



WE LIVES

2025 **IMPACT REPORT**

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OUR MISSION

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Aid

Local partnerships and donations help us provide aid to those in need.



Action

We have hundreds of volunteers dedicated to serving in our communities.



Awareness

Sharing positive stories about powerful life change.



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The Year in Numbers

We Heart Lives saw extraordinary growth in 2025. Thanks to your generosity, we showed up for our communities in profound ways to support those most in need.

While the year brought a shifting economic landscape, changes to federal programs, and the longest government shutdown in U.S. history, Rhode Island families met these challenges with remarkable resilience.

Because of your steady support during this time of flux, We Heart Lives evolved from a supplemental resource into a cornerstone of support for thousands of families.

350 babies given a strong start:

Our Community Baby Showers provided car seats, playpens, and diapers to 350 moms, ensuring every child was welcomed with dignity and care.

Comfort to children in transition:

As the foster care system faced new pressures, you made sure that children entering care were met with warmth.

Kept nutrition & clothing accessible:

When school lunch policies and SNAP benefits shifted, and clothing costs increased, you helped us ensure that vulnerable families had access to these items, giving parents one less thing to worry about as they navigated a demanding year.

Strengthened family bonds:

You helped us maintain vital connections for children with incarcerated parents at the Cranston facilities. By supporting our child-friendly visitation days, you provided a safe, welcoming space for families to play, bond, and maintain the relationships that are so critical for a child's well-being.

Extended love beyond borders:

Your impact reached far beyond New England. This year, you made two critical mission trips to the Dominican Republic possible. Because of you, we are currently supporting 150 orphans—ranging from premature infants to 18-year-olds—providing them with the essential care, love, and resources they need to grow and thrive.

THANK YOU!

With gratitude and hope,

Jordan & Samantha Boyce
Founders, We Heart Lives



60,000
People Impacted



50
Events
Hosted



675+
Events
Volunteers



2,366
Hours Served



250
Families
Reunited



350+
Mothers
Resourced





Baby Showers

1,700 Moms Impacted



Empowering Mothers

2025 marked our 5 year anniversary of hosting community baby showers for expectant women living at or below the poverty line. We've supplied over 1,700 expectant moms with baby essentials such as car seats, stocked diaper bags, and playpens.

We also launched our first baby shower in Brockton, Massachusetts as part of Lambda Kappa Rho's Project Cradle Care program. Their team brought a community resource fair component and successfully set our moms up with additional resources such as heat and rent assistance, doulas, and wellness supplies.

Each baby shower is uniquely planned with thoughtful intention. First and foremost, we want expectant moms to know that while their circumstances might be challenging, they are not alone. We create an atmosphere of community by inviting minimally 50 moms to each baby shower. Our kind and compassionate female hosts seat each mom at a table where she meets other moms like herself; no one sits alone.

Our MCs ask fun questions that everyone at the table gets to answer which always stirs up laughter, camaraderie and conversation. Each detail from the fresh flowers, catered meal and desserts, to the photo booth with a framed photo as a memento of the day is designed to remind mom that she can do this! Set in an atmosphere of warmth, encouragement, and cheering one another on, moms leave feeling loved, seen, and prepared.

These baby showers are important because many of the women we serve are victims of domestic violence and homelessness, are single mothers, and are most impacted by shifts in government programs.



The "Single-Mother" Crisis:

The most devastating statistic of 2025 was the poverty rate for families headed by a single female householder.

- **Rate:** 31.2% of all single-mother families in Rhode Island lived in poverty in 2025.
- **The Driver:** This specific demographic was hit hardest by the "DOGE shocks" because they were statistically more likely to rely on the specific programs that were cut (childcare subsidies, nutritional education, and Section 8 housing support).
- **Core Cities:** In Woonsocket and Central Falls, this rate was even higher, with nearly half (48%) of all single-mother households living below the poverty line.

We look forward to expanding our Baby Shower Program into additional states in 2026 where we can support and resource more expectant mothers in need.



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Testimonials



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“This is my beautiful daughter, Alanna, she’s grown so much! I was very happy to participate in the baby shower, it helped me a lot.”

Andrea M.

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“Congratulations on your 5 year anniversary! We had a great time at the baby shower we went to and so much appreciate all your help.”

Veronica M.

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“I had such a good time in the baby shower last year! Thank you for sharing all your love and support for all these pregnant women. The events are so beautiful and charming. My baby is 4 months old now.”

Yastania T.

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“Thank you all for such love and care!”
Yahaira M.

“Thank you for the car seat and corral for my baby!”
Marilay M.



“My baby girl turned two years old a few weeks ago, and we still have a high chair that I received at the baby shower. Thank you so much!”
Carolyn L.



Missions Trips

We Heart Missions launched in 2025 as we hosted two mission trip teams to serve at the Red Misericordia Orphanage in the Dominican Republic. This orphanage cares for 150 children, ranging from premature infants to 18 year olds.



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We are especially grateful for the two baby showers through our VIDA program, which serves pregnant adolescents in vulnerable situations. These events blessed 81 young mothers and provided them with encouragement and support during an important season of their lives. We also appreciate your support in the construction of the restrooms in our early childhood area (ALERIA), creating a more comfortable environment for our children.

- Olga Noboa de Arocha
General Director, Red de Misericordia

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Red Misericordia

Red Misericordia also supports two additional organizations: VIDA provides education and some supplies to teen moms and VEA provides housing, medical care, and training for young women who have been abused by family members. Our teams had the honor of:

- Caring for the over a dozen babies in the nursery each day
- Feeding over 30 toddlers lunch
- Assisting teachers in classrooms
- Hosting kids festivals with inflatables, games, activities, and pizza
- Daily recreation and bonding time with the kids
- Completing painting and construction projects.
- Throwing baby showers to resource 100 teen moms through their VIDA program
- Teaching VEA young women about self and baby care

We are thankful to our new partners at Red Misericordia where we will be able to resource the children during the year and host an annual trip to serve them as well.



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In addition to our own mission trips, we resourced other mission partners in the work they do. Our goal in 2026 is to send serve teams to an additional country to serve more children in need.

“We want to express our deepest gratitude for your generous support of Go Be International. Your partnership has made a profound impact, and we are incredibly grateful to have you as part of our mission. Because of your direct support, we were able to provide dental care to hundreds of underserved children in Friusa, Dominican Republic in 2025. We built and furnished a complete home for a family of 9 in Guatemala, and provided food to 185 families altogether. These and more achievements are a testament to your kindness and trust in the work we do.”

- Dr. Angeles Felix, GoBe Founder



“I want give thanks to We Heart Lives for their donations to Fundación Canela located here in Bonao, Dominican Republic. We help so many kids in need by giving away backpacks and school supplies every year. We Heart Lives donations help our children and parents very much.”

-Juana Canela,
Fundación Canela
Founder





Community Connections

We're thankful to meet and serve the thousands of families that attend our Bash events to receive resources they need set in an atmosphere of joy and dignity.



1,500
Thanksgiving Groceries



2,000
Toys Given



1,585
Backpacks



1,000
Outfits



10,000+
Community Attendance

Due to the many cuts in governmental programs, We Heart Lives provided even more support in 2025 than anticipated at the start of the year.

Rhode Island saw roughly a 20% surge in child poverty year-over-year in 2025 totaling 32,500. This was one of the largest single-year increases in the state's modern history.

The statistics for families (households with related individuals) reveal that single-parent households bore the brunt of the 2025 economic shifts.

Total Families in Poverty:

Approximately 23,400 families

Working Poor Families:

A significant portion (nearly 40%) of these families had at least one adult working part-time or full-time, but their income fell below the federal poverty line.

Deep Poverty:

A disturbing trend noted in the 2025 "RI Kids Count" special report was the rise of families in deep poverty to 9,800 families (earning less than 50% of the federal poverty level—roughly \$12,900 a year for a family of three).

These were the families most affected by the "impoundment" of federal heating assistance funds (LIHEAP) during the winter of 2025, leading to a spike in shelter usage in Providence.

As we learned of SNAP benefits being cut, we ramped up to offer more supplies to families hit the hardest to defray extra costs for struggling moms and dads.





Back to School Bash

Our 9th annual Back to School Bash held at Delsesto Middle School was our best one yet! Over 3,500 people attended our massive community block party to enjoy the festive atmosphere, free hot dogs + ice cream, take photos with super heroes + princesses, as well as the children enjoying inflatables, games, and face painting.

We host this event each year to provide resources parents can pick up while retaining their dignity and giving their kids a positive and super fun experience. Thanks to all of our donors and partners, like Awakening Church and the Picerne Foundation, we gave away 1,500 backpacks stocked with notebooks, folders, crayons, rulers, and pencils.

In addition, we gave away over 1,000 outfits from our partners at Old Navy, Burlington, and Luna Bear clothing. Lastly, kids loved our outdoor barber shop with 14 professional barbers on hand who gave 200 fresh haircuts!





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Thanksgiving Bash

The holidays can be a particularly difficult time when struggling financially. It was more important than ever for us to increase the number of Thanksgiving grocery bags in 2025. Set in a similar atmosphere as our Back to School Bash, we gave away 1,375 bags of food that included fresh organic vegetables from our partners at Farm Fresh RI. We also gave away over 100 winter coats from Eddie Bauer.



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Christmas Bash

Each year, we want to make the Christmas season special for the families. We hosted our 9th annual Christmas Bash at Delsesto Middle School where Santa + Mrs. Claus were on hand to greet children and take photos, and our holiday elves handed out cocoa + cookies to the 3,000+ in attendance. Kids decorated cookies and ornaments, played on inflatables, and got their faces painted in holiday themes. Thanks to all who donated, children had a huge variety of toys to choose from. In all, we gave away 2,000 toys!



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Family Visitation Program

Knowing that rising grocery and clothing costs, along with reductions in federal subsidies, would impact children of incarcerated parents and their guardians, our donors stepped up. We Heart Lives increased its budget to bring more games, activities, and birthday and Christmas gifts to our Family Visitation Program, helping ease the financial burden on families.

It's crucial that children continue to visit with their parents to rebuild their bond and trust so when dad or mom comes home, there is forgiveness and a chance for a brighter future as a family.

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Throughout the year, RIDOC Re-Entry Services Unit and the Parenting office encourages incarcerated parents to build a sensible bond and closeness with their children. The unit is still not back in full force, and we are aware that families are struggling to keep kids connected.

With so many barriers that could prevent anyone from the ability to sponsor a child's holiday wishes, you stepped up to the challenge and extended an understanding hand which helped warm the hearts of children of incarcerated parents right up to the final hours.

Your support for the children of Incarcerated parents continues to fill a void that would seem impossible without your contribution to the families that are struggling to stay afloat and remain connected.

On behalf of the over 250 Children of the Incarcerated & their families served by the department of corrections this past holiday season we send you a warm and heartfelt thank you!”

- TeLisa Richardson, LCSW
RIDOC Parenting Coordinator

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Adoption RI Partnership

When Adoption RI lost a couple of key program sponsors, they counted on our partnership to help fill the gap. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we were able to sponsor their July back to school event, which provided an outdoor barbecue with games, face painting, inflatables and stocked backpacks to kids in need.

We also sponsored the "Gift Store" at their annual Siblings Forever birthday celebration in August. Children, adopted/fostered into separate families, get together for this event to celebrate one another's birthdays. They get to 'shop' for one another and exchange gifts, as well as do activities and games together. It's an amazing event!

We Heart Lives provided young men and women who aged out of the foster care system with much needed personal hygiene items, food, and household goods to help them get on their feet.

For the past few years, Adoption RI provides We Heart Lives with additional Christmas gifts for children who are not part of the Family Visitation program at Cranston Prisons. Prior to this partnership, these children did not receive help. To help facilitate the work it takes to notate, sort, and distribute the volume of gifts, our team helped to coordinate a new computerized system. We remain grateful for our partnership with Adoption RI and look forward to partnering in additional areas to help more children.



Foster Friends



In our second year of providing quarterly resources to RI DCYF and Child Protection Services, we remain grateful for the work social workers do to safeguard vulnerable children. We're thankful that we are able to give them essentials needed to safely place children in temporary care.

"These items have been so well received by staff and families. DCYF + CPS staff are so appreciative to have items such as a pack and play or bouncer seat to give to a family in need. There is always a family that could benefit from all of the items you make available to us.

We thank you for choosing us to be your recipients and are grateful for your support. Specifically, we recently had a family who was homeless. We were able to secure housing for the family, but being able to provide a pack and play and filled diaper bag was one less stress for the family to have to secure.

The items come in handy on a daily basis and help us fill in gaps of the extraordinary needs of the families we serve."

Erin Mullen, CPS Supervisor



DCYF & CPS
sites received aid
across Rhode Island



Holly's Closet

We Heart Lives partnered with Holly's Closet, an organization created by Colby Bane to honor her mother who was killed by a drunk driver. Colby wanted to provide new clothing, shoes, personal hygiene items, and other essentials free of charge to students who live at or below the poverty line.

She launched at her mother's alma mater, Pilgrim High School in Warwick, RI. We wanted to further her impact and help them launch more closets at Exeter-West Greenwich Junior and High Schools, as well as Toll Gate High School. Together, these closets will be accessible to over 1,800 students.



Impact Church

Impact Church, which serves the Providence community, suffered a fire that devastated its building. We Heart Lives provided the necessary resources to rebuild their children's classrooms so they could continue teaching in temporary spaces. Just a few months later, Impact was able to purchase a new building.



Gabriel House

The Gabriel House Assisted Living Facility fire in July 2025 was deemed one of the worst fire-related tragedies and loss of life in Massachusetts' modern history. To help the families impacted, We Heart Lives donated to them through the fund set up by the Firefighter's Wives Association.



Crossroads Family Shelter

Due to federal aid cuts leaving a shortage for Crossroads Family Shelter, We Heart Lives created a new partnership to provide essential resources across their three family facilities. We provided diaper bags, bottles, strollers, baby clothing, diapers/wipes, and playpens to families in need.



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We Heart Lives Missions

Resourcing and serving vulnerable families around the world.



GoBe Int'l

Dental and Medical services in El Salvador, Guatemala, & Dominican Republic



Be'ad Chaim | Israel

Helping Israeli women choose life.



Charity Water | Malawi

Bringing clean and safe water to everyone.



Nazarene Fund | Int'l

To free the captives and restore the lives of persecuted minorities.



Samaritan's Purse Int'l

Providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world.



Watoto Villages | Africa

Empowering children with the resources to thrive.



Citizens Church | Hawaii, USA

Support victims of the Maui fires.





Robb School Memorial Fund | Texas, USA

Providing support to the families affected by a mass shooting tragedy.



Dream Center | Los Angeles, USA

Supporting those facing homelessness, hunger, and education gaps.



Zoe Church | Los Angeles, USA

Zoe is passionate about the local church, loving God and loving people



Fellowship of Israel Related Ministries (FIRM) | Israel

Resources families impacted by war.



“Thank you for faithfully partnering with us to bring comfort to the brokenhearted, provision to those in need, and encouragement to those walking through uncertainty. Your contributions made many projects possible, including: providing trauma care, counseling, and practical assistance to single mothers, children, and orphans affected by war, and supporting pregnant women. You also helped us launch the rebuilding of safe, sustainable homes with bomb shelters for families displaced along Israel's northern border.”

- Sandy Shoshani
Be'Ad Chaim National Director

The Palisades and Eaton fires devastated the Los Angeles, California areas in January 2025 causing \$60 billion in damages and forcing hundreds of thousands to evacuate. It stands as the costliest wildfire event in US history. We Heart Lives partnered with the LA Dream Center and Zoe Church to provide food, water, clothing and other necessities to those impacted by the wildfires.

We Heart Lives donated over \$5,700 to St. Jude's Children's Hospital through Ryan Trahan's 50 States in 50 Days campaign to help eradicate childhood cancer.



With Gratitude

We are so very thankful for the generosity of our partners and donors, without whom we couldn't do the work we do each year.

Through financial donations, employer-matched gifts, fundraisers, community grants and gifts in kind, we are able to do greater work each year. A special thank you to our incredible volunteers who make it happen with such kindness and care!



Awakening Church



Feed RI



Ocean State Job Lot



United Healthcare



Amica



Bank of America



The Realtor Foundation



Farm Fresh RI



Luna Bear Gear



Frito Lay



Adoption RI



Harmony Women's Care



Amenity Aid



DCYF RI



Project Undercover



Meeting Street



St. Martin de Poirres



Thermo Dynamics



Picerne Foundation



Holly's Closet





Operation Blessing



Books Are Wings



American Widow Project



TAPS



RI Department of Correction



FIRM Israel



Franchesca's Florals



Calise & Sons Bakery



Lambda Kappa



Eddie Bauer

Partner With Us



SERVE

Make an impact every month with the We Heart Lives team!



DONATE

100% of all funding that comes in for We Heart Lives goes directly to helping families and vulnerable communities.



Join us in making a difference!









We Heart Lives is a solution-driven 501 (c) (3) organization based in Rhode Island with a mission to resource and strengthen families, women and children through community events, as well as, to support organizations help those in need around the world.

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