



# ANNUAL *report* **2025**

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# the MISSION



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

COPE Christian Outreach Program – Elkhorn is a non-evangelical, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization made up of eleven Christian churches in western Douglas County. Our mission is to help families stay in their homes and keep food on the table.

Our services include resource referrals, utility assistance, and educational workshops in addition to monthly shopping for food, clothing, household items, diapers, and personal care products at our outreach center.

Through the generous support of our community, COPE is able to provide short and long term services to our neighbors in need. The strong commitment of our staff and board to serve allows us to remain a steadfast presence in our community.

## A note from our Executive Director

2025 was a year of meaningful transformation for COPE. The conclusion of our federally-funded ERA Program profoundly expanded our organizational capacity and sharpened our understanding of what our neighbors truly need. That growth was put to the test when the late-2025 government shutdown threatened food security across our community. But we were ready.

Every challenge this year reinforced what we already believe: the need is everywhere, and COPE exists to meet it with dignity and resources. We are proud to serve the families of western Douglas County, and proud that more people than ever found stability through our doors.

Looking ahead, our word for 2026 is **Thrive**. We are asking bigger questions, forging deeper partnerships, and centering every decision on one core principle: what is best for the families we serve?

The best is still ahead. We hope you'll be part of it.

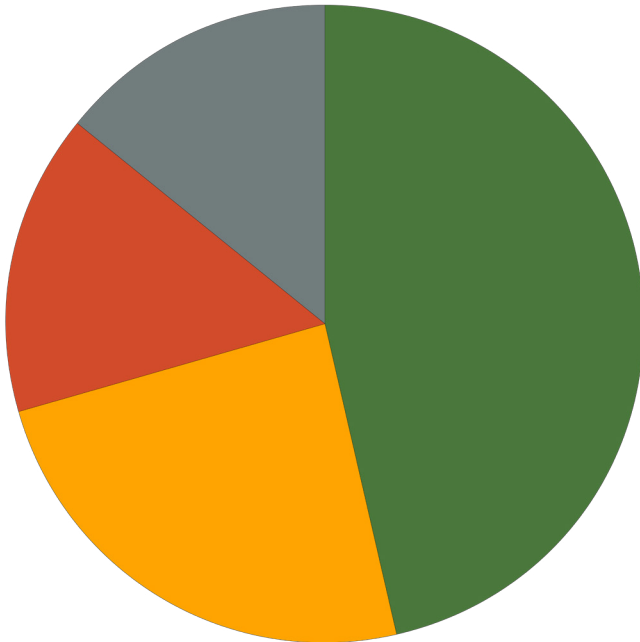


*Nancy Lary*

# the IMPACT

## our FUNDS

COPE strives to run an efficient agency while allowing room to stretch and grow to meet what our neighbors and community need.



**\$409,441**

Monetary Donations 2025

Individual	\$188,807
Business	\$100,073
Church	\$61,810
Grants	\$58,750

<b>Monthly operating</b>	<b>\$24,449</b>
Rent	\$4,890
Utilities	\$610
Payroll	\$12,449
Admin, Insurance, Facilities	\$6,500

A portion of which was related to and covered by the ERA Program in 2025

In 2025, the COPE Outreach Center served 461 unique households. providing 2,752 family encounters and 10,030 individual services.

**6187**  
VOLUNTEER  
HOURS

**9500**  
POUNDS/MONTH  
DONATED

**306**  
FAMILIES FOR  
CHRISTMAS

**\$37,3711**  
ERA FUNDS  
DISTRIBUTED

**\$38,776**  
UTILITY  
ASSISTANCE

**\$84,174**  
DISASTER  
ASSISTANCE  
FUNDS

# the STORY

## our STAFF

Our staff is committed to serving those in need in western Douglas County

**NANCY LARY**

Executive Director

**JAMIE MANGIAMELI**

Program Director

**SUE JOHNSON**

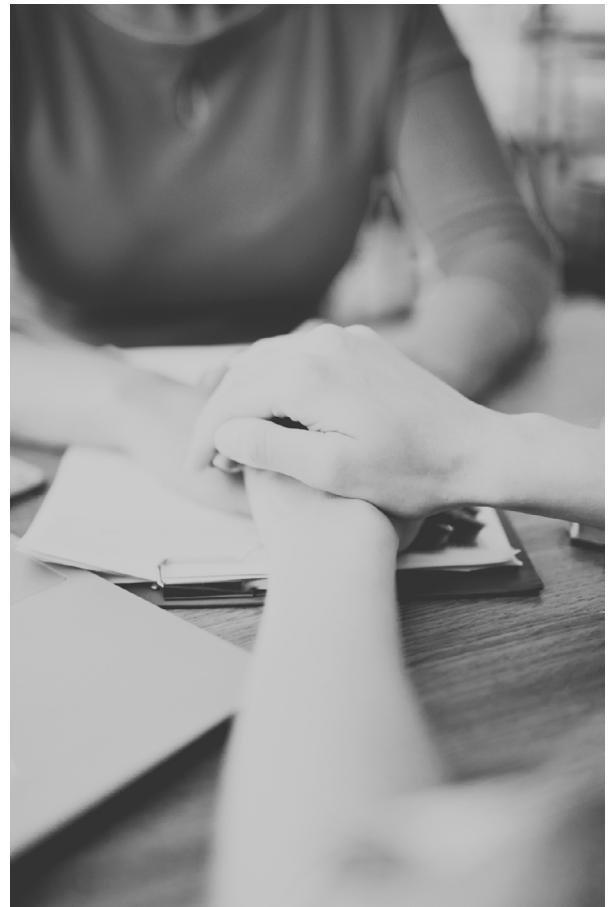
Outreach Service Coordinator

**SHELLEY GLEASON**

Warehouse Director

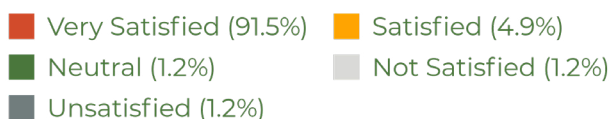
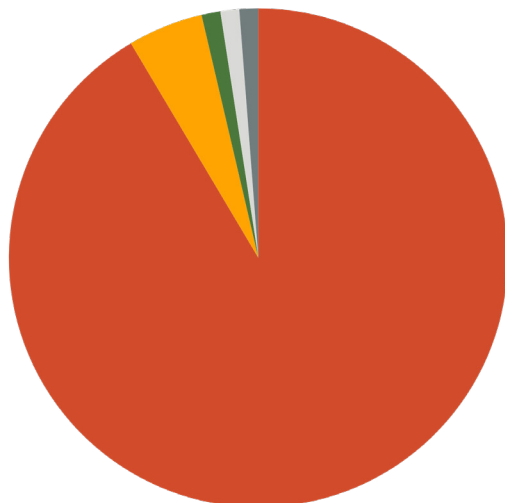
**STEPHANIE DILLMAN**

Administrative Assistant



## our CLIENTS

COPE surveyed clients who received services over the past year to tell the story of our commitment to services.



A majority of COPE clients say they were satisfied or very satisfied with the services they received.

# 96%

of clients say they feel more confident or empowered as a result of having participated in COPE programs



# the GOALS

## **EMPOWER OUR NEIGHBORS TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS.**

Through case management, utility assistance, and thoughtfully developed programs including workshops, classes, and certifications offered in partnership with local organizations and businesses, we will provide supportive services that help our neighbors build stability and move toward their personal goals.

## **NURTURE A ROBUST COMMUNITY OF CARE.**

We will strengthen relationships among our member churches, volunteers, and staff to cultivate an engaged and compassionate network that supports neighbors and sustains our mission.

## **GROW AND EXPAND OUR IMPACT.**

By strengthening referral networks, developing new partnerships, and creating engaging funding opportunities, we will expand the resources and support available to the neighbors we serve.

2026

### **EXPANDING PATHWAYS TO STABILITY**

- Personalized case management and goal planning
- Workshops, classes, and programs
- Financial coaching and credit counseling
- Utility assistance
- Connections to community partners and referral networks

### **ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT**

- Develop a Community Advisory Council
- Programming to attract and retain a diverse volunteer base
- Staff development and enrichment
- Expand partnership and mission visibility
- Strengthen sustainable funding opportunities

**Your generous support of COPE helps make a difference**

## **DONATE**

Monetary donations help us provide services. Donating clothing, food, and other items for our outreach center supports families right here in our community.

## **VOLUNTEER**

COPE is a volunteer-run organization. With your help, COPE is able to assist families, distribute food and household supplies, and provide clothing to those in need.

## **SUPPORT**

COPE has a strong corps of supporters who help out in many ways. Join us by signing up online, and we'll reach out with opportunities to get involved.

# ABOUT US

## THE VISION OF COPE IS TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS IN WESTERN DOUGLAS COUNTY.

COPE helps our neighbors maintain their dignity during difficult times by providing support services. Our service area consists of the following western Douglas County zip codes: 68022, 68007, 68069, 68064, 68118, 68116, 68135, 68130. Neighbors can visit our outreach center for monthly food, personal care, diaper and clothing shopping. Case management services are regularly available on a walk-in or appointment basis. We aim to understand the needs of our community and offer programs that will meet those needs.

COPE provides hope to our neighbors in need, regardless of religious, cultural, or ethnic beliefs, while maintaining the confidentiality and dignity of those who are served.

**WE PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR BOTH SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM SUPPORT**

**WE HAVE BEEN SERVING WESTERN DOUGLAS COUNTY FOR OVER 20 YEARS**

**OUR BOARD CONSISTS OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUR PARTNER CHURCHES, AS WELL AS COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH A PASSION FOR SERVICE**



# CONNECT

*with us*

### OPEN HOURS

Tuesday - Saturday  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Wednesdays  
4 - 6 p.m. *Client Services Only*



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