

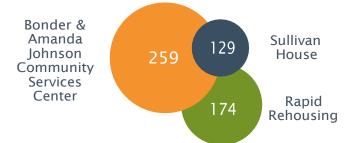
## BRIDGES TO INDEPENDENCE 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

In 2024, Bridges to Independence faced the challenges of the nation's economy and inflation, which affected families' financial stability and significantly increased the demand for its services. All Bridges to Independence programs saw a 55% increase in utilization and a notable rise in the number of large-family households and senior citizens seeking assistance.

It's unwavering commitment to an anti-poverty mission, Bridges to Independence, expanded efforts in 2024, addressing the root causes of poverty through initiatives like emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, community resource navigation, workforce development, and youth development food insecurities, college preparation for the youth, and community events and outreach. The 2024 annual report captures the multifaceted nature of Bridges to Independence's anti-poverty approach. Our initiatives enriched the lives of the children, families, veterans, and senior citizens we serve and strengthened their families and our community.

#### **OUR PROGRAMS**

#### # OF PEOPLE SERVED



58%
of the people served at our Emergency Family Shelter were children.

PROGRAMS VS OVERHEAD COSTS



24%

# 562 This Individuals

received housing, utilities, education, employment food, clothing, and medical services from our programs

#### YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

243 students participated



100% of high school seniors graduated



100% of graduates continued to college.



Students completed summer internships

#### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

78 adults participated



This program helped individuals enroll in Workforce development classes.





#### **OUR VOLUNTEERS**



**Volunteers** 

Mentors at our Youth Program



Volunteer projects and pro-bono services were provided by companies Accenture, Deloitte, Arlington Strategy, Zillow, CareFirst, Fannie Mae, Mastercard, Avalon Bay, Courtland, Clifton, Larson Allen LLP, AHC

#### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

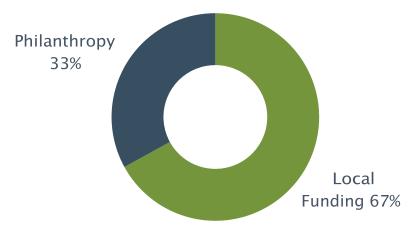
### \$100K

received in-kind donations

Received donations from individual donors across

24 STATES

#### **FUNDING SOURCES**



Local community, civic, and faith groups held donation drives to gather winter coats, socks, school supplies, and food items for the children and families at Bridges.



children received clothing, socks, pajamas



Thanksgiving meals were donated



people received new presents and gift cards from our Holiday Donation Drives. This covered all the families in our shelter & Rapid Rehousing program during the holiday season.



the total amount raised by local Arlington charities from runners and supporters.



