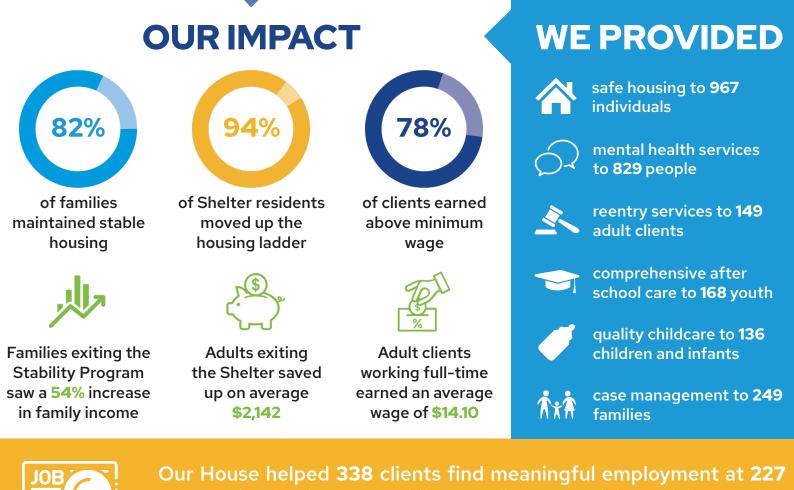


In 2024, Our House touched the lives of **3,325** individuals, providing the support and resources necessary to exit homelessness and find a new beginning.





Our House helped **338** clients find meaningful employment at **227** community businesses, while **117** clients participated in our job training programs. Our team answered over **13,000** calls to connect our community to resources at Our House and our partner agencies.

Our community showed their support by donating **\$1 million** worth of in-kind goods and services, while **2,089** unique individuals volunteered **15,047** hours in our programs.



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## **Client Stories**





## Lindsey

Before coming to Our House, Lindsey had been living in addiction for years. After a period of incarceration, Lindsey felt like she had burned all of her bridges. Coming to Our House with only the clothes she was wearing turned that all around. Lindsey moved into the Shelter, hustled to find a job, and dedicated herself to being sober. Lindsey used the Career Center to work on her resume, take budgeting classes, and anger management classes. In just a short time, Lindsey settled into a job at Community Bakery where she still works today and has been promoted twice! With the help of recovery meetings and therapy sessions with our Public Health AmeriCorps members, Lindsey is almost two years sober. When she felt comfortable in her sobriety, Lindsey happily brought her daughter, Kaylee, to live with her again. Kaylee got connected to one of our Children's Therapists and enrolled in our after-school program, Our Club, which was a great help to Lindsey's work schedule. After 18 months in the Housing programs, Lindsey purchased a car with her savings and just secured her own apartment!

## Markus

Markus originally came to Our House several years ago, but checked out of the Shelter in mere days. "I was too young," Markus says, "and I couldn't handle the challenge of self-discipline." Now six years later, Markus is back in the Shelter and committed to success. His criminal background was a barrier to finding employment, but our Reentry team provided support, and Markus was able to join our on-campus job training program. While working full-time in the guard shack, Markus also attended a welding certification program through Goodwill. Markus has now graduated and received his certification—which is a huge asset to his growing resume—and is working full time. For Markus, the mental health support available at Our House has been one of the greatest resources, and he feels more focused and positive because of it. "I've learned that there is always room for accountability and growth," Markus says. Markus is now focused on growing his savings and continuing down a path of self-improvement!





## Andrew

At 32 years old, Andrew saw himself dangerously close to living under an overpass. Originally from Oklahoma, Andrew was incarcerated in Arkansas, and when he left prison, he had nowhere to turn. Andrew used the last money he had to take a Lyft to Our House, and a bed came open at exactly the right time. Andrew used the Career Center to do hundreds of job applications without much success, so he took the initiative to connect with our job training team. Andrew is now participating in our 9-month job training program at the Our House Resale Store, which can make accommodations for Andrew's epilepsy. Andrew has now been at Our House for 6 months, and he is not letting his past define his future. Andrew attends recovery meetings to keep up his two years of sobriety, and he is quickly growing his savings. The Career Center helped Andrew get health insurance which has been vital to receiving his epilepsy medication. Andrew is reconnecting with his friends and family in Oklahoma, and he is full of appreciation for the patience, wisdom, and stability he has gained.