HOSPITALITY HOUSE highlights

Q4 2025

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

from Hospitality House

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello & Happy Holidays! I hope this edition of Highlights finds you healthy & content.

As 2025 draws to a close, I reflect upon all this year has brought us. Hospitality House has experienced a whirlwind of emotions - joy, fear, anxiety, pride, and more, but what I feel more than anything is hopeful.

I have a belief that we are all a patchwork of those we meet throughout our lives. Each new resident, donor, volunteer, community member, & friend, becomes part of me in some way, and each piece added to my patchwork is a gift I am so very grateful for. This year, my patchwork has grown exponentially as you came together to carry Hospitality House through inconceivable challenges, & to celebrate incredible successes. Some of my favorite additions to my personal patchwork this year:

Resilience, integrity, & wisdom from our Board of Directors.

Balance, patience, & innovation from our staff.

Courage, tenderness, & optimism from our residents.

Support, enthusiasm, & resourcefulness from our Meal Coordinators.

Generosity, kindness, empathy, enthusiasm, & trust from every single one of you.

All of these gifts, these pieces of you, I know I can look to when facing uncertainty. There will be plenty of new challenges to take on in 2026. For now, I am celebrating that all of these gifts have come together to create an indescribable sense of hope - for me, for our residents, and for Hospitality House. **Thank you**, & Happy Holidays!

In Gratitude,
Olivia Ferrel

MEAL PROVIDERS NEEDED

Every Tuesday - Sunday evening, generous meal providers bring in a delicious dinner for 10 to ensure our residents most basic needs are met.

This quarter, we have an at-large meal week to fill from Tuesday, December 23 - Sunday, December 28, and we need YOU!

If you would like to provide dinner for 10 on an available day, please scan the QR code below or visit: https://signup.com/go/CjSbmrs

Whether you are an accomplished home chef, a DoorDash expert, or just want to grab some takeout to bring in, our residents are always grateful to know their community keeps them fed.

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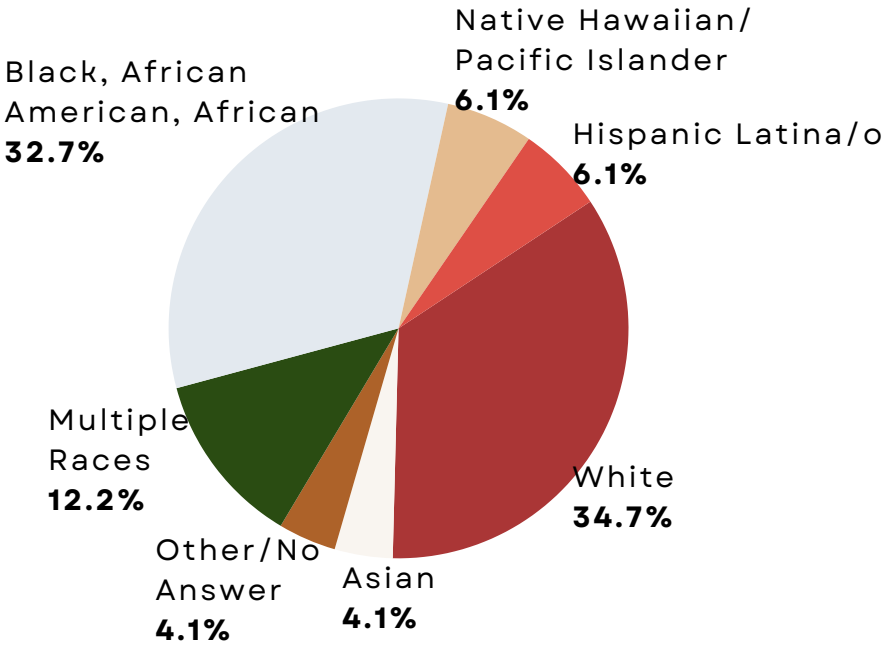
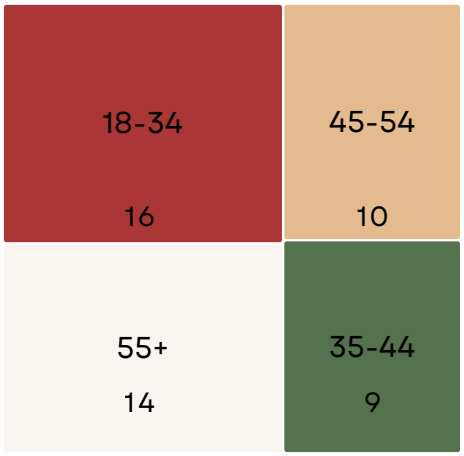
SO FAR IN 2025...

- You've sheltered **49** women who had nowhere else to go.
- **85.7%** reported they have a disability.
- **30** said this was their first time experiencing homelessness in at least 3 years, but many of those said this was their first time ever being unhoused.
- **21** had no income. All who reported having an income stated they received **less than $50,000/year.**
- **27** said they have experienced domestic violence.

REPORTED RACE & ETHNICITY



RESIDENT AGES



THANKS TO YOU...

- You've provided over **2,880** dinners to our residents.
- You've volunteered over **2,137** hours to give residents a place to stay day & night.
- You've raised over **$105,277** during our 3 fundraisers.
- & you've inspired countless others by showing your dedication to HOME, HEALTH, & HOPE!

We can't wait to see what you will accomplish in 2026!

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MAKE THE SEASON BRIGHT

If you'd like to provide comfort & joy to Hospitality House residents this season, here's a few ways you can directly support us & our mission!

Visit our Amazon Wishlist for our updated needs. Scan the QR code to the right and have items delivered directly to us. We've added some special holiday wishes to the list too! When items are purchased in the quantity we need, they will disappear from the list. If it's still on the list, we still need it! https://a.co/9eo400U

Think of us while you're out running errands. Pick up an extra pack of paper towels, lysol wipes, trash bags, or other essentials on your Costco run - we can never have too many.

Host a donation drive with coworkers or friends instead of a gift exchange. Use our Amazon Wishlist as a guide!

Financially support us by...

Donating on our website
https://hospitalityhousesouthking.org/donate/

Venmo
@hospitalityhouseskc

Or mail a cash/check donation to our PO Box:
Hospitality House
PO Box 236
Seahurst, WA 98062

STOCK DONATOR

Did you know? Hospitality House can accept your stock donation!

As you plan your end-of-year donations, please consider this convenient way to support our mission of bringing Home, Health, and Hope to women experiencing homelessness!

Donating stock is a great option to supplement your other annual donations. It doesn't cut into disposable income or cash assets, you may be able to take a tax deduction for the full market value of appreciated stock, and, you don't have to pay capital gains on stock gifts.

The great news is it's very easy! Simply visit our website at https://hospitalityhousesouthking.org/donate/ and click on "Donate Stock". You'll be walked through the process and your information will be saved so it will be even easier to donate next time!

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END OF YEAR GIVING

Your generosity and support has helped to provide home, health, and hope to women experiencing homelessness for the last 25 years! As you think about your end of year giving this holiday season, here are a few quick reminders that may be helpful.

Please note: this is for general information only–be sure to check with your financial or tax advisor to see what works best for you.

IRA Charitable Transfers

- If you are age **70½ or older**, you may be eligible to make charitable gifts directly from your IRA. This strategy, often called a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)**, allows you to support the causes you care about while reducing your taxable income.
- **Eligibility** – IRA owners age 70½ or older can give directly to qualified charities.
- **Annual Limit** – You may transfer up to **$100,000 per year** tax-free.
- **Tax Benefits** – The amount transferred counts toward your **Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)** but is excluded from taxable income.
- **Direct Transfer** – Funds must be transferred directly from your IRA to the charity to qualify.

2025 Tax Considerations

- **Standard Deduction** – The TCJA nearly doubled the standard deduction. Many taxpayers no longer itemize, which means only those exceeding the standard deduction may see a direct tax benefit from charitable gifts.
- **Cash Contributions** – Gifts to qualified public charities remain deductible up to **60% of adjusted gross income (AGI)**. Unused amounts may be carried forward for up to five years.
- **Non-Cash Donations** – Gifts of appreciated securities may allow you to avoid capital gains tax and still receive a charitable deduction (generally limited to 30% of AGI).
- **Sunset of Provisions** – Unless Congress acts, many TCJA provisions will **expire after 2025**, which could affect how charitable contributions are treated in the future.

Thank you for your generosity, and committing to supporting Hospitality House residents in the new year & beyond!