



2025

REPORT
TO THE
COMMUNITY

FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2024 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2025



HOW INTENTION BECOMES IMPACT

For more than four decades, Beyond Shelter Frederick has responded to housing instability in Frederick County by turning intention into action. What began as a community-led response to homelessness has evolved into a network of prevention, shelter, and supportive services designed to meet people where systems fall short.

True impact happens where care meets action. We focus on practical solutions, timely intervention, and steady support, adjusting what doesn't fit so individuals and families can regain stability and move forward.

This report reflects that work: the quiet, skilled effort that keeps people housed, strengthens communities, and transforms compassion into lasting impact.

DEAR FRIENDS,

THE MECHANICS OF PREVENTION

"The mechanic, when a wheel refuses to turn, knows there is a reason. He knows that something is too large or too small and he goes to work and he makes it larger or smaller until the wheel will turn." – Author Unknown

Nonprofit work lives in the mechanics between intention and outcome. Our work isn't just about caring, and it's not only about results. It is the steady, often unseen effort that transforms compassion into real stability for individuals and families in Frederick County who are navigating housing insecurity and homelessness.



Good intentions alone don't create impact, and outcomes don't happen by accident.

Beyond Shelter Frederick is an organization of mechanics. We work where systems strain and people fall through the cracks, responding with care and practical solutions that help individuals and families regain their footing. Through homelessness prevention, emergency shelter, and supportive services, we focus on the interventions that restore stability and support forward movement.

Our donors and partners fuel the engine. Our staff and volunteers are in the shop around the clock, tightening bolts where instability shows up, whether that means responding to a housing crisis, addressing barriers to employment, or helping a family regain its footing after displacement. The work is rarely glamorous, but it is essential, grounded in showing up, problem-solving, and doing what it takes to keep the system moving.

As we plan for future uncertainty, our mission remains rooted in resilience. Resilience means knowing that every repair matters, that each individual or family stabilized, and each crisis prevented keeps the mission in motion.

We do not turn away because the road is long. We keep adjusting, refueling with purpose, and working to make equitable what was never designed to include everyone.

In the year ahead, our work will continue to evolve to meet both persistent and emerging challenges.

We are grateful for your partnership as we grow, adapt, and strengthen our impact. It is through your support that Beyond Shelter Frederick's mechanics continue working every day to support our neighbors and build a more stable future for Frederick County.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nick Brown". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Beyond Shelter Frederick seeks to prevent and alleviate the effects of poverty on the residents of Frederick County.

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WHERE STABILITY STARTS TO SLIP

Housing instability rarely results from a single moment. It emerges when pressures compound - rising costs, fixed incomes, unexpected disruptions, and limited access to resources.

Our work begins by identifying where momentum is lost. We assess what is misaligned, what is missing, and what adjustment will prevent a crisis from escalating into homelessness.

MAKING THE RIGHT ADJUSTMENTS

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

Prevention is precise work. It requires timely action and an understanding of which intervention will correct the course.

This is what prevention looks like:



237 households avoided eviction, maintaining housing and stability.

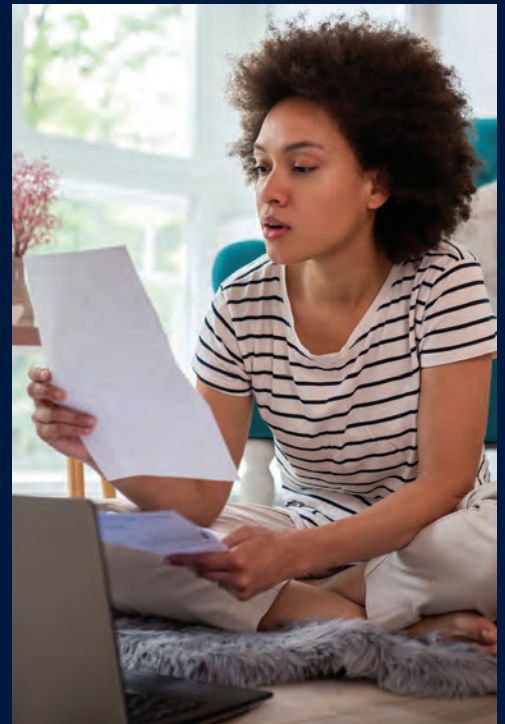


136 households moved into permanent housing with help from our security deposit program.



86 households maintained essential utilities, keeping their lights and water on, avoiding disruptive shutoffs.

Each outcome reflects Beyond Shelter's belief that focused adjustments can create lasting impact.



Assistance came right on time, I appreciate everything Beyond Shelter has done for me. Y'all put me in position to become debt free by October. My original goal was before the new year, thanks... I'm about to get on the phone and pay another debt."

—Security Deposit/Rental Assistance Client



WHEN A RESET IS NECESSARY

EMERGENCY SHELTER

There are moments when forward motion cannot continue without pause. Emergency shelter provides that pause — a controlled reset that allows stability to be rebuilt.

This is what prevention looks like:



34 families accessed emergency family shelter, gaining safety and stability while next steps were recalibrated.



30 families transitioned into stable housing, restoring forward progress.



322 individuals accessed emergency shelter at the Alan P. Linton, Jr. Emergency Shelter, where they had a safe place to sleep, shower, and access laundry services while barriers were addressed and pathways toward housing stability were restored.

In a system under pressure, our work serves as a critical point of balance — a place where safety is restored and next steps are set in motion.

Shelter is not the goal. It is part of the repair.

THE WORK BEHIND THE SCENES

STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, AND THE SHOP FLOOR

The work of prevention happens in real time, through persistence and problem-solving. Staff and volunteers operate where needs are immediate and outcomes depend on follow-through.

In Fiscal Year 2025, volunteers contributed more than **2,200** hours to Beyond Shelter Frederick, with **13** new individual volunteers joining the effort and **46** individuals serving as part of volunteer groups. Each hour represents hands-on commitment — steady work that strengthens daily operations and reinforces stability for those we serve.

Long-time volunteers and donors play a critical role here. Their sustained presence and investment strengthen the work from the inside, supporting both the labor and the resources required to keep stability within reach.



I began volunteering with the Religious Coalition (now BEYOND SHELTER FREDERICK) in October 2008, after retiring from a career with the federal government. In my previous work, I helped individuals and families access important benefits and services, and I found it deeply rewarding. I knew I wanted to continue serving others in a meaningful way.

Volunteering has given me the opportunity to support those in need, and there is truly a great need in our community. Being able to make a difference—no matter how small—brings a sense of purpose, joy, and peace. It's not about hearing "thank you," but about knowing you've helped someone along the way.

At BEYOND SHELTER FREDERICK, I've seen firsthand the impact of this work. The organization shows genuine compassion, goes the extra mile, and remains deeply committed to serving the community.

—Delores S.

BUILT TO ENDURE

RESILIENCE AND THE ROAD AHEAD

Resilience is the ability to keep responding as challenges evolve. It is rooted in learning, adaptation, and the belief that each intervention matters.

As housing needs grow more complex, Beyond Shelter Frederick remains committed to refining our approach, strengthening partnerships, and continuing the work that keeps individuals and families moving toward stability.

OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:



EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAMS:

- The Alan P. Linton, Jr. Emergency Shelter is a co-ed shelter that offers homeless adults a place to sleep, shower, and receive laundry assistance.
- The Emergency Family Shelter provides temporary housing for families facing homelessness and poverty to maintain family unity and support the transition to permanent housing.



HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAMS:

- We help keep people housed. Our rental assistance program supports Frederick County residents at risk of eviction, helping them remain in stable housing and avoid the trauma of homelessness.
- We provide security deposit assistance to eligible residents who are currently homeless or on the verge of losing housing, giving them a chance to secure safe, stable homes.
- We help keep the lights on and the heat running. Through the Frederick Community Energy Fund—housed within our Beyond Shelter program—we offer emergency financial assistance to families facing utility shutoffs and urgent loss of essential services.



HEALTHCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:

- Our partnerships with local pharmacies offer prescription assistance for life-sustaining medication costs.
- We offer emergency dental assistance to individuals 51 and over, for a range of procedures, from simple fillings and extractions to more complex treatments like root canals and dentures.



CASE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT:

- Our staff works with clients to develop a plan and connect them to resources and services that support their goals.

HELP KEEP THE WORK IN MOTION — GIVE TODAY!

Your generosity can help us stabilize the lives of those without homes, and rally against the obstacles to housing. We can ensure that those who want to remain housed in Frederick can do so. For more information about giving opportunities, visit our website, or contact Colleen Baldree at 301-631-2670 ext. 103.



FY2025 BY THE NUMBERS

Prevention means creating stability before a crisis begins.

In FY2025, our work focused on helping individuals and families remain housed, regain stability, and move forward from housing insecurity.

This is what prevention looks like:

237

households avoided eviction

Targeted financial assistance and housing-focused case management helped families remain in their homes and avoid displacement.

SUSTAINING FORWARD MOTION

PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT

This work continues because it is fueled by partnership. Donors, faith communities, and collaborators provide the resources that allow Beyond Shelter Frederick to respond quickly and adapt as conditions change.

Every contribution supports the tools, time, and flexibility required to intervene early and effectively.



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WORK POSSIBLE.

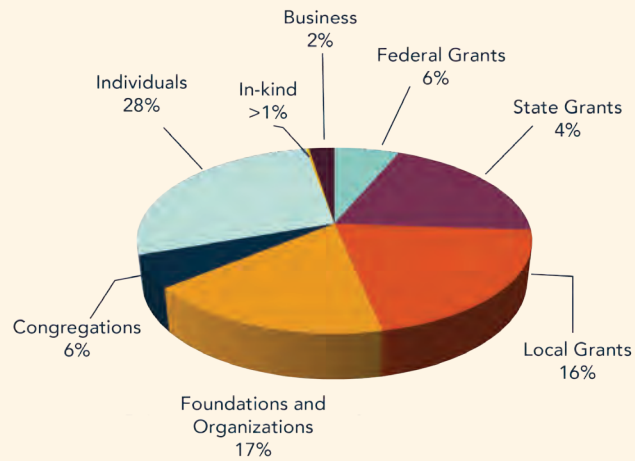
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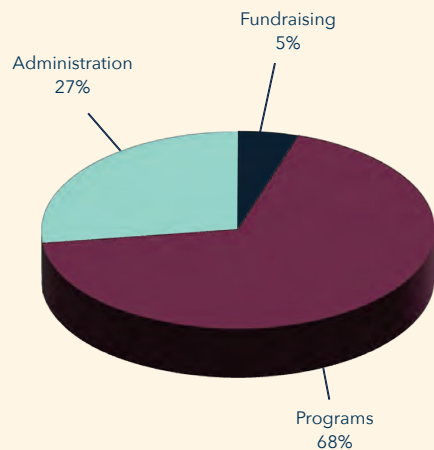


FY2025 INCOME



Individuals	28.0%	\$519,931.57
Business	2.0%	\$47,010.64
Congregations	6.0%	\$106,441.78
In-Kind Gifts	>1.0%	\$5,655.32
Foundations & Organizations	17.0%	\$325,159.40
Federal Grants	6.0%	\$119,444.79
State Grants	4.0%	\$373,908.67
Local Grants	16.0%	\$388,601.00
Total Revenue		\$1,886,153.17

FY2025 EXPENSES



Fundraising	5.0%	\$95,663.83
Administration	27.0%	\$590,945.00
Programs	68.0%	\$1,476,124.54
Total FY25 Expenses		\$2,162,733.37

This financial information is unaudited (October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025)

FISCAL YEAR 2025 DONORS



THE COMPASS ROSE is a symbol of navigation that always points North. During the renovation of an 1890's farmhouse purchased by the Coalition to serve as a new Emergency Family Shelter, construction crews discovered a compass rose inlaid in marble in the front of the house. Like a compass rose, Beyond Shelter Frederick guides our clients North by providing them with the necessary tools and support to help them achieve permanent housing and self-sufficiency.

Individual donors who contribute \$1,000 or more during the fiscal year (October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025) are recognized as members of the Compass Rose Society. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to members for their generous contributions and for supporting us in our daily fight to help clients retain or regain housing.

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THIS IS WHAT PREVENTION LOOKS LIKE:

136

households secured stable housing

Assistance with security deposits helped individuals and families access safe, permanent housing.

86

households maintained essential utilities

Energy assistance helped prevent utility shutoffs, supporting safe and stable living conditions.

34

families accessed emergency family shelter

When homelessness could not be prevented, families had a safe place to stay.

30 families successfully transitioned into housing, moving quickly toward long-term stability.



IN MARYLAND,
39% of households
struggle to afford
basic necessities.
This includes 10%
living below the
Federal Poverty
Level — households
that earn above the
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cannot afford the
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communities.

*Source: "Unitedforalice.org and
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In 1981, the leaders of our community recognized the need for assistance to those undergoing hardships and struggles. They urged local faith congregations to address the issue of homelessness in Frederick County. Responding to the call, these congregations formed what was then known as The Religious Coalition. Today, after more than four decades, Beyond Shelter Frederick (formerly The Religious Coalition) remains the primary resource for people in Frederick County who are experiencing homelessness and poverty.

NEED HELP?

If you or someone you know can benefit from our services, call us at 301-631-2670 or visit our website www.bsfred.org

