



IMPACT REPORT 2025



Shaping Futures

From the beginning, we have been inspired by the incredible potential of our youth, particularly those aged 13-18 navigating unstable lives and homelessness. This understanding led us to create the Sound House, our after-school resource program that has welcomed 974 youth since 2015, each with their unique story and dreams.

We have always felt a deep responsibility to do more. It breaks our hearts to see young people, especially those with children, struggling on the streets. This year, we are excited to announce new funding that will allow us to provide housing and support services across 21 counties. Each initiative plays a crucial role in helping youth develop the skills needed to thrive.

A shining example of our impact is Lisa, who was told to leave her father's home and found herself living in a tent in the woods with her four-year-old daughter. Determined to create a better future for them both, Lisa received safe housing, food security and extensive support services from us. This enabled her to earn her high school esuriency certificate and enroll her daughter in quality childcare. Now, with hard work, Lisa has secured a job and aims to maintain her own apartment within six months. We have every confidence that she will achieve this goal.

Our meaningful impact is a testament to the dedication of our staff, board of directors, volunteers, donors, and community partners. Together, we are making a significant difference in the lives of these young people.

We are deeply grateful for your continued support and belief in their potential. Thank you for being a vital part of this journey and for helping us make a difference every day.

Patti Brayfield

Founder/Executive Director

MISSION

To be a beacon of hope for youth and young adults in crisis, igniting their potential and equipping them with the resources needed to embrace self-determination and a future filled with promise.

VISION

For all youth and young adults to have safe housing, supportive relationships, and the opportunity for self sufficiency.



Inspiring Change

As a long-time member of the board of directors of Project 360, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact that inspiring change in youth and young adults living unstable lives can have on both individuals and our community. Many of these young people are caught in a web of challenges that seem insurmountable—homelessness, economic hardship, and emotional distress. It is heartbreaking to see their potential dimmed by circumstances beyond their control. However, through our dedicated initiatives, we strive to ignite a spark of hope within them. We recognize that by providing access to education, mentorship, and mental health resources, we can empower them to not only envision a brighter future but to actively pursue it.

Bringing my legal expertise to the board has been an incredibly rewarding experience. The opportunity to collaborate with like-minded individuals who share a passion for uplifting these young lives is profoundly fulfilling. If you are ever asked to serve on the board, I encourage you to take that step. The impact we make together is tangible and transformative, not just for the youth we serve but for ourselves as well. Each meeting, each initiative, and each success story reinforces the importance of our mission and the role we play in fostering a supportive community for those in need.

Lynne Brand

Board President 2024

Inaugural Board Member



Why We Care

We serve homeless and at-risk youth because we believe every young person deserves to feel safe, valued, and supported. These young people face challenges that can often feel overwhelming—harsh words, difficult home lives, and uncertainties about the future. Our mission is to provide them with a warm, welcoming space where they can find refuge, hope, and a chance to rebuild their lives. We understand that sometimes, all a young person needs is a moment of kindness, a listening ear, and a safe environment to help them find their strength again. Some of their stories explain our “why” better than any other way.



Sound House Story: Rachel

One story that touches our hearts is that of Rachel. She confided in us one day, sharing that she had been bullied relentlessly at school and that her home life was filled with tension, drug use and sadness. For Rachel, attending Sound House for those four hours each day was more than just a break from her struggles—it was the only moment she felt truly safe and cared for. She told us that during those hours, she could breathe, laugh, and just be herself, away from the pain and chaos she faced elsewhere. Rachel’s story reminds us of why we do what we do: to be a source of light for young people like her, offering comfort and hope when they need it most.

Sound House Story: Jim

Then there’s Jim’s story. Jim lived with his grandparents, who didn’t want him and often treated him with cruelty. His grandfather would beat him with a cane, leaving him feeling isolated and scared. Despite these hardships, Jim was determined to finish high school and create a better future for himself. At Sound House, we worked closely with Jim to ensure he stayed on track academically and had access to the resources he needed. We supported him in finding safe housing and helped him develop the skills to move out as soon as he turned 17. Jim’s resilience and our support gave him hope and a pathway toward independence—showing that even in the darkest circumstances, a little kindness and guidance can make all the difference.

Housing Program Story: Mark

Mark was a 19-year-old who was homeless due to drug use that had prevented him from holding a job. He was living in parks and couch surfing whenever he could find a place. When Mark came to us for help, we provided him with stable housing, food, and support services. Through these resources, Mark was able to focus on his recovery and well-being. He shared that he had used drugs mainly to cope with the fear of sleeping outside at night and the misery of being hungry. With a safe place to stay and support, Mark was able to stop using drugs and begin building a healthier, more stable life. His story is a testament to how stability and compassion can transform lives and help young people find hope even in their darkest moments.



Housing Program Story: Tina

Tina became pregnant and was kicked out of her parents' home at age 20. She hadn't finished high school, and the father of her baby was unwilling to be involved. She felt lost and overwhelmed, unsure of how to move forward with her life. When Tina came to us, we helped her access stable housing, provided her with resources to continue her education, and connected her with support services to prepare for motherhood. We worked with her to develop a plan for her future—one where she could finish her education, secure

employment, and provide a safe environment for her child. Tina's story reminds us that every young person deserves a second chance, and with the right support, they can build a brighter future despite overwhelming obstacles.

These are just a few of the stories we could share. Stories like Rebecca's, Jim's, Mark's, and Tina's remind us of the importance of our work—being a safe haven, a source of strength, and a bridge to brighter futures for every young person who walks through our doors.





The Sound House

Established in 2015, Sound House Youth Services was born out of a heartfelt desire to support young people in our community who are facing homelessness or living in unstable home environments. We opened our doors as a safe, welcoming drop-in center for teens ages 13-18, and over the years, we've been privileged to mentor many youths along their journey toward success.

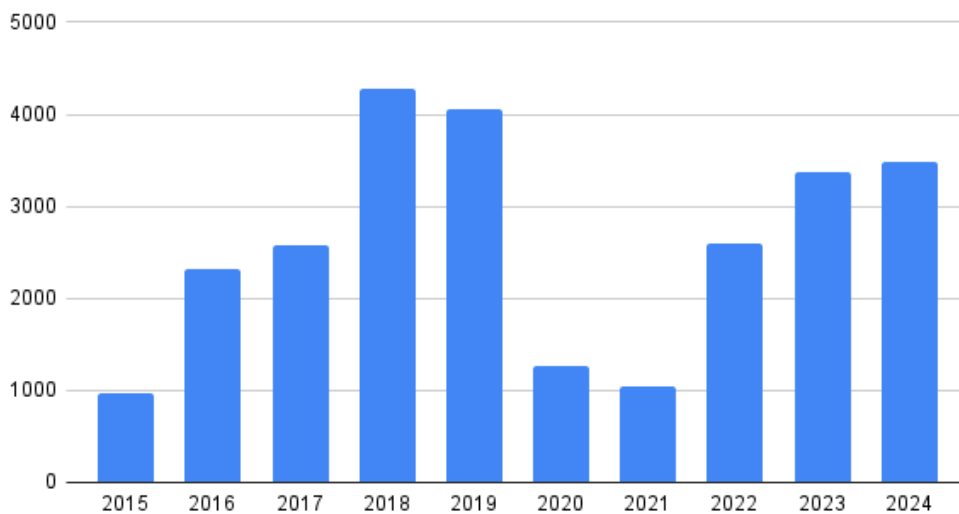
The first group of young people who came through our doors named our program *The Sound House – A Place Where Everyone is Heard*. Their choice of name truly captures our mission and reflects our deep commitment to ensuring every young person feels valued, understood, and supported. It also symbolizes our hope for their bright futures.

At Sound House, we strive to create a nurturing environment where youth can find caring adult role models, access on-site therapy, enjoy warm meals, and have a safe space to shower and do laundry. We offer tutoring, life skills workshops, and opportunities for continuing education, all designed to empower young people and help them build a solid foundation for their future. During school breaks, we take fun and enriching field trips to broaden horizons, and we provide transportation to and from our facility—including to medical appointments and other essential destinations. Additionally, we offer pantry food and hygiene items free of charge, so they can take what they need home.

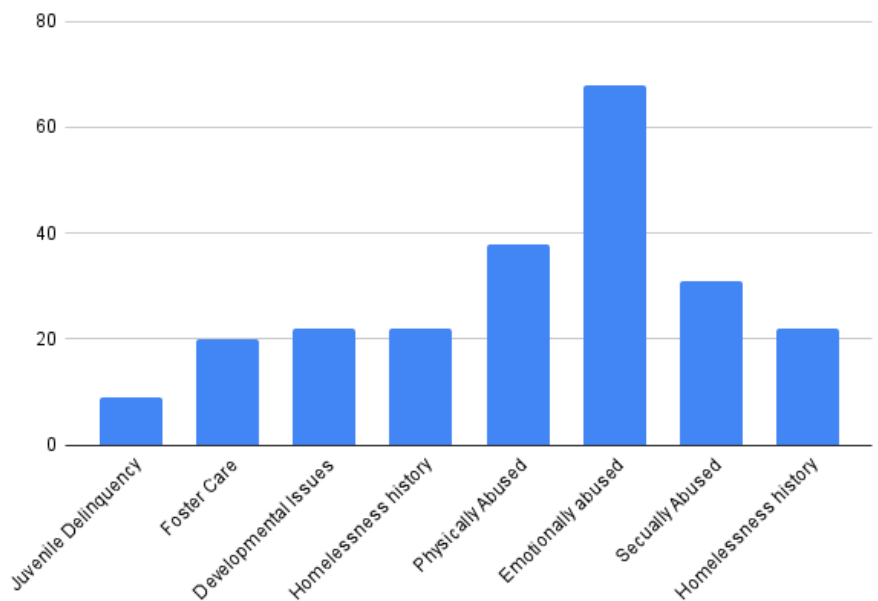
Many of the young people who come to us carry the weight of trauma from their unstable lives. Without support, these experiences can create barriers to a successful and fulfilling adulthood. Our heartfelt goal is to help each youth build confidence, develop a sense of purpose, and stay motivated to complete their education. The mental and emotional well-being of our youth is at the very core of everything we do, because we believe every young person deserves a caring community that lifts them up.

Sound House Statistics

Youth Total Visits 2015-2024



Reasons Why Youth Attend The Sound House





A Dream Come True... HOUSING AT LAST!

The Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) represents a crucial collaborative initiative, funded through a partnership between Project 360 Youth Services and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This program is dedicated to significantly reducing the incidence of homelessness among youth, recognizing that a stable home environment is vital for young individuals to thrive. By facilitating easy access to essential supportive services, we aim to ensure that homelessness becomes an experience that is not only uncommon but also brief and non-recurring.

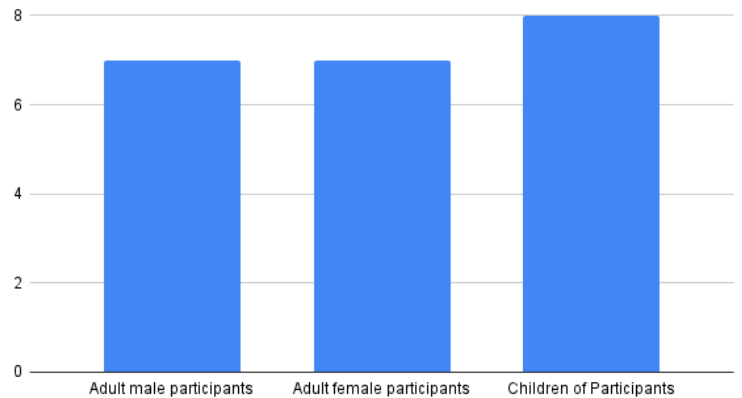
Project 360 Youth Services has been selected as one of the rural communities to implement a coordinated approach to effectively combat homelessness. Our mission encompasses providing comprehensive housing and supportive services across 21 rural counties in Missouri through Rapid Rehousing and Navigation programs. We also offer transitional housing services to all youth who are currently in or moving to Lebanon, MO, where our facilities are located. This approach allows us to meet the diverse needs of young individuals, guiding them towards stability and self-sufficiency.

The youths eligible for our services include individuals aged 24 and younger who meet specific criteria. These include being literally homeless, having reached their 18th birthday, engaging in "couch surfing," fleeing from violence, or facing an imminent risk of homelessness. By focusing on these vulnerable groups, we can provide targeted support that addresses the unique challenges they face.

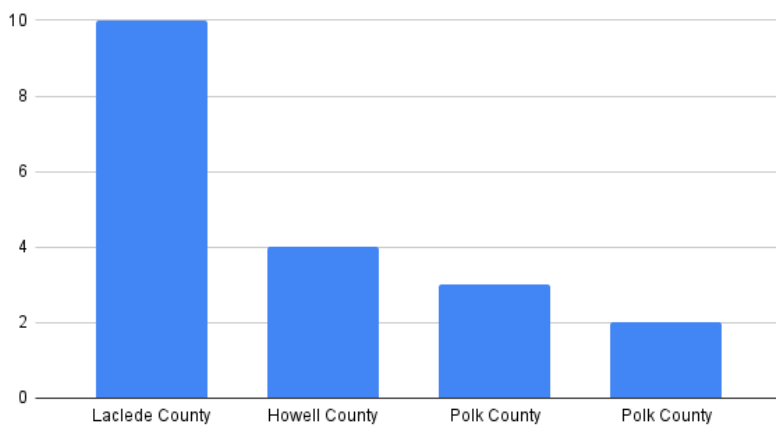
The importance of providing housing for youth cannot be overstated. Stable housing is not merely a shelter; it is a foundation for success, fostering a sense of security and belonging. It empowers young individuals to pursue their education, cultivate skills, and build a brighter future. By investing in their housing needs, we are investing in their potential to grow into healthy, productive members of society.

Older Youth Housing Program Data (YHDP) for 2025

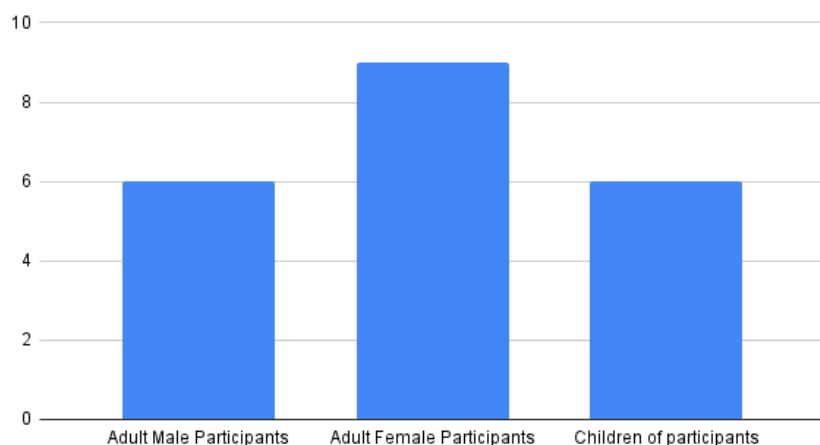
Rapid Rehousing Participants



Rapid Rehousing Household placements by County



Transitional Housing by Gender-Laclede County



Going Forward

We are thrilled to announce our plans for a significant expansion of our projects. As part of our strategic development, we have acquired property on Jefferson Avenue. Our vision is to transform this space into a multifunctional facility that will serve as both the Sound House, our daytime drop-in resource center, and our youth housing program.

What drew us to this property is its proximity to the high school attended by many of our participants, making it an ideal location for our services. The expansive 3.5-acre grounds offer ample space for essential additional resources, including a half-court area suitable for basketball or tricycle riding, a picnic pavilion for outdoor gatherings, and a spacious garden where our youth can learn to cultivate their own food. This hands-on experience will not only provide meals for them to prepare in our kitchen but also foster a sense of pride and accomplishment.

We are currently deeply involved in grant writing, aiming to secure funding that will cover a significant portion of our building investment before reaching out to the community for partnership. As we embark on this exciting journey, we invite you to start thinking about how you can collaborate with us. We encourage you to reflect on the skills and talents you possess that could contribute to this adventure, whether it's through volunteering, sharing expertise, funding, or providing resources that will enhance our programs, we would love to partner with you.



2024 Financial Snapshot

REVENUE \$746,578.06

Fundraising

4.8%

Service Clubs/Church

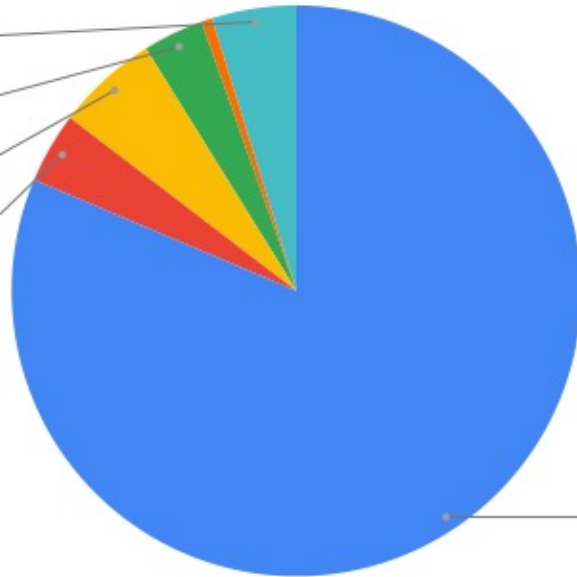
3.4%

Individuals

5.8%

Corps & Foundations

4.0%



Grants

81.4%

EXPENSES \$730,656.61

New Facility

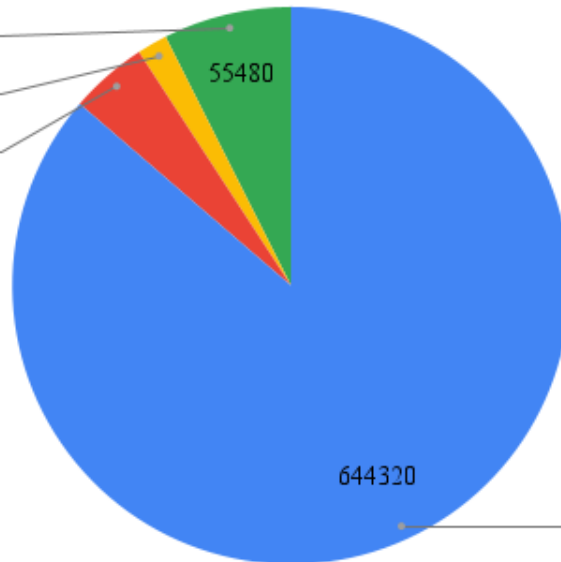
7.4%

Fundraising

1.8%

Mgmt & General

4.5%



Programs

86.3%

To a Caring Community...

Thank you for your financial support!

Our local funding originates from a variety of generous sources:

- o Individual contributors
- o Local businesses
- o Memorials
- o Community organizations
- o Church groups and churches

This collective generosity is the lifeblood of our mission. Your commitment to investing in the future of these young individuals is essential for us to sustain and expand our services. We are truly grateful for your financial commitment!

Thank you for your In-Kind Support

We are especially grateful to the groups that provide hot meals every weekday, ensuring that no one goes hungry. To the individuals who make Christmas a joyful occasion for our youth by providing gifts that they might not otherwise receive, your thoughtfulness brings smiles and hope. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to those who donate new and gently used clothing to our closet, afterschool snacks, as well as to those who selflessly offer their time and talents.

Your support warms our hearts and empowers us to serve our community better. We couldn't do this without you!

