

OPENING DOORS: TOGETHER

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



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OUR MISSION

In God's love, we renew dignity and inspire learning for youth and families.



"We'd been to other places for help, but everything changed when we came to The Canby Center. We were greeted warmly and respectfully asked about our prayer needs. Choosing food our family needed—rather than receiving a pre-selected box—meant everything when life felt out of our control."

- Thriving Together Member

With your partnership, we've been opening doors together.

The Canby Center is expanding from 5,000 to 18,000 square feet—adding dedicated space for food storage, refrigeration, laundry, clothing, kitchen, and classrooms. Already, these classrooms are filling with English, personal finance, and life skills courses designed to inspire learning and strengthen relationships.

As I write, our first group of families is shopping in the new warehouse. Dry, cold, and frozen food is being shared with families in our Thriving Together program. Smiles fill the space as a mother walks the aisles with her two young daughters. In Thriving Together, members receive food, clothing, and education as part of a shared commitment to growth and community. Participants serve one hour each month and complete a finance class—offered in English and Spanish—within their first six months. It is a modern-day co-op where no money is exchanged. Families help families, and dignity is renewed.

We prepare ourselves daily to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus, welcoming all who come through our doors. This is active work—personal, relational, and deeply human.

Jesus calls us to:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ... And love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 22:37-39



When our doors open, doors open for the families we serve—doors to stable housing, stronger education, and better employment.

The hundreds of dollars saved monthly on food and clothing enable families to build emergency savings, maintain reliable transportation, and care for their children.

After-school tutoring, youth mentoring, and literacy programs—developed in partnership with the Canby School District—are renewing dignity across generations. By opening doors for young people, we help ensure that poverty recedes in our community in the years ahead.

We are also opening doors of understanding. Over the past decade, we have strengthened our ability to measure *outputs*. In 2025, at the invitation of the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, we joined a pilot program focused on measuring *outcomes*—change that is lasting, relational, and real.

In the year ahead, more exciting news about The Canby Center is on the horizon. I trust that our 590 donors and 138 community partners will find these new steps just as transformational as our facility expansion has proven to be.

In God's love, we serve—because heavenly love always comes to earth.

Opening doors with you,

Ray Keen,
Executive Director





OPENING DOORS: FOR FAMILIES

At The Canby Center, we partner with children, families, and neighbors to meet immediate needs—like food and learning support—while walking together toward long-term hope.

RENEW DIGNITY

We meet tangible needs in ways that honor freedom of choice and personal responsibility. Families and individuals access emergency food and clothing and gather for shared community lunches.

Through Thriving Together, families receive regular care, including food and clothing, help in decision-making, and opportunities to learn and give back—building confidence and connection.

INSPIRE LEARNING

Learning opens doors for people of all ages. Through offerings such as financial literacy, English conversation classes, and other life-skills learning, participants gain practical tools that foster growth, informed decision-making, and long-term stability.

YOUTH & FAMILIES

We create opportunities for youth and families to strengthen relationships and grow through game nights, craft activities, and holiday celebrations. In these shared spaces, families practice skills, explore character growth, and encourage one another.

Our mentoring programs continue to support children and youth across the community, deepening relationships and opening doors to learning and belonging.

369

Total Thriving Together Families

134

New Thriving Together Families in 2025

529

Participants in Family-Strengthening Events

7,646

No-Cost Food Shopping Sessions

9,323

Backpack Buddies Food Packs

9,330

Volunteer Hours

586

Volunteers

"We know each other, we tease and we pray for one another. I like feeling connected. The spirit isn't 'gimme, gimme.' I've seen people take less so others could have more. That's community."

- Thriving Together Member

794,152

lbs of Food Distributed



Special thanks to these food partners: Bauman's Farm & Garden, Bob's Red Mill, Canby Grocery Outlet, Canby School District, Caruso Produce, Columbia Distributing, Costco Wholesale Tigard Warehouse, Cutsforth's Market, Dave's Killer Bread, Gleaners of Clackamas County, Lucky Foods, Martinez Family Farm, Salem Harvest, Wilco Farm Store in Canby, and WinCo Foods Distribution in Woodburn.



OPENING DOORS: FOR YOUTH

QUEST MENTORING

Quest supports middle school students and their families as they build resilience, belonging, and a strong sense of identity. In 2025, Quest expanded from one day of weekly programming to two, allowing us to serve more students and caregivers through this relational, family-centered mentoring program.



34
Quest Students

53
Quest Sessions

849
Hours of Quest Mentoring

"I don't think we would have made it without Quest. Quest has held us together during a very dark time. We are grateful."

- Parent of a Quest Student

"When I walk down the hall at school and see someone from Quest, I feel better—because it's like a part of home is here."

- Quest Student

READING MENTORS

Reading Mentors inspires a love of reading for elementary students through consistent, caring relationships. The program serves all six Canby elementary schools through weekly sessions that build literacy, personal libraries, learning confidence, and connection with caring adults.

1,231
Books Selected by Students to Keep

2,996
Reading Mentors Sessions

1,697
Hours of 1:1 Reading

AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING

After-School Tutoring supports a growing number of students with individualized academic help throughout the school year. Paired with dedicated weekly tutors, students experience breakthroughs in reading, math, and language arts as their courage and skills expand.

23
Tutoring Students

368
Tutoring Sessions

375
Hours of Tutoring



"When my daughter started tutoring, she was in fourth grade but reading at a kindergarten level. She was afraid to read out loud and would cry in class. Her tutors patiently started at the beginning and helped fill in the gaps she'd missed. Now she's in sixth grade, reading at grade level, confident, and even helping her friends. The Canby Center has become a safe place for our daughter and for our family."

- Parent of an After-School Tutoring Student



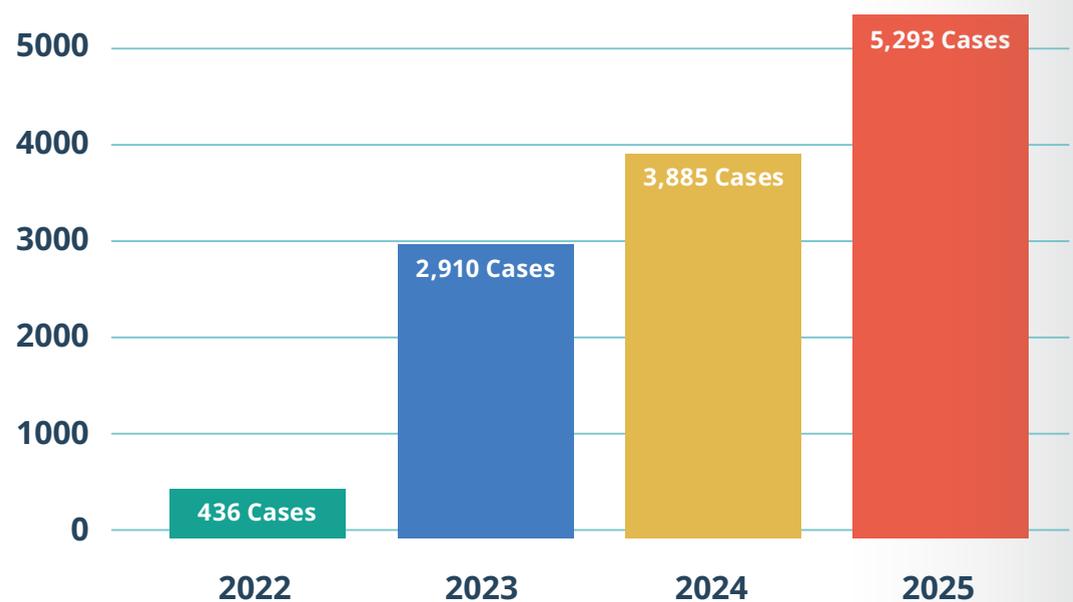
DOORS WE'RE OPENING: TOGETHER

TRANSITION & GROWTH

This year reflects a season of transition and growth. In 2025, The Canby Center opened a new building and began renovating our original space, temporarily limiting some on-site services while educational programs expanded. With the new building now open and renovation continuing through Spring 2026, we look ahead with confidence to expanded capacity across all areas of service.

2025 SERVICES	Number of Cases	Value of Services
Housing	29	\$6,140
Health Services	22	\$14,800
Educational	5,293	\$211,720
Clothing	1,716	\$171,600
Food	20,789	\$949,987
TOTALS	27,849	\$1,354,247

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES



REVENUE

General Contributions	\$1,582,957
In-Kind (Non Cash)	\$1,381,585
Other Income	\$77,943
Investment Gain/(Loss)	\$137,829
Capital Campaign	\$2,247,970
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,428,284



EXPENSES*

Program**	74%	\$2,172,606
Administration	13%	\$379,335
Fundraising	13%	\$391,432
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$2,943,373

* Includes Capital Campaign expenses of \$143,437. Does not include capitalized building expenditures of \$4,899,866.10 allocated on Balance Sheet as Construction in Process.

** Includes Gifts-in-Kind valued at \$1,381,585

NET INCOME \$2,484,911

GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Churches
3% - \$47,489



Businesses
6% - \$94,977



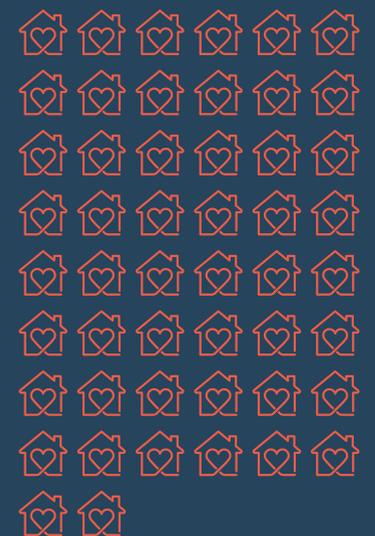
Clackamas County
9% - \$136,110



Foundations
32% - \$512,902



Individuals
50% - \$791,479



OPENING NEW DOORS: TOGETHER

BUILDING NEW DOORS

Through the dedication of trusted partners, our new building was completed in 2025—increasing capacity and opening new possibilities for the community. We are deeply grateful to the contractors and partners whose collaboration, expertise, and care helped bring this vision to life and who continue to partner with us as renovation of the original building moves forward.

Building & Construction Partners

- Canby School District
- DirectLink
- Exceedis
- Kahut Waste Services
- KinTechnology
- Northwest Floriculture Inc
- SG Architecture
- Triplett Wellman Contractors
- **And the many partners and collaborators whose generosity, skill, and care helped equip and prepare this space for community use!**

TIMELINE PHASE I CONSTRUCTION



SHARING OPEN DOORS

During construction of our new building, community partners ensured our services continued by opening their doors even wider—hosting programs, events, and staff so neighbors continued to be welcomed without interruption. As on-site services have returned home, these partnerships continue to strengthen our community.

Community & Program Partners

- **Canby Christian Church** – Hosted office staff and Community Christmas event
- **Canby Public Library** – Hosted temporary community services and events
- **Canby School District** – Longstanding partner for in-school programs
- **Christ the King Church** – Hosted Community Pumpkin Painting event
- **Clackamas County** – Ongoing partnership and community support
- **St. Patrick’s Catholic Church** – Satellite site for food and clothing distribution

In 2025, we stepped into a new season of serving in God’s love—strengthening existing programs while creating space for deeper connection, support, learning, and belonging. We are opening new doors to serve well, now and in the future.

INSIDE THE NEW DOORS

Our new building includes a welcoming lobby, food storage capacity that is ten times larger than before, thoughtfully designed classrooms, and space for staff and volunteers to serve more neighbors, reflecting God’s love through hospitality and compassion. The new building also includes shower space, broadening our ability to uphold dignity and well-being.

With the new building now open, renovation of our original building is underway. When complete, that space will again host clothing access and community meals, with laundry facilities returning—preserving familiar services while allowing us to serve more people with greater care.

PARTNERS WHO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE

This work is built and sustained through partnership. Churches, schools, businesses, foundations, individual community members, and Friends of Canby have contributed to this work—sharing a commitment to serve our neighbors with hope, generosity, and God’s love. We are especially grateful to M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, the State of Oregon, Austin Family Foundation, and The Roberts Foundation for their catalytic support during this season of growth and transition.

THANK YOU

Together, you opened doors to food, learning, and belonging for hundreds of families this year. We invite you to keep opening doors with us in 2026.



“A building’s meaning isn’t found in bricks or steel, but in the people it serves. At the Canby Center, every decision was guided by human experience and dignity. From the start, we asked how people would feel in this space—and how it could honor them. That intentionality is what I am most proud of.”

- Mark Smith, Director of Expansion



OPEN DOORS WITH US IN 2026

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