

# IMPACT REPORT

## 1/1/24 - 12/31/24

### HIGHLIGHTS

- **Expanded our Food Pantry hours** to 7 days a week, 1 pm - 7 pm thanks to our renewed partnership with the North Texas Food Bank.
- **Opened our Training Center** which includes classroom space and a computer lab to offer educational courses to our residents and the public. Made possible by grants from the Clara Blackford Smith & W. Aubrey Smith Charitable Foundation, Regensburger and Munson Foundations, and Ruiz Foods.
- **Renovated the shelter kitchen** with funding from the Lowe's Hometowns grant program. We increased our capacity to provide nutritious meals to our residents and food boxes to those in need in our community.
- **Received a playground makeover** thanks to the 2024 Leadership Denison class and a grant from the Oliver Dewey Mayor Foundation. This provided the children in residence (30% at any given time) a fun and safe way to burn off energy and stress.

### IMPACT

**165**

Children, families and individuals provided shelter

**2214**

Non-residents provided food and other resources

**26,376**

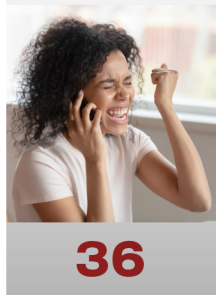
Resident meals served

**719+**

Individual, personalized case management sessions

**52**

Residents moved to independent living



**36**

Residents gained new employment



**4**

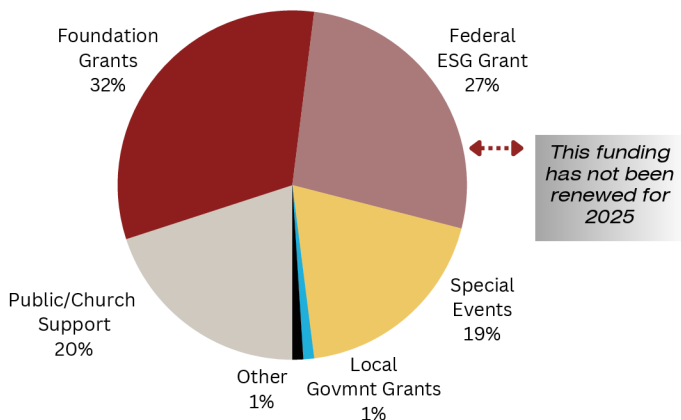
Residents saved enough to purchase a vehicle



**56**

Children in residence

### 2024 FUNDING BY SOURCE



### CHALLENGES

**Homelessness in Grayson County/Texoma is on the rise while funding is decreasing.**

- Federal grant funding previously directed to homelessness relief in our area has been rerouted to the border.
- Rapid growth in Grayson County and a decrease in low income/affordable housing has fueled an exponential rise in the homeless population.
- Point In Time Count - homeless in Grayson Cty: 53 in 2023 and 456 in 2024.



“When my children and I reached out to Texoma Family Shelter we had exhausted all other options after living with relatives and in hotels. Our experience has been a good one. Kim has been a wealth of information and always makes herself available. The RAs are also great. I never once felt pressured but rather encouraged. In the short time I have been there, I have landed a job, got kids in the afterschool program, reinstated my insurance and tags for my car, and am saving money for a place of our own. I slowly see life coming back together for us. I am so glad that this shelter was here for my children and I during our darkest times. It's not a handout, but a hand up.”

Ms. S, current shelter resident



“With nowhere to go, Texoma Family Shelter became my home. You fed me, helped me with clothes, and gave me time to heal from the devastating disaster I endured. Not only that, but you welcomed my kids with open arms, loved them and talked with them as though they were your own. I felt no judgement, only grace and understanding. You really opened my eyes to see the good in people again. This place has truly helped me restore my strength, my mind, and my integrity and I am so thankful.”

Ms. D, former shelter resident

