

strong coffee, mighty prayers

2025 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025





a letter from our

BOARD CHAIR & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of The Lamb Center,

Thank you for your faithful prayers and partnership throughout this past year. Your support remains the bedrock of our mission as we work together to reflect the compassionate heart of Christ by serving our neighbors experiencing homelessness.

FY2025 was marked by both significant challenges and extraordinary milestones. We are especially grateful to share the progress on Beacon Landing. Despite numerous hurdles that could have stopped the project in its tracks, our collective persistence and God's provision prevailed. This 54 apartment supportive housing community is more than a building; it will be a place of safety, stability, and dignity for our most vulnerable neighbors for years to come.

As the demand for our services continues to grow, your generosity truly sustains and strengthens us. This year, for the first time, more than 2,000 unique individuals walked through our doors seeking help. Each person represents a story, and our team has risen to meet this growing need with grace. We are especially grateful for the dedication of our case managers, who navigate complex systems and advocate relentlessly to help guests restore stability; our pastoral staff, who provide the spiritual foundation for healing and hope; and our dedicated operations team, who welcome and care for our guests and volunteers alike.

It is an honor to do this work, and we recognize we do not do it alone. Last year, over 120 faith communities participated in our work; over 1,500 households donated financially; and 328 people volunteered their time. We are humbled by the support of such an engaged and compassionate community. Together, we are offering a place of belonging.

Your partnership, through your gifts, your time, and your talents, is invaluable as we continue restoring dignity, hope, and a future for our guests.

With gratitude,

Lesley Hatch
TLC Board Chair

Tara Ruzkowski
Executive Director

our mission, vision & values

WHO WE ARE

mission To live out the compassionate heart of Christ by serving our neighbors experiencing homelessness.

vision A community where every individual is known, cherished, and has a place to call home.

values **We are Christ-centered.** We walk alongside our guests with the love and compassion Christ extends to us.

We are inclusive. We provide a safe and welcoming space, without discrimination, honoring each individual's dignity and experiences.

We pursue excellence. We strive for the highest level of integrity, innovation, and effectiveness in everything we do.

We are partners. We collaborate with community members, businesses, local governments, and faith communities to discover solutions that equip our beloved neighbors to thrive.

FY 25 COMMUNITY IMPACT AT A GLANCE



36,553
Guest Visits



63,476
Meals Served



328
Active Volunteers



2,040
Unique Guests Served



9,029
Loads of Laundry



18,730
Volunteer Hours



169
Received
Healthcare



10,247
Showers Taken

love thy neighbor

EXPANDING GUEST SERVICES

FY 2025 saw the addition of multiple new services that ensure a greater level of care for our guests:



Major Dental Clinic Upgrade*, providing guests with greater access to dental care.

Addition of an Intake Assessment Coordinator, who greets new guests and triages immediate needs.

Introduction of Monthly Guest Social Club*, providing guests with a chance to build community and support networks while having a little fun.

Demolition of the Hy-Way Motel, paving the way for construction to begin on Beacon Landing, a 54 apartment supportive housing community TLC is developing in partnership with Wesley Housing.



Addition of a Pastoral Intern, expanding pastoral care for guests.



Rita, TLC Guest

I've noticed that people [at Social Club gatherings] who don't typically engage with others start talking and laughing together. . . when you can escape your current reality you become the person you really are instead of the person you have to be to survive. At Social Club, your mind gets set free for a little bit.

- Rita, TLC Guest

I try to be very welcoming and give an immediate human touch to our new guests. They may be totally new to being homeless. I help them start sorting out what services they need right away so they don't feel so alone."

- Stacey Parsons, Intake Assessment Coordinator



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*Special thanks to the City of Fairfax's Nonprofit Grant Program, the INOVA Community Health Program, and the Northern VA Health Foundation for funding these initiatives.



481
Engaged in
Case Management



50
Transitioned Into
Housing

we know our guests by name

MAINTAINING A RELATIONSHIP-BASED APPROACH

Amid tremendous growth and change, TLC's calling—to serve as the hands and feet of Christ to our neighbors experiencing homelessness—remains the same. As a faith-based provider, our commitment to getting to know each guest by name, and meeting them wherever they are on their journey, without judgment, remains the same.



Mr. Baxter, TLC Guest, signing his lease with Case Manager Ashley Bingham

From FY '24 to FY '25, we experienced a 20% increase—from 399 to 481—in the number of guests who engaged with case management services. During that same time, participation in the workforce development program grew by 33%, from 66 to 88 guests. Fifty-four guests (61%) graduated from the program to regular employment.

Director of Case Management Milton Rodriguez credits TLC's culture of relational case management for this growth. "Our priority is building rapport with our guests before we do anything else. Building trust is the most important thing. Our guests are in a place where they don't trust anyone, since they've been failed by so many processes and systems. We first need to demonstrate that we will walk with them and support them. From there, progress on goals begins."



Carmen, TLC Guest, sharing a festive moment with Case Manager Mila Rosenberg



88

Participated in
Workforce Development



54

Transitioned to Regular
Employment

servicing with humility

HONORING OUR VOLUNTEERS

It takes an average of just over 100 volunteers per week to operate The Lamb Center. Multiple guest services, including the front desk, kitchen, laundry, and clothing closet, are staffed entirely by volunteers who commit to an ongoing weekly shift.

In FY 2025, volunteers provided over 19,400 hours of service, the equivalent of over nine full-time staff positions. The consistency and dedication of our volunteer corps makes possible the deeply caring atmosphere for which we are known.



Debbi,
TLC Volunteer
(above)



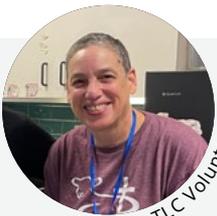
Pastor Rob Yancey, Capital
Presbyterian Fairfax
(above)



L-R: Lori, Deborah, Chick-fil-A Representative, Dave



Father Mathias Kumar,
Our Lady of Good Counsel
(left)



Maritza, TLC Volunteer

"I really wanted to do something to help people... As soon as I walked through the door, the aura was just beautiful. Everyone I made eye contact with smiled at me. I felt like I was home."

- Maritza Castro, TLC Volunteer



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Meals Delivered
by Faith Partners

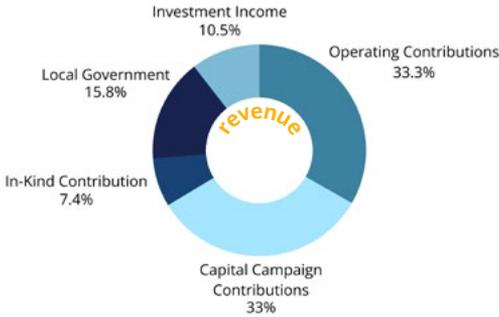


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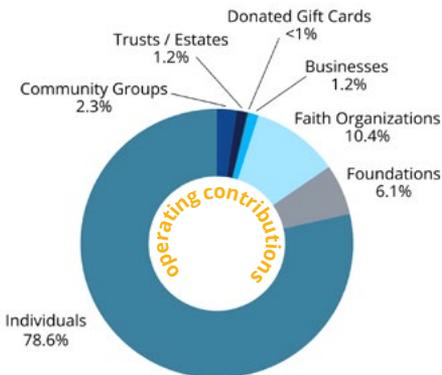
Guest Clergy Sermons

fiscal year 2025

FINANCIAL STATISTICS



**Total revenue includes \$2,016,861 in Capital Campaign income that is being invested in three strategic initiatives: Beacon Landing, expanded workforce development programming, and the introduction of on-site clinical mental health services.*



56

Faith Communities supported TLC financially

revenue

***TOTAL: \$6,107,027**

Operating Contributions:
\$2,033,640

Capital Campaign
Contributions: \$2,016,861

In-Kind Contributions:
\$451,898

Local Government:
\$966,180

Investment Income:
\$638,448

expenses

TOTAL: \$2,929,718

Program Services:
\$2,185,584

Management & General:
\$265,964

Fundraising: \$478,170

operating contributions

TOTAL: \$2,033,640

Donated Gift Cards: \$2,755

Businesses: \$25,369

Faith Organizations:
\$211,550

Foundations: \$123,828

Individuals: \$1,597,525

Community Groups:
\$47,613

Trusts / Estates: \$25,000

areas of focus for FY 26

LOOKING AHEAD

Through God's grace, the year ahead holds meaningful opportunities for our guests as we move forward with three strategic priorities: opening Beacon Landing, expanding our workforce development program, and introducing on-site, low barrier clinical mental health services.

Construction continues at Beacon Landing, the permanent supportive housing community we are developing in partnership with Wesley Housing. When completed in December 2026, this long-awaited community will provide 54 homes for neighbors experiencing homelessness and mark a significant milestone in our ministry. Beacon Landing will be a place where stability can take root, dignity is restored, and lives are transformed.



Photo: Construction of Beacon Landing (February 2026)

Alongside this effort, we will continue to grow our workforce development program by adding new training opportunities and employer partnerships. These efforts will open doors for more guests to build marketable skills and take meaningful steps toward sustainable employment. The ground floor of Beacon Landing will include dedicated space for an employment center, creating a permanent home for this expanding work.

Our third area of focus is the introduction of on-site, low barrier clinical mental health services—services designed to meet guests where they are and provide care in a setting where they feel safe and supported. We are encouraged by the early success of a pilot partnership with Fairfax County's Community Services Board, which lowers the barrier to mental health care by conducting initial intake and assessments at The Lamb Center. We look forward to building on this foundation in the year ahead.

As we look to the future, we do so with deep gratitude and faith in the work God continues to unfold through The Lamb Center and the generous community that walks alongside us.

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