



# Partners In Hope - Texas

## 2025 Impact Report

A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Connection is a Non-Trivial Pursuit

Every nonprofit ministry needs a “reason for being.” At Partners in Hope (PIH), we wake up every morning knowing how critical community and support are for navigating life. There are countless people in our neighborhoods living in relational poverty. We pursue the socially isolated because we believe we should walk with them rather than walk by them.

Whether you are in a place of joy or sorrow or somewhere in between, having people in your life who walk alongside you changes everything. Community breaks the bonds of hopelessness and helps us move into new life.

Consider the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32), where Jesus talks about a man who asked his father for his inheritance early, then left home full of hopes, dreams, and wonder. However, after falling into the traps of the world, he squandered his resources. He tried to work himself out of a tough situation but still ended up in a pit of desperation.

Yet even in deep misery, this son still had one shining ray of hope—he knew that he had a home where he could return. And with great mercy, his father welcomed him with open arms and no judgment.

We encounter people in anguish and loneliness every day. Sometimes they, like the prodigal son, end up in a place of isolation due to bad decisions. But sometimes they get into a pit of despair through unfortunate circumstances—by being taken advantage of by others, after they are cast out by our culture, or a combination of multiple factors.

The real tragedy is that so many people in that pit have no idea there is a loving God who pursues all of us and who often comes in the form of people who desire to help.

This is the space where PIH thrives. We seek out those living in the shadows and attempt to minister to them by addressing immediate physical needs and then introducing them to a hope-filled community.

YOU are part of this connecting hope. Thank you for helping us move our isolated neighbors out of relational poverty and into the richness God’s Kingdom offers.



*Matt Peacock*

**Matt Peacock**  
Executive Director



Two for the price of one! As we share YOUR 2025 Impact on the PIH mission, this print version of the report is “Part One” of the story.

“Part Two” is a video report, which you can view by scanning the code below. We’ve included some great stories about our families, our volunteers, and our partners, so please take the time to watch it!



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## A LETTER FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

### Who is Your Neighbor?

Usually, the neighbors we serve don't live in the biggest houses or in the best neighborhoods. Many are widows, widowers, or single parents living on limited means. They do the best they can, but overwhelming situations often lead to a downward spiral of social isolation. But social isolation isn't limited to just this demographic. It can impact people of means as well.

Scripture repeatedly reminds us to love our neighbors. When we ask, "Who is my neighbor?", Christ whispers to us, "Anyone who crosses your path."

But love requires pursuit, since neighbors who need help often live in the shadows and out of our sight. We are grateful to the partners who help us find referrals, such as churches, local government agencies, other nonprofits, and people like you who notice those who could use community.

In 2025, we had an amazing year of growth and maturity for PIH as we celebrated 15 years of service to our Lake Travis/Spicewood and, more recently, Cedar Park/Leander neighbors. God is faithful, and we are grateful to all who join our efforts to make our neighborhoods more loving and kind.



*Richard Gilchrist*

**Richard (Rich) Gilchrist**  
President, PIH Board of Directors

### WHAT IS A WALKING PARTNER?

A PIH Walking Partner is a volunteer who is specifically trained to come alongside one of our clients in a way that models support, care, and friendship. We pair these volunteers with a client (men with men; women with women) so that our clients can experience community in a way that helps them overcome the negative effects of social isolation.

Walking Partners have the gift of relationship building and gladly adhere to PIH's Core Values (Christ-Centered, Community, Compassion, Connection, and Commitment) Most importantly, they desire that no one should navigate life alone.

On the next page, you'll read about one of our Walking Partners, Scott Olsen, who stepped up when a client who was homebound desired a friend. As B.J. Rogers, Ministry Director for Cedar Park/Leander noted, "*Scott embodies the core values of PIH. He sees the needs of our isolated friends and does whatever is helpful without hesitation or seeking credit.*"

Interested in learning more about this impactful volunteer role? Contact us at [info@pihtx.org](mailto:info@pihtx.org)!

## YOUR 2025 IMPACT IN NUMBERS



### 85 Households Served

...leading to decreased social isolation and increased connections to communities of hope!



### 35 Community Serving Events

...such as Community Workdays that create safer and cleaner living conditions for our families, while forming bonds and promoting neighborly love.



### 206 Meal Deliveries

...for extra support and midweek relationship development.



### 108 Discipleship Gatherings

...such as Fellowship Dinners (hosted by local Church Partners) and Coffee Connections, leading to new friendships and sharing of life through devotionals.



### 170 Community Resource Connections

...such as counseling, coaching, healthcare, job assistance, and church programs, leading to better wellbeing and increased confidence to engage in society.



### 512 Active Volunteers

...leading to more people serving and loving neighbors.



### 3,405 Volunteer Hours

...worth \$118,460 when multiplied by the 2025 nonprofit hourly value of \$34.79.



### 13 Walking Partners

...who walked alongside our families in intentional ways to offer more targeted support and friendship.



### 10 Relational Ministry Training Workshops & 120 Training Participants

...now even more volunteers who wanted to serve are equipped to walk alongside their socially isolated neighbors!



### 15 Community Presentations

...so that community members in our service areas are better educated about the negative effects of social isolation.

## Walking Partners Who Literally Walk Together

Interview with Scott Olsen, PIH Volunteer & Donor

### How did you get involved with Partners in Hope?

I attend Hill Country Bible Church. A fellow church member, Paul Phillips, told me about PIH over coffee and urged me to check them out. My first workday was in September 2024, and I've been a regular volunteer since. Looking back, it's a great reminder that God often speaks to us through other people.

### What about our mission tugs at your heartstrings?

My parents are in their 80s and live about 1,500 miles away in Florida. I love visiting them and helping with projects that are hard for them to manage on their own, but there's always more that needs to be done. When I serve PIH clients, I see that same need. I can relate to it personally, and that connection motivates me to step in and help wherever I can—whether it's through workdays or showing up consistently.

### Why did you decide to become a Walking Partner?

At Cedar Park/Leander Community Workdays, B.J. always encourages us to take time to meet the family we are serving. He emphasizes that building relationships matters more than how much work we complete.

One day, we were scheduled to work at two houses just a few doors apart. We gathered at Don's house before splitting into groups, and I was assigned to the other home. But during the opening prayer, I felt a strong tug to get to know Don.

After the workday, I was ready to head home—but that feeling didn't go away. Thankfully, I listened. I walked back to Don's house, introduced myself, and spent some time getting to know him. That simple decision ended up changing both of us as our relationship grew.

### Tell us a bit about your relationship with your current Walking Partner.

After learning Don loves dogs, we started walking together with my dog Maggie, and we've been doing it weekly ever since. We usually walk a little over a mile and stop along the way to visit neighbors. During that time, we catch up on life, talk about current events, and Don always has a joke or two ready. Sometimes we'll go out for breakfast or grab ice cream at Andy's.

We've also had opportunities to serve others together! Don has joined workdays and is quick to share about PIH with neighbors. On our walks, we also got to know Juan, a retired minister who was homebound. We were able to visit with him, help around his house, and even take his dog to the vet. Juan passed away last month, but I know our visits brought him and us some joy in his final days.

### What have you learned about relational poverty?

Serving with PIH has opened my eyes to how significant relational poverty really is—it's much bigger than most of us realize. Everyone has a story, but you don't truly understand it unless you take the time to build a relationship. Don is a great example—he's very modest so you won't know his amazing story unless you ask.

That's what stands out to me: *Relationships take time, but they are where real impact happens. I'm grateful to be part of what PIH is doing!*

Scott and Don on a walk as they catch up on their weeks.



Scott and Don with PIH Board and staff at a Fellowship Dinner.



B.J. Rogers, PIH Ministry Director, leading a Walking Partners training.



**YOUR 2025 FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**2025 Finance Report**

Total Revenue: **\$586,937**

Total Expenses: **\$629,227\***

\*Expenses over income anticipated, and a plan to utilize reserves was implemented.

**2026 Total Budget: \$710,268\*\***

\*\*Plans to grow 2026 donor base to fully realize expansion goals under way. Reserves will only be utilized if needed.

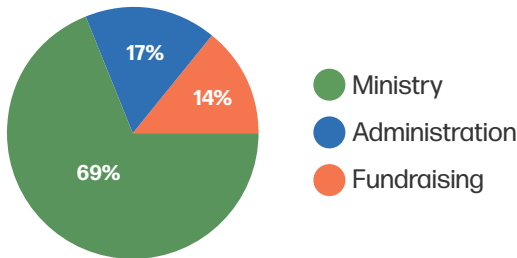
**2025 Statement of Financial Position:**

Total Assets: **\$213,386**

Total Liabilities: **\$ 22,429**

Total Net Assets: **\$213,386**

**2025 Functional Expenses:**



**DONOR BASE EXPANSION GOALS**

	2024 Result	2025 Result	2026 Goal
New Donors (households & organizations)	51	52	60
Recurring Monthly Donors (households)	34	42	50
Donors Who Gave \$4,000+ (households, over a two-year period)	33	44	54
Donors Who Gave \$250+ (households)	66	81	90
Total Church Donors	17	17	20
Total Organizational Donors (businesses and other nonprofits)	6	6	8

*“As more people become aware of our ministry, we are seeing progress toward our giving goals. PIH is in a unique position to increase our giving and leverage those numbers for more relational ministry programs. As I step into the Development Director role, I’m excited to see how we can work together to reach our goals for the sake of being a loving neighbor. Let’s connect!” ~Carissa Bickling, Development Director, [carissa@pihtx.org](mailto:carissa@pihtx.org)*

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