

2025

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IMPACT REPORT



WELCOME

We are thrilled to welcome you to the Attack Poverty Annual Impact Report for fiscal year 2024–25. This report celebrates a year of remarkable ministry, measurable growth, and the undeniable presence of God at work in our communities. From the launch of new programs to the expansion of partnerships and the deepening of relationships with local churches, we have seen lives changed and hope restored. Every story and every number you will read represents people who have experienced the love of Christ through practical service, meaningful connection, and lasting transformation.

Over the past year, we have served thousands of individuals, mobilized over a thousand volunteers, and invested thousands of hours into strengthening under-resourced communities. Yet the true impact cannot be captured by statistics alone. It is seen in restored families, empowered learners, rebuilt homes, and renewed faith. As you explore this report, we invite you to celebrate with us what God has done and to look ahead with expectation for what He will continue to do through this movement of faith, generosity, and love in action.

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YOU ARE INVITED!

ATTACK POVERTY GALAS ARE NOT ONLY ONE OF THE MOST FUN NIGHTS OF THE YEAR, THEY ARE A CATALYST FOR TRANSFORMATION.

*for all
people.*

Friday, April 10, 2026
Safari Texas Ranch

By joining us as a sponsor, you are investing in long-term change, helping us equip families and communities with the tools, resources, and hope they need to flourish.

Together, we can create pathways out of poverty and into a future marked by opportunity, dignity, and lasting impact...FOR ALL PEOPLE.

<https://attackpoverty.org/gala-2026/>



OUR GEO

As I reflect on my first year as CEO of Attack Poverty, my heart is full of gratitude. I have witnessed God's faithfulness through the lives of so many people who embody the compassion of the Good Samaritan—those who see a need, stop, and walk alongside others until hope is restored.

Every story in this report reminds us that when faith moves from words to action, transformation happens. From the rebuilding of homes to the renewal of hearts, God's presence has been evident in every moment. It has been a year of learning, leading, and marveling at what He can do through willing hands and open hearts.

I am deeply thankful for our incredible staff, volunteers, partners, and churches who have served with such devotion. You'll read in this report how an amazing **9531 people have been impacted** by Attack Poverty this last year. Because of your faithfulness, thousands of lives have been changed through spiritual growth, education, revitalization, and basic needs. As we enter this Season of Generosity, I invite you to take the next step in this journey—by volunteering, giving, or sharing our story.

Together, we are turning vision into impact, compassion into action, and faith into flourishing communities. May the year ahead be filled with greater faith, deeper relationships, and the continued joy of serving God by serving others.

Marguerite Williams
CEO ATTACK POVERTY



BOARD CHAIR

As I look back on this year alongside Marguerite and our incredible team, I am reminded that there is truly no greater return on investment than caring for our underserved communities.

Every hour given, every dollar shared, and every prayer lifted has produced dividends of hope, dignity, and transformation that cannot be measured on a balance sheet. Through the compassion of our volunteers, the generosity of our partners, and the faithfulness of God, we are seeing lives changed and neighborhoods renewed.

Thank you for standing with us, believing with us, and investing in what matters most—people. Together, we are building something that lasts far beyond today: flourishing communities shaped by love, service, and the grace of God.

Nick Vann
BOARD CHAIR



Generational poverty is not something that happens all at once. It occurs over time and is the product of many factors. At the root of poverty is broken relationships, broken relationships between humanity, between humanity and God's creation and ultimately between humanity and God.

ABOUT US

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Our vision is to empower people to attack poverty in their life and community by strengthening under-resourced communities through SPIRITUAL GROWTH, EDUCATION, REVITALIZATION, AND BASIC NEEDS.

At Attack Poverty, we design and implement our programs to provide community members the opportunity to flourish.

Through listening and relationship building we can continuously improve our programs to meet the needs of the community, but most importantly increase one's resiliency and capacity to overcome barriers on their own.

CORE VALUES OF ATTACK POVERTY



FAITH IN ACTION

We work with local churches to model what can happen when people work together for the common good. We are a global organization that serves locally.



INTEGRITY

We will honor our word as we work with and serve others. We are committed to transparency as we steward the God-given resources entrusted to us.



EMPOWERMENT

We work to awaken the capacity of individuals or groups to make choices and transform those choices into desired actions and outcomes. It is about development, not charity. It's a hand up, not hand out.



COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP

We can't do this alone; we get excited about partnering with other non-profit organizations, churches, corporations, community leaders, stakeholders, residents, and local government working together towards a healthier, sustainable community.



HOLISTIC APPROACH

We work with all sectors of the community to restore broken systems and develop platforms for voices to be heard, individuals empowered, and communities made whole.

OUR GOAL

Human Flourishment

The journey one chooses to reach their God ordained potential. The intersection of relationships, passions, gifts, and contribution to God's kingdom.

This year has been one of incredible growth, resilience, and impact across every Attack Poverty program. From the lives transformed through the **Flourishment Program** to the classrooms filled with learning and laughter in our adult and youth education initiatives, we have seen God's faithfulness at work. Families have found stability, children have discovered confidence, and communities have come together in powerful ways.

At the heart of it all is our vision of **Flourishment**—the journey each person takes toward their God-ordained potential. It's the intersection of relationships, passions, gifts, and contributions to God's Kingdom. Every missional component of Attack Poverty—spiritual growth, education,

revitalization, and basic needs—exists to move people forward on that journey.

We are so proud of our staff and volunteers who lead with both excellence and compassion, turning our mission into a daily reality. As we look ahead, we are filled with excitement for what is to come—new opportunities, deeper partnerships, and even greater stories of flourishing. Together, we are building something beautiful, one life and one community at a time.



The Road to Flourishment

Arling's Story



When Arling first came to Attack Poverty, her world had been turned upside down. She had recently lost her job, left an abusive marriage, and learned she was expecting a child. With her faith as her anchor, she chose not to give up. Instead, she joined the Flourishment Program, determined to rebuild her life and create a better future for her children.

During her pregnancy, Arling poured herself into learning and growth. She began attending English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at Friends of North Richmond and, with remarkable determination, returned to class just a month after giving birth. Her baby, Matthew, became the first "Flourishment baby"—a symbol of new beginnings and hope for the future. Arling's perseverance inspired everyone around her. She used every resource available, from counseling and community support to financial coaching. When she received baby supplies, she immediately gave back, donating to another mother in need. "God is great to me, so I need to be great to others," she said. "He uses people to bless people."

Today, Arling continues to work toward stability and independence while caring for her three children. Her Flourishment Specialist describes her as proactive, humble, and eager to learn. She is proof that transformation is not a single moment but a steady journey toward wholeness.

Arling's story is a living picture of persistence and faith in action. What began as hardship has become a testimony of God's faithfulness and community strength. Join the Journey and help more families like Arling's experience the fullness of life that comes through Flourishment.



Scan Here
to view Arling's Story

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Stories of Impact from Our Community

Monique

When Monique first connected with Attack Poverty, she was in a season of loss and transition. Life felt uncertain, but she carried a deep desire to start fresh for herself and her young children. From the very beginning, Monique didn't just want a change in circumstance; she longed to be made whole again.

Through the Flourishment Program, Monique found a supportive community that met her with grace and guidance. She asked questions, attended every class, and leaned into relationship. With the help of her Flourishment Specialist, she enrolled in counseling through We Are Hear, joined a parenting group, and began Faith & Finances classes to rebuild stability and confidence.

Her persistence began to bear fruit. Monique achieved two major goals: securing a new job at a childcare center and purchasing her first car. She continues to set new goals, including earning her Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education so she can invest in the next generation in the same way others have invested in her.

When asked about her journey, Monique said, "Everything is falling into place, and you have a big role in that, besides God!" Her story is a picture of what happens when faith, action, and community come together. Through determination and grace, Monique is not just surviving; she is flourishing.



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Stories of Impact from Our Community

Kristi

When Kristi came to Attack Poverty, she was caught between a dangerous home and an uncertain future. After leaving a difficult relationship, she and her children were sleeping in a small rented office space while she juggled school, bills, and the threat of losing her car. Determined to break the cycle of struggle she had seen growing up, Kristi declared, "I refuse to let fear define our lives." With courage and faith, she joined the Flourishment Program to begin again.

With her Flourishment Specialist's support, Kristi found stability step by step. She received emergency help to save her car, secured safe transitional housing, and began setting clear goals for her family's future. As pressure lifted, she rediscovered her passion for natural wellness, launching a small business creating organic oils while earning her hypnotherapy certification.

Her dedication soon opened new doors. Kristi built a loyal client base in Austin and San Antonio and is exploring remote opportunities that will allow her to expand her business while caring for her family. Her final hurdle is moving her belongings from storage in Beaumont to fully settle into financial independence.

Kristi's story is one of resilience and hope. Each obstacle became an opportunity for growth, and now she plans to mentor other Flourishment participants who face similar challenges. "If I can do this, others can too," she said.

Her journey shows how faith and community can spark true transformation. Kristi's life reminds us that when people are empowered to believe in themselves and trust God's provision, new beginnings are always possible.

IMPACT

Stories of Impact from Our Community

Tara

When Tara first walked through the doors of Attack Poverty last summer, she was carrying more than just the weight of her circumstances—she was carrying deep determination. Facing housing insecurity, unemployment, and a complex custody battle, she was holding on to hope by a thread.

“This is exactly what I’ve been looking for,” she said after learning about our Flourishment Program. What she needed wasn’t just access to resources—it was someone to walk alongside her.

Through our team’s support and the compassionate partnership of Pecan Grove Baptist Church, Tara began to see a path forward. The church provided temporary housing. When she got a job, they surprised her with a bicycle so she could commute. When she moved into her new home in May, they arrived with furniture, groceries, and love. Just one year later, Tara’s life is transformed:

- Months of steady employment
- Secure housing
- Reunited with her son—a judge recognized the incredible progress she had made

Today, Tara is not only thriving but giving back. She volunteers at events, shares resources with others in the program, and participates in our We Are Hear counseling and wellness offerings. Her next goal? Returning to school to become a community resource specialist and help others the way she was helped.

“I couldn’t have done this alone,” Tara often says. And she’s right—because no one should have to.

At Attack Poverty, we believe that lasting community transformation begins with spiritual growth. When individuals experience spiritual renewal, they are empowered to build stronger, more resilient communities. By nurturing faith and personal development, we create a foundation for sustainable change that reaches far beyond immediate needs. We long to see communities where those who are poor and marginalized are heard, empowered, and made whole.

Spiritual Growth is the first and most vital pillar of Attack Poverty, because it is the soil where all other transformation takes root. We empower individuals to put their faith into action and to provoke transformation, allowing God's kingdom to come to life. When an individual's dignity is restored in God, true flourishing begins.

This truth has guided everything we do. The story of the Good Samaritan reminds us that love is not passive but active, and we have seen that love in motion all year long. When Hurricane Beryl struck, our North Rosenberg Resource Center became a refuge for families in need. During Mission Week and Serve Days, faith came alive through prayer, service, and compassion. Programs such as Faith & Work, Faith & Finances, and Wellness Wednesdays equipped people to live out their faith with purpose and wholeness.

Every act of care, every restored life, and every renewed heart is evidence that when faith takes root, flourishing follows—for individuals, families, and entire communities.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

485

Individuals Impacted

483

Volunteers Engaged

3,354

Volunteer Hours Served:

22

Partner Churches and Ministries

85

Programs and Events Hosted

Faith & Work, Faith & Finances, Wellness Wednesdays, prayer gatherings, community worship events

78%

Participant Growth/Advancement

Individuals reported increased confidence in living out their faith

75%

Satisfaction/Flourishment

Individuals expressed a deeper sense of hope, belonging, and connection to God and community



Every child carries the image of God and with it, the capacity to dream, create, and lead. At Attack Poverty, Youth Education is where those gifts are nurtured and developed. Through programs such as You Can Academy, Spring Break Camp, and Kids Summer Camp, students experienced learning that engaged both mind and heart. Surrounded by caring volunteers and mentors, they discovered that they are seen, valued, and capable of great things.

This year, 271 children and youth participated in seven programs supported by 115 volunteers who served 2,199 hours. Ninety-six percent of students were thriving or flourishing by year-end, and every participant maintained an average grade of 75 or higher. At You Can Academy, 93 percent of students said the program helped them academically, and 100 percent of parents rated the experience as excellent. Behind every number is a story of growth—a student who learned to lead with kindness, another who began reading aloud for the first time, and many who found new confidence in their faith and identity. By blending academic learning with spiritual formation and mentoring, Attack Poverty equips the next generation with both skill and purpose. Each lesson becomes a seed of hope, preparing students to build brighter futures and stronger, more compassionate communities.

YOUTH EDUCATION

271

Individuals Impacted

115

Volunteers Engaged

2,199

Volunteer Hours Served:

8

Partner Churches and Ministries

including LCISD, local churches, and community centers

7

Programs and Events Hosted

You Can Academy, Kids Camp, Spring Break Camp, and enrichment workshops

96%

Participant Growth/Advancement

Individual students were thriving or flourishing by year-end

100%

Satisfaction/Flourishment

Parents rated the program as excellent and would re-enroll their child



Attack Poverty's adult programs equip individuals with the skills and resources needed to thrive personally, professionally, and spiritually. Our offerings include GED Prep, Computer Literacy, Faith & Finances, Faith & Work, Healthy Bites, Healthy Moves, and English as a Second Language (ESL), each designed to empower participants to achieve their goals and improve their quality of life. Education is one of the most powerful tools for breaking the cycle of poverty, and when combined with faith and community, it becomes a catalyst for lasting transformation.

This year, 176 adults participated in 348 classes and sessions, supported by 42 volunteers who invested 980 hours of their time. Ninety-one percent of ESL students advanced to the next level, and many participants reported increased confidence and purpose. Through Faith & Work, individuals discovered that their jobs are not just a source of income but a calling from God. Faith & Finances helped families learn stewardship as worship, and wellness programs encouraged healthy living and balance. Every class, from language lessons to life skills, became a doorway to renewed dignity and hope. As adults gain knowledge and confidence, they also discover their God-given potential to lead and to build stronger, more resilient communities.

ADULT EDUCATION

176

Adult Learners

19

Volunteers Engaged

410

Volunteer Hours Served:

10

Partner Churches and Ministries

including STCH Ministries, Literacy Council, and local colleges

18

Programs and Events Hosted

ESL, Financial Literacy, Computer Skills, Faith & Work, Faith & Finances

91%

Participant Growth/Advancement

ESL students advanced to the next level (Northside and North Roseberg)

88%

Satisfaction/Flourishment

Individuals reported stronger confidence, purpose, and faith connection



Community Revitalization plays a vital role in helping neighborhoods recover and rebuild after crises. In the face of natural disasters, economic setbacks, or other challenges, our team responds quickly to provide food, water, and emergency supplies to those in need. We also work alongside residents, local leaders, and partners to restore homes, renew gathering spaces, and strengthen community pride. During Mission Week 2025, nearly 400 participants served across three communities, completing eight revitalization projects that included home repairs, landscaping, murals, and community garden harvests. These efforts brought visible renewal and reminded families that they are not forgotten but deeply valued.

Beyond immediate relief, we focus on long-term restoration through an Asset-Based approach that builds on the strengths already present in each community. This model equips residents to take the lead in shaping the future of their neighborhoods while fostering ownership and unity. Programs such as Senior Hour keep that momentum alive throughout the year by creating spaces for fellowship, creativity, and service. Each project, partnership, and shared moment of progress becomes evidence that when people work together in faith and love, communities do more than rebuild—they flourish.

COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

1,325

Community Members

420

Volunteers Engaged including Mission Week

1,600+

Volunteer Hours Served:

during Mission Week, plus ongoing service projects

17

Partner Churches and Ministries

8

Home Repair Projects

landscaping, murals, and community garden revitalizations

100%

Participant Growth/Advancement

homeowners reported improved safety, stability, or community pride

94%

Satisfaction/Flourishment

participants said they feel more connected to their community



We define basic needs as “access to clean water, food, shelter, safety, and health.” Nearly half of the world lives on less than \$5.50 a day, and 780 million people lack access to safe water. As many as 1.6 billion people around the world live without adequate housing. Through this missional component, we work to ensure that no one in our community goes without the essentials for survival. By addressing food insecurity, housing instability, and health challenges, we create a foundation of stability that allows families to focus on long-term growth and flourishing.

This year, we witnessed that mission come to life in extraordinary ways. When Hurricane Beryl struck, our Friends of North Rosenberg Resource Center became a refuge for more than 30 residents and a distribution hub for 140 families receiving food, water, and cleaning supplies. During the winter freeze, we once again opened our doors as a warming center in partnership with the American Red Cross and Fort Bend County, offering warmth, safety, and meals to those in need. Across all locations, volunteers and partners provided direct assistance through food distributions, emergency housing help, and health services. Each meal served and every home restored reminds us that meeting basic needs is not only about survival but about restoring dignity and hope. Through this work, Attack Poverty continues to build the firm foundation upon which individuals and families can begin to flourish.

BASIC NEEDS

7,238

Individuals Impacted

244

Volunteers Engaged

1,971

Volunteer Hours Served:

15

Partner Churches and Ministries

American Red Cross, Convoy of Hope, The Sheepfold Ministry, Fort Bend County OEM, Gino's Italian Joint

6

Major Events

Hurricane Beryl and winter freeze responses, food and resource distributions

200

Residents

Individuals moved from crisis toward stability through direct assistance

98%

Satisfaction/Flourishment

Individuals served reported feeling seen, valued, and cared for



Mission WEEK 2025

GO ON A MISSION TRIP IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD

400 PARTICIPANTS
1,654 HOURS
1,500 MEALS
28 CHURCHES

Mission Week 2025 was a powerful demonstration of faith in action as nearly **400 participants** came together across three communities to serve, learn, and grow. For one week each summer, Attack Poverty locations unite volunteers, families, and partners to create tangible impact through service and relationship. This year's theme centered on community flourishing through collaboration and compassion, reminding everyone involved that transformation happens when people work together with shared purpose.

Throughout the week, children attended **Kids Camp** where they explored biblical truths through hands-on learning and creativity. Teens served their neighbors through sports, gardening, and home repair projects, while adults participated in workshops focused on parenting, financial literacy, and disaster preparedness. In total, volunteers served more than **1,600 hours** and **shared 1,500 meals** while completing eight community revitalization projects. Homes were repaired, gardens harvested, murals painted, and hearts renewed as faith became visible in every act of service.

The true impact of **Mission Week** extended **beyond the projects completed. It created lasting relationships and strengthened the bond between neighbors, churches, and community partners.** Participants left with a renewed sense of purpose and hope, inspired to continue living out the compassion of the Good Samaritan in their daily lives. Mission Week remains one of the clearest expressions of Attack Poverty's mission, transforming both the communities we serve and the people who serve within them.



SERVE DAYS

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513 VOLUNTEERS
1,770 HOURS

81% of Serve Day volunteers were from churches and other organizations

Serve Days embody the same heart of service that defines Attack Poverty's mission, offering powerful moments throughout the year for volunteers, churches, and partners to come together in compassion and action. Held quarterly across all locations, these days of service unite communities around a shared purpose—to love our neighbors and make hope visible. Whether repairing homes, revitalizing public spaces, or providing food and care, Serve Days turn faith into something tangible and lasting.

In the last fiscal year, more than **700 volunteers dedicated over 1,700 hours across our locations.** Together, they painted, cleaned, landscaped, prayed, and served families in need, demonstrating that transformation begins when ordinary people act with extraordinary love. The impact was seen not only in the projects completed but also in the renewed dignity, joy, and connection they created.

Much like the spirit of Mission Week, Serve Days remind us that consistent acts of service can change the atmosphere of a community. **They inspire hope, strengthen relationships, and reflect the compassion of Christ in every neighborhood we serve.** Through each project and every volunteer, we are witnessing what it means for faith to flourish through action and for communities to grow stronger together.



1,226 9,685 \$325,319

Volunteers

Hours Served

Value

Volunteers have been the heartbeat of Attack Poverty's mission this year, turning compassion into action across every community we serve. More than 1,100 volunteers gave thousands of hours to lead programs, distribute food, mentor students, and assist in revitalization projects. From installing smoke detectors with the Red Cross to serving meals at Breaking Bread events and helping families recover after Hurricane Beryl, volunteers brought hope and stability where it was needed most. Their willingness to serve reflected the heart of our mission—to empower people, restore dignity, and strengthen communities through faith in action.

VOLUNTEERS



SCAN HERE TO VOLUNTEER

Behind every story of transformation stands a volunteer who showed up, cared deeply, and stayed committed. Volunteers led Serve Days, Mission Week, and weekly programs with remarkable dedication, embodying our belief that we are staff-led and volunteer-run. Each act of service, whether teaching a class, repairing a home, or praying with a neighbor, became part of something bigger—a movement of people working together to see communities flourish. This year made one thing clear: when people give their time and hearts, transformation takes root.



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*Our financials are currently under our annual audit review, once the audit is completed, they can be found on **our website**.

