



2025

IMPACT REPORT

Opening Doors
for Unhoused
Youth



President's Message



Dear Community Members,
On behalf of Doors of Change (DOC), I want to thank our community for standing with us and for caring deeply about the well-being of our homeless youth. Your compassion, partnership and support make it possible for us to serve young people who need stability, hope and opportunity. Youth homelessness is not just an individual challenge, it is a community issue. When we come together to support our most vulnerable young people, we strengthen our neighborhoods and invest in a healthier future for all. Every act of kindness, whether through support, advocacy or collaboration shows our youth that they are valued, seen and not alone. We are grateful to be part of a community that believes in action, empathy and positive change. Thank you for your continued commitment to our youth and for helping us make a real difference in their lives.

With Appreciation,

Joanne Newgard

President, Program Director

“When a community comes together to support its youth, we don't just change lives, we strengthen the future for all.”

Our Mission

Doors of Change transforms the lives of unhoused youth through immediate response, personalized support, and pathways to housing, healing, and self-sufficiency.

Core Promise

Every door we open leads to safety, stability, and opportunity.





2025 DOC Stats

180
Housing/Shelter
Referrals



186
Youth
Served

12
Youth Helped
w/Car Repairs

76
Youth Found
Employment



50
Mental Health
Care Referrals



Success Stories



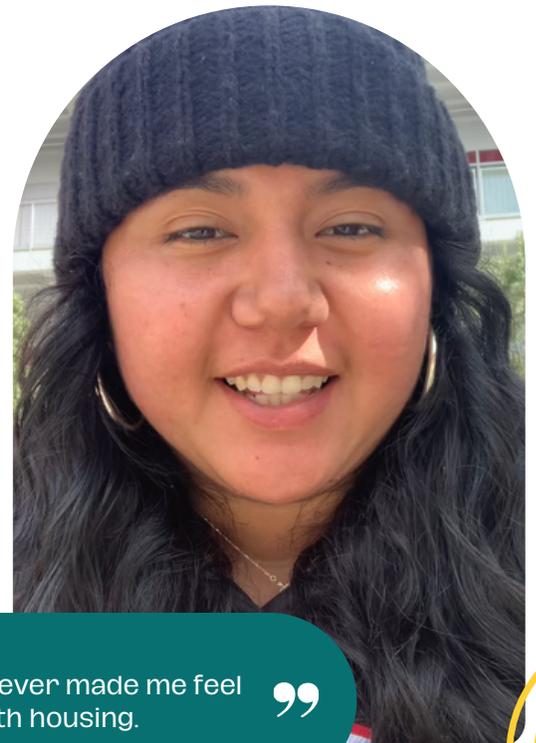
Daniel

After growing up in the foster care system and aging out into homelessness, Daniel spent years moving between shelters in a constant state of survival. His life began to transform when he connected with Doors of Change, an organization that provided the critical resources and emotional support he had always lacked. Through their guidance, he secured supportive housing and moved into his first-ever apartment, finally achieving a sense of personal stability. Now 25, Daniel is thriving with a steady job and a strong community, building a future that once felt entirely out of reach.

“ It was like someone was finally there to listen. ”

Alex

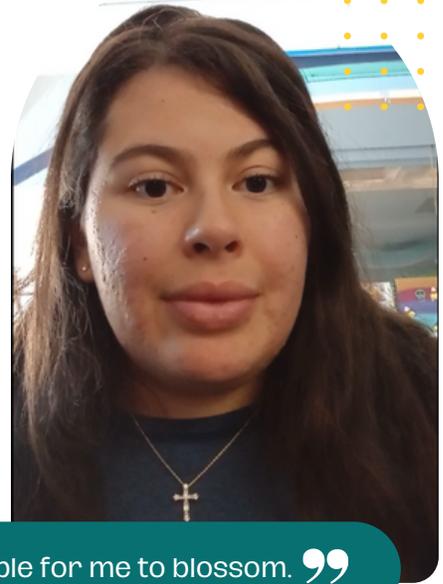
At 21, Alex found herself back on the streets, trapped once again in the cold uncertainty of homelessness after a series of unforeseen setbacks. Feeling the familiar weight of survival mode setting in, she reached out to Doors of Change, remembering the lifeline they had provided her in the past. The team responded with immediate urgency, providing the transportation and stable housing she needed to escape the chaos of the streets. Now, with a roof over her head and a solid foundation beneath her, Alex is refocusing on her education and reclaiming the stable future she worked so hard to build.



“ They made me feel seen and welcomed and never made me feel different because I was struggling with housing. ”

Emma

After becoming homeless at 16, Emma struggled with severe mental health crisis on the streets. Her life transformed when she connected with Doors of Change, finding the consistent support and trust necessary to begin her healing journey. Through their guidance, she moved past her trauma to realize her full potential and pursue her professional dreams. Today, Emma is an aspiring social worker and advocate, dedicated to helping other vulnerable youth navigate the same path to stability.



“ They helped me get back on my feet and made it possible for me to blossom. ”



KT

At 18, KT was completely alone with no family, no home, and nowhere to go. For years, he moved from place to place, struggling to survive. When KT met Angel, one of our case managers at Doors of Change, everything began to shift. With consistent care and encouragement, Angel helped KT see that his life could be different. Today, KT is safe, stable, and working as a Peer Specialist helping other youth on the autism spectrum.

“ Doors of Change has supported me at the exact moments I needed it most by guiding me with resources and encouragement to never give up. ”

Mya

Mya, a music major already struggling with the instability of couch surfing, faced a major crisis when her car tires were destroyed. Fearing she would lose her job and her ability to attend school, she turned to Doors of Change for urgent assistance. DOC provided her with four new tires, restoring the reliable transportation she needed to maintain her independence. Now back on track, Mya is balancing her studies and work while feeling inspired to give back to her community through her music.



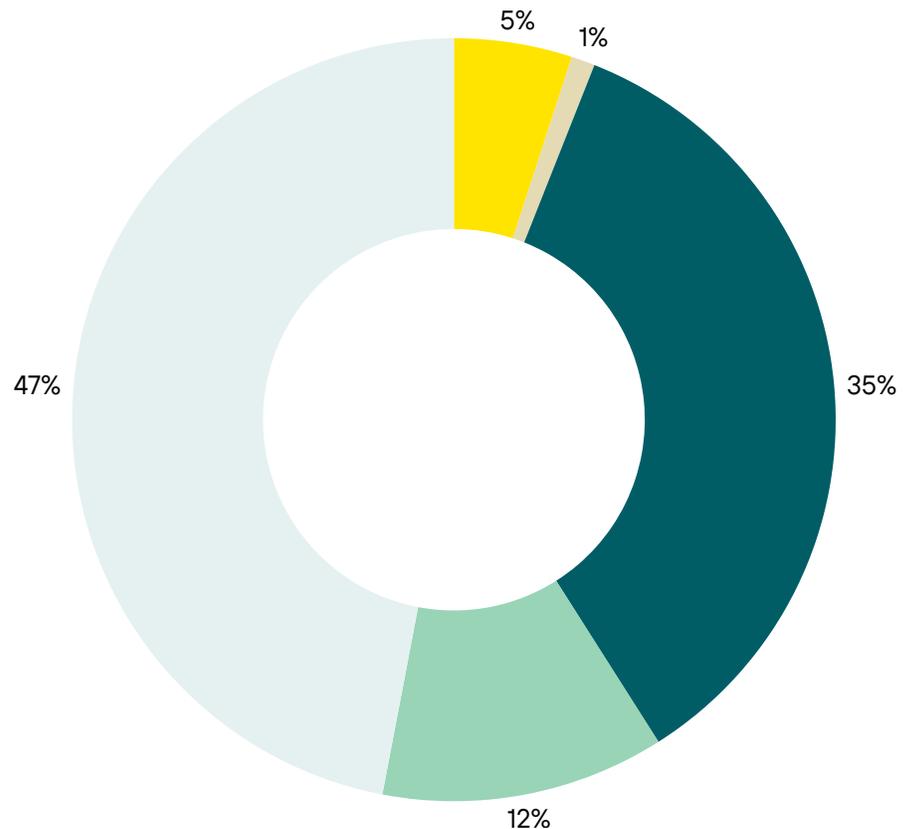
“ They relieved me of so much stress and I don't know what I would do without their help. ”

Financial Summary

The majority of funds raised for 2025 came from community sponsors & events!

In 2025, we focused on strengthening our long-term resilience by diversifying our funding streams, successfully balancing foundational multi-year grants with new strategic partnerships and community investments to ensure a sustainable future for our programs.

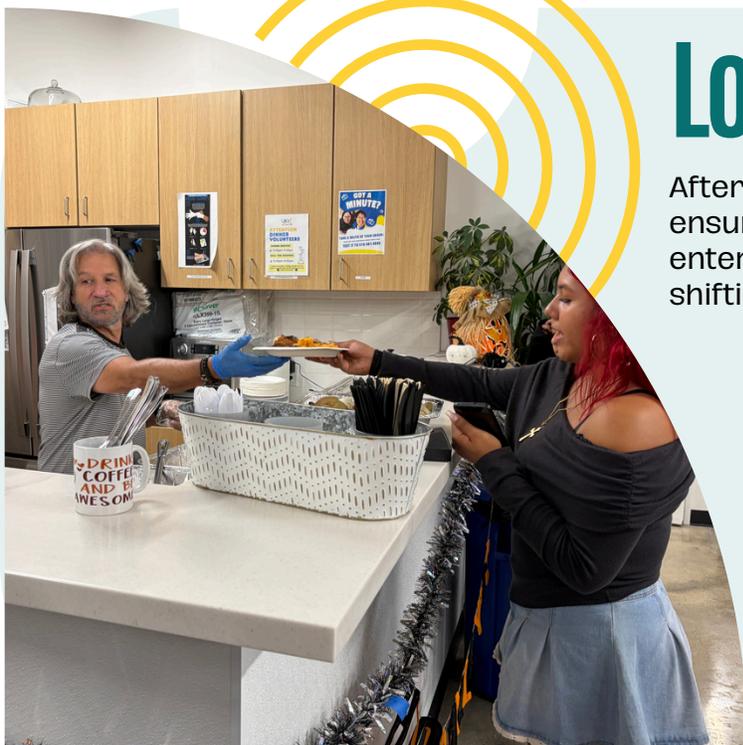
- Foundational Grants
- Government Grants
- Individual Donors
- Sponsors/Events
- Other



Looking Ahead

After a year dedicated to strengthening our foundation and ensuring the long-term sustainability of our mission, we are entering 2026 with incredible momentum. Our focus is shifting from preparation to deep, collaborative action.

We are excited to announce that we were selected to participate in the Lucky Duck Foundation and Conrad Prebys Foundation's **United4Youth Collaborative!** Through this multi-year grant, we will be working alongside Urban Street Angels and Youth Assistance Coalition (YAC) to help foster youth in our community! We have also officially started year 2 of the **Community Scholars Initiative** with the San Diego Foundation and are continuing our efforts in making higher education and vocational trainings more accessible to unhoused youth.



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- **Donate Instantly:** Scan the QR code to give any amount.
- **Mail a Check:** Payable to Doors of Change, PO Box 177, Cardiff, CA 92007
- **Partner With Us:** Become an event or Concert of Hope Sponsor. Or multiply your impact through employer matching gifts.
- **Monthly Impact:** Join the Angel Team for just \$11/month.
- **Legacy Giving:** Consider a planned gift to ensure our mission continues for generations.
- **Tax-Smart Giving:** Donate via Donor Advised Funds (DAF), RMDs, Appreciated Stock, Securities, Real Estate, or other assets.
- **Advocate:** Invite us to share our story with your group.
- **Get Involved:** Attend an [event](#) or sign up to volunteer.



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