

The Women's Center

safety • stabilization • transformation

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



*Reflecting on our journey,
Planning for the future*



Letter from the Executive Director

Amy Page
Smith, CFRE

Executive Director,
The Women's Center

Friends,

In 2025, The Women's Center of Wake County continued to meet women where they are—with safety, consistent support, and clear pathways to housing. **Rain or shine, we opened our doors for meals, showers, laundry, and a safe place to stay.** And regardless of the weather, our team and partners worked alongside them on next steps: replacing vital documents, navigating healthcare, strengthening stability, and moving toward housing.

This report reflects what your support made possible in 2025: practical services delivered with dignity, strong community partnerships, and steady progress toward our vision that homelessness for single women is brief, rare, and non-recurring.

Thank you for standing with the women of Wake County.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a light-colored background.

Our Mission:

The Women's Center of Wake County uses evidence-based practices to provide stability and housing for single women experiencing homelessness.

2025 In Review



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Community Partners



At A Glance

- Day Shelter was open over 1,400 hours
- Recuperative Respite provided 3,194 bed-nights
- Housing Support served 218 clients

Partnership is core to how WCWC works. On-site and community partners help bring essential services to women where they already are-reducing barriers to care and strengthening continuity.

Partners and collaborators include organizations providing medical care, behavioral healthcare, education, and housing support, including: Advance Community Health, WakeMed Center for Community Health, Wake County Health and Human Services, Alliance Health, Wake Chapel Church, and many other local housing and homeless support providers.

new **1,027**
intakes

over
1,500
guests
served

22,762 service visits

2025 at The Women's Center

Day Shelter



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1,027



New Client Intakes

The Day Shelter is the foundation of WCWC's work. In 2025, women accessed a safe, low-barrier, trauma-informed environment where they could meet immediate needs and connect with longer-term supports.

Services include meals, showers, laundry, clothing and hygiene supplies, phone and computer access, and case management.



1,991
day shelter
showers

loads of
laundry

1,287

286 enrichment activities

2025 at The Women's Center

Recuperative Respite



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The Women's Center's Recuperative Respite program provides 24-hour safety, stabilization, and housing services for single adult women experiencing homelessness who have a post-acute medical need and cannot safely recover in a shelter or outdoors.

Program capacity: 11 beds

WakeMed partnership: 5 beds reserved for referrals from WakeMed Community Health

43

Women Served



52%

Reduced Healthcare Costs



1,100+
active
volunteers

onsite
Primary Care
visits

404

502 Behavioral Health
visits onsite

2025 at The Women's Center

Housing



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136



Women Housed

Housing

Housing is central to WCWC's mission. Our team supports women with housing navigation and the practical barriers that often stand between someone and a stable home-vital documents, application fees, deposits, transportation to appointments, and coordination with partners across the community.

The most unsheltered women housed of any nonprofit in Wake County's Bridge to Home system in 2025.



meals served **56,095**

women housed

136

43 served through
Recuperative Respite

2025 at The Women's Center

Client Success Story

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Petra Achieves Her Goal

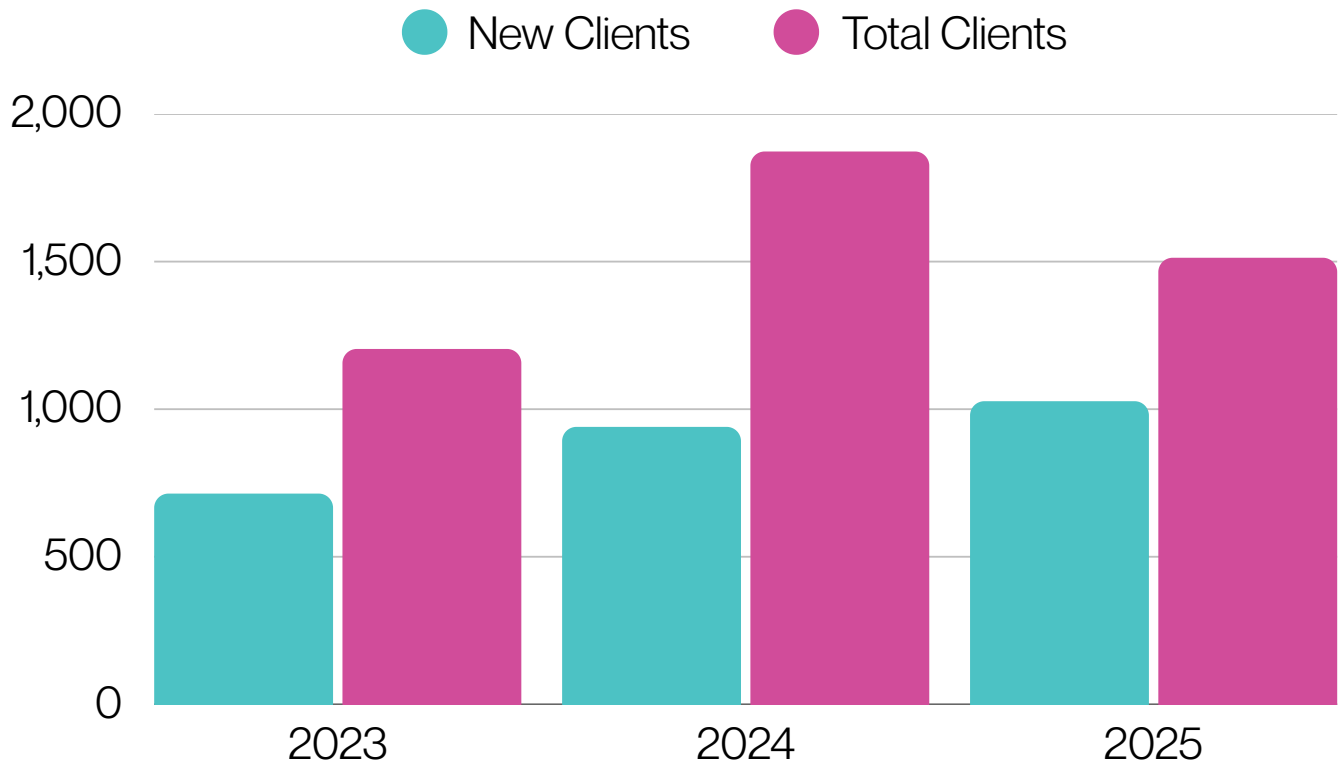
Petra had been homeless for several months when she was discovered on the ground, having suffered from a stroke. She was taken to WakeMed, where she was treated by Dr. Pugh. When Dr. Pugh discovered Petra was unhoused, she referred her to the Women's Center's Recuperative Respite program. While recovering, Petra worked hard to free herself from substance abuse, work on her mental health, and build the skills necessary to gain sustainable housing. Our Recuperative Respite Director, Diane Mitchiner says, "She's a fighter, she may be down one day but she's up the next!" Petra's hard work paid off and she was housed within 60 days of being admitted to the Recuperative Respite program.

Of her time at the Women's Center, Petra says, ***"I'm grateful for the process. I'm grateful for my life. I'm grateful for safe haven. I'm grateful for my bed. I'm grateful for all the staff that loved on me and they still loving on me."***

Service Highlights



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The chart above highlights the Women’s Center’s success in our housing efforts, making a making an impact on decreasing the number of women experiencing homelessness in our community, in spite of an increasing number of new guests..

Revenue

\$1,646,130



Expenses

\$1,385,605



Detailed financials available upon request.

Our Supporters



Thank you!

We are deeply grateful to our donors, volunteers, and partners who make our work possible. Your generosity transforms lives every day.

Major Supporters

- Wake County
- Searstone Community
- City of Raleigh
- More than 500 Individual Donors
- Corporate Partners

Get Involved

Join us as we continue this critical work.

- Volunteer your time
- Donate to support a woman's path to stability
- Schedule a tour of The Women's Center to see firsthand the impact of our work

1,200+

Volunteers



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