GRASSROOTS
Community Development

2025 Annual Report

In 2025, Grassroots Community Development celebrated the power of community and partnership. With the support of neighbors, local foundations, and the **City of Waco**, we continued to strengthen neighborhoods and empower families. We are deeply grateful for the staff, donors, and city leaders whose dedication makes this work possible.

We were proud to expand our housing counseling team with the addition of **Jose**, our fully **HUD-certified, Spanish-speaking Housing Counselor**. His leadership has helped more families access homeownership counseling and financial literacy education in Spanish, building trust and opportunity for Waco's Latino community.

We also celebrated the awarding of the **CFP grant** and continued progress on the **Renaissance at Sanger Heights** pocket neighborhood. In North Waco, we completed two new homes and began construction on three more, advancing our vision of revitalized neighborhoods. As we look forward to **25 years of service in Waco in March 2026**, we remain committed to our mission: *committed to a brighter future for children, neighbors and communities.*

Mike Stone, Executive Director

Community Organizing

Kendrick Hispanic Heritage Celebration

Grassroots partnered with neighborhood leaders, UNIDOS, Kendrick Elementary, and the Waco Foundation to host a Hispanic Heritage Celebration that welcomed nearly 2,000 neighbors. The event strengthened community pride, cultural connection, and access to Spanish-language resources.

Spring and into Action

Spring and Fall into Action:

Spring and Fall Into Action brought together neighbors, volunteers, Baylor students, and city partners to serve North and South Waco homeowners. More than 143 volunteers worked side by side to improve properties, remove debris, build relationships and strengthen neighborhood pride and safety.

Bridge to Success Resource Fair

Grassroots partnered with local faith leaders to support the Bridge to Success Summer Resource Fair in East Waco. Residents received leadership training, school supplies, meals, and encouragement—demonstrating the power of collaboration and community-led service.

Parent and Child Time Together (PACTT)

In 2025, PACTT at Brook Avenue Elementary saw strong growth in participation and partnership. With deeper collaboration with school leadership, 10–15 families regularly engaged in sessions focused on leadership development and on-campus action planning. This is one example of PACTT at several local schools.

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We are a local non-profit that develops thriving neighborhoods through authentic relationships, strategic partnerships, financial literacy, affordable home building, and external home repairs.

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Housing

120 families graduated
from our Financial Literacy and Homebuyer education classes

12 families assisted
in achieving the dream of become a homeowner with our assistance

30 Roofs Replaced
To keep people safe in their homes

226 volunteers served
4 homes repaired
13 Homes served with Spring/Fall into action: Community Clean up

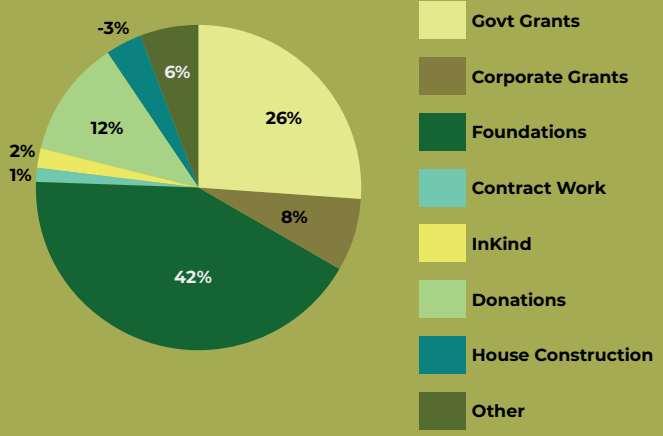
837 Counseling session
Were provided to guide individuals on their path to homeownership

Immediate Impact Grants

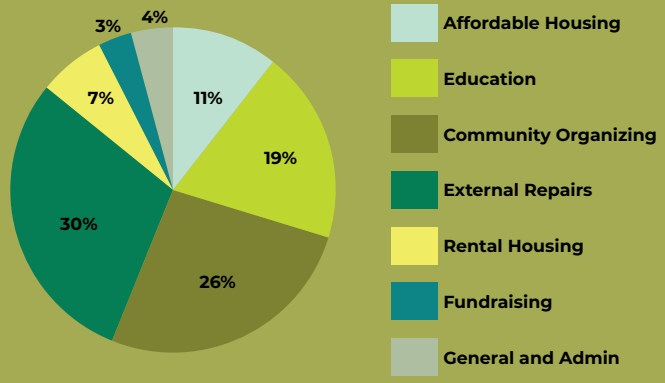
Community envisioned and led projects funded by the Waco Foundation

- **Brook Oaks:** National Night Out: A Legacy of 41 Years
- **Bridge to Success:** Leadership Training and Resource Sharing event.
- **S. Waco – Farmacy:** Series of healthy lifestyle classes
- **Clifton Gardens:** Teaching gardening and provide food to families.
- **Project Homeless Connect:** A collaborative effort to help people experiencing homelessness.
- **Kendrick Hispanic Heritage Celebration** – highly collaborative community celebration
- **North Waco Career Fair :** Career fair for all hosted in North Waco.

Amount Raised:
$ 964,356



Community Investment:
$ 981,973



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