



ANNUAL REPORT 2025

**Providing Homeless Solutions
and Support for over 50 Years**

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Help for Today & Hope for Tomorrow

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***Providing Help for Today
...and Hope for Tomorrow!***



ABOUT US

A Legacy of Compassion

In 1972, the Mennonite Church began a humble outreach on the boardwalk in Ocean City, offering support to individuals experiencing homelessness. What started as a small act of kindness—young adults opening a home on Old Bridge Road for overnight shelter—has grown into what is now Diakonia.

Today, that same location is part of a 55-bed emergency shelter providing safe housing for men, women, families, individuals, and veterans. Guests receive three nutritious meals daily, access to essential amenities, and the support of trained staff available 24/7. Through intensive case management, individuals are guided on a path toward stability and independence.



Incorporated in 1986, Diakonia has expanded its mission beyond shelter. Now serving the entire Tri-County Lower Eastern Shore, the organization delivers Mobile Outreach Services, Eviction Prevention, and Rapid Re-Housing programs—working to prevent homelessness before it begins and quickly rehouse those in crisis. Starting in 2015, Diakonia made a strong commitment to serving homeless Veterans, ensuring that every Veteran has a place to call home.

Operating Highlights

In January 2025, Diakonia secured a two-year grant through the Maryland Opioid Restitution Fund to launch its **Mobile Homeless Outreach Team**, on a full-time basis, across the Lower Shore. This expanded the work of the successfully piloted Rapid Response Team model, which still responds in the town of Ocean City. The Mobile Team also received **the PATH grant for Wicomico County**, strengthening its ability to connect individuals experiencing homelessness with community-based mental health and substance use disorder resources in the county.

The Mobile Outreach Team operates as a frontline response unit, addressing calls from community members, partner agencies, and emergency dispatch regarding individuals who may be unsheltered. The team conducts weekly outreach sweeps in known encampment areas, offering essential services, safety checks, and crisis intervention.

Its core mission is to build trust with vulnerable residents and support access to shelter, mental health care, and substance use disorder treatment, while coordinating with county emergency services during life-threatening situations.

Looking Ahead

In 2025, Diakonia took a transformational step forward with the launch and continued advancement of **the Supportive Living Campus Capital Campaign**—an investment in the future of how we serve individuals, families, and Veterans across Maryland’s Lower Eastern Shore.

This multi-phase project is designed to centralize and expand critical services into one coordinated campus, improving access, efficiency, and dignity for those we serve.

Phase I focuses on bringing together an **expanded Food Pantry** and distribution hub, a **larger Thrift Store** and Donation Center, and a new **Veteran and Homeless Outreach Center** under one roof. Currently, many of these services operate across multiple locations, limiting privacy and efficiency. This new campus will allow Diakonia to better meet growing community needs with a more coordinated, client-centered approach.

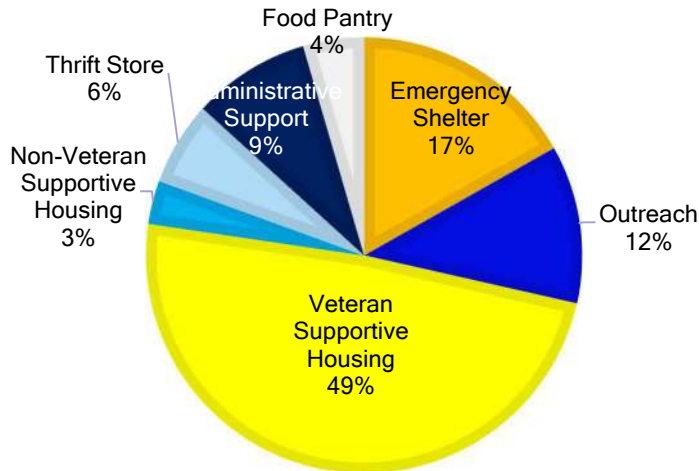
Thanks to strong early leadership and community support, the campaign has generated significant momentum. To date, **Diakonia has secured commitments for over \$3 million of the \$7.35 million Phase I project costs** and is looking forward to a kickoff celebration in November of 2026.

Key investments have come from a combination of private donors, local partners, and public funding sources, including a **\$700,000 allocation in the State of Maryland's FY27 budget**. While this progress is significant, critical work remains. Diakonia continues to actively pursue additional funding through major gifts, state and federal grant opportunities, and strategic partnerships to fully realize Phase I and prepare for **Phase II, which will include the development of over 42 supportive housing units** to address the region's growing affordable housing crisis and emergency shelter overcrowding.

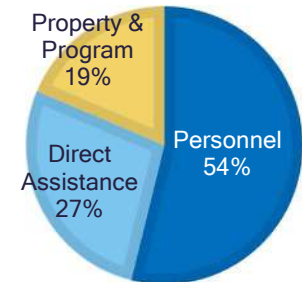
The Supportive Living Campus represents more than a building—it is a **long-term solution to homelessness and housing instability in our community**. By investing in this project, supporters are helping create a future where individuals and families have access to the resources, stability, and support they need to move forward with dignity. **Hope starts here**—and with continued support, it will continue to grow.



PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Emergency Shelter | \$530,200 |
| Outreach | \$370,000 |
| Veteran Supportive Housing | \$1,538,500 |
| Non-Veteran Housing | \$101,750 |
| Thrift Store | \$196,000 |
| Administrative Support | \$275,800 |
| Food Pantry | \$141,800 |
| TOTAL | \$3,154,050 |



WHERE DOES MY MONEY GO?

Veteran and Non-Veteran Housing Services

Diakonia is dedicated to ensuring that no US Veteran is homeless, committing the largest portion of its budget (49%) to do so. Together with non-Veterans, Diakonia provides 51% of its budget to housing people permanently in their own home, balancing location and affordability.

Emergency Relief Programming

Another 33% goes toward **Emergency Relief Programming**. This includes Emergency Shelter Programming (17%), Mobile Outreach (12%), and Food Pantry Assistance (4%). While Shelter only accounts for 17% of the overall budget, governmental support only accounts for only 20% of the program's expenditures, heavily relying on community donations.

Administrative and Fundraising Supports

Less than 10% is invested in **Administrative Overhead**. By including the Thrift Store, this percentage increases to 15%, however the **Thrift Store** itself provides relief services to clients. These Supportive Services are the drivers of income for programs as well as providing fiscal accountability and ensuring measurable outcomes. Diakonia makes every effort to utilize resources efficiently and effectively, with only 1% of the budget invested in fundraising efforts.

Human Resources

Human Resources are our greatest resource. Over half of all funds (54%) are devoted to the training and retention of an amazing staff. **The best indicator of a thriving non-profit is the quality of those who deliver those services.** Diakonia is proud of its employee retention success.

Direct Assistance

Direct Assistance to the Client (**rent, utilities, food, and other human necessities**) makes up over a quarter (27%) of all expenses, leaving less than 20% on property, professional services (accounting/IT/audits/pest control), office expenses, and other equipment.



Through Adult Mental Health First Aid Training, Diakonia staff strengthen our understanding of the barriers our community faces

Theodore's Story...

"My name is Theodore; I have lived in Ocean City for 24 years. I served in the Army National Guard and was discharged honorably with a Rank E4 Specialist of supplies. I worked at the Sheraton Hotel for 9 years, working part-time jobs hanging in the cabinets for the Lighthouse in Fenwick. I also worked for Golden Sands for 12 years as a heating and cooling engineer. I had to retire from my job at Golden Sands because of an illness, and now I am getting disability pay. My previous landlord sold the apartment that I had been living in for 14 years, which is how I ended up at Diakonia. I was able to find a new apartment on 62nd Street, where I have been staying for 6 years, thanks to the great service of my case manager, Shantee Pike, at Diakonia. Diakonia has been good to me over the years through the Supportive Services for Veteran Families Rental Subsidy Program".



Our Impact

Diakonia is committed to doing everything within its capacity to reduce the impact of homelessness in our community. This is a complex issue with many dimensions. **There are no one-size-fits-all solutions that will work for every individual.** One of the fundamental freedoms we value as Americans is the right to make our own choices. At the same time, living in community considers a social contract that individual rights adapt to the goodness of the whole.

Recognizing the human element of those at risk is at the heart of this issue. People are inherently complex, and do not always act in ways that others might believe are in their best interest. Individuals experiencing homelessness are at greater risk. Many have endured prolonged trauma, and loss of trust in the system which fosters a “survival” mindset that **prioritizes immediate relief over long-term planning or decision-making.** These patterns, while understandable, are difficult to challenge without great sensitivity.

It’s the primary reason that **Diakonia is hardwired to adapt to the changes in people, policies, funding, and resources.** Diakonia listens and evaluates for potential gaps in community services, and restructures methods to better reach those in need. It does this while ensuring less duplication of services in the region and providing a network of options that help each individual make informed decisions regarding their plan toward independence. Diakonia may be smaller than other organizations, but it has a huge local impact.

Services Provided in Worcester, Wicomico, and Somerset Counties

- Mobile Outreach Homeless Response Team
- 24/7 Emergency Coordinated Assessment Hotline
- Eviction Prevention and Financial Assistance
- Emergency Shelter Programming and Meals
- Landlord Engagement & Mediation
- Rapid Rehousing Navigation & Support
- 24/7 Emergency On-Site Food Pantry
- SNAP Application Assistance
- Employment Connection Services
- Wraparound Supportive Services for Homeless Veterans and Families

| # Served* | FY 2024 | FY 2025 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Food Pantry | 3068 | 4932 |
| Outreach | 202 | 321 |
| Shelter | 245 | 274 |
| Eviction Prevention | 159 | 209 |
| Permanent Housing | 186 | 186 |
| Total | 3860 | 5922 |
| | | |
| <i>Individuals served in the Veteran Program</i> | 142 | 227 |

* All numbers are unduplicated clients*

Programs and Services

Mobile Homeless Outreach Team

Diakonia’s Mobile Homeless Outreach Team continued to strengthen its impact across the Lower Shore, building on the foundation established by the piloted Rapid Response Team (RRT). This multidisciplinary unit—made up of Case Managers and Peer Support Specialists, provides immediate, compassionate, and non-criminalizing support to individuals experiencing homelessness. By meeting people where they are, **the team conducts on-site emergency assessments, addresses urgent medical and behavioral health needs, and connects individuals to housing and treatment resources.** This care-first model has deepened trust with vulnerable residents and reduced barriers to essential services. The Lower Shore has the 2nd highest percentage of homeless people per population in the State of Maryland following only Baltimore City.



In 2025, Mobile Outreach Team met with 423 homeless people on the Lower Shore, of which 321 were unduplicated individuals. Fifty-three percent (53%) agreed to Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder Treatment, which reflects both improved service coordination and successful transitions into treatment options. The team continued to expand its community presence by strengthening referral networks, evaluating the quality of local resources, and offering training to clients, staff, and area businesses.

A key achievement this year was Diakonia’s expanded **Narcan training initiative.** While the original goal was to train 120 individuals, the outreach team trained more than 325 people in the safe and effective use of this lifesaving medication.

Diakonia also invested in building the region’s **Peer Support Network.** The organization supported 44 individuals in pursuing Peer Support Specialist certification; with five earning their Maryland Certification in 2025, and two additional participants Certified in Peer Support Supervision.

Coordinated Assessment and Entry



The 24/7 Coordinated Assessment Hotline is a crucial component between the Outreach Team’s effectiveness and its close cooperation with the Emergency Shelter Program. Through this partnership, the outreach team receives **real-time referrals for individuals in crisis,** enabling rapid response, safety checks, and immediate linkage to shelter, treatment, or emergency services. This coordination ensures that no call for help goes unanswered and that individuals experiencing homelessness have continuous access to support at any time, even when the Outreach Team is unavailable.

Coordinated Assessment **helps identify individuals for specialized resources** such as those experiencing Domestic Violence, are Underage, or are a US Military Veteran. It also provides immediate referrals to shelter services across the Lower Shore.

In limited amounts, the Coordinated Assessment manager can authorize funds to **prevent eviction or utility cutoffs**; or refer to an organization who can. Diakonia helped prevent the eviction of over 200 people in 2025.

Diakonia receives over 15,000 calls per year through the Coordinated Assessment Hotline with just over 650 completing full assessments. Forty-two percent (42%) entered Diakonia's Emergency Shelter program within 24 hours, with 32% preventing eviction or utility cutoff. The remaining 26% were diverted to other local shelters or housing resources such as Life Crisis and Supportive Services for Veteran's Families.

Emergency Shelter Program



Diakonia's 55+ bed emergency shelter remained a cornerstone of stability and safety for individuals and families experiencing homelessness across the Lower Shore. **Operating year-round, and all day, the shelter provides far more than a place to sleep, delivers a structured, supportive environment designed to help residents rebuild their lives with dignity and direction.**

Every guest receives three **nutritious meals** each day, ensuring consistent access to food security while reducing the daily stressors that often accompany homelessness. Alongside these essential services, Diakonia offers **intensive case management**, where trained staff work one-on-one with residents to address barriers such as employment, housing readiness, behavioral health needs, and access to benefits. This personalized support helps residents set achievable goals and move toward long-term stability.

While expectation of discharge is within 90 days, those who are actively working toward goals such as **obtaining identification and necessary documentation**, securing **employment**, connecting with **recovery resources**, and **searching for housing**; may remain beyond this period as long as they continue making progress toward those objectives.

Diakonia served nearly 275 people in their Emergency Shelter Program providing Permanent Housing for 38% of all residents. An additional 25% were reunited with families, with 15% were admitted to treatment facilities. This leaves only 22% of shelter residents returning to homelessness. Those who stay and meet goals for at least 30 days have an 80% chance of being placed in permanent housing.

Rapid Rehousing Navigation and Support

Diakonia provides **housing navigation for Veterans and those in Diakonia's Shelter, offering financial assistance to assist in rehousing those who qualify;** such as application fees, security deposits, and first month's rent to get started in new permanent housing. This immediate assistance allows clients to stabilize while working toward long-term financial independence. Diakonia tracks progress over 2 years from the date of housing to ensure ongoing stability. **Diakonia provided permanent housing for 186 people in 2025.**



Landlord Engagement and Mediation

Diakonia partners with landlords who are committed to housing Diakonia's patrons, enabling the organization to match clients through a Housing First Model. This approach ensures that **every resident is placed in housing that aligns with their individual needs**, including proximity to employment opportunities, access to transportation, and availability of supportive services.

Before placement, all housing units are **inspected by a trained Housing Navigator**, who also serves as a liaison between the resident and the landlord. This dual role helps **establish a positive relationship from the outset**. Should problems arise, Diakonia will work with both the resident and the Landlord to ensure a positive outcome which may include transfer to another unit without incurring eviction or loss of deposit fees. In exchange, Diakonia's landlords often help those who would not usually qualify for general housing due to problems with background, credit, and rental history checks.



Thrift Store Vouchers

Diakonia provides **clothing and other necessities** for shelter and outreach clients. Upon acquisition of a move-in date, Diakonia has set aside **furniture and move-in kits** to assist with residents setting up their new home. The value of items donated back to those in need exceeds \$15,000.

24/7 Food Pantry

While the pantry is technically open 24/7 in case of emergencies in the form of "to-go" bags; **volunteers are readily available to serve**



SNAP Outreach Application Assistance

Diakonia screens for potential benefit qualifications, especially in relation to SNAP. If eligible, **Diakonia will assist patrons in completing the application** without going to County Social Services. Diakonia will also provide an address for homeless persons to receive such benefits in the mail until a more permanent address can be secured. **Diakonia assisted in helping 105 households in gaining SNAP benefits.**

Employment Connection Services

Diakonia ensures that all patrons are either engaged or looking for employment. In areas where the resident is retired or disabled, **Diakonia ensures that housing options are in line with fixed income households.** Diakonia **partners with various workplace development agencies**, while also developing relationships with local businesses who are in need of front-line employees.

Veteran Specific Services

Emergency Housing Assistance

Diakonia offers **immediate emergency shelter placement**, or temporary hotel accommodations, for up to 60 days when shelter space is unavailable or unable to adequately meet the needs of the Veteran and their family in community shelter living. Diakonia's Outreach Team works with the Housing Navigator to transition the Veteran into more stabilized housing as soon as possible.

Healthcare Navigation

All Veterans are connected with Diakonia's Healthcare Navigator, who evaluates and **helps address medical and mental health needs for both the Veteran and their family.** With the Veteran's consent, the Navigator coordinates appointments and arranges transportation as needed. Additionally, the Navigator conducts in-person check-ins every three months for up to two years after the Veteran is housed, ensuring their ongoing health and well-being remain a priority.

families in the community, M-F 8:30am-4pm. Almost all food is donated by local businesses, special events, and governmental agencies. Food Pantry donations are also used to make meals for shelter residents. The Food Pantry continues to grow **servicing over 12,000 people in 2025, of which just over 5000 were unduplicated.**

In addition, Diakonia hosted 4 **"Food Pantry on the Go"** events in cooperation with Maryland Food Bank to provide food in rural areas that lack transportation to local food banks or grocery stores.

Legal Access in Regard to Housing Issues

Diakonia further supports Veterans by providing **access to legal consultation services** to advocate on their behalf in cases of unfair treatment by a landlord or other agency creating barriers to housing. At the same time, Diakonia works closely with clients to ensure they are prepared to be responsible tenants, helping maintain landlord confidence and uphold property standards.

Additional Veteran Housing Options


Diakonia collaborates with Veterans' Administration's **HUD-VASH** Case Managers to secure housing vouchers for eligible Veterans. For those who do not qualify for HUD-VASH, the organization offers a **Shallow Subsidy Program**, covering 50% of rent for up to two years, with the possibility of renewal based on income eligibility.



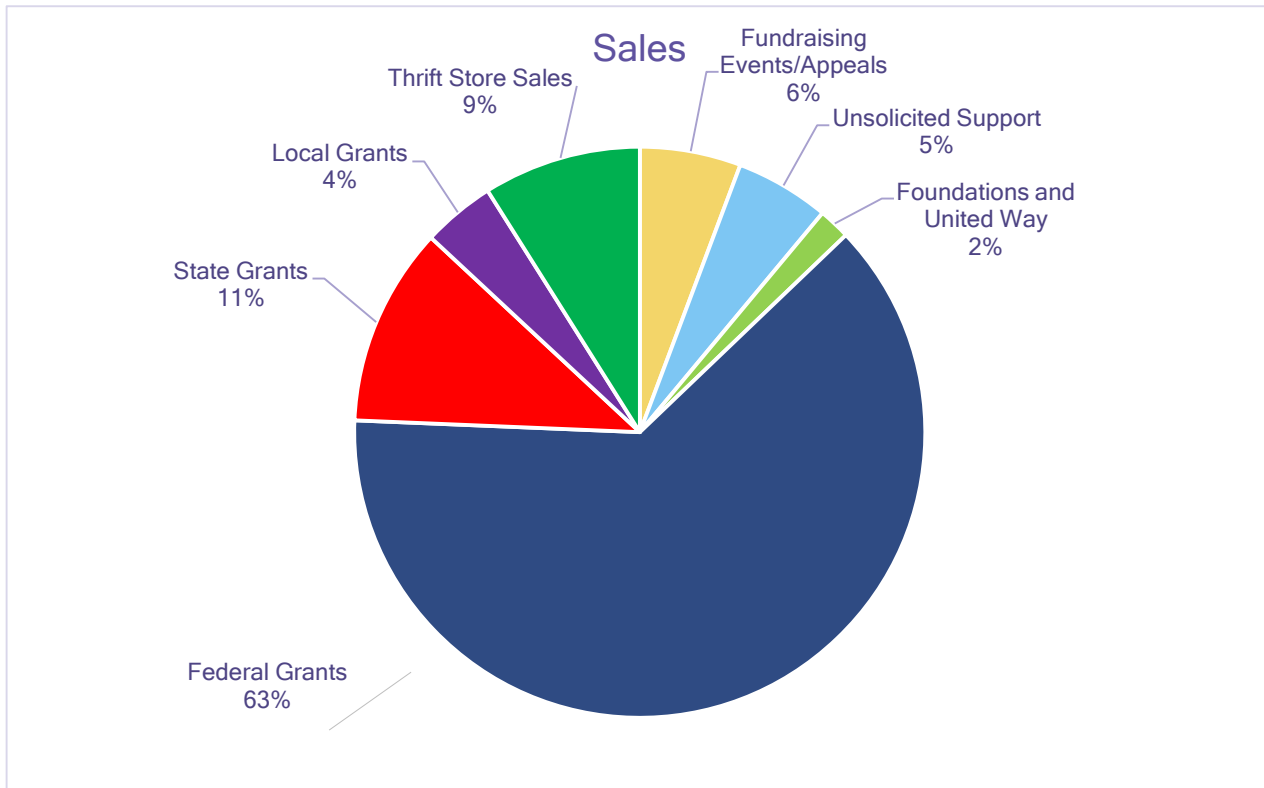
...Another Life Changed

In October 2025, the Mobile Outreach Team responded to a referral from local law enforcement regarding a mother and her eleven-year-old daughter who were found sleeping in a storage unit. Upon engagement, the team conducted an immediate needs assessment and successfully connected the family to supportive services (SNAP/EBT benefits/Maryland Medicaid Insurance).

Through collaboration with local partner agencies, emergency funds were secured to provide temporary hotel accommodation, ensuring immediate safety and stability. During intake, the mother disclosed an extensive history of substance use and presented under the influence, reporting recent alcohol misuse.

Recognizing the complexity of her needs, the team coordinated closely with the local emergency shelter, securing placement for both mother and child. Once in a safe environment, the team facilitated connections to peer support and the local recovery community. These interventions marked the beginning of her sobriety journey. This case illustrates the program's capacity to respond rapidly to crisis situations, leverage community partnerships, and deliver integrated services that address both immediate safety and long-term recovery goals. 

WHERE DOES OUR FUNDING COME FROM?



Government Funding

Contracts with Federal and State Agencies make up 74% of Diakonia's total income for services to the community. Diakonia receives over half (52%) of its Federal funding through the **Veterans' Administration** to operate Supportive Services to Veterans' Families, as well as provide Contract Shelter Beds for eligible Veterans. Additionally, Diakonia receives funding through the **USDA and DHCD** for shelter, outreach, and rapid-rehousing assistance, and benefit coordination.

The amount of Government Funding increased drastically this year due to a new two-year grant through the **Maryland Opioid Restitution Fund** (\$750,000) to fund the Mobile Homeless Outreach Team through Maryland's Office of Opioid Response.

Diakonia is especially thankful for their relationship with the **Town of Ocean City and Worcester County** for raising \$110,000 annually for programs and operations.

Community Fundraising

Diakonia's **4th Annual Turkey Trot** on the Ocean City Boardwalk over Thanksgiving was a huge success. It raised over \$40,000, which was nearly 2x last year's event total of \$27,000.



Diakonia also held its **1st Annual Bingo Event** in lieu of a Golf Tournament, and raised over \$15,000 at the Ocean Downs Casino in March 2025.

Giving Tuesday raised more than double last year's amount, collecting \$11,500 through the Shore Gives More Campaign initiated by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

In addition to the annual Diakonia fundraisers, community business and civic organizations raised nearly \$7,500 through local events held on Diakonia's behalf, with the **Bearded Men's Society** raising an additional \$10,000.

Foundations and Community Grants



The **Lower Shore Workforce Alliance** has partnered with Diakonia to ensure that all clients have access to employment opportunities. Through this collaboration, clients at the Emergency Shelter received bicycles, bike repairs, safety gear, repair equipment, and access to repair classes—providing reliable transportation to support their employment needs.

Additionally, the Workforce Alliance brings its Employment Bus to the shelter on a bi-weekly basis. This service provides valuable resources, including resume-building assistance and on-site printing, to help residents prepare for and secure jobs.

The **Maryland Food Bank** granted Diakonia \$7,000 for a new generator at the Emergency Shelter/Food Pantry to ensure power continuity in case of emergency weather, in addition to a \$5,000 grant for food during the Government Shutdown. **The Community Foundation** gave an additional \$10,000 during the crisis.

TCC Verizon purchased a new shed on the Shelter, while the **Choptank Electric Cooperative and the Ocean City Elks** gave over \$10,000 to purchase new waterproof, bed-bug proof mattresses for the emergency shelter.

Through a cooperative agreement between **Gillis Gilkerson and Contractors' for a Cause**, Diakonia's fence at the emergency shelter was completely rebuilt.

Diakonia is proud to be an annual partner with the **United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore** in helping us reach those in need.

Donor and Organizational Relationships

Diakonia couldn't do what it does without its volunteers, donors, and community partners. In many cases, supporting the funding efforts through in-kind gifts that exceed financial donations. Over \$26,000 is raised by civic and church organizations with businesses giving nearly \$20,000 annually.



Thrift Store



Diakonia's **Thrift Store generated over \$250,000 in sales** in 2025, which continues to increase annually. This total does not include the many clothing, furniture, and household vouchers provided to individuals in our shelter programs and to those transitioning into new homes.

The store's success is made possible primarily through the **dedication of our volunteers**, who give countless hours to collecting, picking up, sorting, pricing, and displaying donated items. Equally important are our **generous donors**, whose contributions of gently used goods sustain this vital work. For larger donations, pickup services are available—simply text a photo of the items to the Thrift Store line to arrange a pickup.

Ocean Perks: Life by the Water

As one might expect, **summer is Diakonia's busiest time of the year** in dealing with homelessness in our community. While many homeless service providers are more active in the cold, winter months (and indeed Diakonia is still highly active during this time as well), it is the summer season in which the homeless population nearly doubles given the resort nature of our location. However, one thing Diakonia can always count on, is the community's desire to help our clients thrive.

The **2025 HUK Big Fish Classic Tournament** was a huge success thanks to our community. Diakonia received 600 pounds of Marlin! This was made possible by volunteers and donors who helped pick up and package the fish.



Achievements



In February 2025, Diakonia was honored to receive the **Non-Profit of the Year Award** at Ocean City's 75th Anniversary Diamond Celebration. The award is given to an organization that has made a notable impact on the quality of life for those who live and work in the area while adhering to the non-profit's mission statement.

We are incredibly thankful to the staff, volunteers, donors and board members who made this possible.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



Five-Year Profit/Loss Analysis

While last year's Governmental funding cuts led to a \$60,000 net loss in FY24, **this year's increased income has met the rising costs of providing services** to those in need. This is largely due to an increase in government grants through the State of Maryland, but also an increase in Thrift Store sales and community donations—both financially and in-kind. All of this was accomplished while also raising additional funds for the Capital Campaign for the new Supportive Living Facility calculated separately from the operating analysis below.

Diakonia's commitment to expanding services has led to a significant increase in both grant proposals and awarded funding to better serve the community. It is also met with rising prices and costs of service in the new year. In 2024, Diakonia operated with a budget of \$2,165,922, which has grown to \$2,758,050 for 2025—an increase of \$592,128.

As the new fiscal year begins, Diakonia faces the challenge of balancing the growing demand for services with necessary expense reductions. To sustain and expand its impact, the organization will need to continue to strengthen and diversify its fundraising strategies, especially in the private sector.

Assets

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|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash | \$228,194 |
| Receivables | \$148,982 |
| Pre-paid Expenses | \$11,386 |
| Other Endowments & Assets | \$163,290 |
| Fixed Assets (Property & Equip) | \$1,751,760 |

Total **\$2,303,612**

Liabilities

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|-------------------------|----------|
| Payables | \$34,278 |
| Accrued Wages/Taxes/PTO | \$68,495 |

Total **\$102,773**

Balance Sheet

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|----------|-------------|
| Income | \$2,758,050 |
| Expenses | \$2,779,407 |

Net Profit/Loss **(\$21,357)**

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Receivables | \$148,982 |
| Pre-paid Expenses | \$11,386 |
| Liabilities | (\$102,773) |

Net Analysis **\$57,565**

Total Equity **\$2,282,255**

2025 Circle of Giving (Donor's of \$1000 or more)

American Legion Post #123, Boggs Disharoon
 American Legion Women's Aux, Post #166
 Amigo Creative
 Atlantic Moving Systems
 Atlantic United Methodist Church
 Baker Dickerson Family Foundation
 Bank of Ocean City
 Beach Bum West, LLC
 Bearded Men's Society of Ocean City
 Bethany United Methodist Church
 Chaberton Energy Holdings
 Choptank Cooperative
 Coastal Association of Realtors
 Coastal Community Church
 Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore
 Contractors For a Cause
 Delmarva Power/Exelon
 Disaster Recovery Coalition of America
 Eastern Shore Distributing Limited Partnership
 Faw Casson & Co, LLP
 Franklin P. and Arthur W. Perdue Foundation
 Home Port Properties
 Joan Jenkins Foundation, Inc.
 Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines
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 Lloyd Richardson Scholarship Fund
 The Lewis Family
 Maryland Food Bank
 Maryland Office of Overdose Response
 MD Dept. Housing & Community Development
 Nora Roberts Foundation
 OC Jams LLC
 Ocean City Comic Con
 Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645
 Ocean City Hotel-Motel
 Ocean City Lions' Club
 Ocean Pines Gold Club Members' Council
 Pocomoke Elks Lodge #1624
 Rehoboth Presbyterian Church
 Robert Nock Insurance
 Ron Jon Worldwide
 Starbucks Foundation Neighborhood Grants
 Sysco Corp.
 Talbot Street Classic LLC
 Target Circle Community Support
 Taylor Bank
 TCC Gives, Inc.
 The River, A Wesleyan Church
 Thomas G Hanley Trust
 Town of Ocean City
 US Military Veterans' Motorcycle Club
 United Tour Riders M/C Inc
 United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore
 USDA Food and Nutrition Service
 Veterans' Administration
 Whatcoat United Methodist Church
 White Marlin Outfitters
 Wicomico County Health Department
 Wilde Charitable Foundation, Inc.
 Wilson Community Church

William Allen
 Mary Allgood
 James Almand
 Dale Ash
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 Richard Bainbridge
 Merrill Baker, Jr.
 Bruce and Peggy Barnaba
 Lawrence and Linda Barrett
 Steven Benz
 Aaron Bloom
 Joanne Breedlove
 Colleen Bunting
 Jack Burbage
 Lewis Bush
 Bruce Campbell
 Caryl and Hugo Cardenas
 Reese Cropper
 Shiniqua Crowner
 Jackie Disharoon
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 Charles Fannon
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 Emily Gelman
 Mark Gibson
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 Margaret Hammonds
 Hale Harrison
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 Drew Haugh
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 Mark Humphrey
 Joseph Jankowski
 Michael Kelleher
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 Sharon Marble
 Sara and Bob Martin
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 Malcolm Mellington
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 Kevin Myers
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 Raymond Nornes
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 Elise Olson
 Andrew Orlin
 Marcus Page
 George Palmer
 Samantha Pielstick
 Andrew and Carey Prinaris
 Mary Reese
 Calvin Riddick
 Brian Roberts
 Armando Sandoval
 Mark Schaller
 Eric and Julie Schuetz
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 Earl Sheats
 Joanne Shick
 Louis Shockley
 Cynthia Shreaves
 Allison Snyder
 Frederick Sprock
 Reid Tingle
 Daniel and Janet Trimper
 John and Betty Tustin
 John Valenzano
 Sunny Varg
 Sonia Vargas
 Daryl Weaver
 Joseph Wiedorfer
 Robert Young
 Jennifer Zimmerman



*Staff pose next to the waste picked up in the neighborhood on **Earth Day 2025***

"At the end of the day, Diakonia rises and falls on the dedicated case managers and frontline staff who do amazing work, above and beyond simply having a job. They are our community's miracle workers, who are committed to changing the world, one person at a time. We are so thankful for the community's support. They couldn't do what they do, without you!"

--Ken Argot, Executive Director, Diakonia

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

We couldn't do what we do, without the support of our local community.

Whether it's...

- Volunteering in our Food Pantry,
- Sorting Donations in our Thrift Store,
- Helping Plan a Food and Clothing Drive,
- Cooking a Meal for our Residents,
- Picking up Donations at Local Businesses,
- Donating Goods or Services
- Or Giving Financially...

It's YOU that allows Diakonia to do what it does.



...of all funds, goods, and services stay and are invested back into the lives of those on the Lower Eastern Shore.

Thank you for all you do

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