



2025

YEAR IN REVIEW

A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

If I were to choose one word to define 2025, it would be “challenge.” World Relief Spokane began the year with traumatic, though not entirely unexpected news: a 90-day suspension of the refugee resettlement program pending federal contract review.

The challenges that followed were immediate and profound. One day after the suspension took effect, World Relief Spokane laid off our entire Resettlement team of 15 well trained and dedicated staff members. Refugee families were left in painful uncertainty, unsure how they would navigate life without the trusted case managers who had supported them, while others feared for loved ones already approved for travel, some with airline tickets assured. One hundred thirty-three people were suddenly stranded between persecution and the hope of safety.

In the wake of that initial shock came a season of uncertainty: Our foremost priority became reassuring refugees, community partners, and our broader network that World Relief Spokane had been impacted AND we are standing firm in our



commitment to refugees. Nothing would stop us from continuing to help people feel safe and secure, and find belonging in Spokane and Spokane Valley.

It would have been easy for our staff to give in to discouragement: Instead, we chose determination, creativity, and faith. We pulled together, innovated, adjusted, and reminded ourselves of the foundation on which World Relief has stood for decades.

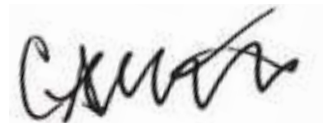
World Relief was birthed from the heart of God, and our calling is to be good and faithful servants, following His lead and loving those He brings to us with gratitude for the love we ourselves receive daily, watching expectantly for the places where God shows up and does what we cannot.

Throughout the unexpected twists and turns, the church has been there: Christ-followers from across our community rose up in extraordinary ways. Through every crisis our refugees friends and neighbors face, the church stands with them. World Relief has always believed that the church, not the agency, is the true answer and the mechanism through which refugees find peace, dignity, belonging, and a new beginning. Spokane and Spokane Valley churches proved that truth again and again, and we are deeply grateful.

As we move into 2026, our guiding word is “Innovate.” They say necessity is the mother of invention, and at World Relief Spokane, we are embracing both the challenges and the opportunities before us. From Baby Showers and Food Distribution, to ESL Tutoring, BMX and 3v3 Basketball programs, Employment Training and Placement, Housing Assistance, Money Management classes, hiking and rafting, health and wellness programs, and so much more, we are forging ahead.

The journey we’re on is not for the faint of heart, and we can’t do it without you! So, here is your invitation to join us in the great adventure that awaits. I guarantee it will be uncertain at times, but I guarantee that we will see God show up in life transforming ways.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christi Armstrong", written in a cursive style.

Christi Armstrong
Executive Director

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.”

Matthew 25:35



CASE MANAGEMENT

Case managers empower newcomers with coaching and support in housing, transportation, health care and other daily challenges of life in America.

In 2025, case managers completed 181 self-sufficiency goals which they set with 114 program participants. Additionally, 276 newcomers received housing-specific assistance.



114

**program
participants**



276

**housing
assistance**



181

**goals
completed**



300

**households
impacted**

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Economic empowerment services support newcomers through job placement, workplace education, financial literacy training, and career counseling.

In 2025, the program delivered 870+ service engagements, resulting in 48 job placements, 32 educational advancements, and 6 credentials earned, contributing to \$5.6 million in combined client annual salaries.



870+

employment
counseling



5.6M

combined annual
salaries



870+

total service
engagements

“I want to say thank you to World Relief for helping my family and other refugees. My son got a job with World Relief and I am working now too. We are happy here.”

Souzan, Refugee from Iran



FRIENDSHIP CENTER

Through two drop-in Friendship Centers, Community Ambassadors create a welcoming and supportive space for clients.

They offered baby showers, youth activities, holiday celebrations, and help with community resources and connections. Last year, the team hosted 77 events, maintained regular community outreach, and they provided 3,650 support and connection services!



77

client events



3650

support
services



+40k

pounds of food
distributed

EDUCATION CENTER

The Education Center team provides workshops and classes that teach students new and valuable skills.

The team celebrated 195 graduations for 99 students in Driving Education, Sewing & Textile Arts, Women's Health, and Computer Basics courses. 36 students participated in our new English Language programming and 110 participants attended at least one of 35 workshops offered.



195

graduations



35

workshops



99

students

***“I have learned many interesting things here.
I have learned how to speak with confidence.
My goal is to speak with even more
confidence!”***

Svetlana, Conversational ESL Student



REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Refugee resettlement staff guide newly arrived families through their first steps in the United States.

In the first quarter of the fiscal year, World Relief Spokane welcomed 226 new clients, assisting with Social Security and DSHS visits, home visits, and medical appointments to help build stability and self-sufficiency in Spokane.



226

new arrivals



CHURCH & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Church and Community Engagement team partnered with 471 volunteers and 81 church partners to serve the clients within our community. The generosity of 334 investors made this possible.

We are grateful for people like you who makes this work possible.



81

church partners



471

volunteers



334

investors





RACING TO NEW OPPORTUNITIES

A BMX Camp for Refugee Teens

In a year filled with new challenges, innovation became essential. The World Relief team stepped into new territory, finding new ways to serve the community.

One such inspired dreamer is Robby Cannon, our Initial Healthcare Coordinator. Out-of-the-box thinking led Robby to spearhead the start of a BMX camp for refugee teens in partnership with Spokane BMX.

When asked how he came up with the idea, Robby said, "I did BMX as a kid and have fond memories of it. I drive by a BMX track twice a day, and we had some kids standing around in a parking lot with nothing to do. The rest was just God making it happen." And make it happen, God did! Within days of the idea, a cash donation came in to support the program. People were eager to sell bikes at reduced prices once they heard what Robby needed them for. A call for helmet donations was answered almost immediately. And soon, the riders were ready to join.

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One racer, Mustafa Hassan, is a student at Shadle Park High School. He arrived in Spokane nine months ago after spending most of his life in a refugee camp in Kenya. His father, Hassan, was glad that his son was able to participate in the program. Hassan worked very hard in Kenya to provide for his family, both as a farmer and interpreter for UNHCR and IOM. His desire is to give his family opportunities to grow and thrive.

The BMX program provided that for Mustafa. "This was his first time racing a bicycle. At the beginning he went slow. By the end he could go fast and over jumps. He won a trophy," Hassan said. "Maybe his siblings can participate in the future."

Cousins Ahmat and Abakar also enjoyed their time at the BMX track very much. The six weeks of learning to race, which culminated in a trophy ceremony and pizza party, built their confidence to take on new challenges. When these boys return to school this fall, the unique experience of BMX racing will transfer to their studies, helping them persevere through learning new and difficult things.

So, while we wait to welcome new refugees to Spokane, we are working hard at creating memorable opportunities for our current clients and their families. We let the memories, gifts, and skills that God has given us inspire us to create helpful (and adventurous) experiences for our new friends. Thank you, Robby, for leading the way



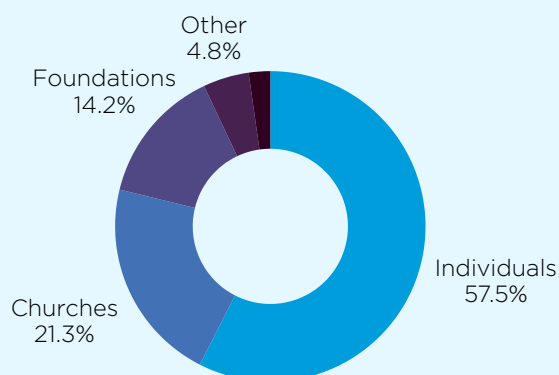
2025 FINANCIALS

At World Relief Spokane, we are committed to prayerful, efficient and thoughtful stewardship of every donation. When you invest in World Relief, you can trust not only that your resources are being directed to the right places, and that those resources are being used in the smartest, most efficient ways possible.

LOCALLY RAISED FUNDS

\$737,710

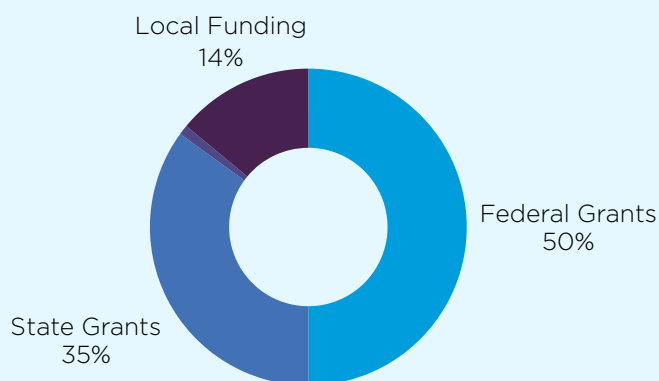
Total income



TOTAL INCOME

\$4.5M

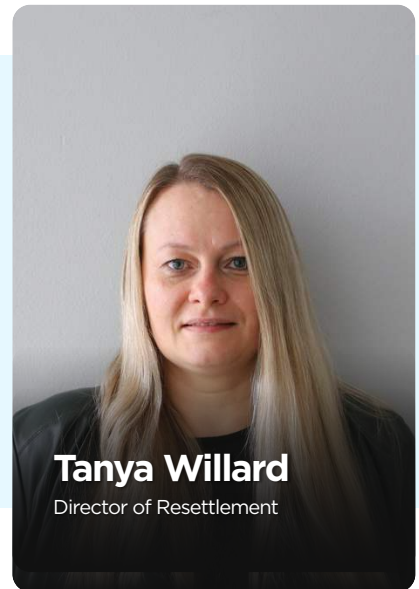
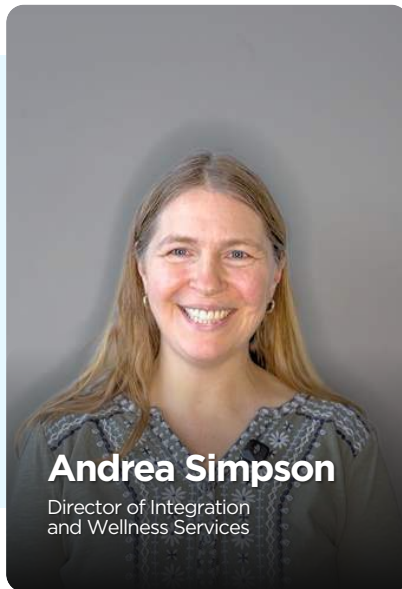
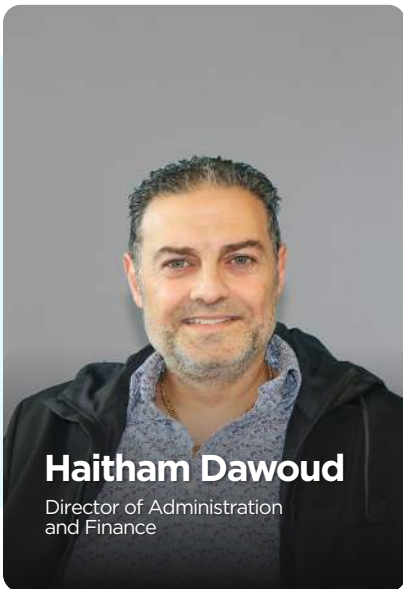
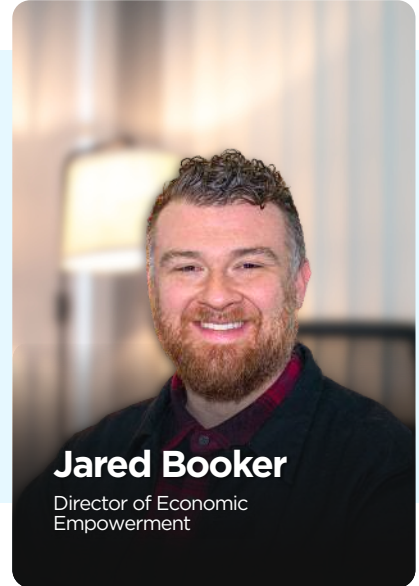
Total operating budget



Total Revenue:
Total Expenses:

\$5,146,710
\$5,043,577

DIRECTORS TEAM





THANK YOU

for faithful partnership through 2025

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