

TRANSITION HOUSE • 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Transition House families are grateful for your belief in their strength to rebuild—and so are we!

Dear Friends,

In 2025, eighty-three local families lost their housing and became homeless—but they also found Transition House. Each family's path to homelessness was different. One parent left her job to care for a terminally ill family member and, in doing so, lost her home. Another had been renting a room without a lease and was suddenly asked to leave, with nowhere to go. One father lost housing after his wife was detained by immigration and he could no longer afford the rent on his income alone.



While their stories are unique, they share a common thread: the absence of savings or a safety net to carry them through a financial crisis. Because of you, that changed. Through your support of Transition House—as a donor, a volunteer, or both—you became the safety net these families needed. You gave them something invaluable: time. Time to return to work, to save, and to prepare for a stable future in an apartment of their own.

When families arrive at Transition House House, we ask what they hope to achieve during their stay. Their answers are simple and powerful: to save money, to pay their bills independently, and to provide a safe, stable place for their children to grow. At their core, these goals reflect something deeper—the desire to regain independence and dignity. And that is exactly what your support makes possible.

In 2025, 74% of the families who left our shelter moved into housing with the income, skills, and resources needed to sustain it. They also began building safety nets of their own—setting monthly savings goals and gaining a stronger understanding of community resources they can rely on in the future.

But while they were at Transition House, you were that safety net. And it worked!

Kathleen Baushke
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Executive Director

OUR MISSION

Transition House is dedicated to the solution of family homelessness in the Santa Barbara community. Capable and motivated families with children are offered life tools and respectful, non-sectarian residential services designed to alleviate poverty and restore self-sufficiency and dignity.



2025 FINANCIALS		SERVICES AND OVERHEAD		
INCOME AND CONTRIBUTIONS				
Individuals	\$1,332,239	Program	\$2,898,915	82%
Foundations	\$1,175,095	Management & General	\$351,293	10%
Corporations	\$76,433	Fundraising	\$281,603	8%
Federal Government Grants	\$162,403			
State/Local Government Grants	\$136,937	Total Expenses	\$3,531,811	100%
Churches	\$36,191			
Rents/Fees	\$772,008			
Fundraising	\$227,849			
Total Income	\$3,919,155			



WHO YOU HELPED

83 FAMILIES STAYED AT OUR SHELTER

Because of you, families had a safe place to stay while working towards stability. Parents received comprehensive case management and career development services focusing on developing money management skills and long-term planning. Children participated in programming designed to address the traumatic and developmental impacts of homelessness.

89% LOCAL FAMILIES

Your support helped our neighbors from Santa Barbara, Goleta, and Carpinteria.

31 FAMILIES IN TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

With your help, families wanting additional support participated in our six-month to two-year, service-rich transitional housing program.

36 FAMILIES IN PERMANENT HOUSING

We provided affordable permanent housing with services available for these formerly homeless families.

HOW YOU HELPED



626 VOLUNTEERS

You gave thousands of hours to help homeless families.

42 MEAL GROUPS

You provided delicious, healthy lunches and dinners daily to grateful shelter families.

1,035 DONORS

Your financial support funded essential programs.

SERVICES YOU MADE POSSIBLE:

- Intensive case management
- Career development counseling
- Financial literacy skills training
- Onsite anti-poverty evening classes
- Academic support for all school-aged children through strong school partnerships

THE IMPACT YOU HAD

74% MOVED TO HOUSING

Because of you, the majority of shelter families succeeded in transitioning to stable rental housing. While at our shelter, families work with their case managers to plan for their return to housing and received support locating places to rent.

87% EMPLOYED

Parents participated in employment skills workshops, and identified career goals and areas for advancement that fit their skills and interests. They also received help searching for employment. With your support, parents gained or maintained a job, and improved their income while in the program.

\$2,837 IN SAVINGS

You helped families build their safety net. On average, shelter families saved \$2,837 towards move-in costs.

141 ATTENDED CLASSES

Your support allowed us to offer free anti-poverty classes with childcare to 141 adults from all of our programs plus low-income members of the community.

YOU HELPED 421 PEOPLE IN ALL, including 247 CHILDREN!

Meal Provider Groups 2025

Group Name and Year Service Began

- All Saints-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 1985
- Amazon Santa Barbara, 2017
- Brieske Family, 2023
- Cambridge Drive Community Church, 1984
- Comfort Food Cooks, 2015
- Congregation B'nai B'rith, 1984
- Cortes Family, 2025
- El Montecito Presbyterian Church, 1988
- Embracing the World, 2017
- Feed Your Soul, 2015
- First Congregational Church, 1985
- First Presbyterian Church of Santa Barbara, 1984
- Free Methodist Church, 2014
- From the Heart, 2015
- Goleta Presbyterian Church, 1984
- Just Friends, 2024
- Knights of Columbus 1684, 1989
- Live Oak Unitarian Universalist, 1987
- Living Faith Church, 1988
- Montecito Covenant Church, 1986
- Nourishing Hearts, 2014
- Oceanhills Covenant Church, 2014
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, 1990
- Pickle 'N' Friends, 2023
- Renegades Soccer Club, 2022
- Salud Supper Club, 2023
- Santa Barbara Newcomers, 2024
- Space for Dinner, 2015
- St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 1991
- St. Anthony's Community Association, 1986
- St. Barbara Parish, 1985
- St. Raphael's Catholic Church, 2024
- Team Chumash, 2019
- Team Tank Fillers, 2023
- The Atoms, 2025
- Trinity Episcopal Church, 1984
- Trinity Lutheran Church, 1985
- Unity Church of Santa Barbara, 1984
- Vedanta Society of Southern California, 1985

Fill-in Dinner Providers

- Internal Vice Presidents Club of UCSB
- Laguna Blanca School
- Santa Barbara Elks Lodge

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