

THE MASONIC HOME FOR CHILDREN AT OXFORD

# ANNUAL REPORT 2025



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# LETTER FROM THE CEO



**CHRIS  
ALLABAUGH**

Chief Executive Officer

It is with great pride that we celebrate all the wonderful things that took place at the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford in 2025. The foundation is strong and the lives of the children and families of North Carolina continue to be impacted by the work being done by our beloved team.

For me, the most notable experiences came in the later months of the year. We celebrated the retirement of Kevin Otis and his love and commitment to MHCO.

In conjunction with that celebration, I began my tenure as CEO on October 1st. I will not soon forget the Homecoming weekend that followed shortly after. My family and I rode through our storied campus in the parade side by side with Kevin, his wife, and children. As we approached the stage Kevin and I had the chance to embrace and officially pass the torch. I am thankful for his encouragement, his wisdom, and the work he put in to make my transition to Oxford smooth. His imprint on the home will live well into the future.

That day was the culmination of a long road, but there is no destination I would rather have arrived at than here under the oaks. The legacy of our Home is one of commitment. A commitment of excellence in everything we do, a commitment to doing what is best for children, and a commitment to upholding our Masonic virtues and values. My personal commitment is to lead MHCO with boldness and conviction in this new season. Entering this role has been the highlight of my career.

Further, there are countless other reasons to celebrate. We have been a witness to children coming out of despair and finding hope. Generational impact is taking place for families. Ninety-one children called this place home during the year, an increase of 11% over 2024. The Community Support Center has tripled the number of community members it has impacted over last year.

Looking forward, there is much to be excited about. Without your support, none of this is possible. Thank you for choosing to make a difference in the lives of our children.



# **DIRECT CARE, INDEPENDENT LIVING, EDUCATION & VOCATION**

## **MHCO PROVIDES LOVING CARE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS**

The Direct Care Program serves youth, including sibling groups, from birth to 18 years old. The Independent Living Program has two components. One is the transitional living cottages which serve youth from 16-19 years old to prepare them for the second component which serves youth 18-22 in independent apartment living.

### **DIRECT CARE RESIDENTS IN 2025**

- 28 admissions
- 139 referrals
- 10.1 average age
- 65 total youth served in 2025
- 15,456 nights of care provided

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING RESIDENTS IN 2025**

- 8 admissions
- 49 referrals
- 19.3 average age
- 26 total young adults served in 2025
- 5,579 nights of care provided

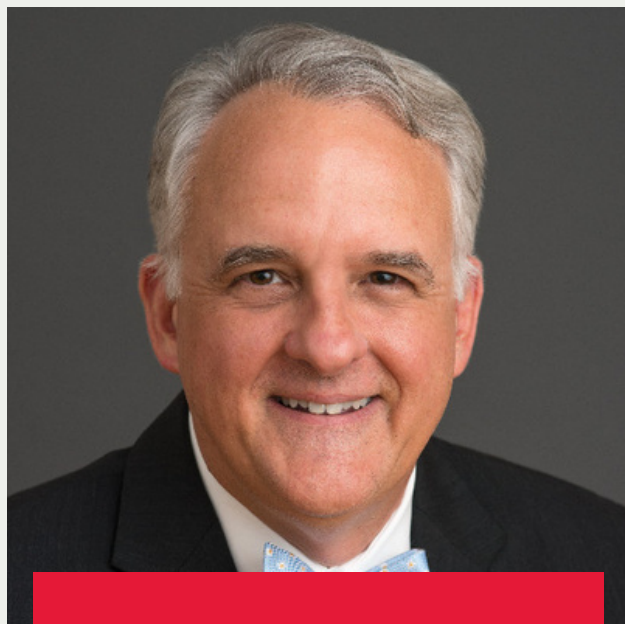
### **EDUCATION & VOCATION**

- 6 high school graduates
- Campus GPA: 83%
- 100% of DC and TLP residents received on campus education
- A honor roll: 16 residents
- A/B honor roll: 38 residents
- Honorable mention: 40 residents
- Increased GPA by 5+ points: 21 residents
- Working towards degrees: 2 ILP residents
- An average of 21 kids working in our KidsEarn Program
- TLP residents working off campus: 98%
- ILP residents working off campus: 91%

**35** TOTAL  
ADMISSIONS IN 2025

**82** YOUTH  
SERVED IN 2025

# LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



**SPEED  
HALLMAN**

PGM, Chairman of the Board  
of Directors for MHCO

## Looking Ahead to Renewal and Growth

On Saturday, March 14 the cherry trees around our children's cottages were covered with white blossoms and the big oaks out front were clothed in the pale green of new growth. I took a last look at the oaks in my rearview mirror as I turned onto College Street and headed for home. It was a good end to four days on campus devoted to our Home's renewal and growth. Members of the Board of Directors, committee members, house parents and staff spent the first three days engaged in strategic planning. Sequestered in the basement of the York Rite Chapel, we reviewed our most recent five-year plan, listed the Home's accomplishments and talked about how we could have achieved better results. We discussed areas of strength, weakness and opportunity and reviewed our mission, vision and values statements.

We asked questions and engaged in conversations about how we can improve and how we can help more children and families, and in a fascinating session we learned more about the state of childcare in North Carolina and how other children's homes help kids. Our ideas and proposals will be shaped into an action plan with strategies and goals, reinforced with data and kept on track with deadlines, for the next five years. We look forward to sharing it with you and hearing your thoughts.

Our planning was led by CEO Chris Allabaugh, who came to us Oct. 1 from the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. Chris has devoted his life and career to childcare. He is proving to be a gifted manager and leader for our campus and we're already seeing progress in financial development, communications, and personnel management, all of which help improve the quality of life for the children in our care. Chris is well known and respected in the childcare field for his advocacy at the state, regional and national levels. He shares his perspectives with you elsewhere in this annual report.

After three days of PowerPoints and planning it was time to get outside. The timing was perfect as the Home hosted its annual Great Landscape Day on a beautiful Saturday morning. Masons, kids, house parents and staff worked together under sunshine and blue sky to plant, mulch, prune and rake. We invested our time and energy in the Home's renewal and growth, and we left our campus a little better, and even more beautiful, than we found it. That's our job and it is a joy.

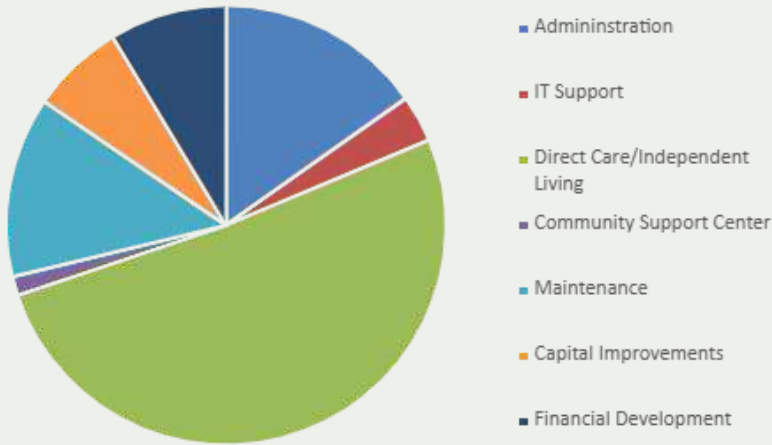
My last look at campus was in the rearview mirror, and I reminded myself that the windshield is bigger for a reason. We are looking ahead. Everything we do is oriented to the future, and our greatest days await us. I left campus feeling very good about the future of our Home, the lives that our children are leading there, and the loving and committed people who answered the call to make a difference for our kids. You have answered the call, and your support keeps us going.

I can hardly wait to get back to campus. If you haven't visited the Home, or if it has been a while, come to Oxford and see for yourself the growth and development you are making possible.

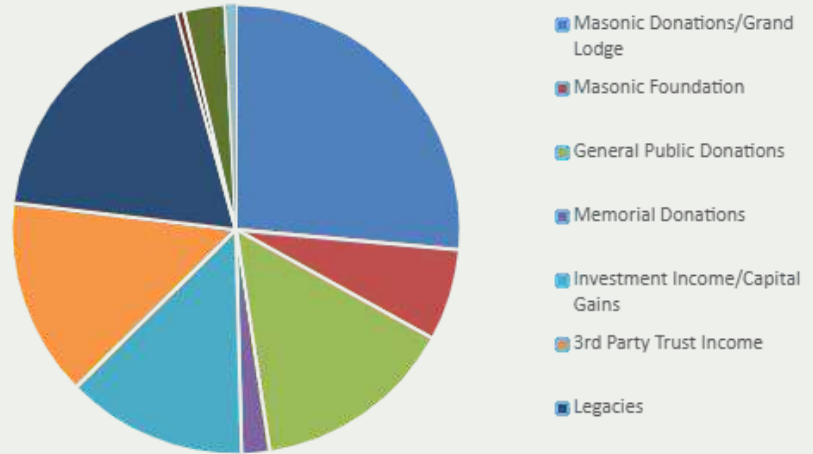
# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

In 2025, MHCO recieved in-kind items & gift cards valued at \$46,000

MHCO Expenses 2025

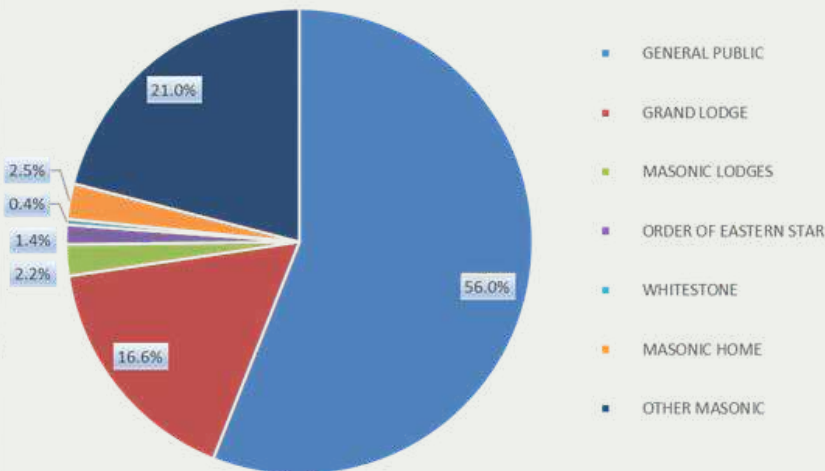


MHCO Revenue 2025

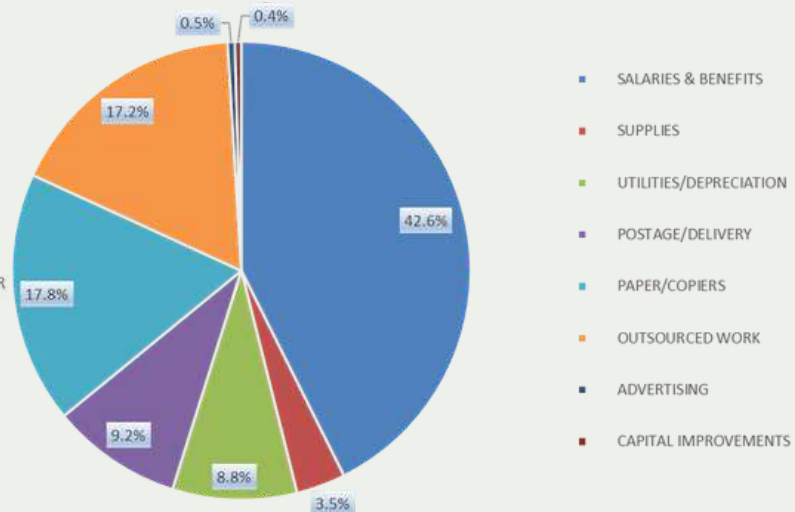


# SCHOOL OF GRAPHIC ARTS HIGHLIGHTS

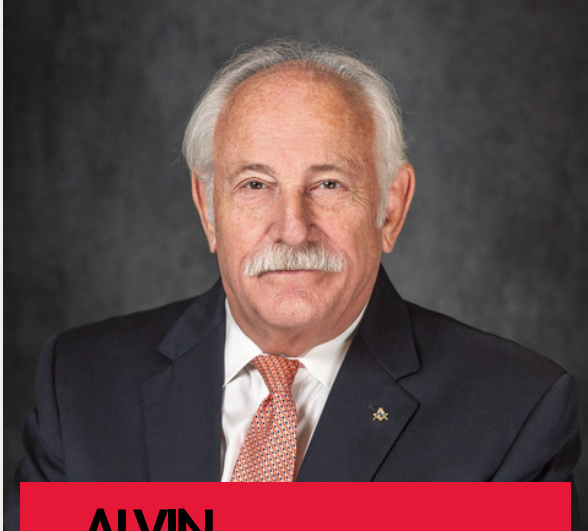
SGA Revenue 2025



SGA Expenses 2025



# LETTER FROM THE AGO



**ALVIN  
BILLINGS**

Annual Giving Officer,  
Masonic Home for Children

## Greetings!

As we celebrate our 153 years caring for children, it's hard to believe I've been here 5 years and had the pleasure of being in this position to raise donations and create awareness about this wonderful Home. In 2025 our team raised over \$572,000, through direct donations and monthly recurring gifts. Increasing recurring gifts to the home is one of our most important tasks. Those monthly gifts, as they continue to grow, can and will be a staple in our annual budget. To that end we launched the "Cup for Kids" campaign. For \$19.99 per month, we will send you a red insulated cup that has been engraved by our print shop. Go to our website to make a donation, [mhc-oxford.org](http://mhc-oxford.org). Being the "best kept secret" is not an option.

Our marketing efforts in 2025 has consisted of 2 successful mailings, utilizing TV/commercials, social media including Facebook and Instagram among others. The "Masonic Home Mondays" are meant to be informative and entertaining. The Red Devil Dispatch is now our monthly connection to the brethren through Grandview and our community. Our website, [mhc-oxford.org](http://mhc-oxford.org) which was revamped in 2024, is updated regularly to let you know not only about events, but the needs of our kids. With your love and support, I've been able to make over 200 visits to over 140 lodges in NC. I've also made presentations to Shrine clubs and units, church groups, Law enforcement, civic groups such as Civitan and Rotary Clubs among others. To this end our 5 year total, out the Annual Giving office, has generated over \$2,000,000 in donations! While we always strive to do better, I never dreamed an old sock maker from Burlington could raise even a dollar. This truly has been a labor of love. Faith, hope and charity, the greatest of these is charity which equals love and "extends beyond the grave through the boundless realms of eternity". Your donations help these children be kids! Come see us in Oxford and see for yourself. This is your home. Thank you for your continued love and support during this great ride. I look forward to doing even more in 2026. Always available to make a presentation.

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"Noone has ever become poor by giving"

# 2025 LODGE GIVING REPORT

1 ST. JOHN'S \$62.53	115 HOLLY SPRINGS \$76.77	218 WILLIAM G. HILL \$51.36
2 ROYAL WHITE HART \$9.01	117 MOUNT LEBANON \$31.47	226 OLIN \$23.44
3 ST. JOHN'S \$7.33	118 MT. HERMON \$22.74	229 HENDERSON \$59.35
4 ST. JOHN'S \$30.26	122 OXFORD \$77.56	230 CORINTHIAN \$552.03
5 CHARITY \$23.08	123 FRANKLINTON \$111.00	231 WILLIAM T. BAIN \$252.36
7 UNANIMITY \$78.59	125 MILL CREEK \$85.40	237 MYSTIC TIE \$10.42
8 PHOENIX \$22.61	126 GATESVILLE \$23.83	240 WICCACON \$1.92
10 JOHNSTON CASWELL \$0.00	127 BLACKMER \$111.10	243 GRIFTON \$7.81
11 CASWELL BROTHERHOOD \$23.50	128 HANKS \$50.42	244 MONROE \$46.05
13 ST. JOHN'S \$45.21	129 DAN RIVER \$32.69	248 CATAWBA \$36.51
17 AMERICAN GEORGE \$15.60	132 RADIANCE \$17.50	249 PYTHAGORAS \$72.73
19 EAGLE \$123.01	134 MOCKSVILLE \$7.89	253 LEE \$6.11
27 STATESVILLE \$34.96	136 LEAKSVILLE \$27.02	257 KENLY \$36.93
31 PHALANX \$43.09	137 LINCOLN \$68.93	258 FUQUAY \$35.24
32 STOKES \$44.93	138 KING SOLOMON \$11.39	259 WAYNESVILLE \$39.73
39 DAVIE \$16.56	143 MT. VERNON \$18.87	261 EXCELSIOR \$101.54
40 HIRAM \$149.21	145 JUNALUSKEE \$5.71	262 HIBRITEN \$26.98
45 LIBERTY \$11.04	146 CHEROKEE \$29.40	263 GASTON \$12.42
53 HALL \$27.83	147 PALMYRA \$46.33	265 FARMINGTON \$34.26
58 CONCORD \$64.41	149 ADONIRAM \$32.00	267 DUNN'S ROCK \$10.82
59 PERSERVERANCE \$57.37	150 PEE DEE \$157.30	271 TABASCO \$38.95
64 KILWINNING \$233.23	151 SANFORD \$17.38	272 BINGHAM \$445.36
75 WIDOW'S SON \$71.10	154 SCOTCH IRELAND \$33.47	276 BEAVER DAM \$36.41
76 GREENSBORO \$55.57	158 KNAP OF REEDS \$54.29	277 GREEN LEVEL \$98.68
81 ZION \$58.57	162 YADKIN \$48.48	279 WALLACE \$7.22
83 LAFAYETTE \$16.67	165 ARCHER \$18.06	282 WAKE FOREST \$102.51
84 FELLOWSHIP \$28.66	167 WINSTON \$46.76	283 EUREKA \$216.39
85 MORNING STAR \$9.22	170 BLACKMER \$60.18	284 GREENVILLE \$9.89
90 SKEWARKEE \$39.63	172 BUFFALO \$103.90	289 SALEM \$90.13
91 WESTERN STAR \$174.90	176 WILLIAMS \$70.04	292 FRENCH BROAD \$16.10
92 JOSEPH WARREN \$5.36	181 CARTHAGE \$25.93	293 VANCE \$8.21
95 JERUSALEM \$36.79	187 CENTRAL CROSS \$37.04	294 ATLANTIC \$9.13
97 MILLBROOK \$71.08	190 CHADBOURN \$144.90	299 HARMONY \$49.88
98 HIRAM \$208.04	191 GRANITE \$26.22	300 AURORA \$59.44
99 FULTON \$37.79	198 CARY \$54.50	301 CLAY \$27.65
102 COLUMBUS \$118.14	202 CLEVELAND \$54.61	302 LILLINGTON \$26.29
104 ORR \$19.99	205 LONG CREEK \$44.52	304 PLEASANT HILL \$29.21
106 PERQUIMANS \$66.57	206 MINGO \$143.91	305 LAURINBURG \$77.79
109 FRANKLIN \$30.38	207 LEBANON \$23.10	306 RAEFORD \$33.33
112 WAYNE \$24.94	208 MT. OLIVE \$24.27	314 NEW LEBANON \$17.52
113 PERSON \$105.77	210 ENO \$70.98	317 EUREKA \$9.18
114 ST. ALBAN'S \$12.84	214 THOMASVILLE \$222.09	319 WILMINGTON \$200.04
	217 CATAWBA VALLEY \$57.50	320 SELMA \$172.47

# 2025 LODGE GIVING REPORT

322 GRANITE \$18.14	498 AYDEN \$64.12	593 STONY POINT \$16.67
331 BAYBORO \$38.37	499 CREEDMOOR \$52.63	594 ASHE \$24.31
339 FAIRVIEW \$68.28	500 RALEIGH \$196.86	596 WACCAMAW \$1.04
340 HARMONY \$18.64	501 RED SPRINGS \$23.71	598 CRANBERRY \$8.18
343 HICKORY \$48.14	502 COOKVILLE \$20.38	602 QUEEN CITY \$29.78
344 NUMA F. REID \$17.41	505 CHERRYVILLE \$38.48	606 RIVERSIDE \$72.59
348 STANLY \$45.33	509 BELHAVEN \$53.13	612 ATKINSON \$13.06
352 DURHAM \$93.52	515 WHETSTONE \$20.91	613 HOME \$167.67
356 FALLSTON \$26.85	521 MANTEO \$29.94	616 ROUND PEAK \$19.99
357 BAKERSVILLE \$88.70	525 RODGERS \$21.19	617 ST. PATRICK'S \$128.27
358 EAST LAPORTE \$19.79	527 LUCAMA \$210.89	618 UNION \$17.33
359 MOUNT VERNON \$16.33	528 FAIRMONT \$127.00	624 JOHN H. MILLS \$67.87
432 PINEY CREEK \$17.65	529 ANDREWS \$30.92	626 CANNON MEMORIAL \$21.21
433 VANCEBORO \$12.28	532 HAMLET \$181.38	627 BELMONT \$21.02
434 WEST BEND \$24.25	534 CAMP CALL \$49.64	629 WALNUT COVE ***1191.98
435 BLUE RIDGE \$60.98	535 HOLLIS \$0.00	637 YADKIN FALLS \$12.51
437 BISCOE \$22.20	542 CORINTHIAN \$14.57	643 PROCTORVILLE \$10.55
439 MARBLE SPRINGS \$9.38	543 SPENCER \$52.63	646 BLADEN \$47.12
444 MARIETTA \$18.81	544 MOUNT HOLLY \$10.45	650 NICHOLS-W. ASHEVILLE \$31.54
446 BILTMORE \$26.03	550 ROMAN EAGLE \$59.46	654 ELBERTA \$178.63
447 SCOTLAND NECK \$26.67	551 GLENVILLE \$52.21	656 GUILFORD \$21.56
454 ELKIN \$26.29	552 REVOLUTION \$8.09	657 KELLER MEMORIAL \$106.77
459 DILLSBORO \$14.55	554 VESPER \$8.25	658 BEULAVILLE \$63.75
460 CLIFFSIDE \$26.19	555 ELISE \$8.33	663 BLACK MOUNTAIN \$20.82
461 MATTHEWS \$72.39	556 NEIL S. STEWART \$22.54	667 FT. BRAGG \$38.33
462 SOUTH FORK \$19.22	558 ARARAT \$6.06	669 KERNERSVILLE \$34.68
463 CURRITUCK \$4.92	561 SWANNANOVA \$6.90	670 LOVELADY \$27.21
471 GRASSY KNOB \$0.00	562 WAXHAW \$17.39	672 ROBBINSVILLE \$11.30
473 LEXINGTON MEMORIAL \$16.25	563 TABOR \$7.43	675 WASHINGTON \$43.29
474 ST. PAULS \$9.33	564 RICHLANDS \$51.85	678 PROVIDENCE \$5.56
475 GRIMESLAND \$43.40	565 WENDELL \$100.52	679 CREASY PROCTOR \$36.84
479 RAINBOW \$25.42	568 DORIC \$14.58	680 SEMPER FIDELIS \$41.54
482 POLK COUNTY UNITY \$15.63	571 SNOW CREEK \$77.55	683 WG ARNOLD \$94.18
483 TRAPHILL \$130.30	573 MT. PLEASANT \$21.43	686 ANGIER \$38.22
484 SOUTHERN PINES \$49.03	576 ANDREW JACKSON \$138.89	687 FELLOWSHIP \$312.59
486 LAWNSDALE \$6.08	578 MEADOW BRANCH \$15.64	688 CHERRY POINT \$27.45
489 LINVILLE \$0.00	579 CASAR \$50.56	690 MT. MORIAH \$78.60
491 HOMINY \$3.57	583 IONIC \$897.36	691 RENFRO \$10.57
492 THOMAS M. HOLT \$50.87	584 APEX \$24.89	692 EAST GATE \$10.09
493 PILOT \$34.05	585 ROSEBORO \$10.83	693 CHARLES M. SETZER \$48.57
495 ROCKINGHAM \$3.81	589 BETHEL \$37.50	694 GATE CITY \$12.24
496 MOORESVILLE \$37.29	590 LOWELL \$41.49	695 ALLEN-GRAHAM/CABARRUS \$118.82
497 ROYAL HART \$79.07	592 MAIDEN \$43.18	699 ASHEBORO \$26.79

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701 GARNER \$28.85	762 MOSAIC \$9.30
702 ST. ANDREW \$44.50	763 FRIENDSHIP \$8.90
703 ALBEMARIE \$31.28	764 KNIGHTS OF SOLOMON \$12.82
705 RICHARD CASWELL \$50.34	766 KNIGHTS OF SOLOMON \$0.00
706 NEWPORT \$24.93	767 SOPHIA \$6.25
708 CROWN POINT \$48.73	768 KNIGHTS OF SOLOMON \$1,611.54
709 CONOVER \$28.86	769 VERITAS \$0.00
710 ADVANCE \$18.06	770 STATE COLLEGE \$0.00
713 STANLEY \$45.94	771 MESH \$2.90
714 LIBERTY \$17.96	772 LUX LIBERTAS \$79.28
715 DERITA \$7.89	773 LODGE OF THE NINE SISTERS \$50.00
717 BURNSVILLE \$82.55	774 KNIGHTS OF SOLOMON \$187.48
722 KING \$88.88	775 PROMETHEUS \$0.00
723 WINTON \$0.00	776 KNIGHTS OF SOLOMON \$0.00
724 BERNE \$44.69	
725 GRANTHAM \$329.34	
727 SHALLOTTE \$97.30	
730 STEDMAN ***\$1,091.57	
733 STUMP SOUND \$18.67	
734 WILLIAM PITT \$46.77	
735 JAMES B. GREEN \$41.65	
736 NEW RIVER \$22.29	
737 STEELE CREEK \$51.27	
738 WEST GATE \$69.35	
739 NEWELL \$54.97	
740 CHARLES B. NEWCOMB \$124.40	
741 CRISSIE WRIGHT \$37.32	
742 MINT HILL \$29.50	
743 J. J. CROWDER \$74.54	
744 SHELBY \$10.28	
745 VANDORA \$120.21	
749 TRUTH \$9.17	
750 OAK GROVE \$53.93	
751 OLD TOWN \$20.75	
752 ENTERPRISE \$24.58	
753 FEDERAL POINT \$32.41	
755 CLEMMONS \$110.90	
756 CLIFFORD DUELL \$18.03	
757 DENVER \$54.01	
758 OAK ISLAND \$32.29	
759 JAMES K. POLK \$28.48	
760 WILKERSON COLLEGE \$13.04	
761 ORPHANS \$147.23	

**We sincerely appreciate your support. Our records are maintained as accurately as possible; however, if you believe your lodge's contribution has not been recorded correctly, please contact us so we can review it. We also encourage all brethren to include their lodge name and number when making donations to help ensure accurate recordkeeping. Thank you!**

**Please note that this record reflects cash donations only and does not include in-kind gifts.**

**\*\*\*Amount reflects legacy gifts to MHCO**

**For questions or more information please contact Savannah Harris, MHCO's Financial Development Coordinator at 919-603-3906 or [sharris@mhc-oxford.org](mailto:sharris@mhc-oxford.org)**

# COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTER

The Community Support Center (CSC) continues to grow as a central hub for services, resources, and community engagement on the MHCO campus. The CSC connects individuals and families to providers, offers office space and conference areas for groups, educational programs, and community initiatives, and assists those with financial or basic needs through on-site goods and referrals.

CSC currently provides office space to six partner agencies serving adults, children, and families: Granville County United Way, Granville Education Foundation, Cradle to Class – Parents as Teachers, Franklin Granville Vance (FGV) Smart Start, American Red Cross, and Baptist Children's Home Foster Care and Adoption Services.

Collectively, MHCO's resources have supported extensive provision of services. These are the impact numbers from all partner organizations at the Community Support Center, as reported in their 2025 annual report.

- Granville County United Way served 19,557 individuals.
- Granville Education Foundation awarded 111 grants to support creative and effective education, impacting 10,827 students.
- FGV Smart Start served 279 children and 56 adults in Granville County.
- Baptist Children's Home of NC served 11 children and 7 families through Foster Care.
- Cradle to Class Parents as Teachers served 68 children and 41 adults.
- American Red Cross Disaster Action team responded to 6 home fires, assisting 15 residents.
- Community Support Center served 1041 individuals.

**Total served from MHCO partnerships: 30,999 children and families, with 111 grants awarded.**

These achievements represent an 11% increase in children and family services and a 91% increase in grants awarded from 2024 to 2025. MHCO is proud to strengthen its Community Support Center and continue collaborating with partner agencies to support the well-being of families in the community and children living within MHCO.

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# ONE STORY. A LIFETIME OF IMPACT.

Jayda didn't know what to expect the first time she walked toward the barn. The horses were bigger than anything she had ever stood next to, and for a moment, she just watched from a distance. But it didn't take long before curiosity turned into courage. With a helmet slightly too big and a quiet determination, she climbed into the saddle. What started as a new experience quickly became something more. It became hers.

There is something deeply therapeutic about horseback riding. It asks you to be present, to breathe, to trust. For children who have faced uncertainty, that kind of connection can be powerful. The rhythm of the horse, the responsibility of caring for something else, the quiet confidence that builds with each ride, it all adds up to more than just a lesson. For Jayda, it has become a space where she feels steady, capable, and in control in a way that is hard to put into words.

The truth is, many of the children we serve have not had access to opportunities like this. Simple experiences that some might take for granted, like riding a horse, exploring a new interest, or discovering a hidden talent, can feel like an entirely different world. But because of the generosity of our donors, that world is opening up. Doors that once felt out of reach are now standing wide open.

Jayda is not just learning how to ride. She is learning confidence. She is learning patience. She is learning that she can try something new and succeed. And maybe most importantly, she is learning that there are people who believe in her enough to make these moments possible.

This is the impact of your support. It shows up in quiet victories, in brave first steps, and in the joy of a child realizing there is more waiting for them than they ever imagined. Because of you, Jayda's world is a little bigger, a little brighter, and full of new possibilities.

