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# 2025 Annual Report

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HESED HOUSE
BECAUSE EVERYONE DESERVES DIGNITY

# HESED HOUSE

"And what does the Lord require of you?
To do justice and to love Hesed (mercy and compassion)
and to walk humbly with your God."
Micah 6:8

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# HESED HOUSE STORY

In the early 1980s, religious leaders of six Aurora churches and other concerned citizens formed a grassroots coalition to shelter, feed, and clothe homeless individuals and families found walking the streets in adverse weather conditions. Rotating among the six church halls each night to provide a port in the storm for this struggling group, a core group of volunteers prepared and served food at the churches, not just for the lone person who showed up the first night of shelter but for the growing number of neighbors in need who appeared at church doors each night.

Today, Hesed House is the second largest homeless shelter in the state of Illinois, and the largest shelter outside the city of Chicago. More than 7,500+ volunteers from over 90 local churches, businesses and service organizations assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness every year.

With the help of professional staff and alliances with outside agencies, over 1,000 people are served through Hesed House's shelter and three housing programs annually.

# HESED HOUSE VISION & MISSION:

Our vision is to end homelessness- one person, one family at a time.







Our mission is to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, and give people the chance to hope again.

# PROGRAM SUMMARY

Hesed House incorporates ministries in offering food, shelter, case management and supportive services to hundreds of low-income and homeless individuals each day.

We are pleased to share information about Hesed House programs that serve our community:

## ADULT OVERNIGHT EMERGENCY SHELTER & DAY PROGRAM

Since 1983, our adult men's and women's overnight emergency shelters have provided food and shelter to homeless individuals each night.

In 2024, we were excited to finish the final portion of our adult shelter expansion which moved both men and women into the Comprehensive Resource Building of our campus.

Our capacity for adults is now 280 a night. *At this time, we continue to be the only low-threshold emergency shelter in the state without a waitlist.*

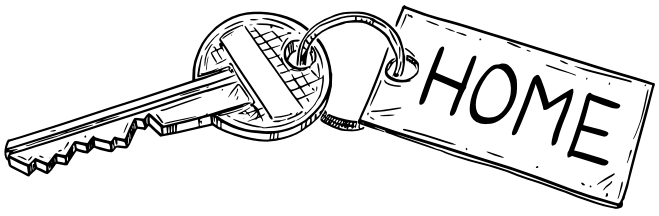
*Additionally, case managers and other resources are available throughout our day program and the evenings.*

## CARPENTER'S HOMELESS PREVENTION

This vital program focuses on homeless prevention, working to prevent those close to becoming homeless from turning that corner, before they come to live at Hesed House. Thousands of people have remained housed since the inception of this program.

## SEEDS CASE MANAGEMENT

SEEDS stands for "Sowing Empowerment, Embracing Dignity and Self-Sufficiency." Since 2014, our case managers work one-on-one with our adult and family shelter guests, and residents of our Harbor program to help find solutions to issues hindering their return to independence.




## LIGHT-HOUSE OFF-SITE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Since 2017, our LIGHT-House program addresses the needs of chronically homeless persons by helping them find apartments and by providing them with the case management and other supportive services needed to remain in independent living.

## THE HARBOR ON-SITE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Opened in 2018, The Harbor provides on-site dorm-style apartments with 24-hour staff support for up to 14 chronically homeless individuals with a disabling condition (i.e. substance abuse, mental illness, physical disabilities, etc.), many of whom are the greatest utilizers of community resources (police and fire/ambulance) and frequent non-emergency users of our local hospital emergency rooms.

## FAMILY SHELTER

Opened in 2018, our Family Shelter provides 24/7 family-only space, allowing children and families to live separately from the single homeless adults staying in our Adult Overnight Emergency Shelter.

## LEAP ADVOCACY

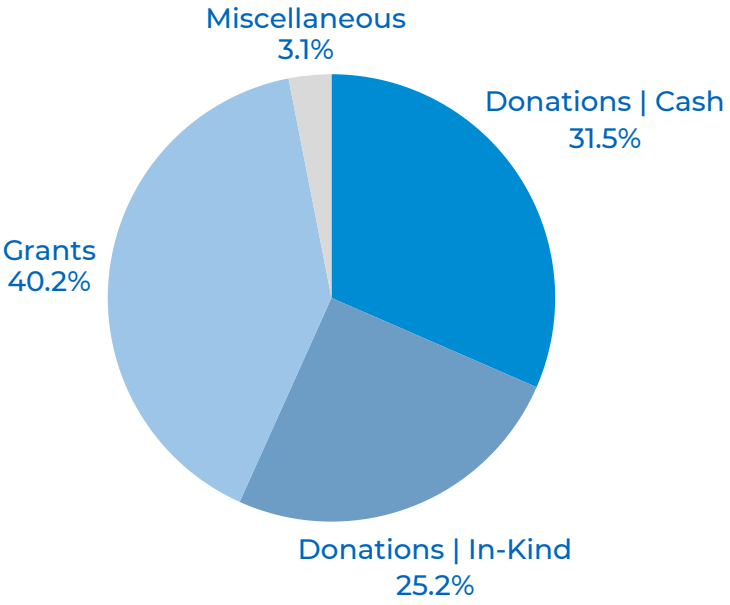
Since 1983, our LEAP Advocacy seeks justice for poor & homeless persons by involving volunteers and guests in addressing root causes of poverty and homelessness. We focus on awareness efforts and ending the dehumanization of men, women, and children facing homelessness as a focus of our advocacy.

# FY25 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

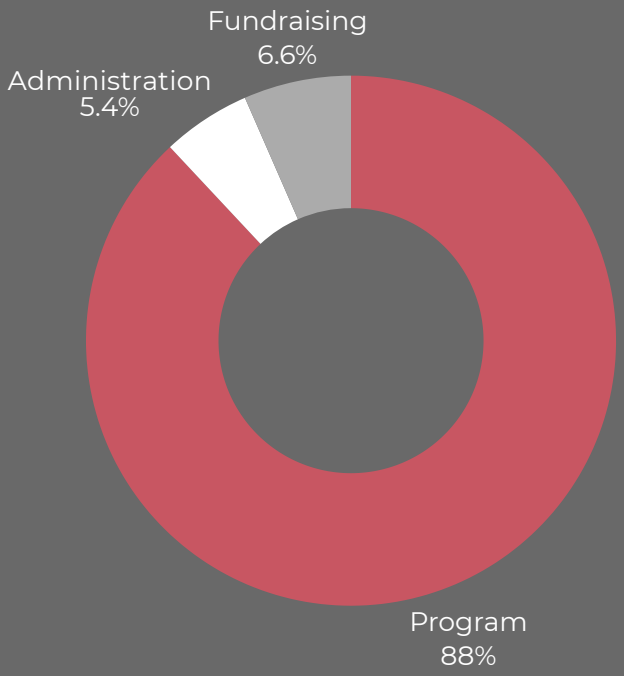
## 07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025

# INCOME

| Category | FY25 |
|---|---|
| Donations \| Cash | $5,182,053 |
| Donations \| In-Kind | $4,142,189 |
| Government Grants | $6,605,460 |
| Miscellaneous | $506,063 |
| TOTAL | $16,435,766 |




# EXPENSES




| Category | FY25 |
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| Program | $13,521,862 |
| Administration | $831,214 |
| Fundraising | $1,006,942 |
| TOTAL | $15,360,018 |

# IMPACT SUMMARY

## July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

**329,685**
MEALS PROVIDED IN OUR EMERGENCY SHELTERS.

**64**
INDIVIDUALS WERE ASSISTED IN OBTAINING A JOB OR COMPLETED A JOB TRAINING PROGRAM.

**75**
INDIVIDUALS REUNITED WITH FAMILY.

**74,722**
NIGHTS OF SHELTER IN OUR ADULT EMERGENCY OVERNIGHT SHELTERS.

**731**
**HOUSEHOLDS** AVOIDED BECOMING HOMELESS IN THE FIRST PLACE THROUGH OUR CARPENTER'S HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAM.

**THANK YOU!**

**553**
INDIVIDUALS SUCCESSFULLY ADDRESSED MEDICAL ISSUES.

**35,173**
NIGHTS OF SHELTER IN OUR FAMILY SHELTER.

**261**
INDIVIDUALS WERE DIRECTLY ASSISTED IN OBTAINING HOUSING.

# THANK YOU, HESED FAMILY!



HOPE

## FALL 2024

Staff and members of our Board Directors gathered and decorated their car trunks for Hesed House's annual "Trunk or Treat." Over 70 children from our Family Shelter dressed up in costumes and collected delicious treats!




DIGNITY

"We are not ashamed of being at Hesed House or going there and asking for help. We are better people because of it."

-Amber, Former Family Shelter Guest



COMMUNITY

## SUMMER 2025

Student volunteers from North Central College visited our Harbor Program, on-site affordable housing, to lead a crafting activity for residents. What started as a simple project became an afternoon of connection and inspiration. Moments like this show how our Hesed Family brings joy, dignity and hope to those working toward stability!




# THANK YOU!

*Above: Community Christian Church was the first volunteer group to serve dinner to the men & women living in our expanded shelter located at 680 S River St.! Thank you to everyone who helps care for our guests and helps make our work possible!*

## FY25 ANNUAL REPORT

We are so thankful for the love and generosity of our donors, staff and volunteers. If you would like to learn more about how you can make an impact, please contact Hesed House's Development Department at (630) 914-6428 or email donate@hesedhouse.org.

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