

COI ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026

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A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What a year it has been here at COI! I want to make sure that we thank our Board of Directors and our generous Donors and Community Partners for their commitment and dedication, not just this year, but for many years now. When we look back over the last twelve months, one word really stands out: *change*.

Change can be scary. It can be hard. It can also be positive, and necessary to succeed.

COI experienced many levels of change this last year. Change in leadership. Change in staff. Change in board members and responsibilities. But one thing that never changed was the mission and reason why COI is here.

Last summer and early fall, we were facing some difficult decisions. *Can we keep our doors open? Do we need to cut programs? If we cut too much staff to bring our expenses down, can we still manage all of our programs?* Our Board did a fantastic job of working through all of these difficult questions and making decisions to get us where we are today! Doors are open. All programs are running strong, growing *and* thriving!

Our history has shown us that if we are to sustain, we must learn to adapt and change with the times, building on our past experiences and learning from them. As we navigate through this next season for COI and whatever changes come our way, my hope is that we will welcome it, embrace it, and let it make us a stronger, more robust and resilient version of COI.



MIKE SPETEN
MIKE SPETEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A NEW CHAPTER



IN COI HISTORY...

We have some exciting news to share!

COI is partnering with a global nonprofit whose core values align seamlessly with ours. WestCare has over 50 locations that work in tandem with their communities to reach families and individuals struggling with food, shelter, and health. This partnership is allowing COI to remain exactly how we have always been: we keep our existing 501(c)(3) and name, assets remain with COI, and all local money stays local! There are many benefits for both organizations in joining together, but one huge piece for us is the financial stability of the larger WestCare to help where we need it. They have the ability to reach grants and program funding at a much larger scale to help us meet our needs, which allows us to not only maintain each of our programs, but also to expand and enhance programs to meet the needs of our community, both current and future.

This decision was made after an arduous process involving much discussion and a great deal of research. We know some of you may have questions or want to hear more about these plans. We welcome and encourage you to reach out to Mike or current Board Members so we can share with you why we feel this merge is not only positive, but vital to the future of COI!

Through this partnership, you should not see any pause or delay in services, nor see any wavering in what our mission has been, is, and will continue to be. Thank you for your support and patience as we work hard to find solutions to continue to serve so many people in the communities of Linn, Benton, and Lincoln counties.

MORE THAN THE GIFT OF FOOD AND SHELTER...

The need for COI has continued to grow this last year. Our waitlists are longer than ever and the food pantry is hard to keep filled! Many of the 73 adults who have come through our program this year have graduated and found permanent housing, some are still in the program, and occasionally we get people that are not a good fit for the program at that time. When they're ready, COI will be there.

Meet Nicole*... Nicole spent time in the system as a child, and grew up in the world of addiction. She came to COI in the past but wasn't ready then to commit to the program. Now a mother, Nicole was ready to make a change and knew she needed to build a clean and sober life for herself and for her children. Nicole was offered placement at a low-barrier shelter after her children were removed by CPS. She knew sobriety was key to getting her children back, and having seen COI work for others, Nicole knew this was where she needed to be. She made the commitment and the day she moved into COI, her son came with her. Months later, Nicole was thriving with the support of shelter staff and her case manager, and she was reunited with her younger child as well.

Nicole credits COI with helping her get back on her feet. She says case managers have expanded resources available to residents, helping families learn necessary skills like grocery shopping. They also helped her advocate for herself to secure housing. She has now moved into her own home and her little family is doing well. Nicole knows now that she is the best advocate for herself and her family, and she credits the staff at COI with supporting her and helping her find her voice: "I needed COI, and I couldn't have done it without them. This town needs COI."

Our community food pantry has remained busy as well, feeding 7,260 individuals in the last year. We don't see this slowing down any time soon, so any help with non-perishables is welcome and appreciated! We can all link arms together to help meet the ever-growing food struggles in our community. Thank you for all you do to help!

**Name has been changed to preserve client confidentiality.*

Photos from top to bottom: Juan L. receiving the keys to his new home; Robert T. helping staff put away Linn-Benton Food Share delivery; COI clients taking part in an adoption event for donated plush toys





Photos: Mari's Place original location exterior (above) and new location interior (right) under renovation



NEW HORIZONS AT MARI'S PLACE...

Back in 2003, Marilyn Starker had a desire to help infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children have a safe place to go during the day. The rising cost of childcare had become a barrier to employment and stability for parents. Knowing that this was an obstacle for many of the families we work with at COI, she helped launch what we now know as Mari's Place. For many years, we have maxed out the two-classroom building located on COI's campus. Through establishing a good relationship with the Corvallis School District and the Linn Benton Lincoln ESD, we were able to become part of the conversation on what to do with one of the schools they were discontinuing use of. That led to a new space for Mari's Place!

Starting September of 2026, we will be in our new location over in the old Letitia Carson Elementary School (next to Wildcat Park). This change in location will allow us to expand our services from 18 to 56 children between the ages of 6 weeks and 5 years. Having more classrooms and larger spaces will allow our staff and children to spread their wings! To offer safety, security, and confidentiality to our young learners and respect the shared space in our new home, tours are rare; please reach out to a member of our team if you would like more information or to learn how you can help!

BUILDING A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY...

This year, we are excited to highlight our ongoing partnership with Western University's Medical School. As their program continues to expand in an effort to bring more qualified medical professionals into the workforce, COI's Medical Services Program is thrilled to host first- and second-year medical students and serve as a clinical training site for our community's future physicians.

The lines outside our medical clinics in Benton and Linn Counties are a reminder of the ongoing and pressing need in our community for affordable and accessible healthcare. We rely on the more than 200 volunteers who support our clinics, offering routine and acute care. Referrals to our specialty clinics, including psychiatry, women's health, diabetic education, physical therapy, osteopathic manipulation (OMT), and naturopathic medicine, continue to pour in from local providers and County Health Departments.

We offer regular clinics in Corvallis and Lebanon, and the numbers continue to climb for individuals seen at both locations. Our providers work diligently at our local clinic sites and remote farm clinics to create a welcoming environment where every person, young or old, feels safe seeking care to help them achieve better health.

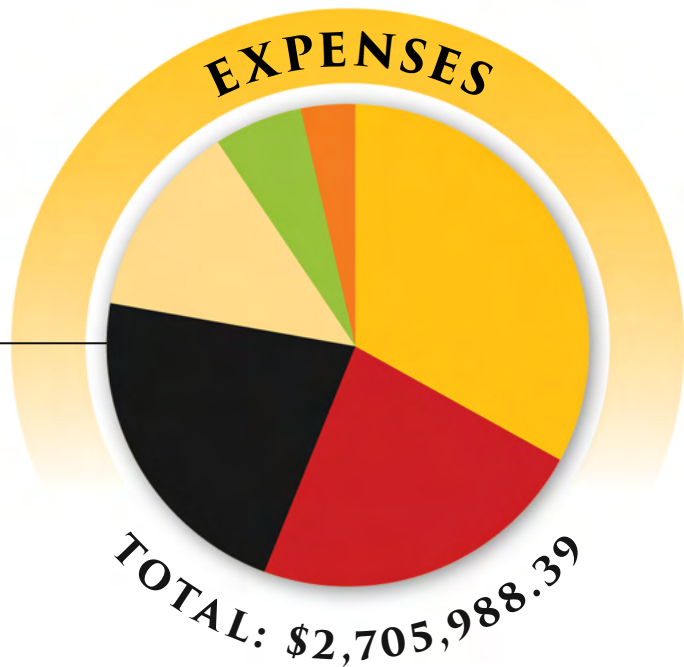
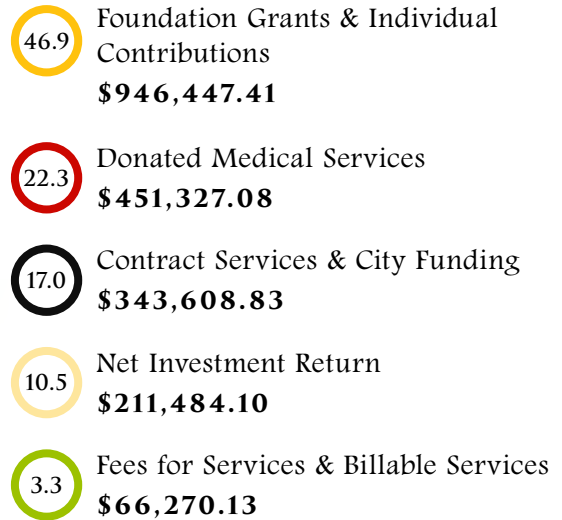
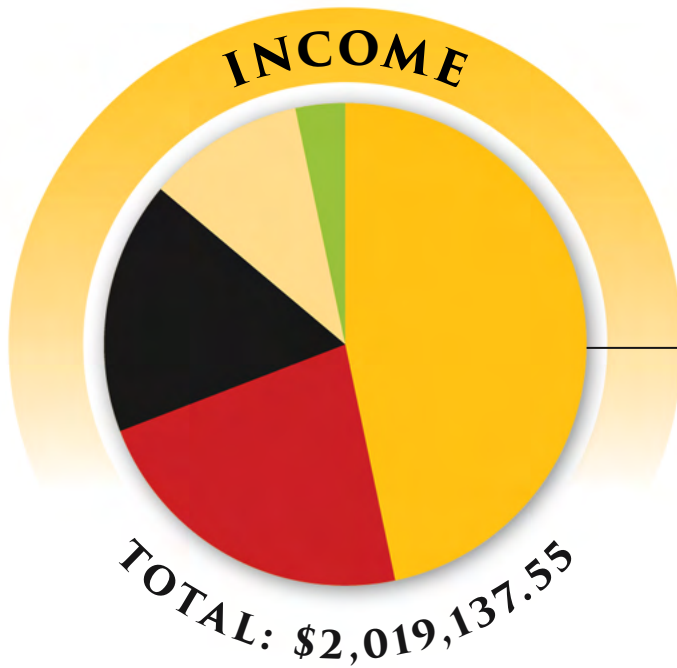
This year, we provided over 2,000 medical visits to address a wide range of conditions. We anticipate this number will continue to rise as we brace for many individuals in our community to lose their Medicaid coverage. In a time of uncertainty, with healthcare becoming scarce for those who need it most, COI continues to link arms with local providers and medical professionals to meet the health needs of our most vulnerable populations. Wherever the sick and needy are, we will be there too.

Photos from left to right: on-site exam room; clinic promotional materials; clinic sign-in and intake paperwork



INCOME & EXPENSES

JULY 1ST, 2025 - JUNE 30TH, 2026



NET GAIN/LOSS: \$(686,850.84)

THIS INFORMATION WAS TAKEN FROM THE
AUDITED FINANCIALS OF FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.

AGENCY STATISTICS

JULY 1ST, 2025 - JUNE 30TH, 2026



TRANSFORMATIVE SHELTER

- ☀ Housing services in our Transformative Pathways Program provided for:
 - ☀ **30 men** (ages 18 and up)
 - ☀ **23 women** (ages 18 and up)
 - ☀ **16 families** (20 adults and 28 children)
 - ☀ ...including **medical respite beds for 9 underprivileged men and women** transitioning from healthcare facilities
- ☀ A total of **18,177 bed nights** provided to clients

CASE MANAGEMENT

- ☀ **4,370 hours of case management** for clients in shelter and aftercare services

FOOD PANTRIES

- ☀ **2,091 food boxes** distributed to households consisting of **7,260 community members**
- ☀ Provided food and facilities that allowed shelter residents to prepare and consume more than **54,531 meals**

MEDICAL & DENTAL CLINICS

- ☀ **1,917 patient visits** at our medical clinics located in Corvallis and Lebanon
- ☀ **53 patient visits** at our dental clinics
- ☀ **99 patient visits** at our farm clinics
- ☀ Number of specialty clinics held:
 - ☀ **98 diabetes education clinics**
 - ☀ **12 physical therapy clinics**
 - ☀ **12 psychiatry clinics**
 - ☀ **12 gynecology clinics**

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

- ☀ **9 individuals** received a total of **200 hours** of mental health counseling
- ☀ **3 individuals** completed treatment

MARI'S PLACE CHILDCARE

- ☀ Childcare provided for **31 children** involving a total of **14,198 child contact hours**
- ☀ **673.5 hours** contributed by volunteers

Photos from left to right: COI community pantry shelves stocked with non-perishable canned vegetables and soups; Medical Clinic chalkboard sign; exterior view of shelter

We would like to thank the following organizations and foundations for their support in the past year:



- ✧ Brauti Family Foundation
- ✧ City of Corvallis
- ✧ CNC Woodcutters
- ✧ Consumers Power Inc.
- ✧ Corvallis, Albany, & Lebanon KFCs
- ✧ Corvallis Kiwanis Foundation
- ✧ Corvallis Knights
- ✧ Department of Veterans Affairs
- ✧ Esta Rose Fund
- ✧ Intercommunity Health Network CCO
- ✧ Oregon Community Foundation
- ✧ Oregon Department of Human Services
- ✧ Oregon Health Authority
- ✧ Oregon Youth Authority
- ✧ PacificSource Foundation
- ✧ Pape Foundation
- ✧ Ralph Hull Foundation
- ✧ Samaritan Health Services
- ✧ Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund
- ✧ United Way of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

Photos from top to bottom:

*Corvallis KFC promotes COI's Medical Clinic with a flyer in every order; shelter staff Alexa Wilkerson and Jazz Mitchell unpack a shipment of food for COI's pantries made possible by **Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund**; Corvallis Knights present a donation to COI Executive Director Mike Speten*

PARTNERSHIPS LIKE THESE MAKE OUR MISSION A REALITY.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A DONOR AND MAKE A POSITIVE CHANGE IN YOUR COMMUNITY, PLEASE VISIT COMMUNITYOUTREACHINC.NETWORKFORGOOD.COM.