



The Gathering Place

Navigating the path ahead.

2025 Impact Report



The Gathering Place provides shelter, essential services, and holistic, trauma-informed wraparound programs to women, gender diverse people, and their children as they navigate instability and homelessness.

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TGP started the year by launching an updated mission and vision, and a refreshed brand; to help us better communicate the growth and evolution our organization has undergone in recent years. In keeping with that growth and evolution, we made big strides in increasing access to person-centered resource navigation, while also rising to meet increasing community needs for essential services like nutritious meals and day shelter. We also celebrated the first anniversary of our micro-community, Elati Village.

This year, we grew with purpose—strengthening who we are, expanding essential services, and deepening our reach in the community.

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Program Overview



1 Community Access Team

The Community Access Team provides a welcoming and safe entry point for about 200 people each day, offering low-barrier access to showers, laundry, mail, phones, computers, and resource navigation.

2 The Family Program

The Family Program provides in-depth, individualized support for parents and guardians who are unhoused, at risk of losing their housing, or just struggling to make ends meet. In a welcoming and kid-friendly space, the Family Program offers tangible resources, connections to housing vouchers and rental subsidies, and assistance with childcare while parents work with their care team at TGP.

3 Wellness area

In the Wellness area, peer-led services include access to healthcare resources, over-the-counter medications, person-centered navigation and care planning, evidence-based recovery planning, and benefit assistance. Trusted community and clinical partners come to TGP weekly to offer low-barrier access to medical care, vaccinations, dental care, mental health services, and substance use disorder treatment programs.

4 The Hospitality Program

The Hospitality Program addresses food and clothing insecurity by serving nutritious and tasty meals prepared onsite, operating a food pantry, and offering a clothing boutique with a shopping experience.

5 Case Management

Case Management at TGP provides highly effective, person-centered planning and resources to help individuals and families transition from homelessness to stable housing.

6 Arts and Wellness

Arts and Wellness offers a studio with rotating guest facilitators, where members can attend classes and workshops, design and lead workshops, build community, use creative expression as an outlet for processing stress and trauma, or create something just for fun.

7 Elati Village

Elati Village is TGP's second location – an emergency shelter partnership with the City of Denver – in the form of a tiny home village. Women, gender diverse adults, and pets who have been living on the streets or in shelters make up this community, which also offers 24/7 supportive staffing, access to health services and housing-focused case management.



Program Growth



Reflecting expanded access for members



With increased frequency of events for members and stakeholders



Including Pride, Coldplay, Metallica, and a first-ever 5k

Program Updates & Changes

We love evolving. Throughout the year, we took time to ask our members what they appreciated and enjoyed, and what changes they wanted and needed from us. Then, we listened to what they shared and took real actions to grow and improve in sustainable ways.

Throughout this year, we continued to improve our Resource Navigation services and implemented sustainable changes to increase access for our members. In response to growing food insecurity in our community, we introduced a weekly pop-up pantry that offers a shopping model with access to perishable and shelf-stable foods rescued from partner organizations, as well as fresh produce grown in our rooftop garden. By working with community growers and food rescue programs, we're also driving down waste in our community by quickly getting food to people who need it.

We were present, engaged, and active throughout the community, community-centered and community-driven.

Expanded Reach

People Served

Our program numbers reflect both increased needs in our community, and the impact of our efforts to make services more accessible:

10%
Increase
Number of visits to the day shelter

15%
Increase
Number of adults served

26%
Increase
Number of meals served

67%
Increase
Articles of clothing distributed

188%
Increase
Participants in resource navigation

Events & Engagements

This year, TGP enhanced event offerings to deepen community connection and impact. We increased the number of events and engagements throughout FY25, with a notable increase in the frequency of events for our members, as well as events for our stakeholders.

Collaborative Partnerships

TGP is rooted in community collaboration, and we are constantly developing and strengthening partnerships with the goal of removing barriers to stability for our members. Dozens of partner agencies come to TGP throughout the year, some of them every week, to provide direct services in our shelter spaces.

Visibility & Recognition

- ▶ We started FY25 with the launch of our updated mission statement, new logo, and brand refresh
- ▶ We were recognized at a Nuggets game and one of our all-star volunteers got to take some halftime shots
- ▶ Received a grant from Metallica and got mentions on their charitable foundation website, social media and press release
- ▶ Hosted our first ever Steps 2 Stability 5k fundraiser
- ▶ Tabled and did some fabulous face painting at Pride
- ▶ One of two CO nonprofits invited to table at the Coldplay show at Empower Field in June, and had zero jumbotron scandals
- ▶ Published our second member-created 'zine: [Rest is for People](#)



Internal Growth

Board Assessment & Targeted Recruitment



Focused on skills, lived experience, and shared identity

Monthly Staff Development



Including trauma-informed care, anti-racism, and LGBTQIA+ advocacy

Improved Spaces & Systems



Including impact tools, updated hours, and quieter shelter spaces

Team & Capacity

While we did not add new roles this year, we did thoughtfully assess the staff positions we have, then adjusted and improved when needed to meet community priorities. We did a board member assessment in March 2025 around skills, experience—both professional and lived, strengths, connections, and shared identity with our members and began recruiting based on our gaps.

Staff & Culture Development

Our impact is only possible because of our staff. We invested in development through monthly training on topics like trauma-informed care, anti-racism, and LGBTQIA+ advocacy. We invested in health, balance, and resilience by engaging in a city-wide crisis debrief cooperative, reducing our work week to 37.5 hours, and providing all employees a paid wellness week on top of vacation and sick time.

This year, we invested in our people, our practices, and our spaces—strengthening our impact from the inside out.

Infrastructure

We thoughtfully assessed all staff positions, then made adjustments to meet community needs. Leadership conducted an assessment of the Board of Directors around skills, professional and lived experience, community connections, and shared identities with our members. We then began recruiting and adding additional board seats to close those gaps.

Continuous Growth

Our leadership team partnered with board leaders to try out a new strategic planning process; we made improvements to our impact reporting tools; we invested in staff development and training throughout the year; and strengthened our volunteer program with additional training and revised positions to meet changing needs.

At our day shelter location, we reorganized office and program spaces to provide more quiet spaces for members and staff alike. We analyzed attendance patterns at our day shelter and surveyed members about our hours, then made updates to operating hours based on feedback and observations.

Financial Growth



+\$4.5
Million

Revenue
In FY25

39

Successful
Grant
Applications

15%
Increase In
Donors

Sustained funding to support
programs and services

Total successful grant
applications this year

With over 1,500 individuals and
organizations providing support

Funder Relationships

We saw a 15% increase in the total number of donors this year, with over 1,500 individuals and organizations providing financial support in FY25.

TGP was in its rock'n'roll era this year, with a very exclusive invite to do outreach at the Coldplay concert, and we received a \$30,000 grant from All Within My Hands, Metallica's charitable foundation.

We also strengthened our support and partnership with the City and County of Denver and have established a multi-year contract for our case management services designed to prevent and resolve homelessness rapidly. Successes within our All In Mile High micro-community site helped us secure a multi-year contract to begin in 2026. These contracts account for 33% of our current revenue and reflect our role as a vital component of Denver's homelessness response network.

Hosting more events and being more present in the community this year helped us increase the number of donors supporting our work.

Impact

6739

People Served



103

Households

Transitioned
into Stable
Housing

55,607

Meals Served



Including 5,709 adults and 1,030
children

Through housing-focused case
management

Alongside clothing, food, health,
and art services

People Served

5,709

Adults Served
with 47,559 day
center visits

1,030

Children Served
with 3,492 day
center visits

1,122

Individuals & Families
participated in
resource navigation

2,619

Visits to Bridget's
Boutique

604

Individuals
utilized physical and
mental health services

373

Individuals
participated in the Art
Program

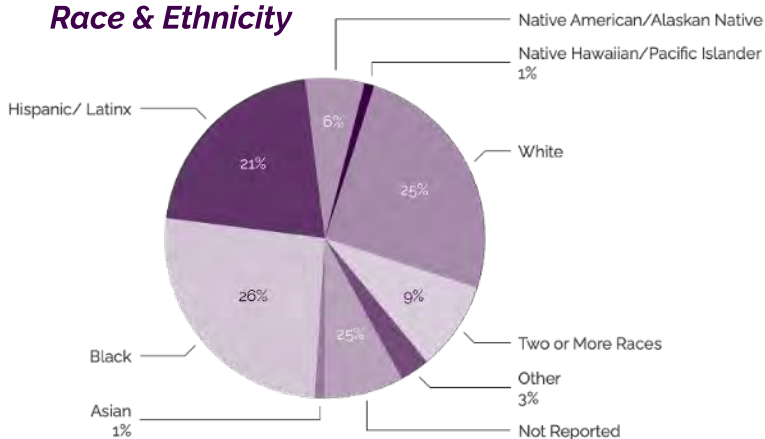
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Individuals
participated in
housing-focused case
management

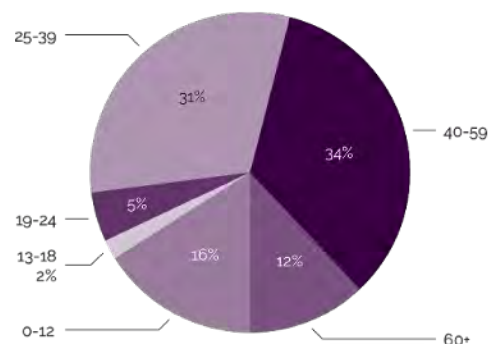
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Households
transitioned into
stable housing

Race & Ethnicity



Age



Material Goods

34,262

Pounds of Food
distributed through
Betsy's Cupboard

55,607

Meals Served
at the day center

22,621

**Articles of
Clothing**
distributed

Events & Engagements

Our programs teams offered more than 200 groups, workshops, classes, and engagements for members this year.

Member events included a broad spectrum of offerings – writer's workshops, Native American talking circle, watercolor painting, clay class, sexual health bingo, vaccine clinics, budgeting workshops, sewing circle, book club, nail salon, holiday parties, and more. These events led to more than 1,000 engagements with our members, creating countless opportunities for community building, learning, creating, and joy.

The Gathering Place also hosted a number of events for external partners throughout the year. We kicked off our fiscal year with a launch party to celebrate our updated mission, vision, and values. We co-hosted events with community partners like the Women's Foundation of Colorado, Ignatian Volunteer Corps, SAME Cafe, and dozens of local businesses who supported our community through volunteering. We also hosted our first ever 5k at Cheeseman Park in June and had over 100 community members participate in this fundraising event.

Community Outcomes

Over 55% of the members who participated in case management at The Gathering Place transitioned into permanent housing. During this time, the city of Denver saw a 45% decrease in the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

"It's nice just to be in a place
where you don't feel so alone.
Even when the world tells you,
you are, it's relieving to know that
there's a place like this that exists."

—Michelle, TGP member

"The Gathering Place has helped me by having a place to come and feel safe. To be able to take a shower, to be free from the world and not worrying about having to be out there"

—Janis, TGP member

"I've always felt safe here since I walked in"

—Tiffany, TGP member

"Now, more than ever, the mission of The Gathering Place is crucial to the well-being of our community."

—Heather Beck, TGP CEO

"It literally saved my life. It's a miracle for me."

—Valentino, TGP member



"Just be kind. And if you can't be kind, donate."

—B, TGP Member

What's Next

The Gathering Place is so excited to celebrate our 40th anniversary in 2026. We're looking back at our evolution over these decades, and reflecting on how we have adapted along with our changing world.

Thank you.

