

2025 Annual Report



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Some Reflections

As we reflect on 2025 at The Center, we clearly see the hand of God at work. While measurable outcomes and statistics are important and shared elsewhere in this report, they do not fully capture the heart of our mission. The individuals and families we walk alongside—those we serve and who, in turn, serve others—are far more than numbers. Through these relationships, The Center is creating lasting impact not only in individual lives, but throughout our community. Our mission is to equip and empower generations through Christ.

One such example is Brittany Miller, one of our program directors. Brittany was first introduced to The Center as a high school student during the inaugural year of our peer mentoring program. After graduation, she returned as an intern in our K4–5 classroom. As she experienced firsthand the transformative power of our programs, Brittany stepped into a leadership role and now oversees the very programs that once shaped her own life.

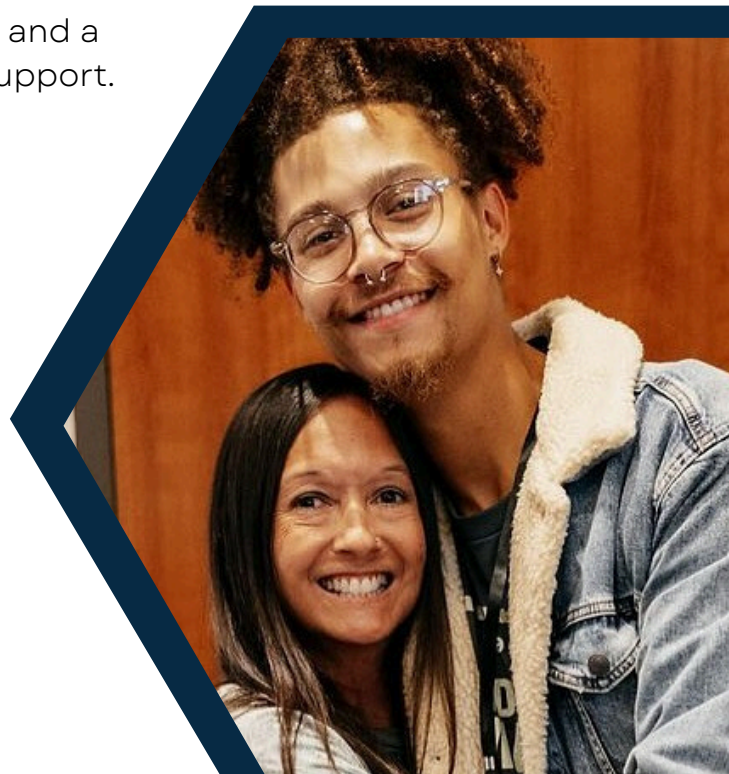
Deante's story reflects this same generational impact. We first met Deante in 2010 through our summer camps and after-school programs. He spent his middle and high school years at The Center, building meaningful relationships, sharing meals, and growing alongside caring adults who invested in his life. Today, at 26, Deante gives back by volunteering twice a week with middle school boys, intentionally investing in the next generation, taking what he received and pouring it out to others. His story is one of many that demonstrate how God is using The Center to multiply impact across generations.

Stories like Brittany's and Deante's reflect the heart of The Center's work—relationships rooted in faith, consistency, and hope that extend far beyond a single season. These stories represent the generational impact we strive for every day. The following pages highlight the measurable outcomes from 2025—each number representing a life touched, a family strengthened, and a community transformed through your continued support.

Thank you for being a part of our story!

Jen Miller

Executive Director





Mission & Values

Mission

The Center exists to equip and empower generations through Christ. We have a strong focus on youth development programs and mentoring. The Center believes in a holistic model to youth development, understanding that children and teens can best thrive in families and communities that are healthy. For this reason, among others, we also invest time and resources in adult and family supports and work in the realm of community development.

Values

RESPECT- We believe every person is valued by God and deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, regardless of race, gender, class or background. We also believe that we are merely stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us and therefore must treat everything with respect.

PURPOSE- We believe every person has been created by God on purpose for a purpose. Our role is to provide the support to help individuals realize their God-given gifts and potential so they can be active participants in their own lives, their families and their communities.

TRUTH- We believe God's Word provides unchanging truth and clear guidelines. All that we do through The Center is based on these infallible truths.

LOVE- We believe we are called to love everyone well and to share the love of God in both word and deed.

HOPE- We believe that as we share Christ's love and truth, He will shine light into the dark places, transforming lives and communities with His hope.

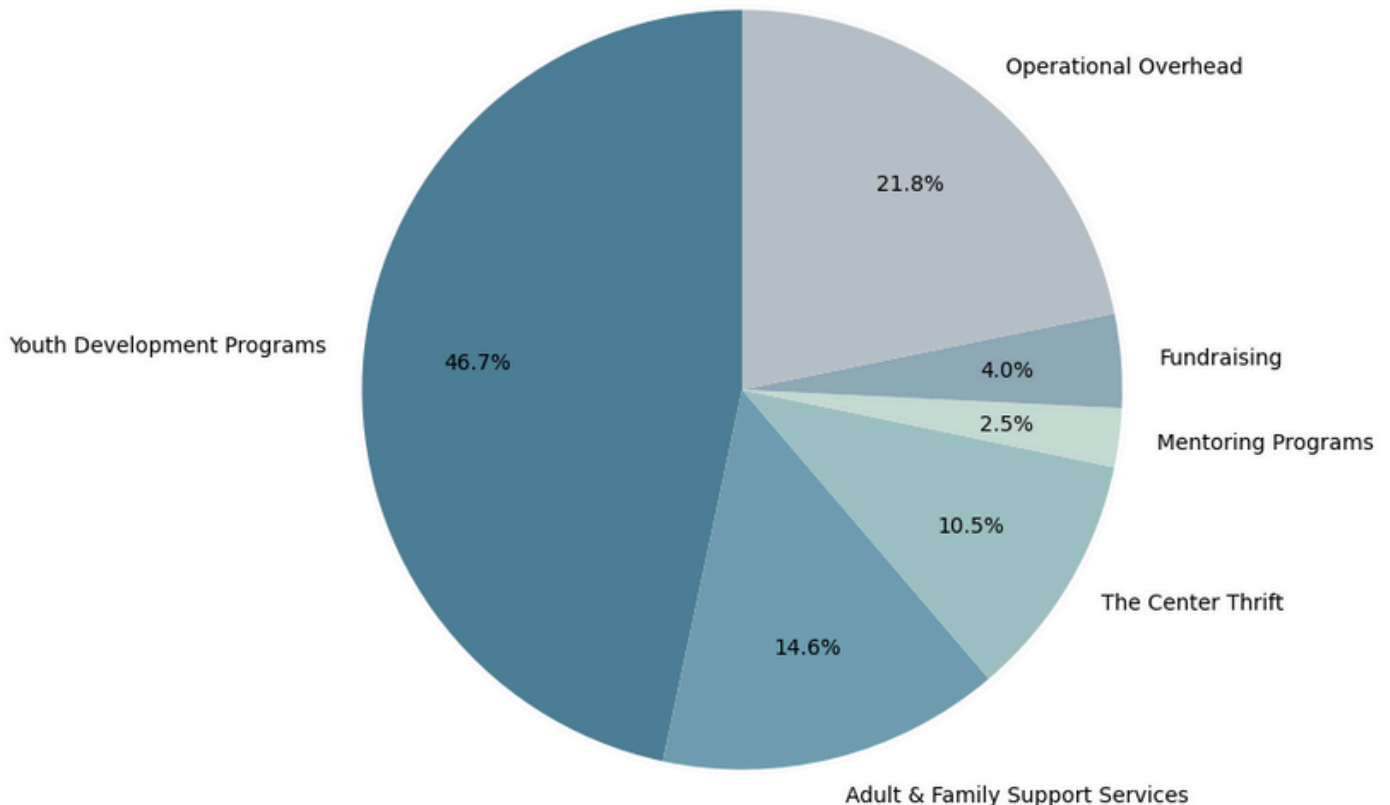
Our Latest Numbers



Budget Allocation Overview

The Center's \$302,289 operating budget reflects our commitment to mission-driven impact. Nearly half of all expenditures (46.7%) directly support Youth Development Programs, ensuring students receive academic support, enrichment, meals, mentoring, and leadership opportunities. Additional funding strengthens Adult & Family Support Services (14.6%), The Center Thrift (10.5%), and Mentoring programs (2.5%). Responsible investment in fundraising (4.0%) and operational overhead (21.8%) allows The Center to sustain high-quality programming while stewarding resources with care and accountability.

FY Annual Budget Allocation (\$302,289)



Our Progress in 2025

Some statistics from 2025:

- 235 individual students K4-12th grade were impacted by The Center. 9 students were baptized!
- 2,525 bags of snacks were sent home with students for the weekend.
- 378 families were served through our food bank.
- 129 consistent volunteers served at The Center contributing 7,015 hours. This is in addition to our weekly volunteer groups from Gateway, New Horizons, BCRC, CARES, and other organizations, churches, and corporate groups
- 62 adults were served through various classes, events, and support services.
- 49 people received eye and dental care.
- 28 peer mentors & 8 community-based were matched.
- 38 students received support from our on-site counselor.
- 15 trips & events for students were provided.
- 3 adults & 4 students were employed by The Center Thrift.
- 100s of bikes were fixed or distributed through Communicycle.



These numbers reflect only part of the story of what God has been doing through The Center. Behind every statistic is a life being transformed. Osten and Owen began attending youth programs at The Center at just five and six years old. At the time, they spoke very little English and needed constant encouragement to sit down for dinner. From those early days, they became a consistent presence—attending nearly every program, event, and trip- and growing in remarkable ways along the journey.

Today, Osten and Owen are deeply involved in our music program, cooking classes, STEM activities, gardening group, Bible study, and student leadership development team. Through our job training program, they have worked for The Center, independently running our weekly Snack Shack and faithfully helping with daily responsibilities. They are quick to share how The Center has helped shape their faith and equip them with valuable life skills.

Most importantly, Osten and Owen have grown into young men marked by resilience, inner strength, and servant hearts. This past summer, their home and family restaurant were tragically destroyed by fire. Even so, they showed up at The Center the very next day—ready to participate and serve. For them, and for so many others, The Center is not just a program; it is family. And it is made possible through the generosity of faithful supporters like you.



Our Goals for 2026

Our primary goal is to build authentic relationships through which we share Christ's love and grace in both word and deed. Through these relationships, we pray that those we serve will come to know Christ and grow in a life-changing relationship with Him. Relying on God's power, prayer, and intentional opportunities, we partner with Him to equip and empower children and adults to discover who they are in Christ and to live that truth out daily. The following ministry goals support this mission:

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- Continue recruiting highly motivated, well-trained, and committed volunteers to serve students in K4-12th grade.
- Provide excellent, year-round programs that offers students meaningful opportunities to grow spiritually, physically, relationally, emotionally, and academically.
- Increase the implementation of trauma-informed care practices and social-emotional learning supports.

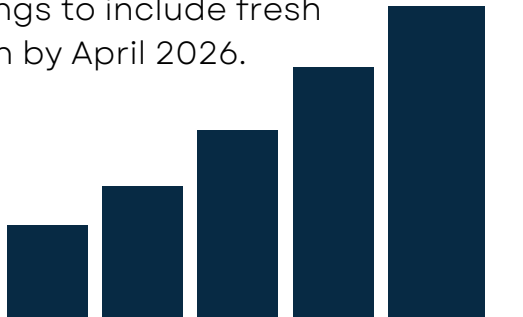
MENTORING

- Complete 18 weeks of peer mentoring with 26 mentor-mentee matches.
- Recruit and match 8 more additional community-based mentors with students.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Continue partnering with the Midland Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to host events and initiatives that attract new residents and businesses to Midland and help support a thriving community.

ADULT & FAMILY SUPPORTS

- Expand programs, classes, and events serving women, men, widows, and single parents.
 - Partner with Table Church to launch the Midland Community Market, replacing the current food bank and expanding offerings to include fresh produce, meats, and breads, with a targeted transition by April 2026.
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