44 PER HOUR FOR ALL PROGRAM PLACEMENTS.**

**ADMINISTERED 19 ACT WORKKEYS ASSESSMENTS TO HELP RESIDENTS VALIDATE THEIR WORKPLACE SKILLS AND IMPROVE THEIR MARKETABILITY TO EMPLOYERS.**

**UPSILLED 68 RESIDENTS THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE SOFT SKILLS TRAINING, FOCUSING ON THE ESSENTIAL INTERPERSONAL QUALITIES REQUIRED FOR LONG-TERM CAREER RETENTION.**

**MODERNIZED 40 PROFESSIONAL RESUMES, ENSURING PARTICIPANTS ARE EQUIPPED WITH THE COMPETITIVE DOCUMENTATION NEEDED FOR A SUCCESSFUL JOB SEARCH.**

**SECURED FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT FOR 39 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS, DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING TO THE GROWTH OF THE LOCAL WORKFORCE.**

**EMPOWERED 41 INDIVIDUALS TO EARN INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS IN HIGH-DEMAND FIELDS, INCLUDING INDUSTRIAL READINESS, CUSTOMER SERVICE, SERVSAFE, AND PHLEBOTOMY.**



Each spring and fall, Providence House celebrates families who have completed our program. These men, women, boys, and girls have reached educational milestones, gained job skills, earned certifications, found employment, and secured stable housing.

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# WITH YOUR HELP

## THANK YOU, DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS

We are grateful for your generosity which allows us to support homeless men, women, and children across northwest Louisiana every day. Your unwavering support makes the critical work possible. Through your time, talent, and treasure, lives are transforming one family at a time. Every gift, no matter the size, has a lasting impact, providing shelter, food, and a path to a better future for those in need.

Thank you for partnering with us to improve our community. Your support is essential to the success of this work, and we could not do it without you.



**Sharpel Welch**  
Executive Director



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