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MINISTRIES

**Annual Report  
2024**

# Welcome Message

As we enter 2025, we reflect on the past year with gratitude for the impacts that translate into real people, real lives, and real stories. Over 36,000 impacts in 2024 across [Tree of Life](#), [SimplyBe Coffee](#), and [The Clothing Closet](#) demonstrate the mission of Matthew 25 and our core values being brought to life through our dedicated volunteers, donors, and staff.

Jesus Christ is Foremost • Prayer and the Word of God are Foundational  
Compassion is Fundamental • Relationship is for All • Community is our Frontline

The last month of the year was incredible as God answered prayers with a record month of donations - thanks to your generous giving. The total income donated in 2024 was \$3.04m (cash and in-kind) with expenses at \$2.18m. Our budget for 2025 continues to increase year over year to \$2.4m for fiscal year 2025, which speaks to God's blessings over our growth since 2008.

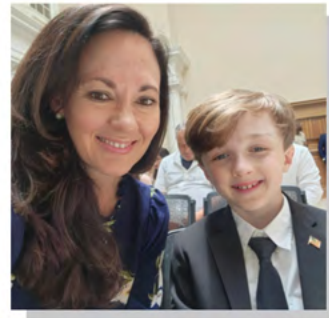
We are so grateful for your gifts as we strive to fund our 5-Branch model through our Eastern and Western Loudoun Regions and surrounding communities, the addition of Transitional Housing for families and individuals with Disabilities, focus on Spiritual Care, and our Gospel Enterprises: SimplyBe Coffee and The Clothing Closet.

As we share just a glimpse of the past year through stories and pictures, please remember to lift us up in prayer as we seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve alongside you as we reach out to the poor and needy in our community with the love of Jesus Christ. To God be all the praise and glory.

May God Bless You,

*Susannah Lee*  
CEO, Tree of Life Ministries



*"I have come that  
you may have life  
and have it to  
the full."*

John 10:10

# Spiritual Care

Our purpose is to provide Spiritual Care to all whom God puts in our path, through PRAYER, following up with CARE, and going out to SHARE the Good News of Jesus with the community.

**OUR PRAYER & CARE TEAM** assisted in 801 prayer requests, including following up with those going through life struggles.

*"The love of God comes across in your kind and patient outreach to our family."*

*"Praise God for Tree of Life who holds us up in prayer. May the Lord bless the work of your hands!"*

**OUR SHARE TEAM** blessed 1,650 as they ministered to 4 nursing homes and the county jail for Bible Study and Chaplain visits, and conducted weekly Bible Studies for our senior adults and adults with special needs.

*"It means so much to us that you took the time to brighten their days and make them feel cared for. Your generosity is truly appreciated!"*



**FRUIT FROM THE TREE OF LIFE DEVOTIONALS:** Chaplain Wayne also distributed devotionals to 451 people during Advent, with over 10,800 impacts.

*"Those were the most beautiful and meaningful devotionals of all that I read this season."*

*"Thank you for the wonderful Christmas gift of those devotionals. Your insight always strikes a chord in me."*

You can sign up for future devotionals by sending an email to [wruckman@tolministries.org](mailto:wruckman@tolministries.org).



**16,575**  
FOOD IMPACTS

**5,294**  
Received grocery deliveries

**10,973**  
Community Dinner meals

**146,292 lbs**  
Food delivered to families



COMMUNITY DINNER  
FOOD PANTRY  
THANKSGIVING TOGETHER

*“I was hungry, and you fed me...”*

Matthew 25:35

“My children and I left my abusive husband. Having limited funds makes it hard to make ends meet. When an unexpected car repair hit, I was unable to provide for my family. Being able to get food deliveries and not have to spend nearly as much on food really helps me to be able to take care of their other needs. Without Tree of Life, I would be building up credit card debt just to keep food on the table.” (Anonymous Partner)

“I was gone all last week helping a friend of mine who was recently in an automobile accident that totaled their vehicle and moved home. I had forgotten about my food delivery, and it just so happened I was on my way back to my house with my friend in the car, when I received the phone indicating that Tree of Life was enroute to my home. We both arrived at the SAME TIME, and I received 7-8 bags of NEEDED food. I was completely blown away, and I still am!!!! But more importantly, I received sincere prayer from Eryn (I believe,) right outside my house. She prayed for my health and a much-needed job.... It's such a blessing. I'm still blown away.” (George, Partner)

**FOOD  
BRANCH**



**726**  
LIFESKILLS IMPACTS

**488**  
ESOL attendances

**152**  
Workforce Connections  
referrals

**11**  
Work Heartily placements

**39**  
Students received advocacy  
support in school



ADVOCACY  
WORK HEARTILY



ENGLISH CLASSES  
FINANCIAL COACHING  
WORK FORCE CONNECTIONS



*“I was a stranger, and you welcomed me...”*

Matthew 25:35

“Something I’ve learned from teaching ESOL is how eager the students are to speak English. They will typically come to class after a long shift at work, exhausted, yet their desire to communicate with other people in the country keeps them coming back. Sometimes they only learn one or two new things, or it’s the same material they’ve learned about before, but they’re so grateful for every chance to improve their English. It’s certainly inspiring and humbling for me, having been born in this country knowing the English language.” (Ben, Volunteer)

“I wanted to express my deepest gratitude for the incredible support you have provided to my family. Your unwavering dedication and genuine care have made a profound impact on our lives. We are truly fortunate to have you by our side. Your efforts have made a significant difference, and we are profoundly grateful for everything you have done for us!” (Anonymous Partner)

**LIFESKILLS  
BRANCH**



**2,504**  
SHELTER IMPACTS

**752**  
Received free clothing at  
events

**733**  
Backpacks filled with school  
supplies

**7**  
Working Hands projects

See later pages for the Clothing  
Closet and Transitional Housing  
Impacts.



**SUMMER GIVEAWAY EVENTS  
WORKING HANDS**

**TRANSITIONAL HOUSING  
MENTORING  
THE CLOTHING CLOSET**

*"I was a stranger, and you welcomed me."*

Matthew 25:35

"We are so thankful for the sweet kind lady who has given us our only guaranteed haircuts for the past 3 years at your Back-to-School giveaway. I sent a picture of her cutting my son's hair last year.... This year I got one of a new lady who added color to my little girl's hair." (Anonymous Partner)

As I sat on the floor this morning putting together a train set for [my son], I found myself reflecting on how very blessed we are to have crossed the TOL path. The heart, head, and physical work that you all put in, contributing to turning our life back around. Sitting in my new apartment, with food in the oven and more gifts from complete strangers under the tree for my boy than I can wrap, my heart is so full of love and appreciation for the community, starting with you. A humility and gratefulness that was like a balloon with a pin hole in it, God has patched it and continues to remind me of His faithfulness." (Anonymous Partner)

**SHELTER  
BRANCH**



**457**

HEALTHCARE  
IMPACTS

**35**

Dental Clinic attendees

**410**

Received dental/hygiene  
supplies

**12**

Medical vouchers



HEALTH EDUCATION & SUPPLIES  
DENTAL CLINICS  
VOUCHERS

*"I was sick, and you visited me."*

Matthew 25:36

"God bless you I want to thank you for your help for my son you helped me with his dental care and clothes. Thank you from the heart I wish you God continue to bless you greatly thank you."

(Anonymous Partner)

"It was a joy to welcome people in need in the name of Jesus and to share his love through dental care for God's glory. We are thankful that we get to work with these children and their parents and our team members and Tree of Life to be the warm touch of the hands of Jesus!" (Dr. Coe, Dental Clinic)

HEALTHCARE  
BRANCH



**4,160**  
RELIEF IMPACTS

**379**  
Received financial  
assistance

**1,775**  
Still Waters event  
attendances

**1,530**  
Day Break attendances

**476**  
Christmas gifts distributed



RELIEF FUND  
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS  
STILL WATERS  
DAY BREAK

*“I was in prison, and you came to visit me.”*

Matthew 25:36

“I thank God for Tree of Life. Because of their help, I was able to pay my \$850 rent and keep a roof over my head. Without their support, I wouldn’t have been able to manage it. Their assistance was a huge blessing, especially since I wasn’t working at the time, and my rent was even higher back then. To sponsors, I want to say: please continue to support this incredible organization—it truly helps the right people in their time of need.”  
(Oscar, Partner)

“I just wanted to take a moment to personally thank you on behalf of myself and my family for assisting with the first month’s rent and the security deposit. Your help made a huge difference, allowing me to focus more on the move and less on how I would gather the remaining funds. I’m incredibly grateful and blessed to have received your support.” (Raia, Partner)

**RELIEF  
BRANCH**

## *the Clothing Closet*

**IN 2024:**

**396 Individuals  
received free  
clothing**

**\$70 Average cost  
per person per  
clothing voucher**

**34,290 lbs  
clothing donated**

Throughout 2024, we have seen the Clothing Closet remain a vital source of clothing for families in our area.

Not only does it provide a place for the community to purchase affordable, high-quality clothing, but our voucher program continues to grow, with over 1,200 individuals having received FREE clothing since we opened our doors.

We've also been thrilled to see the shop become a hub for the community - a place where they see familiar faces, receive prayer, and feel connected.



*“I needed clothes, and you clothed me”*

Matthew 25:36

# SIMPLYBe

coffee



There is no place quite like SimplyBe Coffee. Over and over again, we hear that our customers are blessed by the amazing staff - their joy, their hard work, and their acceptance.

We've had 32 individuals grow their skills through volunteering and employment at the coffee shop. We continue to regularly receive requests for work opportunities and so we

look forward to expanding our footprint and being able to increase our impact on this wonderful community.

*"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made!"*

Psalm 139:14

**IN 2024:**

**17 Employees**

**5 Volunteers**

**10 CAST**

High school work transition students

**22 Events**

Community events to help raise awareness of the coffee shop and support families

# TRANSITIONAL HOUSING



**33 Individuals**

provided housing including families, single women, and individuals with disabilities

**11 Homes**

provided shelter

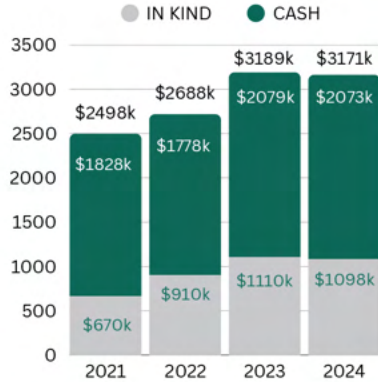
“Tree of Life’s housing has let me live my life the way I want to live it!”

Partner in housing for individuals with disabilities

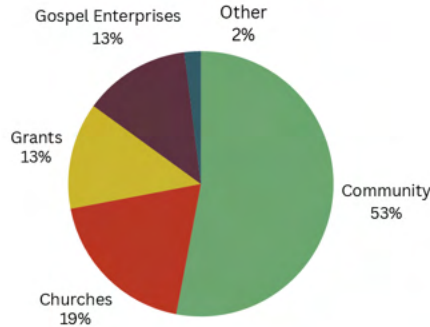
“I wanted to take a moment to thank you for all the help that [the family] has received from you and your organization. I have visited them at their place. They are very happy and excited for their new opportunity. Programs like yours make a big difference in the family’s lives!”

Loudoun County Dept of Family Services

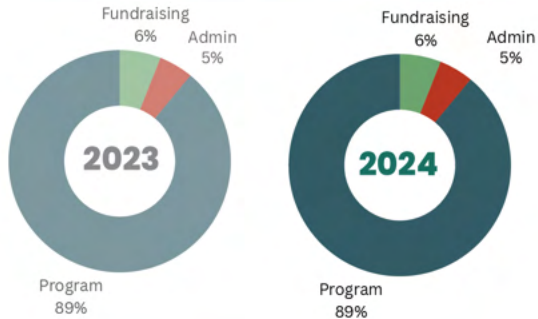
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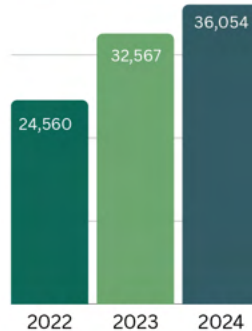
## Cash Donation Sources



## HOW WE SPEND FUNDS



## NUMBERS HELPED



The financial information is preliminary and subject to revision following annual audit. Tree of Life undertakes a yearly audit and is affiliated with Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA).





Reaching out to the poor and needy in our  
community with the love of Jesus Christ.



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