

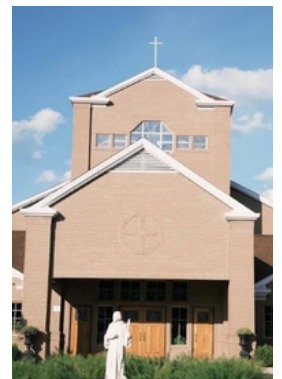


FOUND HOUSE INTERFAITH HOUSING NETWORK

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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CELEBRATING
OUR HISTORY,
BUILDING
OUR FUTURE**



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A Message from Found House IHN Leadership



Above: Chara Fisher Jackson, President of Found House IHN's Board of Directors, and Stacey Burge, Found House IHN's President & CEO

When we look back on Found House Interfaith Housing Network's history, we are both awestruck and humbled. In 2025, the organization turned 34. Each year of that remarkable existence represents hundreds of volunteers coming together to be there for neighbors in need by making meals, setting up beds, gathering necessary supplies, and lending presence and prayer. Each year represents hundreds of parents, children, and other family members working hard to move on from the absolute trauma of housing loss, working through that heavy grief at every moment, to get their families rehoused. Each year represents dozens of staff showing up and not just doing a job but living Found House IHN's mission, walking beside families no matter how hard it can get, reminding families it can get better. Each year represents the imperative to serve others that is so clearly found in all the faith traditions—Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, Unitarian, and more--that helped to create and build Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cincinnati back in 1991.

It all helped to lay the foundation from IHN and emergency shelter to Found House IHN and a range of prevention, shelter, housing, and supportive services.

Perhaps our awe and humility are most sparked by the other uniting force of this interfaith work: hope. In conversation with our partners, confirmed by some quick research, we have found among Jewish, Christian, and Muslim traditions that hope, counter to pop culture sensibilities that it is merely a feeling state, is about action. Hope is the work we do now to counter despair, injustice, and isolation rooted in trust that this work is connected to the larger source, to God's plan, however we define or name God. Each volunteer hour performed, dollar donated, item dropped off to assist a waiting family, has been an act of hope rooted in faith. We know faith traditions are different with different meanings to all, but wow! When the hope in action from those different traditions comes together as one toward a common purpose, just look at what we can do.

We celebrate the hope that is continually ignited though action, through showing up, through donating, through renewing your commitment to your own faith principles, through sticking by people in your community that are hurting, and by the services of Found House IHN. We celebrate the way this hope does not stop with a rich history of good work, but keeps moving, walks step-by-step to build a future where all families, all people, have access to the housing they need and deserve.

We celebrate the hope we see everyday in each one of you.

Thank you.

Chara Fisher Jackson

Stacey Burge

FHIHN's Leadership Staff:

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Jessica Mount, VP of Operations
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Garrett Parsons, Pet Support Program Director



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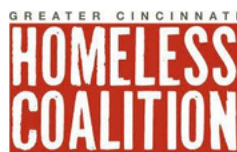
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Found House IHN's Mission is...

...to provide shelter, housing, and support to families experiencing housing insecurity—to strengthen those services through interfaith and community partnerships—in pursuit of a community where all families have access to affordable housing.



2025 Overview

In 2025, Found House IHN kept families together with shelter, housing, prevention, and specialized support programs.



697 families served



60% of all individuals served were children



1,729 family pets served

Group offers place to call home

Church network helps homeless with shelter, classes, care

BY PATRICK KERIN
Regular Contributor

Social workers call it the "safety net" — church groups, social service agencies, charitable organizations and individuals taking over the care of the homeless.

One crucial strand in the local net is the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cincinnati (IHNC). Nestled next to a florist and a neighborhood grocery in Elmwood Place, the organization's Joan E. Kempton Day Center at 5429 Vias St. has become a haven for homeless families in the Cincinnati area and the network's command center.

"There was a study done by Stanford University that determined that three months of homelessness means a form of trauma for life," said IHNC director Shirley Greer. "We want to provide clean, safe sheltering for the families in our network."

The IHNC is a nationwide effort fighting homelessness by rotating families weekly through local churches and synagogues where they are given food, shelter and companionship. The Kempton Day Center provides laundry facilities, a bathroom, a temporary address and counseling for clients. IHNC staff and congregation volunteers also provide information on job opportunities and classes. "On Sunday morning, members of three to five families arrive at the host church or temple for that week. They're provided food and shelter," Greer said.

How it works
"In the morning, transportation is pro-




Network of churches works to provide temporary shelter and find them a permanent place to live

Homeless families get a helping hand



SUBURBAN LIFE

Synagogue embraces homeless families



Celebrating our History:

Found House Interfaith Housing Network--then known as Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cincinnati--started with eight faith congregations sheltering families with no place else to go, in houses of worship overnight. This effort was spearheaded by a small, but mighty group of volunteers, who recognized the need and were motivated by personal faith to act.

This small group eventually expanded into a network of over 100 faith communities hosting families, or providing support to host congregations, as well as donating supplies and money. Families would spend the day working with their Case Manager at the Day Center on a permanent housing plan, while at night, congregational volunteers would serve meals, play games with kids, and build relationships with parents. This created a truly unique network of support in Greater Cincinnati where families without housing were provided with a clear message that other families, even though they did not know them personally, deeply cared about them and their children, and made sure they had a place to go and were not alone.

Changes in the needs of families, as well as the landscape of faith communities, brought into high relief during the COVID-19 pandemic, led to the difficult, but necessary decision to end sheltering at rotating congregation sites. By changing to a single location, case management services and basic needs are all provided under one roof. Volunteers—spreading this same message that families are not alone in their struggle—have been out front in making this change happen doing the things they have always done, just doing so in a new place.



Join us on
October 21st, 2026,
at the **Volunteer Appreciation Event** to celebrate this history and all the volunteers that have made it possible. (Please see back page of report.)



Pictures and Headlines:
taken from our archives showing congregational support over the years

Building our Future:

2025 was exciting, as it marked a new era in the evolution of shelter services. In recognition of the changing landscape of homelessness and housing, Found House IHN embraced a new approach. Shelter services are now provided at a single site where families stay overnight, eat meals, as well as work with staff on all the things that go into becoming and staying stably housed.

The current site, however, is a temporary one. 2025 also marked efforts to identify a permanent site to accommodate this new model. That opportunity came in early 2026 (sneak peek!) and we are delighted that while families were once hosted a week at a time on a rotating basis by faith partners, Found House IHN will now be permanently hosted by one of our longtime faith partners on an outreach campus that will support on-going interfaith action.

Fundraising began in late 2025 to support this permanent site and other Found House IHN needs, and it continues now with many faith partners pledging their financial support. If you or your congregation would like to be a part of this effort, please email sburge@foundhouse.org to connect with Stacey and get started.

2025 Emergency Shelter Impacts:



46 families
135 individuals
84 children

95% exited to stable housing

To all our 2025 partner congregations, Thank you!

Adath Israel Congregation
All Saints Catholic Church
Armstrong Chapel United Methodist
Bread of Heaven Outreach Ministries
Calvary Episcopal Church
Christ Church Cathedral
Christ Church, Glendale
Church of the Advent
Church of the Nativity of Our Lord
Church of the Saviour United Methodist
College Hill Presbyterian Church
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2025 Volunteer Appreciation

In 2025, volunteers gathered in celebration at our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event to socialize and enjoy food, raffle prizes, and an awards ceremony honoring outstanding contributions to our mission. This year's recipients were:

Host Congregation of the Year: Westwood UMC

Coordinator of the Year: Don Majnarich, St. Paul UMC

Above and Beyond Award: Diane Altmix and Katie McDonnell

Pet Support Volunteer of the Year: Riley Sauer

Tail Wagger Award: Amy Groff



Housing Programs

Housing programs provide families with the housing and support they need to move beyond crisis and get back to a sense of stability. Housing programs provide temporary rental assistance in combination with intensive supportive services that aim to address the unique needs of each family.

Whether it is setting up mental health and medical appointments, helping a parent navigate online job applications, or supporting children to have everything they need from food to supplies to encouragement to show up to school ready to learn, each family sets goals that lead to housing stability and their own vision of what they want their families to be and achieve.

Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, and KEYS, support Found House IHN's long held principles of keeping families together and serving families, however they define themselves. We work hard to try and secure housing that meets varying needs whether it be accommodating beloved furry members of the family, mobility or health issues, space for kids to learn and play and grow, and access to transportation and other needs.

Rapid Rehousing

Rapid Rehousing (RRH) provides a short-term, declining rental subsidy along with supportive services to get families exiting shelter, or street outreach programs housed quickly and, in a position, to take over rental payments to stay housed long-term.

Permanent Supportive Housing

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) provides a longer-term rental subsidy with intensive services to get families exiting shelter, or street outreach programs housed quickly, and specifically families that have a member with an eligible, disabling condition and a history of more chronic homelessness. Melrose Place is a site-based PSH project owned and operated by Found House IHN with services provided right where families reside. PSH services are also done on a scattered-site basis in partnership with private property owners, like on RRH.

KEYS Program

KEYS serves pregnant and parenting youth ages 18–24, pairing rapid rehousing services with life and financial skills coaching. In partnership with Lighthouse Youth & Family Services, the Family Housing Partnership, and Strategies to End Homelessness, KEYS equips young families with tools to help them stay housed in the long-term.



Rapid Rehousing (RRH)



83 families
314 individuals
196 children

94% of families exited with stable housing

Permanent Supportive Housing



73 families
256 individuals
136 children

94% of families exited with stable housing

Keys Program



11 families
32 individuals
20 children

100% of families exited with stable housing

Homelessness Prevention

Housing Retention

Also known as the Innovation program, Housing Retention provides intensive, long-term support for families facing chronic barriers to housing stability. Case Managers work alongside families to address budgets, daily living skills, medical and mental health needs, and landlord relationships — preventing housing loss before it happens.

Aftercare

The Aftercare program is our safety net for families who have been involved in shelter or housing services in the past and are now facing temporary setbacks that put them at risk of losing their housing. The program provides timely support, assistance with problem-solving, case management, and short-term financial assistance.

Impact Award from City of Cincinnati

Found House IHN partners with the Housing Stability Collaborative, also known as Impact, utilizing data analytics to identify households at risk of homelessness. Families receive early case management and short-term financial help - addressing problems before they become crises. Prevention services are shown to be cheaper than interventions once housing is lost and prevents unnecessary trauma for parents and children.

Housing Retention



46 families
105 Individuals
42 children
97% of families exited with stable housing

Aftercare



32 families
95 individuals
55 children
92% of families exited with stable housing

Impact



16 families
52 individuals
35 children
100% of families exited with stable housing

Child Enrichment Corner with Daisy Kershaw



I was introduced to Melrose Place in February of 2025 after a conversation with President & CEO, Stacey Burge, where she shared they were looking for more volunteers.

Little did I know, it was the beginning of one of the most rewarding and important experiences in my life.

Most every Friday, for more than a year now, I spend an afternoon with a delightful group of children whose families live at Melrose Place. Most days are spent in the common room, or playing in the garden area just out back. I come with snacks and a planned activity, but that's not what the kids I've gotten the pleasure of knowing look forward to most on our Friday's.

Some of my favorite days spent with the kids have been our field trips. Last Summer, a group of the kids came to visit the news station where I work as a reporter. At WLWT they learned more about the newsroom and had some fun seeing green screen magic in real time – courtesy of our meteorology team!

That Summer, we also brought a group to the Cincinnati Zoo! For some of the children it was a fun return to a beloved spot, for others it was their first time at the zoo. Getting to see their faces light up meant the world to me. These are fun additions to our time together, but for them, it is all about the people who continue to show up, and show how much they care – about their dreams, ideas, goals and futures. Having safe adults in their lives...is priceless and enriching.

Every person faces different barriers in life – but for everyone, childhood should be full of magic Be the magic – and volunteer with Found House IHN!!!

Every year the Child Enrichment Program provides developmental screenings, school support, individual and group activities, to parents and children in Shelter and Melrose Place, delivered by staff and volunteers like Daisy.

Pet Support Program

2025 Impacts



124 animals provided with temporary shelter with 73% returned to their original owner



1605 animals assisted through pet pantry, pet rental deposits, vaccines, and other services



390 families with pets served

Growing need: 1,123 pets with owners requesting temporary pet shelter were turned away due to lack of capacity and resources.

The Found House IHN Pet Support Program is designed for households across Greater Cincinnati that are experiencing housing instability and that have cherished pets they consider family. Often, families are forced to choose between receiving services they need, such as shelter or medical treatment, or parting with their pets.

Recognizing that pets are important members of the family - and vital to well-being and ultimately housing stability - our program steps in for both Found House IHN shelter and surrounding homeless and domestic violence shelters in the region to assist pet owners. Services include temporary pet shelter while humans work to secure housing, as well as pet retention and aftercare services for housed families that include pet food pantry, assistance with pet rental deposits, vaccines and medical help, and supplies such as crates and leashes.

2025 was a landmark year for the Pet Support Program. New kennels and facility renovations expanded our capacity, a new pet van made transporting animals easier, and a new play yard opened across the street allowing pet, families, and volunteers more options for play and connection.

2025 Expansions

- New dog room with 3 kennels
- New cat room with 8 condos
- Transport van
- New play yard named the Zoomie Zone by our dedicated volunteers

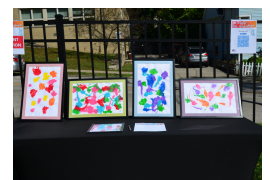
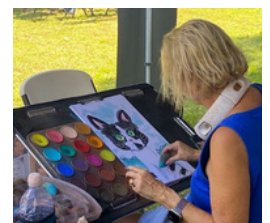
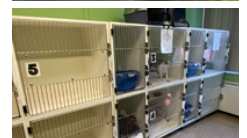
Keeping Families Together



Pawty Pawlooza and Play Yard Opening

This summer, Found House IHN celebrated the grand opening of our new play yard with our **10th Annual Pawty Pawlooza** — a community fundraiser that brought together families that have utilized pet support services, supporters, and animal lovers.

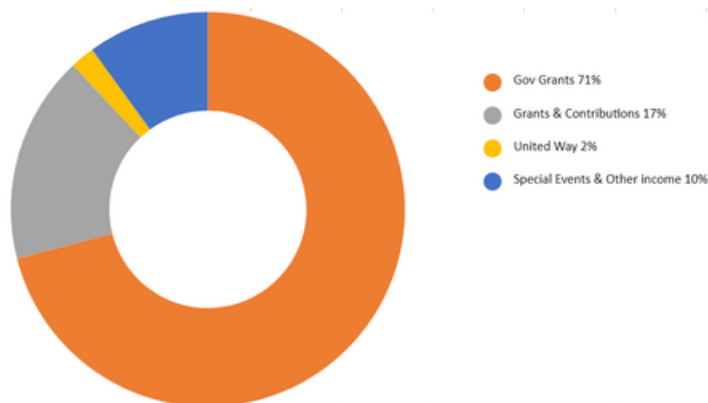
Guests enjoyed facility tours, pet caricatures, a one-of-a-kind art auction featuring works created by our resident pets. Most inspirationally, families shared powerful testimonials about how the Pet Support program supported their journey out of homelessness.



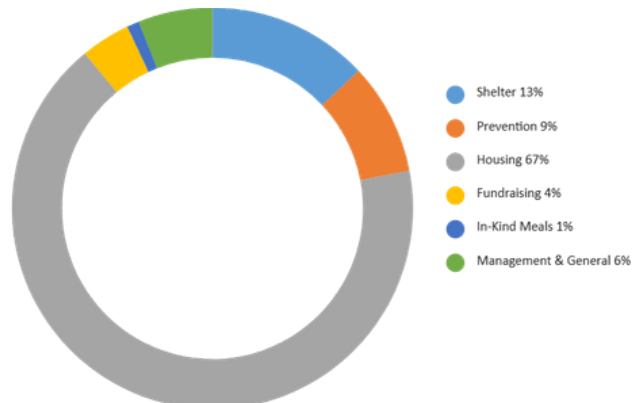
2025 Financials

Year-end net assets: \$2,569,990

Revenue Summary: 4.9 M



Expense Summary: 5 M



Awards

In 2025, Found House IHN was honored to receive:

Donald and Marian Spencer “Spirit of America” Award presented by the Cincinnati Association in recognition of vision, courage, and commitment to promoting greater inclusion and diversity in the Cincinnati community.

Non-Profit Leader Award from the Pet Inclusive Housing Initiative, a national award recognizing a non-profit modeling best practice in addressing the needs of housing insecure people and their pets.

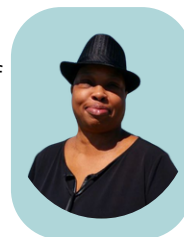


Above: President and CEO Stacey Burge delivers an acceptance speech at the Spirit of America Award Ceremony.

Breakfast Fundraiser

The **Faith in Action Breakfast** brought together over 150 community members, faith partners, and local leaders for a morning of conversation on affordable housing and the movement to end family homelessness.

FHIHN awarded the Donna Corrington Lifetime Achievement Award to Valerie Walker, a member of Truth and Destiny Fellowship and the United Church of Christ. Valerie and her daughter, Kieva, faithfully serve at both College Hill Presbyterian Church and First United Church of Christ as a longtime support crew.



The panel emphasized the importance of local engagement, urging attendees to work with policymakers, strengthen community ties, and take direct action through advocacy and volunteering. Proceeds from the event support families struggling with housing stability.



Above: Moderated by Daisy Kershaw of WLWT News 5 with speakers Sarwar Shareef of Cozy Home Construction, Pastor Sarah Beach of Westwood UMC, and James Williams III of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

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To Register:
Scan the QR code or go to
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**Wednesday, Oct 21st, 2026
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Watch for updates on Facebook and by email
Contact jgreen@foundhouse.org for more information.

Found House IHN 2027 Annual Breakfast

February 17, 2027

Join us for Breakfast and raise awareness about
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Items needed at the Shelter!



- \$25 Gift Cards to Kroger, Walmart, Target, or Meijer
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- Kitty Litter

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for the most current items needed.

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