



Spread love, Give hope, Inspire the heart

2025 Impact Report

Transforming Compassion Into Action

Love. Hope. Inspire

Love. Hope. Inspire

WE GIVE L.O.V.E

WE CARE



WE MAKE AN IMPACT

A Message From Our Founder

As I reflect on 2025, I am filled with gratitude for how far The Packs of Love Foundation has come and for the community that continues to surround and support our work. Sometimes, I am still amazed that POL started from just an ex-social worker wanting to make a change. During my time as a social worker, I saw firsthand how much more our children truly needed. Since the spring of 2022, I've been walking this journey with a heartfelt commitment to creating a meaningful, and lasting impact for the youth that we serve.

Packs of Love is so much deeper than what people see on the surface. This work comes from my heart and from a deep desire to stand up for children in the foster care system who are too often misunderstood, overlooked, or counted out. I take pride in being their advocate and helping to create space where their voices are heard and their needs are met. Through a holistic approach rooted in care, stability, and love, we remind every young person we serve that they matter, they are capable, and they deserve a life filled with dignity, opportunity, stability and hope.

2025 was one of meaningful growth. We expanded our reach, strengthened our programs, and continued to show up for youth with care, and intention. Every step forward, every bag packed, every moment of support offered was made possible because of the generosity, trust, and belief of those who stand with us.

I am especially thankful for the connections we've made along the way. Each connection shared commitment to compassion, and showing up when it matters most. These connections have helped us grow thoughtfully and helped us to remain rooted in our mission as we continue to learn, and evolve.

As we look forward to the year to come, we do so with hope and purpose. The Packs of Love Foundation is committed to expanding our impact, strengthening our initiatives, and continuing to serve with heart, integrity, and care. The vision is clear, and we're excited for the work ahead.

Thank you for being part of our journey and becoming apart of our village. Your support makes our work possible, and together, we are creating lasting change.....

one act of L.O.V.E at a time.



Sapheria Emani Samuels
Founder/Executive Director

WE GIVE L.O.V.E
WE CARE
WE MAKE AN IMPACT

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Love. Hope. Inspire



Board of Directors/Volunteers.....	5	Organization P.Development.....	19
Our Mission Has A New Look.....	6	Special Sponsorships.....	23
POL Vision.....	7	Powerful Partners.....	24
Fresh Update To L.O.V.E Statement.	8	Looking Ahead To 2026.....	25
2025 Highlights.....	9	Thank You.....	32
The Deeper Impact.....	12		

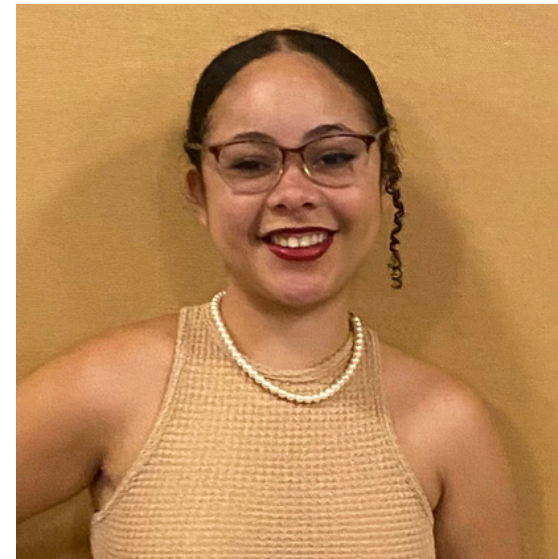
Board of Directors and Volunteers

Behind every moment of impact, every community served, & every life transformed, is a dedicated group of passionate leaders & volunteers who believe in the power of turning care into change.

Their time, effort, & commitment is the reason why we are able to show up for all individuals affected by foster care with resources, tools & essentials to impact their journey & redefine their futures!



Lashonna Samuels
President



Jasmine-Houston Rosdao
Secretary & Marketing Outreach Chair



Tashaye Johnson
Treasurer



Dyi-mond
Shields



Ericka
Murphy



Denisha
Martin



Edgar
Martin



Lawanda
Allen



Katy
Simpson



Rodneesia
Wilson



Zahra
Johnson

Our Mission Has A New Look!

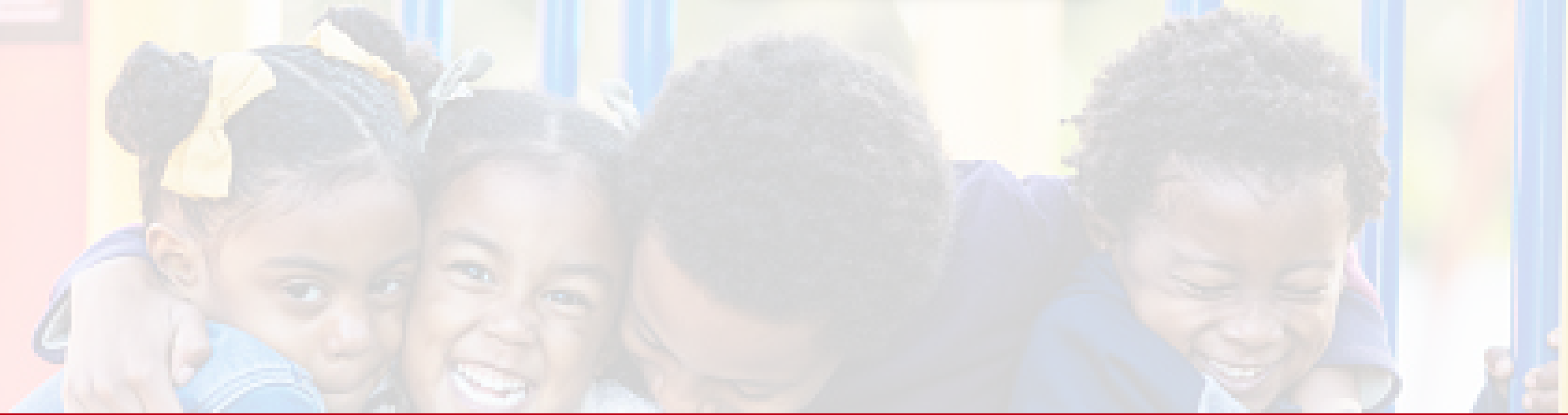
Our mission is to serve as a trusted resource and passionate advocate for youth in foster care and young adults transitioning out of the system.

Through our 4 core pillars: crisis stabilization, life skills development, access to normalcy, and economic advancement .

We're committed to empowering futures by providing access to essential resources, transformative workshops, and meaningful opportunities that nurture their educational, financial, and personal well-being.

Love. Hope. Inspire

Our Vison



We envision to be an actively safe resource for all youth in foster care & young adults transitioning out of the system.

We aim to expand our impact beyond Pinellas & Hillsborough counties by bringing transformative support to every community.

We passionately hope for a time when ALL children who've experienced the foster care system have their essential needs fulfilled with an overflow of love and support

A Fresh Update To Our L.O.V.E Statement



- ♥ Shedding Light on the emotional, mental & physical well-being of youth in foster care & young adults aging out of the system while guiding them toward hope & healing.
- ♥ Spreading Optimism by providing care packages, transformative workshops, & financial support to impact their journey & remind them that their happiness & futures, matters too!
- ♥ Validating the concerns of our youth affected by foster care by spreading awareness of their stories, impact of displacement, & the overall support they need to feel empowered & confident.
- ♥ Showing up with Essentials to eliminate stress while bringing comfort, care, & access to hygienic products to all youth who've experienced the foster care system.

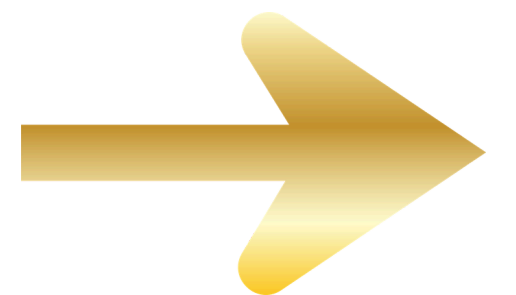


Spread love, Give hope, Inspire the heart

Love. Hope. Inspire

2025

Impact Highlights





We Brought Comfort, Dignity & Essentials To Youth



Through partnerships with **Ready For Life**, McCabe United Methodist Church, and **Chick-fil-A 4th Street North**, we delivered **102 hygiene care packages** that restored dignity and provided immediate support to youth in foster care.



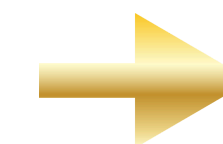
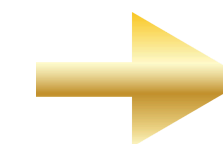
We Helped Kids Look & Feel Their Best

Our teamwork with Angels Against Abuse and My Fairy God Father Foundation, youth in foster care received essential haircare products to boost their confidence and outlook on self-worth.



We Lifted Spirits & Supported Mental Wellnes

Together with NAMI Pinellas, we brought wellness bags to teen girls at Brookwood Girls Group Home. Sending hope, encouragement, & emotional support right when they needed it most.





We Fought Against Hunger

We joined forces with the NAACP and The CALI Project to deliver **75 food packages** to families affected by SNAP benefit cuts, offering relief and reminding them they're not alone.



We Showed Families They Matter

Alongside Humble Beginnings Non Profit Organization we delivered **36 hygiene packs** to families navigating changes and unhoused locals in need.



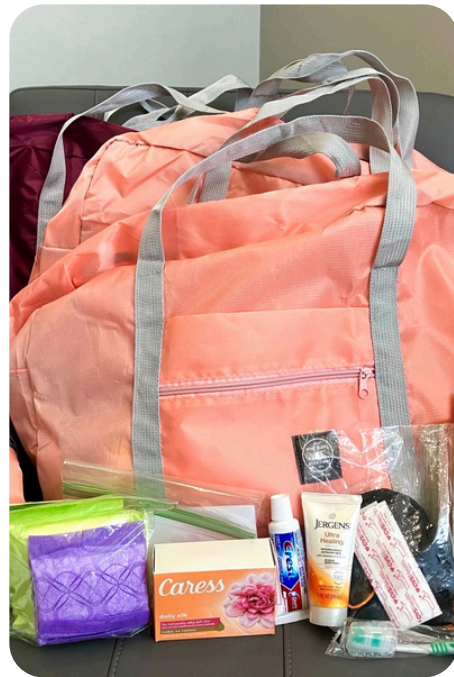
We Poured Magic Into The Holiday Season

We created more smiles for the holiday season by helping to sponsor the Hot Cocoa & Movie Night at World Class Child Development Center along side 2 Cousins Promotions



**THIS YEAR WAS TRULY A YEAR OF IMPACT,
GROWTH, AND POWERFUL NEW PARTNERSHIPS
AND IT'S ONLY THE BEGINNING.**

The Deeper Impact

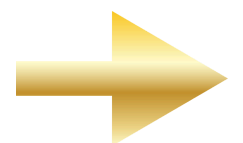


Serving youth in foster care & young adults transitioning out of the system is **our mission**, but showing up for our community is in our heart.

Our strong communication with local group homes & organizations allows us the opportunity to **identify the direct needs** of our community & respond with *meaningful solutions*.

Behind every action is a child who feels seen, a family who feels supported, a young adult who is reminded that they matter, too.

Our impact goes beyond just providing services for our community, it's rooted in our commitment to restore **confidence, dignity, & hope** for the people who need it the most.





Caring for Crowns & Creating Confidence

Hair care is more than appearance, it's identity, self-worth, & the opportunity to walk into a room with confidence.

When youth feel good about how they look, they feel better about themselves.

In 2025, we launched the Care For Your Crown Donation drive to support the mental health of our kiddos in care!

With the help of our supporters & through our teamwork with Angels Against Abuse & My Fairy God Father Foundation, we provided over **45 essential haircare packages** to children & teens in foster care this year.

Empowering youth with confident boosting hair care products that nourish self-love & a positive sense of self!

*The Packs of Love Foundation, Inc presents
Spread love, Give hope, Inspire the heart*



CARE FOR YOUR CROWN

Hair Care Supply

DRIVE

Help us build confidence! - One CROWN at a time!
Donate essential hair products to uplift our children in the foster care system

GROUP HOMES WE ARE SUPPORTING!



85 CHILDREN!



WHAT WE NEED (GIRLS & BOYS)

- Combs/Brushes
- Heat Protectant
- Hair Gel
- Shampoo/Conditioner(small)
- Curling Cream
- Hair ties
- Durags
- Hair Oil
- Hair Accessories
- Bonnets/Scarfs
- Any Additional Items
- Edge Control
- Pompage

WAYS TO DONATE



Items & Monetary contributions are accepted!

SCAN TO MAKE AN IMPACT!

<https://donorbox.org/care-for-your-crown>

SPONSOR A \$30 HAIR CARE BAG!

Items Primary Drop off Location

3530 1st ave North Suite 121 St.Petersburg Florida 33713

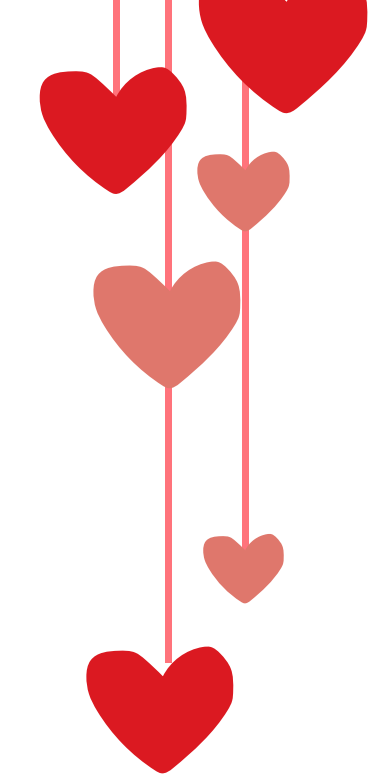
✉ inspire@packsoflovefoundation.org

📱 @packsoflovefoundation

Accepting Contributions until June 30, 2025



One Week of L.O.V.E With Chic-Fil-A 4th Street



This year, Chick Fil A (4th St. North) helped us bring our St. Petersburg community together for a full week of giving!

This generous location helped us increase access to vital hygiene essentials to our kids in foster care. Impacting their physical health & their everyday self-care routine

Through Our Week of L.O.V.E Campaign: We collected essentials to support youth in need

- ♥ We gathered “Notes of Hope” written by supporters like you! Giving encouragement & emotional support to youth in need
- ♥ We rallied our neighbors together for a spirit night of community connection & change.
- ♥ Together we raised items to fill our duffle bags that will support ourr kiddos in care



Rapid Resources

When our community faces a crisis, we show up with rapid resources to eliminate as much stress as possible!

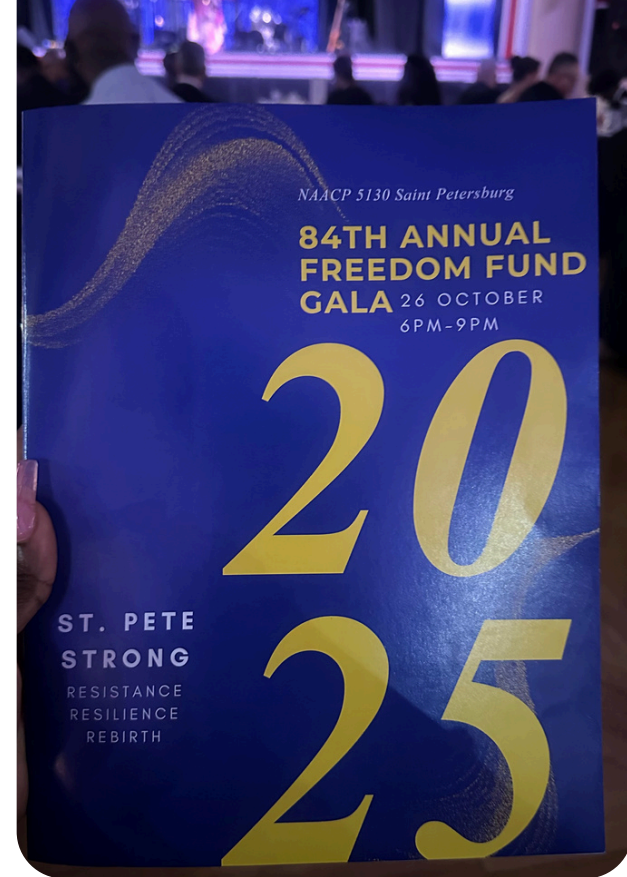
This year, several families were affected by SNAP benefit cuts. This year, several families were affected by SNAP benefit cuts, so we responded with action! Delivering food, and relief when it mattered most.

We partnered with **NAACP & the Cali Project to deliver over 75 food packages** to families in need & **sponsored 35 care packages for Humble Beginnings non profit organization** filled with hygiene essentials to families and unhoused community members in need.

We believe no one should have to wonder where their next meal is going to come from or how they are going to afford everyday essentials.

Through community, commitment & action, we will remain committed to helping our neighbors in need, every year!





Sponsoring Smiles & Creating Connections

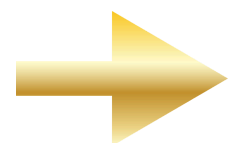
This year was filled with powerful networking & creating meaningful connections with other local organizations & businesses to carry our mission further!



From advocating youth in care at the Collard Green Festival to engaging in weekly Angels Against Abuse meetings to increase awareness of their needs, we showed up consistently to strengthen our community connections so we can serve more.

To further extend our impact, we proudly sponsored community-centered events that aligned with our mission. This year, we sponsored the NAACP Gala & Hot Cocoa & Movie Night at World Class Child Development Center to stand with organizations bringing change & creating smiles for our community!

Love. Hope. Inspire



Community Connection In Action



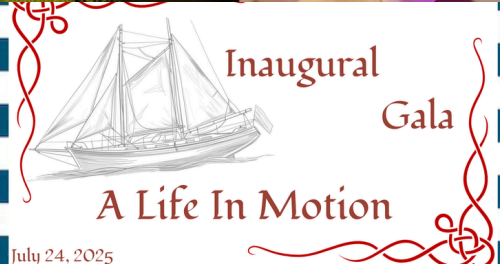
The C.A.L.I. Project has been a meaningful community partner to The Packs of Love Foundation throughout 2025.

Their mission to *provide safe & stable living spaces, workforce development & education, life skills & wellness programs*; and their commitment to supporting marginalized populations aligned deeply with our own.

Lastly, their willingness to open space for honest conversation made a lasting impact.

Through our connection, we were able to speak directly with teens who transitioned out of the foster care system which helped shape the development of our Light of Hope Scholarship Program.

We were honored to support their initiatives and celebrate their work this year! This partnership reflects the power of community collaboration rooted in shared purpose, and care.



Community Connection In Action



Honoring 120 Years of Love in Action

In celebration of their 120th anniversary, McCabe United Methodist Church generously donated 120 duffle bags, creating a powerful moment of service, legacy, and care.

This meaningful gift directly supports our youth in foster care by providing dignity, comfort, and a sense of belonging during times of transition. More than a donation, this act reflects a deep-rooted commitment to faith, and compassion.

We are grateful for partners who choose to celebrate milestones by pouring into others and standing alongside us as we create impact together



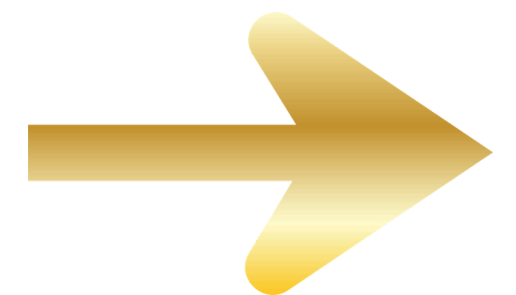


Spread love, Give hope, Inspire the heart

Love. Hope. Inspire

POL 2025

Organization / Professional
Development



Growing With Intention

Thanks to the support of the Foundation for a Healthy St. Pete, Packs of Love received a capacity-building grant that allowed us to participate in

our first Core Capacity Assessment!!!



This process provided an honest and in-depth look at the overall health of our organization; highlighting our strengths, identifying areas for growth, and helping us better understand where resources are most needed.

The insights and tools gained through this assessment guided us in making more intentional decisions and directly led us into our

first strategic planning sessions for 2026,



ensuring we are building a stronger, more sustainable foundation for the future of Packs of Love and the youth we serve.



Core Capacity
Assessment Report
The Packs of Love
Foundation, Inc



NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP CENTER

Collective Support, Lasting Impact



Through our participation in Cohort 5 with the Hypatia Collaborative, Packs of Love received coordinated capacity-building services that helped us jumpstart several of *our most immediate organizational needs.*

This collaborative experience provided hands-on support, strategic guidance, and access to shared services that allowed us to assess our internal systems, strengthen our administrative foundation, and clarify operational priorities.

Being part of this cohort helped us move forward with greater alignment, confidence, and intention *as we continue building a healthy, sustainable organization.*



Learning, Connecting, Growing

Thanks to the support of Allegany Franciscan Ministries, we were able to attend the Nonprofit Leadership Center conference in 2025!

This experience created space for learning, reflection, and meaningful connection with *nonprofit leaders across the Tampa Bay area.*

Through workshops focused on non profit management, the power of collaboration, and sustainability, we gained valuable insight and tools to help strengthen our organization and continue scaling our impact!!



Special Sponsorships

We are incredibly grateful for the support of our funders who want to see us impact more people with our mission.

This year, we were honored to receive **3** generous grants totaling **\$25,000** to strengthen our programs, support the mental wellness of our board & volunteers, & increase our nonprofit's capacity to serve more youth & young adults in care!



Thank you
Allegany
Franciscan
Ministries for
generously
supporting us with
to impact mental
wellness of our
board & volunteers.

\$5,000



Foundation for a
Healthy St. Petersburg

Thank you
Foundation for a
Healthy St. Pete
for generously
donating support
our capacity
building efforts
ensuring our
nonprofit can
continue making
an impact in our
community

\$10,000



Thank you
Foundation for a
Pinellas
Community
Foundation for
generously
donating to fuel
our care package
program & bring
more relief to
youth in need.

\$10,000

2024-2025 Powerful Partners

Thank you to every person, every organization, & every business that believes in our mission, our work, & our promise to create brighter days for youth in need.

Your investment in our programs & initiatives is the reason why we are able to pour L.O.V.E into our community.

Thank you for making 2025 a powerful year of connection & change.

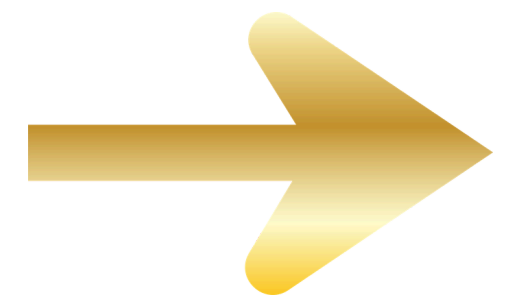




Spread love, Give hope, Inspire the heart

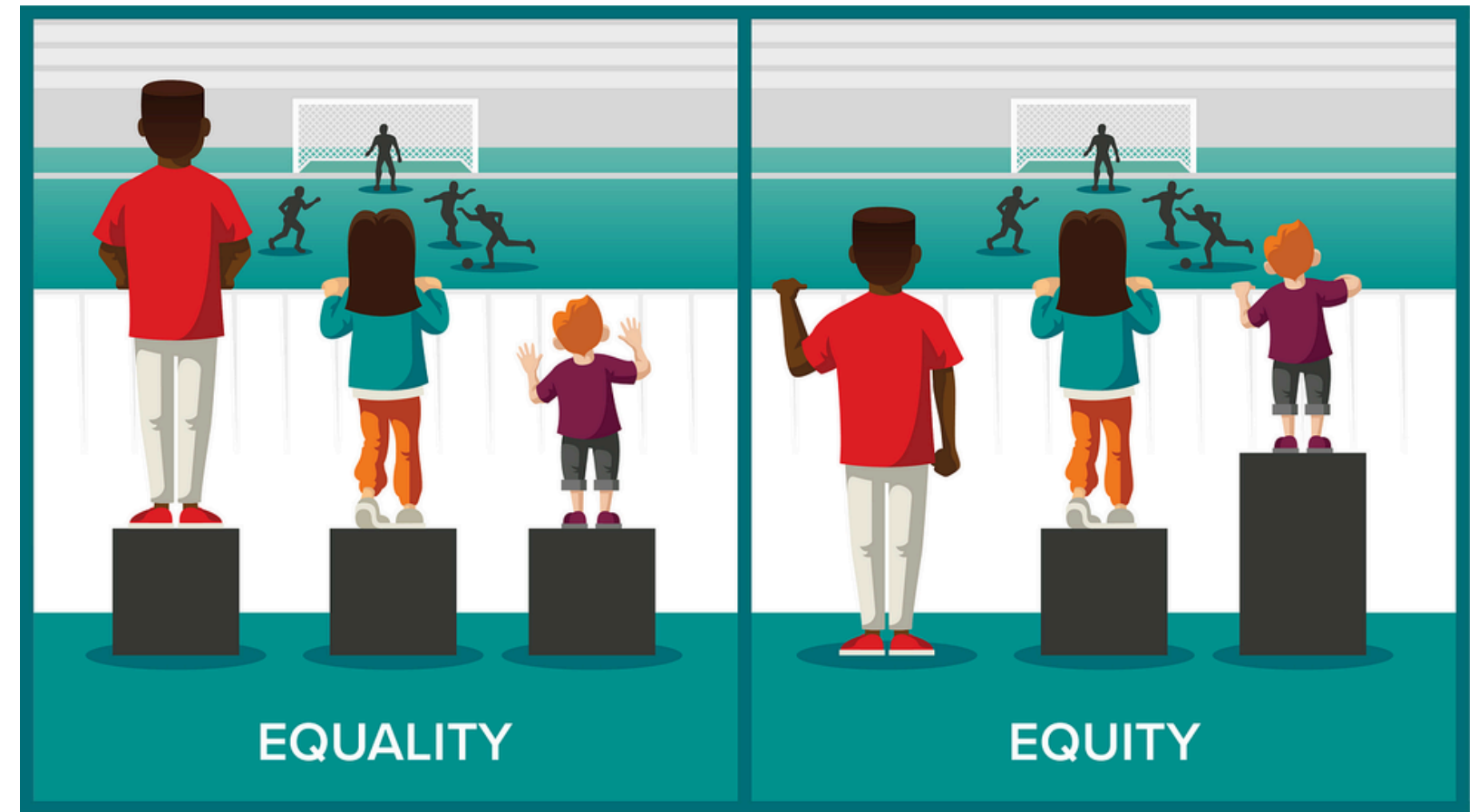
Love. Hope. Inspire

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026



Creating Access to Equity Through 4 Core Pillars

At Packs of Love Foundation, we believe we can't celebrate equality without ensuring everyone has the equitable access to thrive first!



No matter their backstory or the challenges they faced, we believe all youth & young adults affected by the foster care system should have the opportunity to create brighter futures for themselves!

So here's how we will create that opportunity in 2026..... → 26

Crisis Stabilization

We're continuing to support youth in foster care with our **Packs of Love Care Packages** filled with hygiene products & everyday essentials, neatly packed in duffel bags to help youth feel seen, supported, & create a personal space just for their belongings!

BENEFITS

1

- *Replaces trash bags with durable duffel bags to preserve dignity.
- *Provides youth with clean, personal care items they can rely on immediately
- *Supports caseworkers/group homes by reducing their emergency supply burden
- *Offers emotional comfort during a high-stress, high-instability moment

INTENDED OUTCOMES

- ♥ Youth feel seen, respected, and cared for during a crisis
- ♥ Improved hygiene and personal well-being for newly placed youth
- ♥ Increased emotional stability due to having personal items that belong to them
- ♥ Strengthened relationships with group homes and agencies who depend on our support



Life Skills Development

We're empowering teens & young adults affected by foster care with our

Inspired Growth Initiative!

Offering quarterly workshops to group homes to support with real-world tools, emotional support, financial literacy, communication skills, & resources to confidently prepare them for adulthood.

We're proud to support Carlton Manor in 2026 & we can't wait to support more group homes!

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- *Enhances emotional and mental well-being through guided discussions, coping strategies, and supportive spaces.
- *Builds practical, age-appropriate skills for budgeting, employment readiness, goal-setting, communication, and problem-solving.
- *Promotes empowerment and self-advocacy, helping our youth feel heard, validated, and capable of making informed decisions about their lives.
- *Creates equitable access to resources and opportunities often unavailable to youth in foster care.
- *Strengthens community and group home partnerships by providing consistent, structured enrichment.
- *Provides stability and support during key developmental years.

INTENDED OUTCOMES

Short-Term Outcomes (0–6 months)

Youth increase understanding of basic financial concepts, emotional regulation skills, and practical life management.

Increased engagement and positive feedback from group homes and community partners.

Intermediate Outcomes (6–12 months)

Youth demonstrate stronger decision-making, communication, and problem-solving abilities.

Participants regularly apply learned skills such as budgeting, conflict resolution, and goal-setting in daily life.

Youth exhibit improved emotional resilience and sense of stability.

Long-Term Outcomes (12+ months)

Youth transition into adulthood with greater independence and preparedness.

Increased employment readiness, educational engagement, and long-term self-sufficiency.

Strengthened community support systems that reinforce equitable access to growth opportunities.

Participants report higher levels of confidence, hope, and future-orientation.



Access to Normalcy

We're helping teens capture & celebrate their milestones with our **Moments That Matter Project.**

From supporting teens in need with prom dresses, senior photos, graduation fees & activities. We're committed to making sure no teen in foster care goes without a joy-filled senior year!

PROJECT BENEFITS

- *Ensures youth in care can participate in rites of passage that their peers often take for granted
- *Promotes self-confidence, emotional stability, and social connection
- *Reduces financial burden on foster parents, group homes, and caseworkers
- *Supports youth in celebrating their achievements with dignity and pride



INTENDED OUTCOMES

- ♥ Youth will experience an increased sense of belonging during their senior year
- ♥ Improved emotional wellbeing through participation in positive milestone events
- ♥ Higher engagement in school activities and academic persistence
- ♥ Youth transition into post-graduation life feeling celebrated and supported
- ♥ Community awareness grows around the inequities foster youth face

Economic Advancement

We're helping young adults launch into their futures with hope! Our **Light of Hope Pathway Scholarship** will provide an 8-month mentorship & scholarship program to guide young adults, transitioning out of care, into their next chapter with opportunities to create stability, build brighter futures & receive financial support.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

4

- *Provides financial backing for education, training, or life-start expenses
- *Offers consistent mentorship and emotional support
- *Encourages academic success, stability, and long-term goal setting
- *Builds a community of support beyond high school

Program still in development

INTENDED OUTCOMES

- ♥ Youth recipients demonstrate persistence in school or workforce pathways
- ♥ Improved emotional stability and confidence entering adulthood
- ♥ Increased access to post-secondary or career opportunities
- ♥ Youth maintain connection with supportive adult mentors



WE GIVE L.O.V.E
WE CARE
WE MAKE AN IMPACT

Love. Hope. Inspire



The work doesn't stop here

In 2026, Packs of Love will expand our programs & our reach, but we can't do it without you!

We are actively expanding our board and seeking passionate leaders to help drive our programs forward.

If you or someone you know believes in dignity, equity, & creating brighter futures for youth and young adults affected by foster care...

This is the moment to join our movement.

Your time, your ideas, your advocacy, & your donations keep the momentum flowing!

Send us an email @ inspire@packsoflovefoundation.org

to learn how you can get involved



Spread love, Give hope, Inspire the heart

2025 Impact Report

THANK YOU!!!!

Love. Hope. Inspire

3530 1st ave North STE #121 St. Petersburg, Florida 33713

727-598-4220

inspire@packsoflovefoundation.org

www.packsoflovefoundation.org

