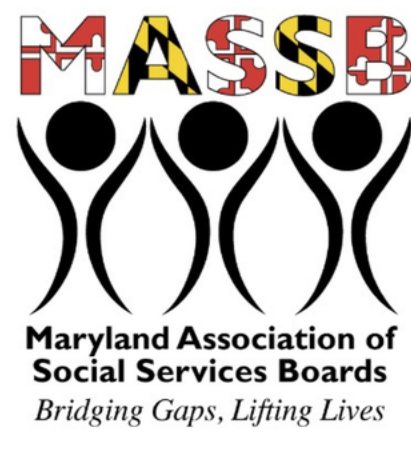


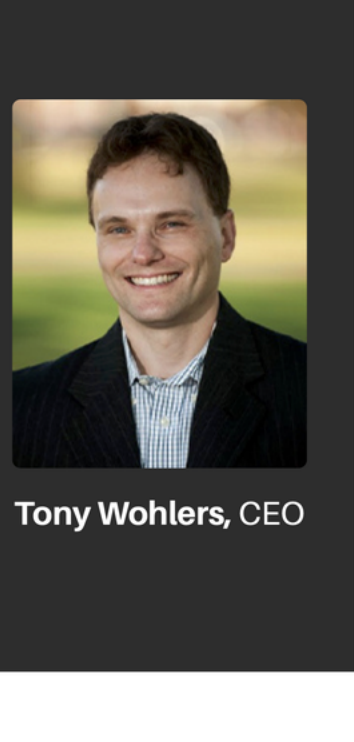


2025 IMPACT REPORT

THE MASSB FOUNDATION

Introduction

Since our founding in 2007, the MASSB Foundation has remained steadfast in its mission to strengthen communities and support vulnerable populations across the State of Maryland by expanding access to essential resources and opportunities that improve quality of life. What makes this work especially meaningful is that it is carried forward entirely by volunteers who are deeply committed to service, stewardship, and impact. Over the years, we have built a strong and sustainable foundation that allows us to expand our reach and deepen our impact. In 2025 alone, we are proud to report that we helped more than 3,900 individuals through our programmatic focuses with respect to Basic Needs, Health & Safety, and Growth & Opportunity. Our signature events, including the Legislative Conference and Annual MASSB Conference, continue to bring together leaders, partners, and advocates who share in this mission and amplify its impact. As we look ahead, we remain committed to building on this legacy and invite you to join us. Together we can lift lives across Maryland.



Tony Wohlers, CEO

Our History

The MASSB Foundation was formed in 2007 to enable fundraising by Maryland's Social Services Boards for programs that are not governmentally funded. We are comprised entirely of volunteers who serve on local boards in each of Maryland's 23 counties. Together, the boards finance valuable services to thousands of Marylanders each year, thanks to the businesses and individuals who donate funds and attend fundraising events.

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide resources that support vulnerable families, children and adults. We focus on improving their well-being and growth, aiming for long-term stability and resilience, not just short-term relief.

Our Vision

We envision a quality of life in Maryland in which individuals are healthy and safe from abuse, neglect and financial distress.

OUR PROGRAMS

Basic Needs

Providing financial assistance for food and clothing, to secure housing, and prevent eviction. Housing assistance includes rent, mortgage and utilities arrearages; and security deposits and first month's rent to transition from shelters to stable housing.

Health & Safety

Supporting the physical well-being of individuals, especially seniors, by providing financial assistance for hearing aids, oral care, medication, hygiene products, sanitation services, and home modifications such as the installation of ramps and safety bars. This program also provides financial assistance to domestic violence shelters and Child Advocacy Centers. Child Advocacy Centers protect and care for victims of child abuse.

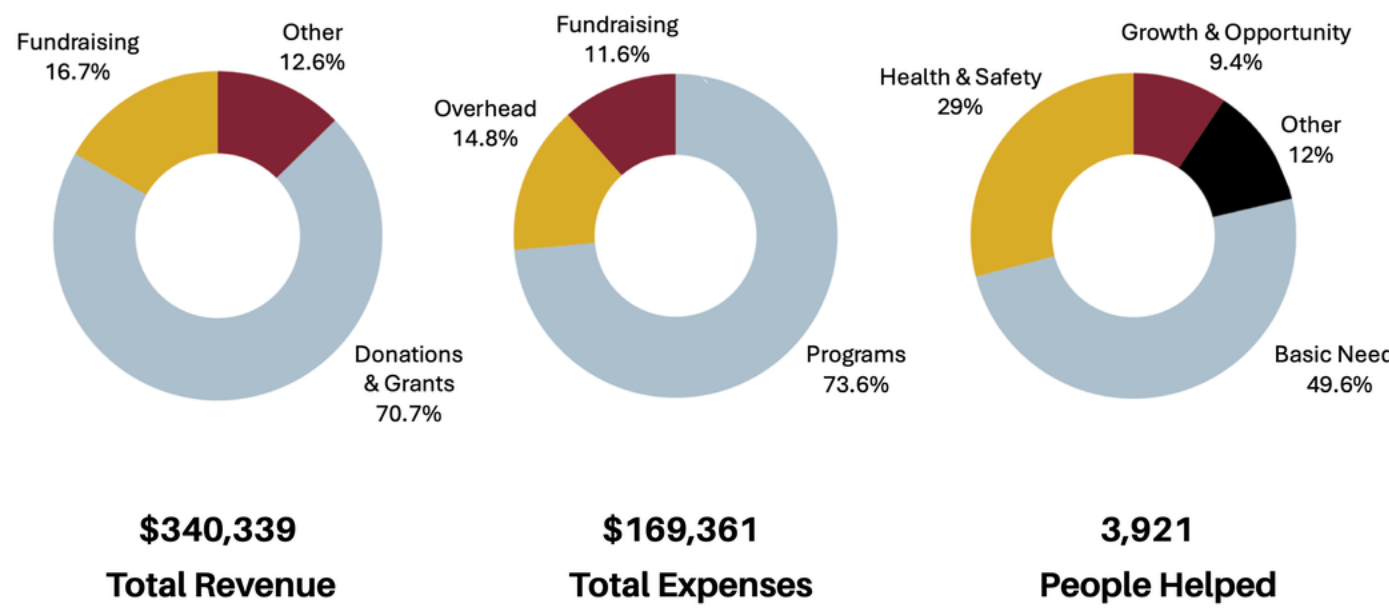
Growth & Opportunity

Addressing barriers to self-sufficiency by providing financial assistance for education and job training; transportation needs such as driver's education and car repairs; and appropriate clothing for job interviews and work. This program also provides opportunities for at-risk children such as tutoring, school supplies, and summer camps; and support to Family Service Centers which help "children learn and parents earn".



FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The MASSB Foundation has experienced steady revenue growth, allowing us to assist more people each year. 100% of funds raised through individual and corporate donations, grants and fundraisers were applied directly to programs. Other funds generated through membership dues, conference fees, and interest bearing accounts were used to pay for overhead expenses. At year end, unrestricted net assets totaled \$80,814.



SIGNATURE EVENTS

Legislative Conference

Understanding legislation, rules and regulations impacting the delivery of social services is a valuable attribute of MASSB boards. Each spring, MASSB hosts a legislative conference featuring, as speaker, the Director, Office of Government Affairs (OGA), Maryland Department of Human Services (DHS). This direct engagement with the state's legislative experts has proven to be an effective way for board members to increase their knowledge as they work to promote the general welfare of the people served by Local Departments of Social Services.

Annual Conference



"Rising to the Challenge: Strengthening Local Boards Through Advocacy" was the theme of this year's annual MASSB Conference hosted by Howard County. The conference brings together boards from across the state to learn, share ideas and celebrate the success of projects that are lifting the lives of vulnerable Marylanders.



LIFTING LIVES IN MARYLAND

The Lifting Lives Award recognizes initiatives that are having significant impact in our communities. Congratulations to the 2025 recipients of the Lifting Lives Award:



The Christmas Wish Program (Caroline County) is a vital community initiative that supports children with clothing, books, and other gifts to ensure that every child in Caroline County experiences the joy of the holiday season. The program's success reflects the generosity of community partners and local businesses that have stepped up to meet the rising demand from families affected by hardship, including displacement, job loss, and emergencies such as house fires.

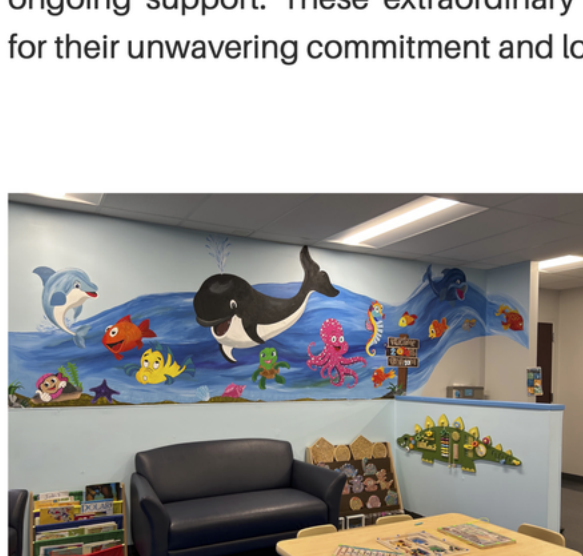
Bridges of Hope: Supporting Foster Youth Through Grief (Prince George's County) addresses losses often faced by foster youth—family separation, placement disruptions, and the death of loved ones — leaving them vulnerable to isolation, academic struggles, and emotional distress. The program includes bereavement groups, grief-informed training for CASA volunteers, and workshops for foster parents and caregivers. Bridges of Hope reduces placement disruptions, prevents behavioral crises, and promotes stability.

Supporting Management & Resources for Transitioning Youth (SMART) (Anne Arundel County) fills service gaps for youth aging out of foster care. The Homeless Services Unit partnered with the Foster Care Unit and Independent Living Coordinator to develop a seamless model that provides housing case management, assistance with applications and housing searches, ongoing communication with the Housing Commission, and follow-up care. By aligning housing and support services, and providing a case manager to support these young adults with housing, job readiness and life management skills, SMART reduces future homelessness, and demonstrates the impact of interagency collaboration.

The Baysox - Resource Parent Appreciation Event (Calvert County) brought together Resource (Foster) Families from across the state as a way to show them they are appreciated and valued, especially as the number of Resource homes is declining in Maryland. Children had a chance to meet each other and know they are not alone. Information tables were supported by members of C.A.S.E., the National Foster Parent Association, Paths for Families, and the Maryland Resource Parents Association.



The DSS Out of Home Division (Washington County) provides support to children and youth who cannot safely remain in their homes due to abuse or neglect. They provide temporary, nurturing living arrangements, recruit and license resource families, and offer ongoing support. These extraordinary individuals are celebrated for their unwavering commitment and love, which transforms lives.



The DSS Children's Play Area (Howard County) was transformed into a safe, welcoming, and uplifting space for families visiting the agency with the addition of an animal-themed mural, new furniture, bookcases, and a colorful rug. The mural was painted on parachute cloth by participants of the Howard County Detention Center's Mural Arts Program, where incarcerated individuals learn art techniques and contribute to community projects. The project not only brightened the space for children but also allowed incarcerated individuals to give back meaningfully to their community.

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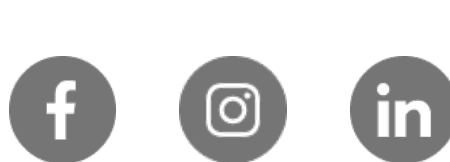
We are grateful to the many individuals and companies who have supported us financially or with your time. You are having a direct impact on the ability of families to not only survive, but thrive. Together we will achieve our vision of a quality of life in Maryland in which individuals are healthy and safe from abuse, neglect and financial distress. We offer our sincere appreciation to major and recurring donors:

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