

CITY LIGHTS FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT

2025



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FOUNDATION OF OKLAHOMA

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I often say that community isn't convenient, and this year proved that again. It asked a lot of us. It showed up late at night and early in the morning. It sat in the cold and walked through complicated systems. It allowed us to hold both grief and joy, and reminded us why this work matters so much. Again and again, we witnessed the goodness that comes when people choose to stay, to care, and to build something together.

At City Lights, community is not an idea, it's something we practice daily with our neighbors.

Night Light continues to be one of the clearest ways we live this out. Volunteers mobilized week after week to care for our friends on the street, offering not just food or supplies, but consistency, dignity, and presence. Names were remembered. Stories were shared. Trust was built. It is quiet, intentional work, and it changes people, on both sides of the table.

Our Housing Stability team carried a tremendous amount this year. They worked to stop evictions, strengthen relationships, get neighbors to doctor's appointments, and provide stabilization during seasons of crisis. They also walked with neighbors through the end of life as six of our neighbors passed away this year. We held space for grief together, honoring lives that mattered deeply. Alongside that loss, there was also hope: neighbors moving into housing, new points of connection like the Wandering Wardrobe and our Neighbor Newsletter, and steady support that reminds people they are not alone once housed.

Winter brought urgency and adaptability. Through pop-up shelters and winter outreach, our team and volunteers responded with care and creativity, meeting immediate needs while holding onto dignity, humanity, and relationship even in the hardest (and harshest) conditions.



**SARAH
GROUNDS**

This year also marked a significant milestone for City Lights Village. We broke ground on Phase 1, 30 homes and the Community Center, and launched the public phase of our capital campaign, Homefulness. Eighteen homes have been sponsored with room for additional sponsorships and connection. These moments reflect years of dreaming, persistence, and community belief, and they point us toward a very exciting 2026 as we Light the Way Home, moving from hopelessness to hopefulness, and from homelessness to HOMEFULNESS!

As we look toward 2026, I feel both excitement and responsibility. We will open City Lights Village. We will continue to grow and strengthen our programs. And we will keep showing up for our neighbors, in all the ways we know how, on the streets, in homes, and in community. There is more to do, and there is so much possibility. None of this happens alone. I am deeply grateful for our board, staff, volunteer staff, and capital campaign committee, and for every person who has given their time, resources, and trust. Thank you for being part of this community. Thank you for believing that dignity matters, that presence changes things, and that community is something worth building.

-Sarah



CITY LIGHTS OVERVIEW

VISION

Moving people into a lifestyle of service and community.

MISSION

Loving individuals, giving hope, and touching souls through relational service and dignified housing.

NIGHT LIGHT



Moving friends, neighbors, and volunteers into a lifestyle of service and community.



5,666

volunteers mobilized



10,910

guests provided with a warm meal + resources



19,280

meals served to our neighbors

HOUSING STABILITY



Ensuring our neighbors feel seen, known and loved.



96%

stability rate of neighbors maintaining housing



30

evictions successfully evaded



60

neighbors receiving regular services

Remembering the 6 neighbors who passed away in 2025 and all the light they brought into the world.



MOBILE OUTREACH



Mobilizing to meet the most pressing and critical needs in our community.



500

neighbors served during 2 different pop-up shelters



235

people reached through mobile outreach



304.5

volunteer hours, saving our community \$10,593

CITY LIGHTS VILLAGE



2025 WAS A BIG YEAR!

In June, we officially broke ground on upward construction of City Lights Village. Fast forward to September and we officially launched our \$26.1 million dollar fundraising campaign!

\$21,453,315

raised at close of 2025.

\$4,656,685

left to raise to complete the campaign goal and bring neighbors home.

HOMEFULNESS:

The state of being when lost dignity and hope is restored, with a safe home in which to live, and community to share life with.



TRIVIA NIGHT 2025



We believe in connecting human to human
and heart to heart.

307

attendees
exposed to our
mission and vision
in one night

\$139,479

raised to support
our mission and
neighbors

50%

Increase in funds
raised from 2024

2025 FINANCIALS

REVENUE* DISTRIBUTION

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Misc./Individual Giving | \$394,416 |
| Trivia Night | \$139,479 |
| Grants | \$102,500 |
| Interest | \$183,673 |
| Night Light Sponsorships | \$69,294 |
| CLV Capital Campaign | <u>\$8,448,988</u> |
| | \$9,338,350 |

EXPENSES DISTRIBUTION

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Programs | \$470,164 |
| Management & General | \$215,164 |
| Fundraising | \$334,151 |
| CLV Capital Campaign Expenses | \$208,096 |
| Capital Project Expenditures | <u>\$5,356,455</u> |
| | \$6,584,030 |

*Revenue reflects gifts received in calendar year 2025. Financial statements are prepared on a modified cash basis and may reflect timing differences for deposits. For a more detailed report, please contact us.



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THANK YOU!

Thank you for joining us in 2025 as we cared for our neighbors experiencing homelessness in Tulsa. This work was made possible by our many volunteers, donors and friends!



WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

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