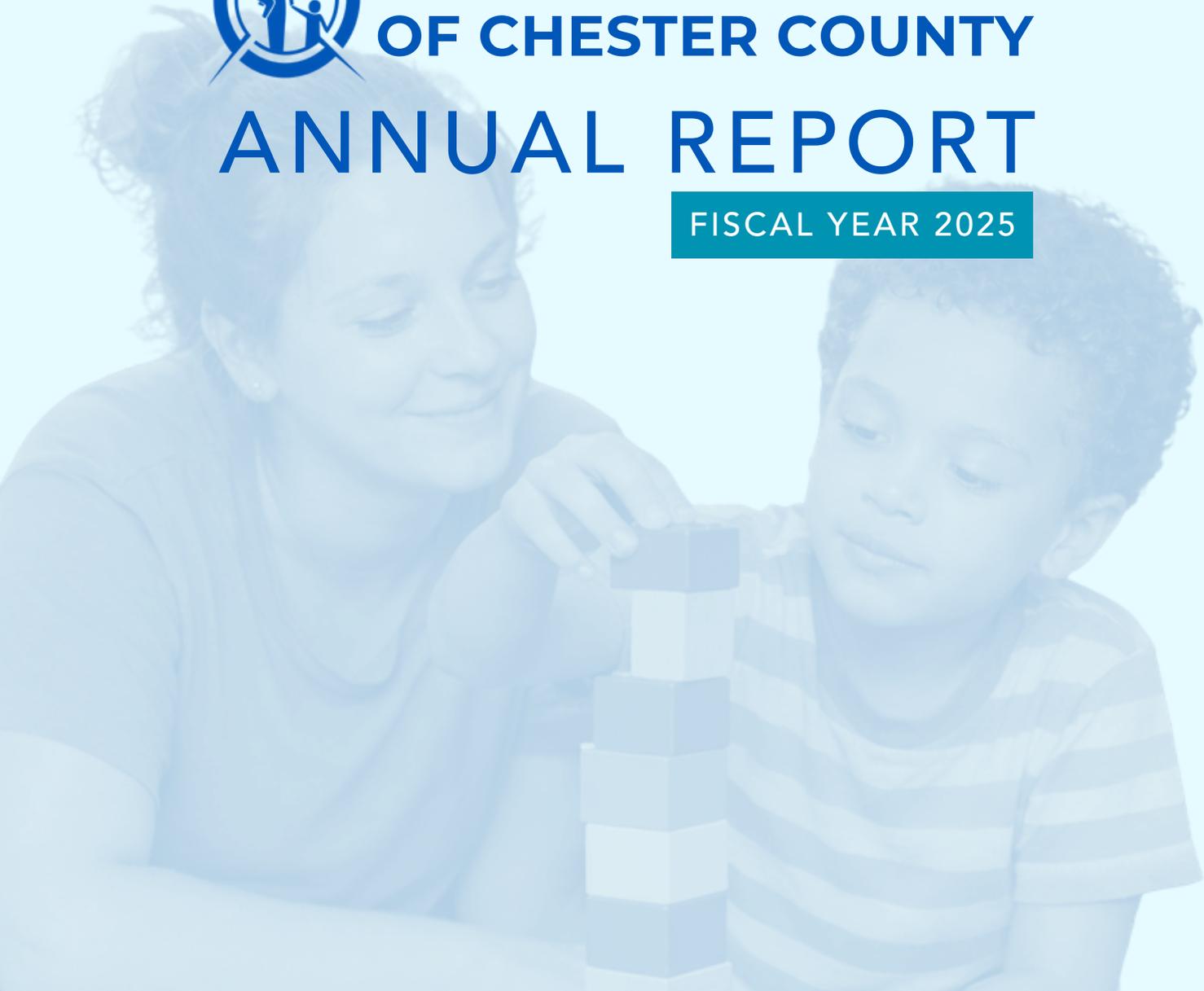




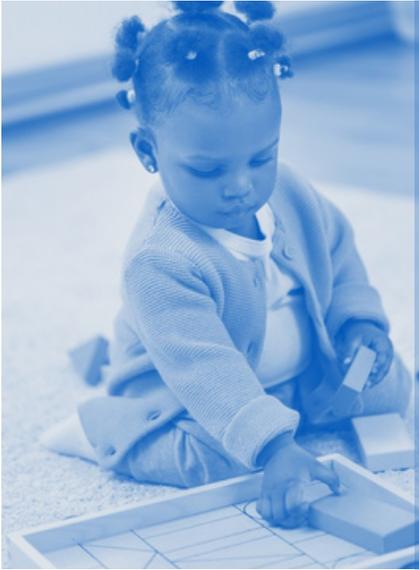
NORTH STAR
OF CHESTER COUNTY

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2025



OUR MISSION



North Star of Chester County guides Chester County's single working parents with dependent children, who are at risk of homelessness, toward stability and financial independence. We help our participant families remain in affordable housing as they work to secure their future through a structured program of financial assistance, mentoring, and additional supportive services.

Single parents who stay in our program for three full years emerge stable and proudly able to provide for their families.



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear friends,

The families we serve face significant challenges. Rising housing costs, limited wages, and a shrinking supply of affordable housing in Chester County place tremendous strain on low-income families. Many single-parent households, like the kind we serve, are balancing full time employment and raising their children while navigating constant uncertainty.

Through personalized case management, budget counseling and accountability, as well as financial support, North Star provides the building blocks families need to build stronger futures. Our program is designed to address immediate needs and support sustainable progress over time.

This year, we celebrate powerful successes. Participants in our program advanced into higher-paying jobs, completed degrees and certifications, and some even became homeowners. These accomplishments reflect their resilience, determination, and what is possible when families have the right supports in place.

Still, the work is not done. Housing instability remains an issue in our community. North Star of Chester County is committed to helping families remain housed, achieve lasting self-sufficiency, and strengthen their foundations— one building block at a time.

Thank you for standing with us as we continue this important work.

With gratitude,
Donald Neimetz, Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & STAFF



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(From left to right) Gary Liddick (Asst. Treasurer), Jacqui Dewey (Secretary), Joe Macrone, Roy Young (Treasurer), Rae Morgan (Vice-President), Isaac Thomas, Jeremy Mueller (President), Dahnielle Schmidt, Jim Pepperman

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NORTH STAR STAFF

(From Left to right) Alesandra Leiman (Case Manager), Nick Lohr (Project Manager), L. Diane Toaltoan (Senior Case Manager), Rosalyn Tilghman (Senior Case Manager), Alexis Stewart (Business Associate), Donald Neimetz (Executive Director)



WHAT WE DO

We serve single parent ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained & Employed) families living in Chester County. North Star families work full time but cannot afford life's essentials including housing, healthcare, childcare, food, and transportation.

RENTAL ASSISTANCE

North Star of Chester County provides ongoing monthly rental assistance, to help our families remain stably-housed, while participants work with their case manager to achieve their financial goals.

CASE MANAGEMENT

Case Managers work one-on-one with each North Star participant, setting goals, completing monthly budgets, and providing guidance and mentorship.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Our program benefits the entire family. Additional supportive services include use of our office pantry, financial support for continuing adult education & children's programs such as summer camps or enrichment programs, gas & grocery gift cards, and more.

SERVICE STATS



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We served a total of 24 families, including 45 children.

Rental Assistance



We provided a total of \$80,880 in rental assistance.

A 12% increase from last year, demonstrating the growing need in our community and the rise in rent prices.

Reporting timeframe:
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Case Management



Case managers spent over 1,200 combined hours working with our participants, helping them achieve their financial goals. Case management services including budget counseling, financial guidance, and connecting parents to appropriate resources.

Supportive Services



We provided more than \$20,000 in additional supportive services, including food assistance, grocery & gas gift cards, and helped 26 children go to summer camp or other enrichment activities.



6,997 nights of homelessness prevention

YEAR IN REVIEW





◀ We partnered with organizations to provide additional support for North Star kids. WSFS Bank provided back to school supplies for all school-age children and Max's Kicks for Kids gave new sneakers to all of the children in our program!

Several parents in our program received financial aid, from our donor-advised fund, to continue their education. We provided funds for registration fees, textbooks, and tuition. North Star participants have completed additional education programs, including Master's degrees, while working with us.



◀ We expanded our food pantry to include more products, including frozen meat, and increased the amount of non-perishable goods as well as hygiene products and cleaning supplies. We saw a rise in demand for our pantry as food prices soared. North Star families took home more than 250 bags of groceries!



We continued our annual holiday programs including grocery gift cards for families at Thanksgiving (generously donated by local churches), and our Christmas gift-giving campaign. Local sponsors provided gifts for 24 families, including 36 children! ▶



YEAR IN REVIEW (CONTINUED)

In July 2024, our Board of Directors elected Jeremy Mueller to be our new Board President. Jeremy was a board member of North Star of Chester County for 12 years before stepping into this position. Jeremy has been vital to the success of our program.

Outside of volunteering at our organization, Jeremy owns and operates Electrical Plus, a successful electrical services company, based out of West Chester, since 2006. He is well-known in the community for giving back to various non-profits and veterans organizations, being a Navy veteran himself.



We formed relationships with new funders, including the Foxwynd Foundation and GSK-- which awarded us the GSK Impact Award in November 2024.

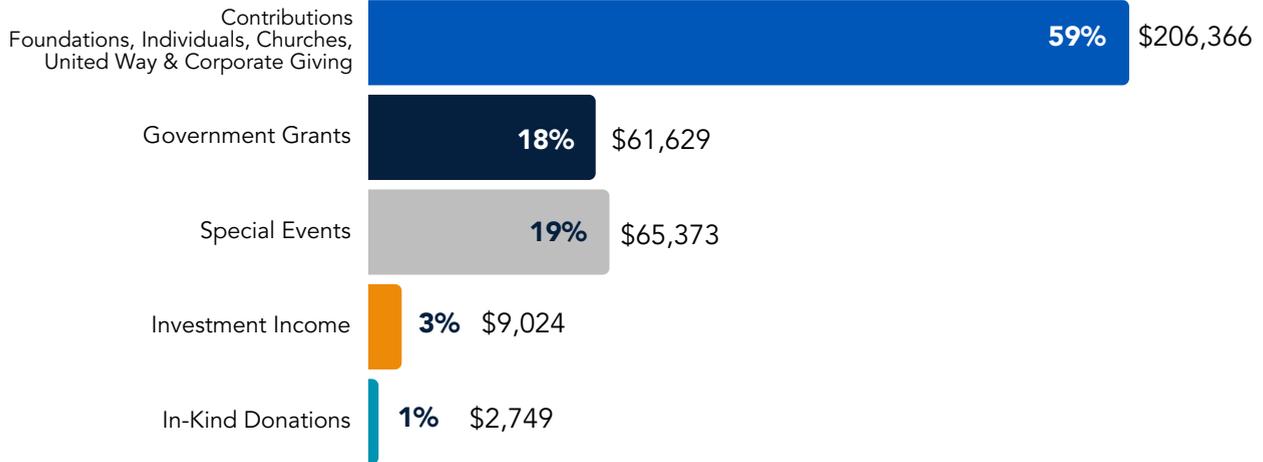


In October 2024, we honored our 30th year serving Chester County at our annual fall fundraiser, Fine Dining & Wines, at the General Warren in Malvern. In April 2025, Zukin Realty held the 3rd Annual Running Home 5k Run/Walk. North Star of Chester County was the beneficiary of this event. The third year was its biggest yet with more than 130 walkers & runners.

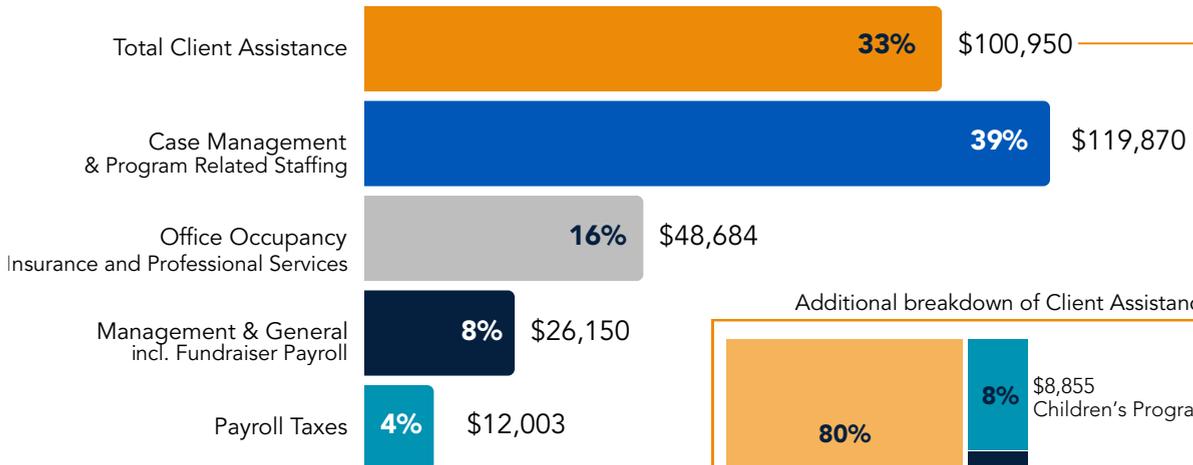
FINANCIAL RESULTS



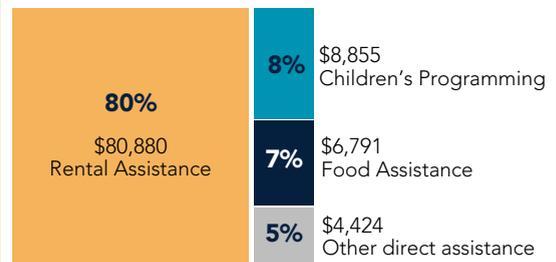
REVENUE SOURCES: \$345,141



FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES: \$307,657



Additional breakdown of Client Assistance



BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash.	\$267,201
Promises to give, current.	\$60,725
Prepaid Expenses.	\$4,958
Prepaid Rent.	\$5,000
Total current assets	\$337,884

Operating lease right-of-use	\$7,731
Security deposit	\$1,300

Total assets	\$346,912
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Liabilities & Net Assets

Accounts payable.	\$527
Accrued expenses.	\$13,901
Operating lease liabilities	\$7,731
Total current liabilities.	\$22,159

Net Assets

Without donor restrictions	\$236,991
With donor restrictions.	\$87,765
Total net assets.	\$324,756

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$346,915
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WAYS TO GIVE

Donate

Make a secure one-time or recurring donation:
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\$8,000

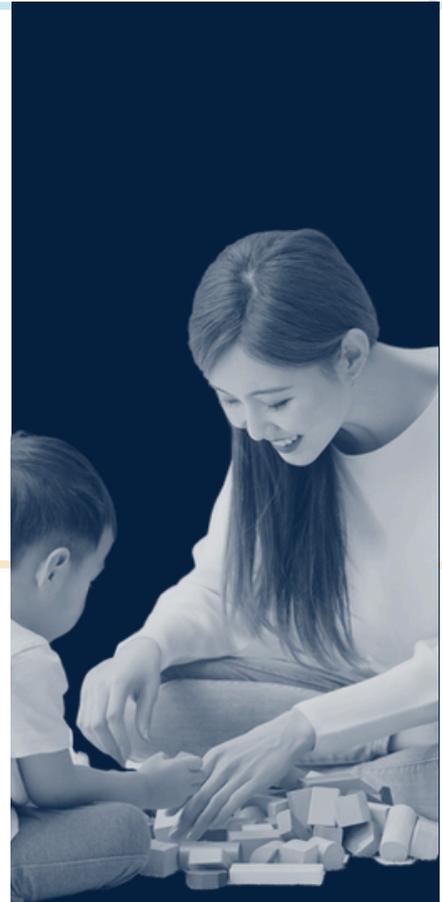
The average annual cost to keep
a hardworking family stable and
on the path to self-sufficiency.

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Planned & Legacy Giving

Learn more about our Endowment Fund with
the Chester County Community Foundation:
www.chescocf.org/fund/north-star-of-chester-county-endowment-fund



Compared to the expense of housing families in shelters and providing financial aid to relocate, intervening before an eviction is a cost-effective method of preventing homelessness.

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