

2025

IMPACT REPORT

Building What Matters

SEARCH
HOMELESS SERVICES

Dear Friends,

This year, SEARCH moved into a new building - an important milestone that gives us space to better support our staff, partners, and the people we serve.

But the building is not the story. The story is what we continue to build across Houston: stability for individuals and families who have experienced homelessness.

Stability doesn't happen in a single moment. It is built over time through consistent outreach, trusted relationships, and coordinated support. It takes permanent housing paired with mental health services, recovery support, employment pathways, and early childhood education. It takes strong partnerships that move the work forward, even as funding and policies shift.

This year, that steady work mattered. Individuals who had spent months or years outside moved into housing. Families regained their footing while their children learned in vibrant classrooms. People rebuilt income, health, and connection - the building blocks of long-term stability.

Much of this work happens quietly. A key to an apartment may be the visible milestone, but it rests on months of engagement, coordination, and trust. Real progress is built step by step.

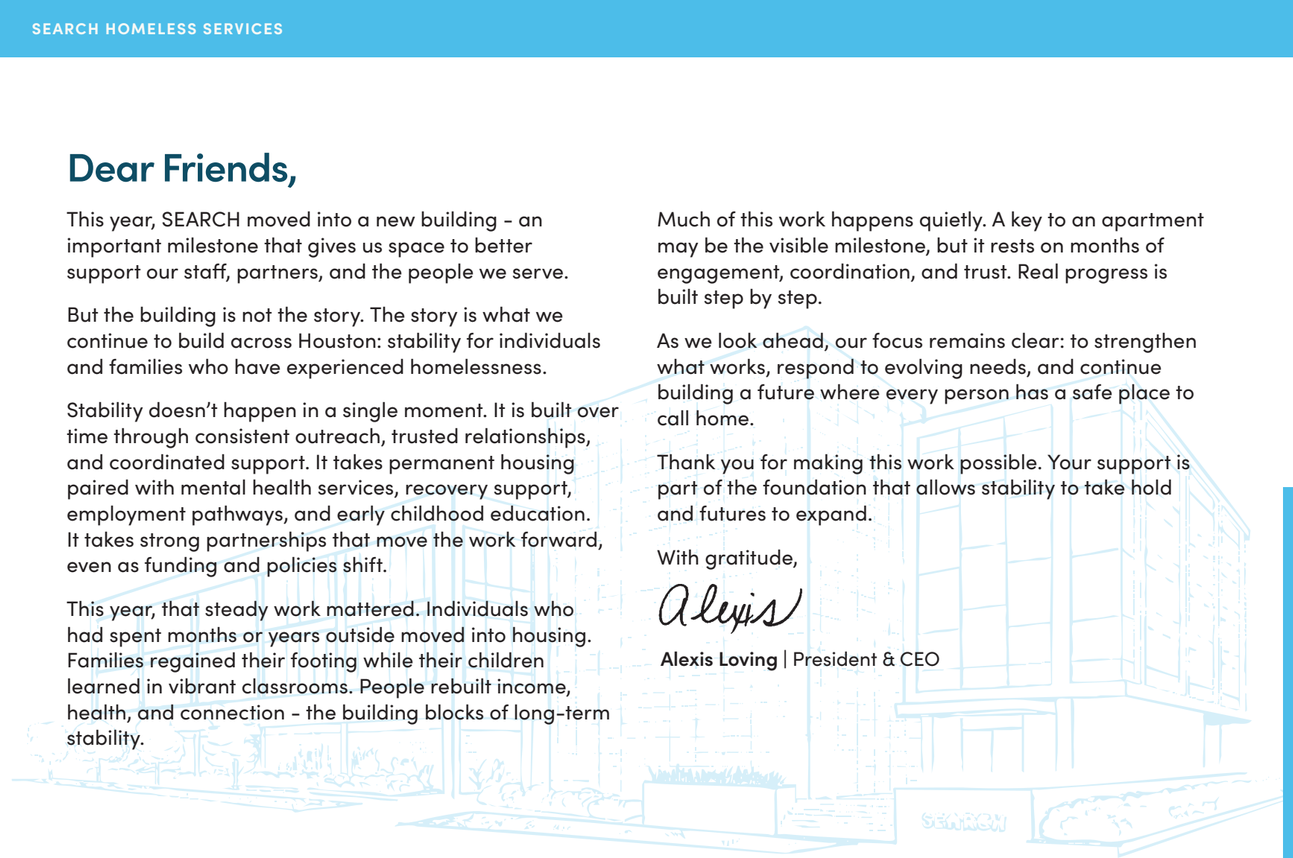
As we look ahead, our focus remains clear: to strengthen what works, respond to evolving needs, and continue building a future where every person has a safe place to call home.

Thank you for making this work possible. Your support is part of the foundation that allows stability to take hold and futures to expand.

With gratitude,

Alexis

Alexis Loving | President & CEO



COMMUNITY PROGRESS

Building Progress Together

No single organization can end homelessness. It takes all of us working together.

In Houston, that collaboration happens through The Way Home - a network of service providers, housing authorities, public agencies, health systems, and funders working together to address homelessness.

That alignment matters. It allows our community to respond to homelessness as a shared responsibility rather than a collection of separate efforts.

And the results are clear. **Since 2011, Houston has moved over 32,000 individuals and families into permanent housing** – real progress made possible through coordinated, community-wide effort.

SEARCH is proud to be part of this work through street outreach, housing programs, family services, and partnerships that strengthen the broader system.

This progress shows what's possible when a community stays aligned around solutions that work.



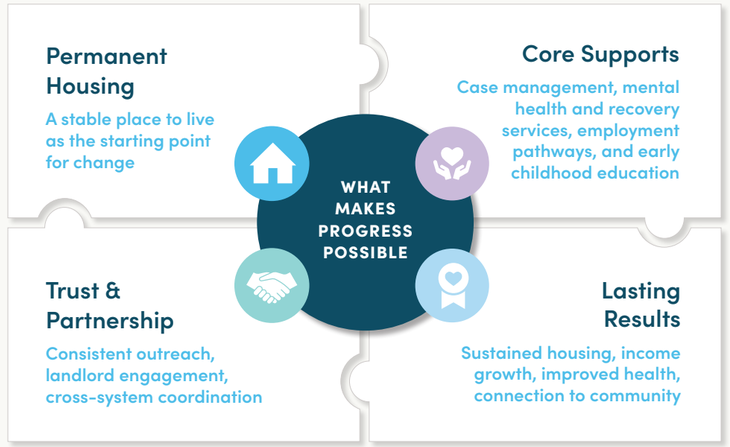
Homelessness in Houston has decreased by **61%** **since 2011,** even as it continues to increase nationwide.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

What It Takes to Build Long-Term Stability

Housing is necessary to end homelessness.

But housing alone is not enough. At SEARCH, meaningful progress happens when the right supports work together and stay in place long enough to make a lasting difference.





STREET OUTREACH

Building Trust Before Housing

It's easy to celebrate the moment someone moves into housing. But all the moments before a lease is signed matter just as much.

Outreach is the work of showing up, time and time again, long before someone is ready to say yes.

It means building trust with people who have every reason to be cautious, people who have been let down, overlooked, or asked to start over too many times.

It means walking alongside them through the uncertainty, the setbacks, the paperwork, and the frustration, so they don't have to do it alone.

Over time, trust begins to take hold.
A conversation lasts a little longer, a call gets answered, and a next step feels possible.

When someone signs a lease, it's a milestone built on months of persistence, patience, and partnership. That foundation is what turns readiness into housing.

HOUSING

Building Stability Through Housing

Housing is where stability begins.

For individuals and families who've experienced homelessness, a safe place to live creates the foundation for everything that follows. But housing alone is not enough.

That's why SEARCH walks alongside each person after they move in - helping them navigate health care, employment, and benefits while building the skills and connections that help them stay housed.

At SEARCH, housing programs focus on both access and sustainability. Strong landlord partnerships expand access to safe, stable homes across the community. Ongoing services help people remain connected to the resources that help them stay housed and move forward.

We serve individuals with long histories of homelessness and complex health needs, as well as families and individuals who, with the right support, can quickly regain their footing. No matter the path, the goal is the same: a home that lasts.

Each housing placement represents more than a move; it represents stability beginning to take hold.

434

SEARCH CLIENTS OFF THE STREETS AND INTO HOMES

1,213

HOUSING RESIDENTS RECEIVED WRAP-AROUND SUPPORT

94%

OF CLIENTS REMAINED STABLY HOUSED AFTER ONE YEAR

Housing provides the starting point. Wrap-around support helps stability last.



Juan

"I promised my mom I'd find my way back, and now I'm keeping that promise."

With an engineering degree and a steady job, Juan never imagined he could lose his home. But after being laid off during the pandemic, life unraveled.

A divorce, caring for his ill mother, mounting debt, and serious health challenges of his own led to five years of homelessness - including a time when he lived in a storage unit.

When Juan connected with SEARCH, things began to change. Within months, he moved into one of SEARCH's Housing Programs, where he's been living for the past year.

With a safe place to call home, Juan has been able to focus on his health and plan for his future. Known for his gentle spirit and warm smile, Juan speaks often about his gratitude for the support that helped him start again.

"My school is so fun! I get to do puzzles with my friends and play with cars and trucks."



Octavian

"I've got a roof over my head, a floor up under my feet, and walls around me. It's a blessing."



Shirley

"I want to take full advantage of this opportunity because another may not arise."



Tammy

"I don't take it for granted at all. I know what it's like to be out there. I'm blessed."



Loneicia

INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION

Building Strong Futures

Families experiencing homelessness need support that strengthens both parents and children at the same time, especially if we are serious about breaking cycles of homelessness and poverty.

At SEARCH, that work lives within our Family Services Department, anchored by two core programs - our preschool and our Family First housing program.

At our House of Tiny Treasures, children learn and grow in classrooms designed to feel safe, engaging, and full of possibility. Many arrive with untapped potential in key areas of development, and our teachers help them catch up - building academic readiness alongside confidence and resilience – while family services staff help parents navigate housing, employment, and long-term goals.

Through Family First, SEARCH supports families as they secure and sustain housing, working alongside parents to stabilize income, strengthen support systems, and build financial security.

When we invest in children and their caregivers together, we're not only addressing today's crisis; we are helping to ensure it does not repeat in the next generation.

106
CHILDREN EDUCATED AT THE HOUSE OF TINY TREASURES

75%
OF STUDENTS MEETING DEVELOPMENTAL BENCHMARKS

109
FAMILIES SUPPORTED THROUGH OUR FAMILY FIRST HOUSING PROGRAM



"There's a point in the journey where you finally learn how to breathe again."

LaShawna

Just a few years ago, LaShawna was doing everything she could to hold things together for her growing family, but a series of financial setbacks led to eviction.

When an opportunity for housing came through, everything began to shift. LaShawna and her children could finally start to rebuild.

Soon after, she enrolled her children at SEARCH's House of Tiny Treasures. With stable housing and reliable childcare, LaShawna was able to complete the courses needed to reactivate her real estate license and begin pursuing her career again.

Today, she is growing her career, dreaming of studying architecture, and building toward the future she envisions for her family.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO HEAR LASHAWNA'S STORY

L.G.

L.G.'s journey with homelessness began too early. At just nine years old, he ran away from home after another difficult conflict with his stepfather.

Over the next four decades, L.G. survived as best he could. He worked when opportunities came along and stayed in abandoned buildings, in shelters, with friends, and sometimes on the street.

Everything changed when L.G. connected with SEARCH and moved into one of our housing programs. With a safe, consistent place to live, stability began to take root.

Today, L.G. brings a sense of gratitude and optimism to each day - proof that it is never too late for life to take a different path.

"Having a home still feels like a blessing every day."





SEARCH'S NEW BUILDING

A Tool for Building Community

This year, SEARCH moved into a new home.

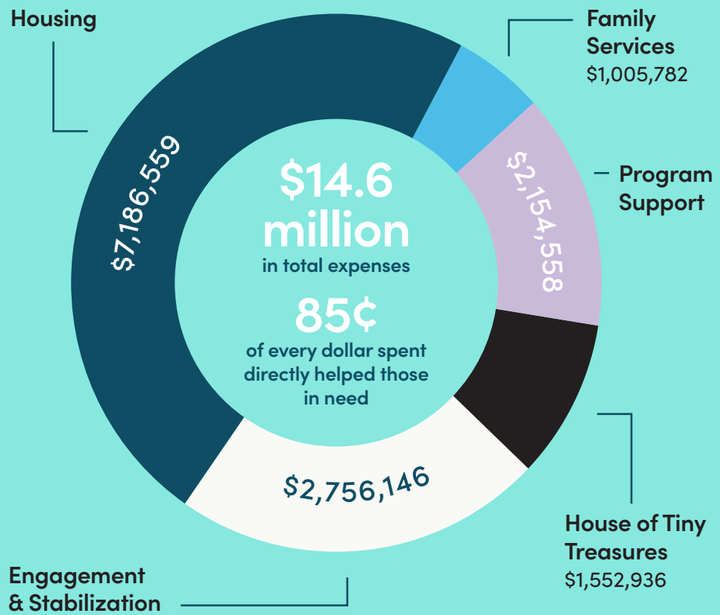
Our new space brings programs together in ways that strengthen alignment and coordination. Case managers can meet with clients in rooms designed for confidentiality and dignity. Community partners can gather around the same table to address complex challenges together.

It also signals something important to our city. Ending homelessness is not a short-term effort. It requires infrastructure, commitment, and long-term investment.

The real impact happens through relationships built over time, housing placements that restore stability, and the steady support that helps individuals and families move forward.

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SEARCH By the Numbers: 2025 Fiscal Year



133
employees

+

325
volunteers

+

1,510
donors

4,676
people served

Help Us Continue Building What Works

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The progress shared in these pages doesn't happen by accident. It is built through partnership, persistence, and community involvement.

Every housing placement, every child prepared for kindergarten, every family moving forward reflects a community that believes stability and opportunity should be within reach for everyone.

There is still more to build.

You can be part of this work.

Give.
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Advocate.
Partner.

When we build together, we strengthen community, expand opportunity, and move closer to a future where everyone has a safe place to call home.

Building what matters. Together.

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