

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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ABOUT US:

At Growing Home, we are committed to building a thriving and healthy community in North Metro Denver. Through strong partnerships and a wide range of services, we help individuals and families overcome barriers to stability, ensuring everyone has the support and resources they need to build a brighter future.

OUR MISSION:

In partnership with the community, Growing Home advances access to food, housing, parenting education, and lifelong stability to create lasting change for the future.

OUR VISION:

Growing Home envisions a thriving and healthy community for all.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

At Growing Home, our work is rooted in collaboration, compassion, and the belief that every family deserves the foundation to flourish. In 2025, we continued building pathways to stable and healthy futures through our core areas of impact: **Food Access, Parenting Education, Housing Support, Collaborative Coaching, and Lifelong Stability.**

This year reflected both meaningful progress and important transitions. Through our Housing Stability Program, Growing Home supported **558 households and 2,230 individuals** facing eviction, foreclosure, and homelessness. We are deeply proud of the impact this partnership made possible. While we will not be able to continue this program in the coming year, we remain committed to restoring housing stability support for families enrolled in our services, and we are actively working toward bringing this vital resource back to our community in 2026.

In addition, our Community Garden contract with the City of Westminster has ended and we will no longer be operating in 2026. While this shift marks the end of a meaningful chapter, it also opens the door for new opportunities and allows us to focus our energy on strengthening and expanding the services that remain central to Growing Home's mission. We are excited for what this renewed focus will make possible in the year ahead.

As we look ahead, we are energized by new opportunities to grow our impact through Food & Resource Assistance, deeper support for families through Early Childhood Development, and the continued strengthening of Stability Support Services through Opportunity Pathways. The needs of our community continue to evolve, and with your partnership, Growing Home will continue adapting, innovating, and walking alongside families and individuals as they build sustainable pathways toward brighter futures.

To our donors, volunteers, partners, and community champions, thank you. Your generosity and belief in this work makes lasting change possible.

Together, We Grow Stronger Futures.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Veronica Perez'.

Veronica Perez
CEO, Growing Home





FOOD

Growing Home **provides access to healthy, culturally relevant food to our community** through our food pantry, community garden, and food access program.

FOOD PANTRY

- Served **2,225** households through **7,205** visits.
- Distributed **365,064 lbs.** of nutritious food to families in the community.
- Provided **42,040 diapers** to support individuals of all ages.
- Supplied **14,080** hygiene products to foster health and hygiene.
- Delivered over **1,000** bags of pet food to help families care for their pets.



COMMUNITY GARDEN

- Grew and harvested **6,885 lbs.** of fresh produce for the community.
- Engaged **218 community members** who contributed **1,109 volunteer hrs.** to sustain the community garden and harvest the produce.

Program Coverage Note:

As our contract with the City of Westminster comes to a close, Growing Home will transition away from operating the Community Garden program in the years ahead.





HOUSING

Growing Home prevents **homelessness with rent, mortgage, and utility assistance, paired with case management** that helps identify root causes of housing instability and develop long-term plans for stable and affordable housing.

HOUSING STABILITY

- Assisted **93 households** with rental, mortgage, and/or utility assistance.
- Engaged **87 households** in 3 months of case management to foster stability by setting goals, navigating resources, and addressing barriers.
- Distributed over **\$250,000** in rental or mortgage assistance funds.
- **87%** of households remained housed at program exit.
- **44%** of households that completed the program reduced their housing cost burden.

Program Coverage Note:

Housing Stability results reflect support provided during the first half of 2025 (January through June). Due to changes in Adams County funding, the program paused beginning July 1, 2025. Adams County will conclude its contracts for mortgage and rental assistance countywide effective January 2026.





PARENTING EDUCATION

Growing Home **helps caregivers acquire the skills and resources they need** to ensure their children and future generations are on a path to a brighter future.

This includes **education and coaching on child development and parenting practices** that prepare children **for a lifetime of success**. Our programs are evidence-based and support a two-generation approach to poverty alleviation.

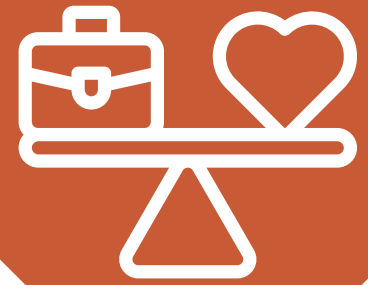
PARENTS AS TEACHERS

- Supported **188 families** in deepening their understanding of their children's growth, development, and key milestones.
- Provided **2,213 sessions** focused on parenting education and facilitated **11 group connections** to foster community engagement.
- **76%** of children enrolled in the program demonstrated on-track development, meeting important early childhood milestones.
- **97%** of caregivers exhibited positive parenting behaviors, strengthening their ability to support their child's development.
- Connected **160 families** to essential baby supplies and diapers, ensuring families had the resources they need.



Parents As Teachers (PAT) is an early childhood program designed to help families support their children's development, strengthen caregiver skills, and provide resources to help their children succeed in school.





LIFELONG STABILITY

Growing Home helps individuals and families **achieve and maintain lifelong stability through our programs** by identifying and prioritizing personal goals, building skills, providing resources, creating action plans, and contributing to their community in meaningful ways.

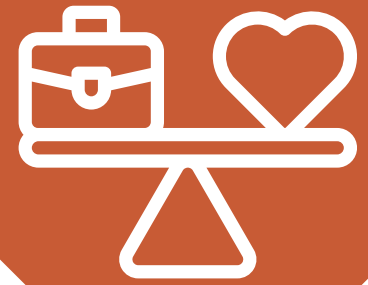
COLLABORATIVE COACHING

- **32 participants** engaged in collaborative coaching case management to work toward long-term stability.
- **94%** of participants took meaningful steps toward stability by setting and meeting personal goals each quarter.
- Participants who had at least 1 year of coaching increased their household income by **30%**.
- **79%** of participants **increased their Bridge to Self-Sufficiency score**, showing measurable progress across key areas of their lives, including **Family Stability, Well-being, Financial Management, Education & Training, and Employment & Career.**

Program Coverage Note:

Collaborative Coaching results reflect support provided to participants from January through November, 30, 2025. Growing Home is currently reimagining this program, with plans to relaunch in 2026 to strengthen pathways toward economic mobility.





LIFELONG STABILITY

Growing Home believes that thriving and healthy communities can exist when we tap into the resiliency and leadership of the participants we work with.

Growing Home focuses on connecting our participants to each other as well as to other community members, ally organizations, and local institutions. In this way, we create a foundation where everyone shares in the responsibility of solving community problems and creating sustainable outcomes for all.

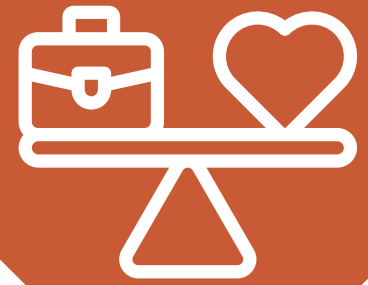
ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

- Growing Home **endorsed two bills: HB25-1168** (Housing Protections for Victim-Survivors) and **SB25-008** (Adjust Necessary Document Program) to support policy changes that benefit the community.
- Partnered with the Denver Regional Council of Governments to implement a **multi-phase community transit study** aimed at improving access to food and healthcare.
- **Provided training** on tenant rights, eviction and legal resources.

FOOD JUSTICE

- **Engaged community members** in a community-led campaign to improve access to high-quality, low-cost food in South Westminster.
- Conducted **8 community meetings** focused on increasing community access to free food.
- **Partnered** with **Adams County Health Department** to launch a county-wide food systems coalition aimed at strengthening food security.





LIFELONG STABILITY

To carry out Growing Home's mission of cultivating a thriving, healthy, and resilient North Metro Denver, **Growing Home relies on the help of many dedicated volunteers** who work alongside our staff. **Our work connects people to services and programs to drive community action** in the areas of food, housing, parenting education, and lifelong stability.

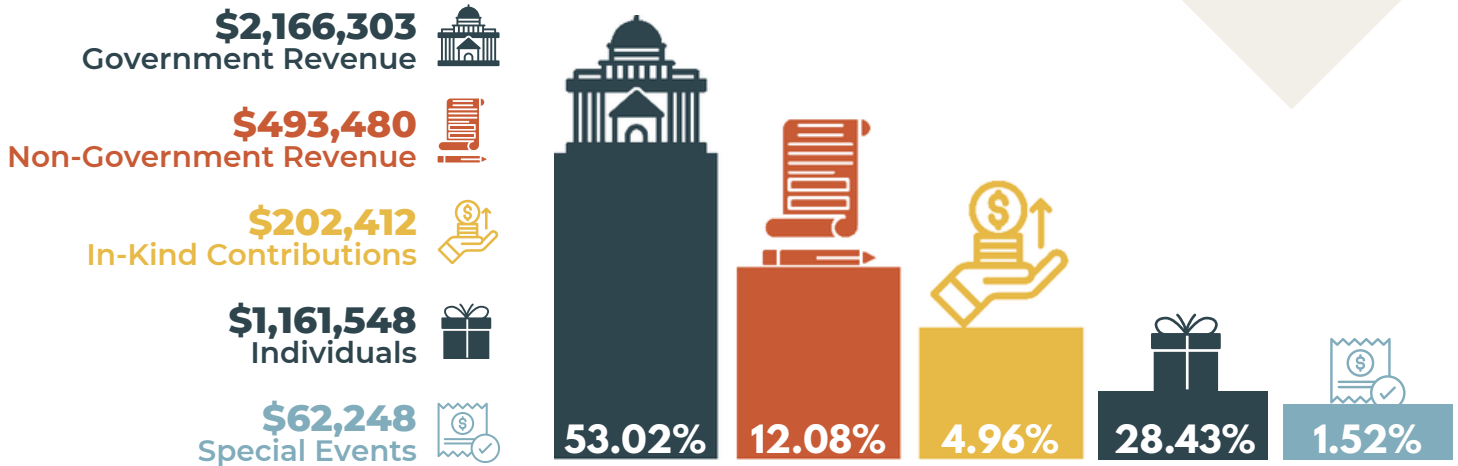
COMMUNITY IMPACT

- **444 volunteers** provided **8,595 hrs.** to support Growing Home's mission.
- Partnered with over **30 organizations** to meet community needs.
- Responded to over **6,600 inquiries** for information, assistance, and resource navigation.
- Hosted **8 community connections nights** where community members shared knowledge and tools to improve access to resources.





OPERATING REVENUE



TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE \$4,085,991

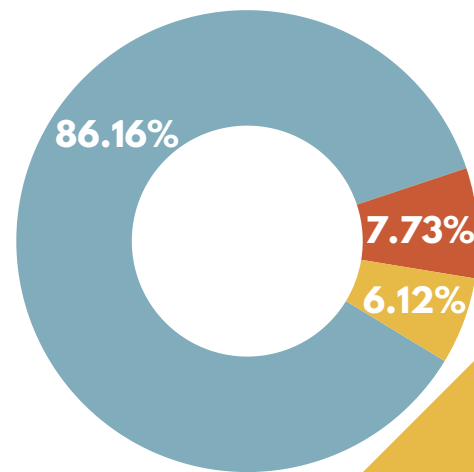
OPERATING EXPENSES

- \$2,696,265**
Programs & Services
 - Food: \$641,331
 - Housing: \$548,066
 - Parenting Education: \$1,093,361
 - Lifelong Stability: \$413,507

\$241,877
General & Administrative

\$191,394
Fundraising

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES \$3,129,536





Thank you to every generous donor, dedicated volunteer, staff member, and committed partner who made this impact possible.

Let's keep growing access to food, housing, parenting education, and lifelong stability together!

Get involved:

- **Donate** – Support ongoing programs with a one-time or monthly gift.
- **Volunteer** – Give your time and talents to support our programs.
- **Host a Food Drive** – Rally your network to help stock the pantry.
- **Partner with Us** – Collaborate on lasting solutions for our community.



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