



QUARTERLY DONOR IMPACT REPORT

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our first Donor Impact Report for 2026. In appreciation for your support, we'd like to keep you informed on how your donation is being put to work to lift others up during difficult times and strengthen families across Okanogan County.

We appreciate the compassion and generosity shown to help neighbors get back on their feet.

Without you, we could not do this work.

With gratitude,

Rena Shawver
Executive Director

2025 SERVICE UPDATE

There is a growing gap between the haves and have-nots in our county. We see this reflected in our annual service levels at OCCAC, as the need for support grows. In 2025, we provided assistance to:

Food: 14,000 residents used one of the nine food pantries in Okanogan County.

Utilities: 900 household energy bills and shut-off notices addressed.

Shelter: 100 homeless families temporarily stayed in a hotel while seeking housing.

Homeless Prevention: 600 households received rental assistance

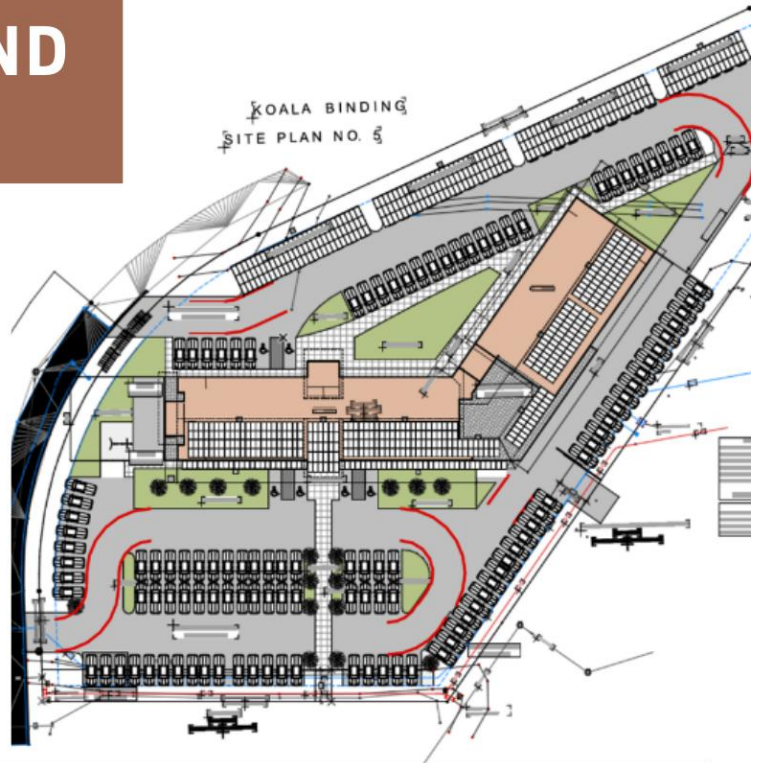
Home Weatherization: 14 homes made safer and more efficient with repairs.

FOOD, FACILITIES AND HOUSING

In 2025, we celebrated the agency's 60th anniversary and launched a new program, **Harvesting Hope**, to create community gardens, engage in orchard gleaning, and provide education to support food security.

We began work on a **20-unit affordable housing development**, and continued work on the new **Community Center for Training, Events, and Resources(right)**.

Through education, empowerment, and engagement, our staff of 25 delivers services that stabilize lives and reduce poverty in our community.



A PLACE CALLED



They had no home.No family or friends to turn to.No stable income. Just a worn-out backpack between them, a history of trauma, and the will to try again.

For months, they knocked on doors and heard "no" more often than anyone should from landlords because of their limited income.

One of the youths, the head of household, lives every day with serious mental and physical health challenges. And yet, she persisted – seeking jobs, showing up to appointments, and holding onto a vision for something better.

They had spent months couch-surfing, fighting addiction, and being turned down for housing. With almost nothing but a fierce determination to survive, they came through the doors at OCCAC and found hope.

A housing case manager began working with them to locate affordable housing, develop a budget, and learn how to ask for what they need through referrals to other resources. With a 30-foot trailer and \$300 a month in assistance for an RV space, their dream of stable housing was finally within reach.

In rural communities like ours, youth facing homelessness are often invisible. With no shelters, limited transit, and few services, many are left to fend for themselves. By combining government grants with local community donations, OCCAC works to make sure no one is left behind. Your donations help:

- ★ Provide supplies & housing deposits.
- ★ Fund mobile case management.
- ★ Support youth transitioning from surviving to thriving.

Thank you for being the right reason so many people in our community can get the support they need to stay on track.



Orchard Circle

To steward and cultivate the community relationships that are important to our mission, we've established funding levels to recognize donor contributions based on the apples grown in our region. The levels include the following, along with contributions made in 2025:

Gala Circle: Bright, welcoming, and dependable, these donors contribute up to \$100 a year. In 2025, 47 joyful Galas donated a total of \$2,960.

Cosmic Crisp Circle: Bold and enduring, these donors give up to \$1,000 annually. In 2025, 50 out-of-this-world donors contributed \$24,233.

Golden Delicious Circle: Timeless and trusted, these donors give up to \$5,000 annually. In 2025, 18 donors contributed \$42,192.

Sugar Bee Circle: Dreaming big with us, these donors support transformational change, giving more than \$5,000 annually. In 2025, 6 donors contributed \$134,585 to support our mission. That included a \$100,000 anonymous donation, for which we are truly grateful.

Share the Love!

We understand the power of networking!

If you know someone who wants to make a difference in the lives of others, we have volunteer opportunities through our Food & Nutrition Program by contacting stephaniec@occac.com or calling 509-422-4041; and we always appreciate donations, which may be made online at www.occac.com or by sending a check to OCCAC, PO Box 1067, Okanogan, WA 98840.

