

# BRIDGES TO INDEPENDENCE 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

In 2025, Bridges to Independence encountered significant challenges stemming from the nation's deficiency in affordable housing, livable wages, and food insecurity. These issues adversely affected family stability and increased the demand for our services. All programs operated by Bridges to Independence experienced a remarkable increase in utilization, along with the rise in victims of domestic violence, large family households, transitional youth aged 18-24, and senior citizens seeking assistance.

In 2025, our dedication to fighting poverty led us to expand our efforts through initiatives such as launching an Overflow Shelter, enhancing programs at our Community Center, focusing on Youth Development and Workforce Development, hosting community events, offering training programs, and distributing food and clothing. The 2025 annual report highlights the diverse aspects of our anti-poverty approach. Our programs have improved the lives of children, families, veterans, transitional youth aged 18-24, and seniors we serve, fostering stronger families and a more connected community.

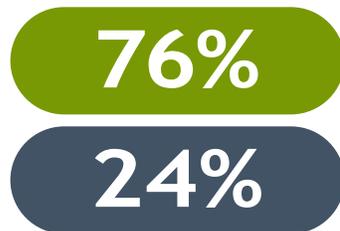
Together, we lay the groundwork for enduring change and poverty reduction, supporting individuals and families in reaching stability and building independent futures.

## OUR PROGRAMS

### # OF PEOPLE SERVED



### PROGRAMS VS OVERHEAD COSTS



**535**   
**Individuals**

received housing, utilities, education, employment, food, clothing, counseling, and child care assistance

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



100% of high school seniors graduated



100% of graduates continued to college



220 Youth participated in community youth programming

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

67 Individuals



This program helped individuals enroll in CNA, Phlebotomy Culinary Training, Health Insurance Certifications, Entrepreneurial workshops

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# OUR VOLUNTEERS

250

Volunteers

Volunteer projects and pro-bono services were provided by companies.

Accenture, Deloitte, Zillow, CareFirst, Fannie Mae, Mastercard, Avalon Bay, Courtland, Clifton, Larson Allen LLP, AHC.

The Stimson Center, Sheffield Court, Union Church, Amazon, Service Source, Sigma Theta Alpha Military Sorority, LSE Alumni

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

**\$170 K**

received in-kind donations



“In 2025 Bridges received a service award for Excellence in the Community”

## FUNDING SOURCES

Philanthropy  
32%



Local Funding  
68%

“Local community, civic, and faith groups held donation drives to gather winter coats, toys, food, clothing, school supplies & hygiene items for children and families at Bridges”



**ALL**

Families received clothing & shoes



**700**

Individuals in our program and in the community received food



**535**

Individuals in our program received new presents and gift cards from our Holiday Donation Drives. This covered all the families in our Shelter, Overflow Shelter, Rapid Rehousing and in the community.



**\$41 K**

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

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