



2025
ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends of Community Warehouse,

2025 was a year of contradictions: historic federal disinvestment and harmful policies, but equally historic community action. **With furniture poverty spiking to an all-time high, our community responded** with volunteer hours up 11%, financial donations up 12%, and furniture donations up 50%! This response gives us hope that community shows up even in the hardest moments.

In 2025, your support allowed us to take transformational steps forward:

- **We opened the Gresham furniture bank**, bringing services to East County families and **reducing wait times across all locations by 90%**.
- We launched a mattress recycling collection program in Portland with Bye Bye Mattress, diverting an additional **1,764 beds** from waste and deepening our environmental commitment.
- We co-founded **Furnish Together**, a national coalition of furniture banks working to transform how this country understands furniture as an essential component of housing.

In a moment when so much feels broken, Community Warehouse is doing the work that makes people feel seen, supported, and like they belong. **Local, community-driven solutions matter.**

We are furnishing an average of 65 homes each week—that's 65 families creating stability, dignity, and belonging in the midst of crisis. Thank you for believing in this work. Together, we're demonstrating the power of neighbors helping neighbors. It's resistance. It's hope.

With gratitude and determination,

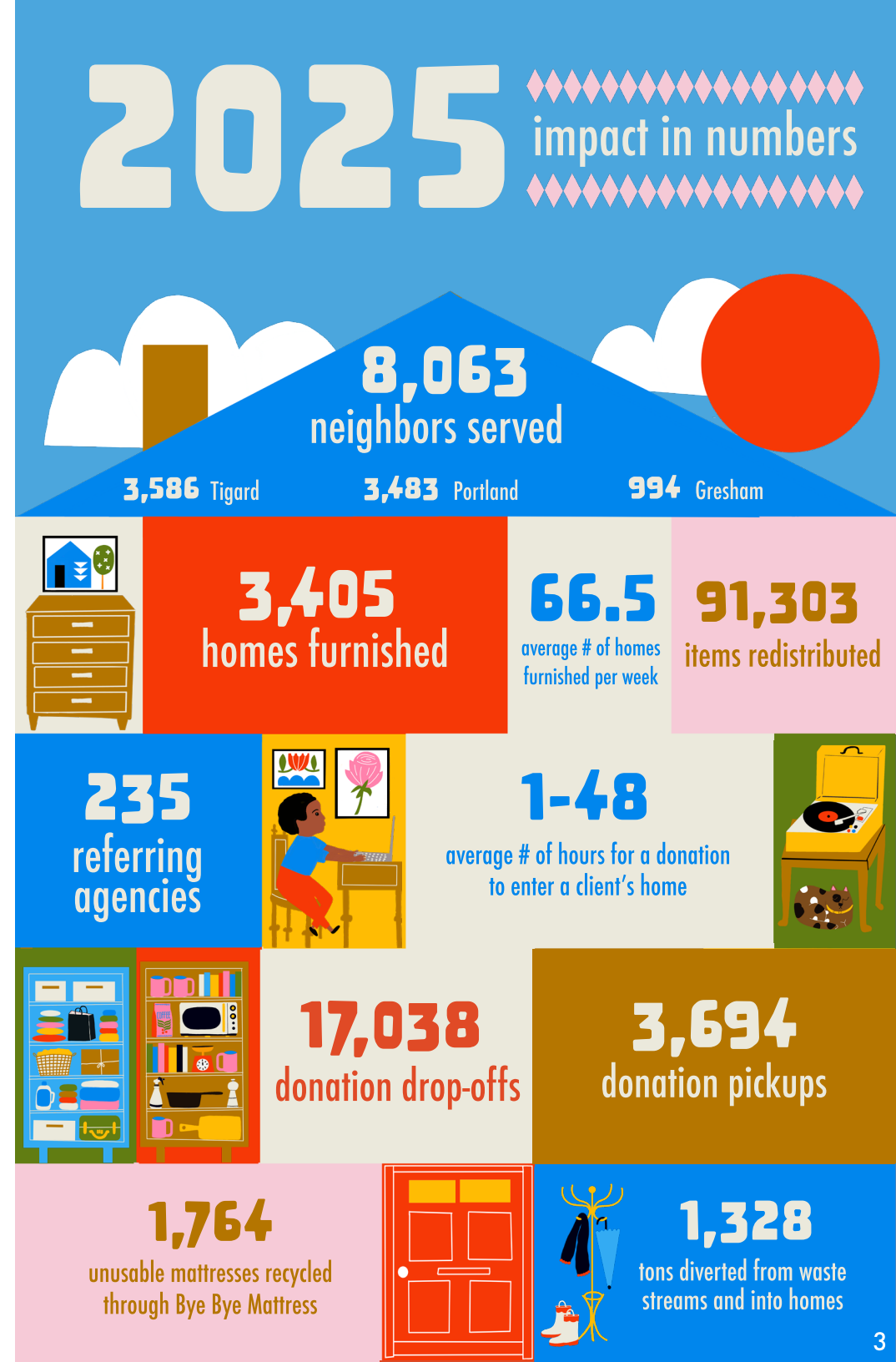


Anna Kurnizki
Executive Director



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available at cwestatestore.com



A Closer Look at the FURNITURE BANK

Furniture poverty is at an all-time high, affecting **1 in 5** of our neighbors. Furnishing a home from scratch costs approximately \$5,700 when buying new, and requires significant time and effort to source, transport, and assemble items—creating a major barrier for many people.

Community Warehouse provides an invaluable resource to our community, furnishing thousands of homes every year so that our neighbors can live with the comfort and dignity of a furnished home.

TOP 5 REFERRING AGENCIES:

1. Transition Projects
2. Central City Concern
3. Community Action
4. Our Just Future
5. NARA Northwest



We served **5.3%** more people in 2025 than in the previous year.

MEET DEE

After facing a series of difficult challenges, Dee was finally able to move into stable housing and was referred to our Tigard furniture bank through her case manager at Clackamas County Public Health. By chance, Dee's appointment fell on her birthday.

As she selected furniture and household items to help turn her new space into a home, one piece stood out most: a camouflage recliner that reminded her of her husband, who recently passed away from cancer.



"I like everything you guys have, and I'm very grateful to be able to come here."

Furniture is more than just stuff. For Dee, the furniture she brought home provided comfort, stability, and a sense of home.

EXPANDING TO EAST COUNTY

In spring 2025, we opened our third furniture bank in Gresham to respond to increasing demand for services.

Four of the top ten ZIP codes we serve are in East County, reflecting both strong regional need and the importance of reducing travel barriers for households accessing furniture bank services.

With increased capacity and a more accessible site, we reduced furniture bank appointment wait times by 90%—from nine weeks to just one week—helping families move into stable, furnished homes more quickly.



We gathered in June 2025 to celebrate the grand opening of the Gresham furniture bank, located at 464 NE 219th Ave.



SEE WHAT GOOD YOUR GOODS CAN DO!

It only takes a few steps to change lives and help your local community thrive.

1

Check that your goods are in good shape. Are they home ready?

2

Choose the closest drop-off location in Portland, Gresham, or Tigard—or schedule a pickup online.

3

Drop off your items (and the dollar you found in the couch cushions!). We'll greet you with a helping hand.

4

We'll connect your donated items to Portland-area families who need them most.



>> communitywarehouse.org/give-furniture

ESTATE STORE



The Estate Store is Community Warehouse's social enterprise, offering vintage, antique, and one-of-a-kind furniture and household items to the public at accessible prices. Every purchase generates unrestricted revenue that supports our furniture bank services.



\$601,878 RAISED IN SALES IN 2025

3969 NE MLK Jr Blvd
Wed - Sat 11AM - 5PM

**Thrift
for good!**

shop online at
cwestatstore.com

25% OFF EVERY THIRD THURSDAY!

>> Donate your unique, vintage, or high-value treasures to the Estate Store



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Attended **80** outreach events
Facilitated **9** collection drives!

>> Host a collection drive or invite
Community Warehouse to your next
event: Dryden@communitywarehouse.org



VOLUNTEERS



Volunteers are essential at Community Warehouse. They help organize and distribute furnishings through our furniture banks, merchandise and sell items in our Estate Store, and ensure our services reach neighbors with dignity and care.

745
total volunteers

51
group volunteer events

8,420
hours of service



>> Learn more and get involved: communitywarehouse.org/volunteer



\$307,518 raised!

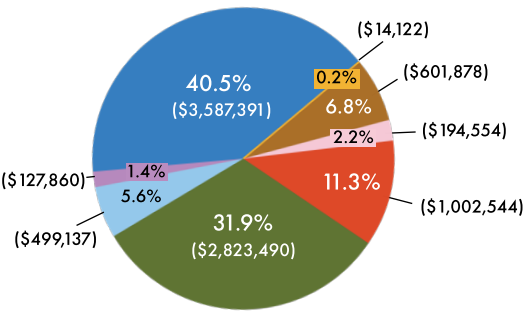
Chair Affair 2025 brought our community together to celebrate the power of home. Inspiring speakers shared stories of impact, one-of-a-kind Children's Chairs brought creativity and joy to the evening, and we honored artist and former client Saleam, whose story reflected the resilience and creativity within our community. Together, generous supporters helped more neighbors furnish their homes with dignity.

>> Join our next celebration on March 18, 2027!
communitywarehouse.org/chair-affair

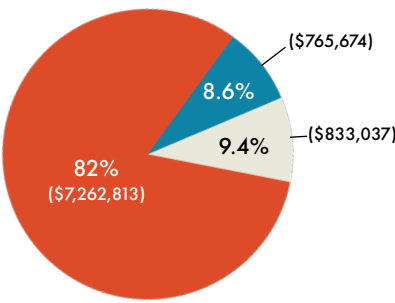


2025 FINANCIALS

Total Revenue: \$8,850,976 Total Expenses: \$8,861,524



- Grants & Contributions
- Other
- Estate Store
- Events
- Program Fees
- In-Kind Contributions
- Asset Sales
- Pickup Fees



- Program
- Fundraising
- Admin, HR, & Finance

FUNDRAISING

1,831 total donors

50% donor retention rate (average 40-45%)

\$160 average gift size

193 monthly donors

46 corporate donors

15 foundations

15 government partners

THANK YOU!

>> communitywarehouse.org/give-funds

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

as of December 2025

- Roz Babener
- Paige Campbell
- Buck Carrell
- Evan Green
- John Holroyd
- Julie Rocha
- Lauren Russell
- Lauren Tuckerbaum
- Monique Kellerman
- Walter Fuller
- Mark McMahon
- Tara Wanstall

>> Meet our current Board:



MEDIA PARTNERSHIPS

We grew our reach in new and big ways!

Our mission was shared broadly across the region and beyond, including features in **KOIN**, **Forbes**, **The Oregonian**, **Portland Business Journal**, and many others. We even took our message on the road with ads on TriMet buses!

Much of this visibility was made possible through the Recycling Education and Outreach grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, awarded in 2024, which will support outreach and education through June 2027.

These outreach efforts helped more people learn about Community Warehouse and contributed to a 50% increase in donated furnishings.



◀ Poison Waters helped demonstrate that “dignity condition” means donations that are clean, functional, and ready to help someone feel truly at home.



▲ We shared our message across the metro area with the help of TriMet buses.

ANNA KURNIZKI AWARDED SKIDMORE PRIZE

Executive Director Anna Kurnizki was one of four inspiring community leaders to receive the Skidmore Prize from Willamette Week’s Give!Guide, which recognizes exceptional individuals under the age of 36 for their dedication and impact in local nonprofits.



BUSINESS PARTNERS

Businesses and organizations play a vital role in helping Community Warehouse furnish homes with dignity. Longtime partners like **Kitchen Kaboodle** and **Crate & Barrel** increased donations and collaborated on collection drives during a time of growing need. New partners, including **College Hunks Hauling Junk and Moving** and the **RePurpose Center**, expanded our capacity to serve more families than ever before. Meanwhile, **Joybird** provided brand-new furniture for our Estate Store, generating revenue that helps sustain and grow our programs throughout the region.

"We know every time we donate, it is going back to our community."

- Cindy Lyman, Manager at Joybird



383
furniture &
household
donations from

291
businesses &
organizations

>> Connect your business to donate:
Jam@communitywarehouse.org

FURNISH TOGETHER FOUNDED IN 2025



The National Furniture Bank Coalition

Community Warehouse is proud to be a Founding Member of Furnish Together, a national coalition of nonprofit furniture banks committed to addressing and ending furniture poverty.

Furnish Together brings furniture banks from across the country together to strengthen practices, share resources, and elevate the importance of safe,

functional home furnishings in housing stability and community well-being.

As a Founding Member, Community Warehouse is helping shape this new coalition and contribute to a stronger, more connected furniture bank field nationwide.

>> Learn more at furnishtogether.org

Voices from our COMMUNITY MEMBERS



"Every furnishing and household item you provided added comfort, dignity, and a sense of stability to this new chapter in my life. Beyond the physical items, your service reflected genuine care for community members like me who are rebuilding and moving forward."

- Furniture Bank Client

"As a case manager, I am able to look to Community Warehouse knowing that my clients are treated with respect and courtesy by the amazing staff at any Community Warehouse location."

- Case Manager

"Very organized, easy to schedule, clear donation information, and serving people who will use and enjoy my donations straight from my home. This is the best recycling!"

- Furniture Donor

"The store is cozy and items are beautifully displayed. It's big enough to hold many treasures but small enough that you can easily see everything in a short amount of time. Super friendly staff, very helpful, and the cause—furniture insecurity—is a real issue that this store addresses."

- Estate Store Shopper

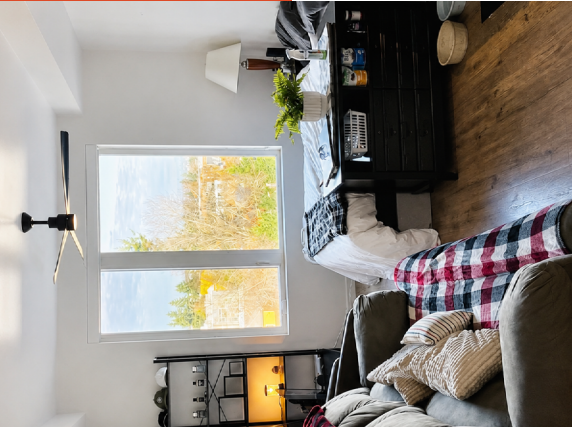
"It's just impossible to describe how important it has been to me to be able to show up at Community Warehouse and engage with good and caring people and clients."

-Volunteer

"Working for Community Warehouse has given me the opportunity to aid folks that I can truly relate to. Having been in similar situations as our clients, it is extremely gratifying to be a part of this mission."

- Staff

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"I've been through a lot. But walking into my furnished apartment reminds me that healing starts with stability, and stability starts with a place that feels like yours. Thank you for helping me reclaim that."

-Furniture Bank Client



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