



# Impact Report

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

As I reflect on the first half of the year, my heart is full. Every day in Huntington Green, we see glimpses of transformation—moments that remind us why this work matters. It's the preschooler proudly reciting their ABCs... the middle schooler dreaming of college... the parent learning English to better advocate for their child... and neighbors caring for each other in powerful new ways.

Our community is growing stronger. And this transformation, though not flashy, is real. It's the faithful work of God through your prayers, generosity, and the commitment of Team Caterpillar: neighbors, volunteers, donors, partners, and staff walking together toward a more connected community.

This report highlights stories of hope you've made possible—and also names the challenges we face. A few anticipated grants have been lost or delayed, and with the usual dip in summer giving, we're navigating a short-term funding gap. Even so, our mission remains strong.

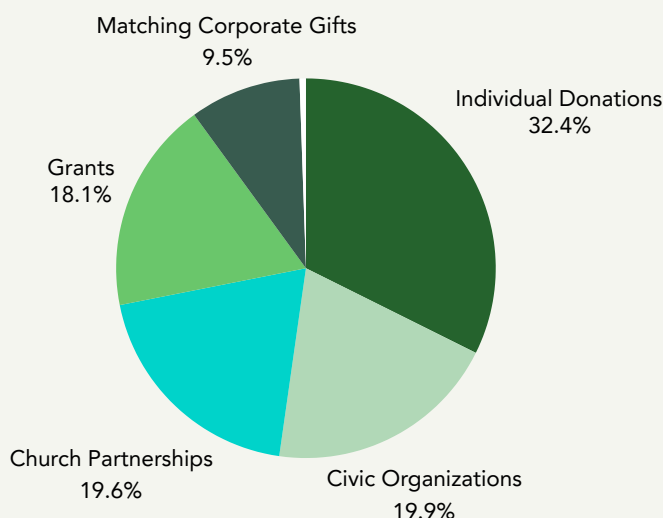
Thank you for standing with us. Your support brings lasting change and reminds us that transformation takes time, trust, and continued presence. We're so grateful to be in this with you.

With hope and gratitude,

*Sarah Fortner*

Executive Director  
Caterpillar Ministries

# THE FINANCIALS AND THE NEEDS

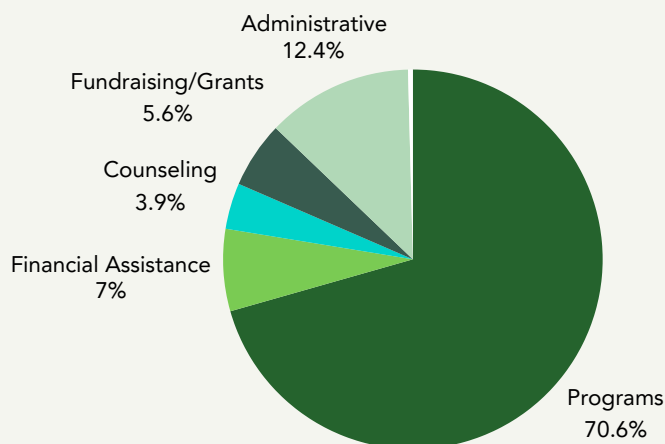


Individual Donations	\$67,975
Civic Organizations	\$41,800
Church Partnerships	\$41,258
Matching Corporate Gifts	\$19,916
Grants	\$38,000
Other	\$1,143

**INCOME** **\$210,092**

	\$196,888
Programs	\$19,507
Financial Assistance	\$10,950
Counseling	\$15,737
Grant   Marketing Services	\$34,708
Administrative	

**EXPENSES** **\$277,790**



As needs in the Huntington Green community continue to rise, income has fallen below projections due to the elimination, reduction, and timing of anticipated grants, combined with seasonal giving patterns and delayed donor commitments—resulting in a \$57,000 shortfall.

Even so, we are operating under budget, stretching every dollar, and stewarding resources wisely so programs can meet urgent needs. We invite our partners to help close this gap—through a one-time gift or an increase in monthly support—ensuring families have essentials and students have every opportunity to thrive.

# Transformation hurdles

As we continue to walk alongside the Huntington Green (HGreen) community, we're seeing new opportunities—and growing needs.



The Weekly Mobile Atrium Health Clinic has been paused, creating a gap in vital medical access for many.



More families are reaching out for help with immigration support and urgent financial needs.



Our pantry is strained as we work to keep families supplied with food, diapers, and basic essentials.



At Caterpillar's "Dad's House" in HGreen, zoning limits and tight space are making it harder to expand programs and store necessities.

These challenges are real—and so is our commitment to meeting them with compassion, creativity, and perseverance.

## Turning Hurdles into Hope

As we navigate the second half of 2025, we want to be transparent: a decrease in grants and individual giving has created a \$57,000 gap in our projected budget.

This challenge directly impacts our ability to:



Restock Essentials | Food, diapers, and household goods



Grow Programs | Academic Growth | Life skills for all ages



Fuel Vital Services | Counseling, legal, & workforce development

By naming the hurdle, we invite our community to help us turn it into hope—ensuring families continue receiving consistent care, resources, and support.

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## Faith Development

Each month, **50** children learned a Bible verse together, exploring the meaning, and how to live it out in every day life.

**20** families participated in a prayer breakfast during a multi-site Easter celebration.

**40 of 40** moms at the “Fill My Cup” Mother’s Day event reported feeling encouraged and seen.

## Family Stability

**76** families (**346** individuals) received case management support with immigration, housing, and school advocacy.

**30** neighbors received dental care through Cook Community Clinic, many for the first visit.

Referred **80** families (**365** people) to Cook Clinic, Lydia’s Loft, Nourish Up + Hearts & Hands.

## IMPACT STORY

A single mom with three children, fleeing domestic violence, spent Christmas Eve to January in a hotel thanks to a generous donor. She delivered for DoorDash, updated her résumé, and applied for jobs. By February, with our partner Ada Jenkins, she moved into rapid rehousing and began full-time work—her first paycheck radiating the joy of a life transformed.





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## Community Engagement

**30** tons of appliances, furniture, and other items were removed during a community cleanup with Elevation Church – Lake Norman, giving neighbors a rare chance to recycle without cost.

**700+** neighbors joined community events from weekly dinners to holiday celebrations and socials.

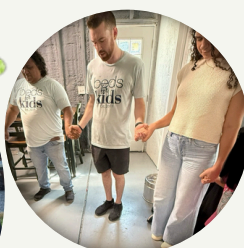
**49** students enrolled in the spring soccer clinic, supported by **19** volunteers.

## Academic Enrichment

**19 out of 19** high school seniors graduated in June, many first-generation graduates, along with **3** college graduates.

**150+** students engaged weekly in tutoring, ESL, homework help, and enrichment activities.

**25** adults attended weekly English session offered during the day/evening on Zoom.



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## Advocacy and Support

**Immigration Support:** Served 125 families through Know Your Rights workshops, red cards, legal consultations, passport assistance, document copying, and two Power of Attorney clinics with Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy and ViaLegal Immigration.

**Fresh Food Boxes:** Launched a 10-week program serving 70 families with milk, eggs, fresh meat, and produce chosen based on survey feedback—ensuring boxes matched their needs and preferences.

**Mental Health:** Continued counseling services, added two new partner counselors, and hosted five workshops for middle and high school students on anger management, anxiety, and coping skills.



### IMPACT STORY

A single mom with two children, living on asylum, arrived at our office in tears with a self-deportation notice giving her seven days to leave. Our staff prayed with her, connected her to an immigration attorney, and helped prepare all required court documents, that day. The \$1,750 legal fee was covered through her \$200 contribution, a generous donor, and support from the attorney's firm. By Friday, she appeared in virtual court, where the judge—impressed by her preparation—extended asylum. This victory was the result of her determination, strong partnerships, and a community standing with her.



# WHAT'S NEXT

## PHASE TWO OF 2025

The first half of 2025 revealed the strength of a community that refuses to give up on one another. We've seen lives changed, hope restored, and dignity protected—but the challenges are real and growing. Families continue to face immigration uncertainty, rising food insecurity, and deep emotional strain. Programs are expanding, volunteers and partnerships remain strong, yet funding is stretched thinner than ever. As we step into the second half of the year, Caterpillar Ministries remains rooted in our mission to:

## CARE | CONNECT | CREATE | CULTIVATE

We encourage families and equip them with resources and skills to thrive, while educating both hearts and minds through tutoring, mentoring, life skills training, and meaningful relationship-building that fosters long-term growth and stability.

We can't do it alone. We need generous support, additional volunteers, and mission-minded partners, to help sustain this sacred work. Together, we'll continue walking alongside our neighbors—with hope in our hearts and purpose in every step.

To learn how you can donate, volunteer, or become a partner in this story of transformation, visit:

<https://www.caterpillarministries.org/donate>





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