



LEGACY OF **HOPE**

2025 Community Impact Report

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"It's almost a surreal feeling to actually be in this position and to be part of this community... when going to the [workgroup] meetings like, 'I think I can do that, I wish I could do that,' to it finally transitioning into 'I can do that.'" – Lyn Rivera, Hope Zone Resident Leader



Scan to watch Lyn & Sovereign's story

A LETTER FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

At Omega CDC, we ground our work in the voices of the community. Long before growth, data, or national recognition, we chose to listen first, show up consistently, and build alongside residents—not for them. That choice continues to shape who we are and how we lead.

This year's impact reflects the priorities residents named and the intentional action our team took to honor them. We put the right people in place. We strengthened our internal systems. We responded with care and consistency so we could meet real needs in real time.

Today, 65 dedicated staff members show up daily in schools, homes, neighborhoods, and community spaces across Northwest Dayton. They help students attend school more consistently. They reduce disruptions for families. They create opportunities for residents to shape the future of their neighborhoods.

We did not arrive here overnight. We built trust over time. We strengthened relationships through consistent presence.

We designed systems that support long-term outcomes. As Omega CDC has grown, we have expanded our responsibility to steward resources wisely, scale intentionally, and ensure that growth strengthens—rather than distances us from—the community we serve.

Legacy of Hope marks more than a milestone. We use this moment to reflect on what we have accomplished and to clarify what comes next. We have expanded our work not simply to grow, but to deepen impact, strengthen partnerships, and support a community that continues to position itself for lasting change.

As we present the 2025 Impact Report, we invite you to take part in what comes next. Whether you are a resident, partner, volunteer, donor, or supporter, you play a role in shaping the future of this community.

We remain deeply grateful to the residents who trust us with their stories, the staff and volunteers who show up every day with care and commitment, and the partners and supporters who invest in this work.

Together, we are building a legacy defined not by programs alone, but by people, relationships, and shared ownership of what's possible.

With gratitude and optimism,



Rachel Ward
Omega CDC
President

Vanessa Ward
Omega CDC
CEO





HONORING OUR MISSION

Breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty by catalyzing change in Northwest Dayton through our four pathways to self-sufficiency: Community Engagement, Education, Economic Stability, and Health & Wellness.

LIVING OUR VALUES RE-LITE

We are **RESILIENT**.

We model **EXCELLENCE**.

We act in **LOVE**.

We stand in **INTEGRITY**.

We rise **TOGETHER**.

We **EMPOWER** others.

We are OMEGA CDC

183%

**INCREASE IN STUDENT
PROFICIENCY**
in High School English Language
Arts, up from 7.8% to 22.1%

24.2%

**KINDERGARTEN READINESS
(PRELIMINARY)**
for Fairview Elementary

73.9%

**AVERAGE DAILY
ATTENDANCE**
in grades 6th – 9th,
up from 63%

30%

STUDENT MOBILITY
down from 36%

VOLUNTEERS

PEOPLE POWERING
the MISSION

Lasting community impact depends on people who are willing to invest their time, skills, and commitment to others. Omega CDC volunteers support programs, events, and neighborhood initiatives throughout the year, working alongside staff and partners to engage families, strengthen community connections, and advance place-based efforts.



178

VOLUNTEERS

1,247

VOLUNTEER HOURS

21%

MULTI-YEAR
VOLUNTEER RETENTION

\$39.9K

ESTIMATED VALUE OF
VOLUNTEER TIME

THE LEGACY

Consistent volunteer engagement reflects trust in Omega CDC's mission and leadership. By showing up year after year, volunteers deepen community connection, expand organizational capacity, and help sustain the long-term work required to create meaningful, generational change.

HOPE ZONE PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD

As a federally designated Promise Neighborhood, the Hope Zone improves outcomes for children and families by strengthening neighborhood conditions and centering resident leadership. Through neighborhood-based workgroups and community engagement, residents, youth, and partners guide priorities and align solutions across Northwest Dayton.

"Omega CDC has been a fun and educational experience for me. I enjoy it because I love meeting new people and helping out my community." - Asia M., Hope Zone Student



163
AVERAGE
PARTICIPANTS
are engaged through
monthly workgroups

21%
RESIDENT
PARTICIPANTS
are under age 18

65%
WORKGROUP
PARTICIPANTS ARE
RESIDENTS

17
HOPE ZONE
NEIGHBORHOODS
ENGAGED

THE LEGACY

By operating within the Promise Neighborhood framework, the Hope Zone is building coordinated, resident-led systems that support long-term stability and opportunity. This work is activated alongside 40 partners representing financial institutions, community-based organizations, schools, and businesses.

HOPE CENTER FOR FAMILIES

Families thrive when services are accessible and connected. The Hope Center for Families reduces barriers to opportunity by connecting education, health, and workforce resources in one trusted neighborhood hub. Through partnerships with Dayton Children's Hospital (DCH), Mini University, Miami Valley Child Development Centers (MVCDC), Sinclair Community College, and Omega CDC, families access coordinated services and community-based support.

"Mini University at the Hope Center ensures that children receive not only high-quality early education, but also integrated services and resources that remove barriers, build stability, and create a foundation for school success."

– Kim Kramer, Mini University



124

DAILY AVERAGE OF
INDIVIDUALS visiting
the Hope Center

42%

OF MINI UNIVERSITY
STUDENTS use DCH
pediatric clinic

HOPE CENTER PARTNERS



THE LEGACY

The Hope Center for Families serves as a central point of connection, strengthening pathways to stability, growth, and long-term success. Steady community participation reflects a shared commitment to growth and a lasting legacy of hope.

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

A legacy of hope is strengthened when local impact is informed by national learning. Through national partnerships, Omega CDC connects community-driven work in Dayton to place-based, cradle-to-career efforts nationwide, ensuring local priorities inform broader practice while new ideas are brought back home. Omega CDC leaders and staff engage in collaborative convening and learning exchanges, including national recognition and hosting partners at the Social Return on Investment (SROI) Workshop.

- **Engagement with organizations** including the William Julius Wilson Institute, Harlem Children's Zone, Purpose Built Communities, Institute for Educational Leadership, EMPATH, National Promise Neighborhoods Coalition, and Harvard's EdRedesign Lab.
- **Ongoing collaboration with leaders** at the local, state, and national levels.
- **Featured in the Harvard EdRedesign Spotlight**, highlighting integrated community strategy. Scan to read more.



35+

ORGANIZATIONS AND
INDIVIDUALS AT OMEGA
CDC HOSTED SROI
WORKSHOP



THE LEGACY

By sharing what works and learning alongside peers, Omega CDC ensures community voices help shape broader systems. These partnerships extend local impact and reinforce a legacy of hope rooted in collaboration and community-driven change.



RISE NORTHWEST

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



RISE Northwest Development Corporation launched in 2025 as a subsidiary of Omega CDC to deepen long-term, place-based development across five neighborhoods in Northwest Dayton. Built on decades of trust and community relationships, RISE Northwest is establishing the planning, partnerships, and infrastructure needed to align investment and support resident-led priorities, including mixed-income housing, neighborhood revitalization, economic vitality, community well-being, and cradle-to-career support.

THE LEGACY

RISE Northwest will serve as a community quarterback to sustain neighborhood progress over time. Its call to action is to strengthen systems, support resident-led solutions, and ensure that development in Northwest Dayton is guided by community priorities for generations to come.

RISE NORTHWEST PARTNERS



HOUSING IMPACT

\$9M

RAISED BY HOUSING PARTNERS for additional development

120+

FAMILIES engaged in homeownership education

50

HOMES COMMITTED TO BY THE PATHWAYS AND WELCOME HOME PROGRAMS, with the first three established in the Fairview neighborhood

EDUCATION

Legacy of Hope means investing in stability, consistency, and belief in what students can achieve.

Omega CDC focuses on the conditions that allow students to show up, stay engaged, and progress with confidence at Fairview Elementary, Edwin Joel Brown Middle School, and Thurgood Marshall STEM High School. Through coordinated out-of-school programming, individualized student support, Rising Star Internships for high school graduates, family support, and school-aligned interventions, the organization reinforces attendance, behavior, and academic growth.



22.1%

STUDENT PROFICIENCY
in High School English Language
Arts, up from 7.8% in 2024

73.9%

ATTENDANCE RATE,
up from 63% in 2024

390

**UNIQUE STUDENTS
SERVED** in out-of-
school programs

322

**EDUCATION GOALS
ACHIEVED**

86%

**AVERAGE STUDENT
STANDING** with good/
excellent behavior

THE LEGACY

Education outcomes at Omega CDC are laying the groundwork for future workforce readiness, economic mobility, and community leadership.

ECONOMIC STABILITY

A legacy of hope is built when opportunity is accessible.

Omega CDC's economic stability efforts focus on preparing individuals and families for sustained employment and financial resilience.

Through individualized goal setting, workforce preparation, and the internship program, participants receive the tools, coaching, and exposure needed to pursue meaningful employment.



224

ECONOMIC GOALS ACHIEVED

228

READY4WORK PARTICIPANTS SERVED

405

COMPLETED JOB APPLICATIONS

692

NEW CASE PLANS CREATED

14

EMPLOYER PARTNERS

THE LEGACY

Economic stability is essential to long-term community health. By focusing on goal setting, accountability, and skill building, Omega CDC is building durable economic pathways, strengthening households, and contributing to long-term neighborhood stability.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Hope takes root when people feel seen, connected, and safe.

Community engagement is how Omega CDC builds trust and reinforces belonging across neighborhoods. Omega CDC hosts community events, facilitates neighborhood-based programming, and implements initiatives to activate public spaces and strengthen relationships.



100%

HOPE ZONE NEIGHBORHOOD
COVERAGE (17 of 17)

93

PARTICIPANTS ENROLLED
in other programs after intake

4,847

COMMUNITY EVENT
ATTENDEES

127

RE-LITE NITES*
PARTICIPANTS

22%

OF PARTICIPANTS
SERVED were part of the
same household

THE LEGACY



These efforts reflect a growing culture of participation and trust. Community engagement at Omega CDC is sustained, relational, and foundational to long-term transformation.

**RE-LITE Nites is a teen-led program initiated and led by community youth to bring youth together to build connection, leadership, and neighborhood pride.*

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Well-being is the backbone of stability.

Omega CDC's health and wellness work ensures families have consistent access to essential supports delivered with dignity and care. Omega CDC prioritizes direct, face-to-face engagement that meets immediate needs while building long-term trust.

Through food distribution, basic needs assistance, and individualized health goal planning, Omega CDC supports households in navigating daily challenges that impact overall wellness.



1,090
NEW PARTICIPANTS
ENGAGED
IN PROGRAMS

2,209
BASIC NEEDS
SERVICES
DELIVERED

996
SENIOR LOFTS
SERVICE
DELIVERIES

29,333
COMPLETED FOOD
DELIVERIES

70
HEALTH GOALS
ACHIEVED

84%
FACE-TO-FACE
DELIVERY of all
services provided

THE LEGACY 

By meeting families where they are and consistently showing up, Omega CDC is strengthening the conditions for healthier households and more resilient communities.

DONORS & FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

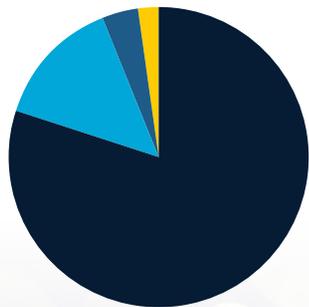
A legacy of hope is sustained through responsible stewardship and shared investment. Donor support enables Omega CDC to strengthen coordinated systems and advance long-term outcomes for children, families, and neighborhoods. Omega CDC stewards donor resources with transparency and accountability, aligning financial support to mission priorities, organizational capacity, and community-driven outcomes.



"We were honored to support the Legacy Hope Gala! Omega CDC is truly transforming the lives of families in Northwest Dayton."

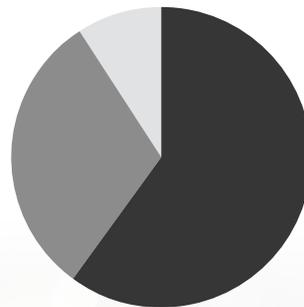
– Michelle Mathile, Legacy of Hope Gala Sponsor

2025 BUDGET // \$11,718,634



REVENUE

- 80% Program Revenue
- 14% Contributions / Donations
- 4% Rental Income
- 2% Other Revenue



EXPENSES

- 60% Program Expenses
- 31% Partner Contracts
- 9% Administration Fees

14%

**OF VOLUNTEERS
ARE ALSO DONORS,**
reflecting shared investment
and engagement

206

**UNIQUE
DONORS**

THE LEGACY

Through disciplined stewardship and continued donor investment, Omega CDC sustains progress between funding cycles and ensures resources are directed toward outcomes that strengthen communities for generations.

LOOKING AHEAD & WHAT'S NEXT

Northwest Dayton shows what's possible when communities move forward together. Through collaboration, learning, and sustained investment, Omega CDC continues to strengthen resident-led and partner-coordinated systems that support lasting outcomes for children, families, and neighborhoods.

Building on this foundation, **RISE Northwest Development Corporation**, launched in 2025 as Omega CDC's newest subsidiary, expands this work by aligning partners, resources, and investment to advance neighborhood-level development and long-term stability. Omega CDC and RISE Northwest will deepen impact while remaining rooted in community leadership and long-term outcomes.

This legacy takes all of us. Progress is made possible by residents, staff, volunteers, partners, and donors committed to community-centered change. Thank you for standing with a community that is shaping its future through leadership, collaboration, and long-term commitment. ***Together, we are the legacy.***

"Living in Northwest Dayton allows me to see firsthand how important community support, resources, and hope are for families in this area. I am involved with RISE to serve my community."

– Jenise Tidd, Northwest Dayton Resident

WAYS TO STAY ENGAGED

- Volunteer time or expertise
- Invest in long-term impact
- Partner on aligned initiatives
- Advocate for community-centered change

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Your gift supports our mission to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty by catalyzing change in Northwest Dayton.





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