



2025

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



ABOUT US

Our Mission

Commonpoint is a social services organization that meets the diverse needs of New York City and beyond. We offer a wide range of programs for people of all ages, ability levels, and backgrounds to connect and grow together.

Our Vision

Commonpoint aims to accommodate all community members and provide them with the skills they need to achieve long-term success.

Our Values

Innovation: We are positioned to move quickly to provide clients with customized, effective resources that meet their needs.

Community Commitment: We are deeply connected with our community, and are committed to hearing and acting on their voices to guide our work and do what it takes to help them thrive.

Equity and Inclusion: We respect and include all cultural backgrounds, religions, races, ethnicities, gender identities, abilities, and ages. Everyone deserves the opportunity to live their full potential, and our programs and community are stronger when we embrace people of all identities, backgrounds, and perspectives.

Resilience: We are passionate and tireless in our mission to help all people persevere through all obstacles to reach their goals.

Transparency and Accountability: We strive to be open and honest in our relationships and accountable to our constituents. We encourage honesty and transparency while upholding the highest ethical and professional standards. We take responsibility for our performance and help our team deliver services with integrity and accountability to all stakeholders.



LETTER FROM THE CHAIR AND CEO

Transformative. Innovative. Efficient. Effective. These are the words so often used to describe Commonpoint, and they reflect the heart of our holistic approach to serving the community.

2025 has been a year of growth and firsts, from opening the new Bronx Center to welcoming over 125,000 individuals, from infants to teens to adults to seniors, as they moved from crisis to stability to empowered, thriving lives.

Each member of the Commonpoint family is an individual human story that reminds us why this work matters:

- It's an 81-year-old man who walked over 3 miles to our food pantry and is now receiving home deliveries of food, clothing, and case management.
- It's a young man who found his career through our construction training program and now holds a steady job, supporting himself and his family.
- It's a newly arrived refugee child making her first friends in our after-school program while her parents attend English classes and job placement services.
- It's Jewish and non-Jewish teen travel campers exploring Jewish heritage and learning what it means to stand against injustice.
- It's a child with special needs who found confidence and joy in our inclusive programs, learning new skills, discovering strengths, and feeling understood.

As we look toward 2026, we do so with both realism and hope. There will undoubtedly be bumps in the road, just as there have been throughout our 70-plus-year history. But we also know that when we stand together, we thrive; individually, as families, and as a community. With your support, Commonpoint will continue to grow, adapt, and meet the evolving needs of our neighbors.

Through it all, one thing will remain constant: Commonpoint's doors will remain open, and our commitment to our community will never waver.

We face the future with gratitude and determination, and we are grateful for the incredible support from our volunteers, donors, and partners, which has been vital during these challenging times.

Thank you.



Lee Perlman, Chair of the Board



Danielle Ellman, Chief Executive Officer



OUR SERVICES

After-School Programs
Allied Health Training
Benefits Assessment & Enrollment
Bereavement Groups
College Access & Persistence
Culinary Arts Training
Cultural Arts & Jewish Heritage
Early Childhood Education
ESOL Classes
Financial Counseling
Food Pantries
GED Classes
Health & Wellness
Holocaust Survivor Resilience Program
Infant Care
Job Placement
Legal Assistance
Mental Health
NORCS
Older Adult Centers
Opportunity Youth
Parenting Center
Pool Clubs
Refugee Resettlement & Integration
Respite Memory Care
Special Services Inclusion Programs
Sports Classes
Summer Camps
Youth Employment
Swim Classes & Teams
Tech Training
Tennis Center
Vocational Training
Volunteerism



EARLY CHILDHOOD

With 90% of brain development occurring before age five, early learning experiences set the foundation for how children grow, connect, and thrive. Our Early Childhood programs provide nurturing spaces where children can explore, build relationships, and strengthen their cognitive, social, and emotional skills - helping each child reach their full potential in learning and life.

“My son entered school not really caring to interact with other kids and now he is always asking about his friends, and hugging them and holding hands.” - Jennifer



660

Children thrived through our Early Childhood programs, gaining foundational skills, confidence, and a love of learning.



91%

of parents reported meaningful growth in their children's emotional development, from improved self-regulation and confidence to stronger social skills.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Our programs for neurodiverse individuals help meet the emotional, educational, social, and recreational needs of neurodiverse community members through homework help, arts & crafts, sports, cooking, and science in after-school and summer camp programs. Participants learn essential skills such as independence and leadership to thrive.



316

Unique youth and adults with developmental disabilities participated in after-school, enrichment, and summer programs.



AFTER-SCHOOL

After-school programs offer a safe, nurturing environment that develops each child's educational potential, self-confidence, and social skills. Working parents are confident that their children learn and play in a secure and supportive environment.

"I cannot say enough wonderful things about my son's after-school program. He's been attending for over four years. They have been an incredible resource for our family. It's wonderful to know that my child isn't only safe while we're at work, but that he's growing academically, socially, and emotionally." - Maria



7,276

Children served across
25 programs.

57

Experiential learning trips that built
confidence, curiosity, and real-
world skills.

93%

Of participants shared that they
feel proud of the new skills they
developed in after-school this year.

HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE SUCCESS

Our High School & College Success programs, across 30+ schools in New York City and the Youth Opportunity Hub, address the obstacles young people face in completing high school, applying to college, and gaining high-quality work experiences. We provide wraparound services such as food, mental health counseling, and health and wellness alongside all the services students need to support them to complete their schooling, explore career options, and stay healthy in body and mind.

Academically, I was provided with numerous resources to help me succeed. Commonpoint always supported my goals - they made my dreams possible! - Trent



2,320

Total high school participants.

7,975

Year-round workshops helping students strengthen academic performance, job readiness, and confidence.

95%

Of graduating seniors are now pursuing college degrees or career-training credentials.

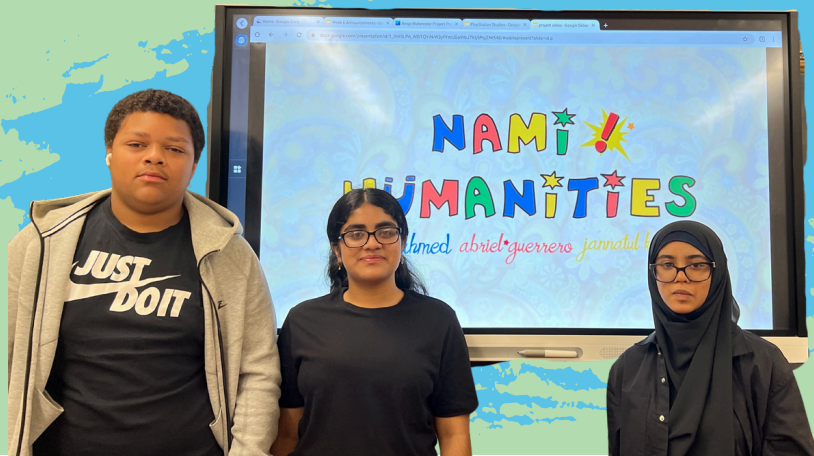
2,893

Total number of college acceptance offers received by our high school seniors.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

In New York City, more than one in four children live in poverty. Our Youth Employment programs are changing that by creating pathways to economic mobility through year-round paid work experiences. With job placements, professional development, and mentorship, we help young people build skills, earn income, and take meaningful steps toward lasting career success.

“At the start, I just wanted money and to work. In the end I ended up building relationships, learning how to save up and find confidence in my character.” - Mark



5,357

Young people gained real-world experience through paid summer internships.

402

Vulnerable and low-income teens continued their employment and career development through the school year—gaining skills and confidence.

**\$14
Million**

Dollars earned by youth through paid work experiences.

SUMMER CAMPS

Our commitment to social-emotional learning doesn't pause for summer—it flourishes. Research shows that high-quality summer programs strengthen social skills, confidence, and a sense of belonging. At Commonpoint camps, children explore new interests, build friendships, and grow in safe, nurturing, and inclusive environments. From sports and arts to STEM and outdoor adventures, every camper is guided by caring staff who inspire them to learn, lead, and thrive.

“This summer was pretty fun! I made amazing new friends, loved spending time at the lake, and had a blast at evening activities and campfires. I got to try new things like waterskiing, ziplining, and other sports, and every day felt exciting and fun. Camp really feels like a second home, and I can't wait to come back!” - Jeff



2,047

Campers experienced enriching day and overnight camp programs.



\$446,079

In camp scholarships was awarded to help families access summer programs.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Nearly half of New Yorkers don't get the recommended amount of physical activity each week. Our Health & Wellness programs make it easier for everyone to stay active—offering inclusive, community-based fitness opportunities for all ages and abilities. Through personal training, group classes, aquatics, and recreation, participants build strength, confidence, and lifelong wellness in a supportive, welcoming environment.

“I have been a member for 23 years and I have always enjoyed coming to the pool to swim, walk in the water, socialize, relax and just have a good time. I am recovering from a knee replacement, and the pool has been very therapeutic for me.” - Beth



“My son has been taking swim lessons at Commonpoint for 2 years now. I have watched him grow so much as a swimmer, from being scared of jumping in the water, to swimming a full lap of the pool independently. He has loved all his instructors.” - Eduardo

25,174

Children and adults engaged in a full range of wellness activities from swimming to strength training, dance to tennis, pickleball to basketball and baseball.



MENTAL HEALTH

With one in four adults in the U.S. experiencing a mental health condition—and only about half receiving the care they need—accessible, community-based services are more vital than ever. Since 1978, our Mental Health Division has provided compassionate, high-quality care for children, adolescents, and adults. Through counseling, case management, and rehabilitative support, we help individuals strengthen emotional well-being, build resilience, and lead more connected, fulfilling lives.

“My therapist has always listened lovingly and has often suggested additional ways to view situations. She 'gets' me. She offers a very safe space for me to share all parts of myself as I continue to age. I am free to be authentic. This makes a huge difference in my life's journey.” - Valerie



25,116

Clients received comprehensive mental health care, including individual therapy, group therapy, case management and outreach.



1,378

Patients accessed essential support and care.

RESETTLEMENT & INTEGRATION

Individuals admitted through the U.S. Refugee Admission Program are provided resettlement services that help them become self-sufficient and contributing members of society. Services include English language learning, temporary and permanent housing, furniture, household items, and clothing distribution, facilitation of health screening, cultural orientation, trauma-informed case management, mental health, employment training, and job placement.



OVER 1,300

Refugees and humanitarian migrants were connected with resettlement services, employment pathways, and integration support across our programs this year.

93%

Of resettlement participants secured employment, reflecting the program's success in helping newcomers achieve stability and independence.

ADULT WORKFORCE

With a 5.5% job openings rate in New York, the labor market demands adaptable, skilled workers. Our Adult Workforce Division equips individuals with the tools to learn new skills, as well as secure and sustain meaningful employment. Our integrated model combines vocational training, career education, and job placement with supportive services such as food assistance, mental health care, and financial counseling. This holistic approach helps individuals build lasting pathways to stability, self-sufficiency, and long-term growth.

“Before this program, I was uncertain about my future and my daughter’s. Since joining, I’ve grown so much and discovered my passion for caring for others. I’m now inspired to pursue nursing and have rekindled my love for learning.” - Amina



6,189

Individuals participated in job training, ESOL classes, adult basic education/GED classes and work readiness services.

759

Individuals secured meaningful employment and a path to stability.



72%

Of individuals now earn \$45,000–\$55,000 annually, 31.1% to 60.2% above the NYS minimum-wage.

573

Industry-Recognized Certifications achieved in Allied Health, IT/Tech, Culinary Arts, and Construction Trades.

RESILIENCE

Through our Resilience program, Commonpoint provides critical support to individuals and families facing sudden crises or financial strain. From food access and mental health counseling to case management and benefits assistance, we offer comprehensive services that help people stabilize and rebuild their lives. Programs are delivered in English, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian, Hebrew, and Farsi—ensuring every community receives culturally sensitive, accessible care that respects and reflects their traditions.

“It made a difference because when I felt lost and without a way forward, they helped me emotionally, financially, and morally. I am very grateful.” - Adam



759

Individuals and families in crisis received crisis case management, including crisis case management and mental health counseling, cash assistance, benefit screening and emergency food as needed.

93%

Of our Resilience clients reported feeling less stressed and more at peace after receiving support.

100%

of clients who received housing support from Commonpoint were able to avoid eviction and remain stably housed.

OLDER ADULTS

Thousands of older New Yorkers rely on community-based programs to maintain their health, connection, and independence. Our Older Adult Services Division ensures that every participant can age safely and with dignity in the neighborhoods they cherish. Through wellness and exercise classes, social events, nutrition education, benefits assistance, and volunteer opportunities, we foster belonging, purpose, and well-being - helping older adults lead full, engaged lives at every stage.

“I found the programs give my life focus and a sense of community. It was a lifeline especially after I retired.” - Maureen



5,050

Older adults stayed connected through our three older adult centers, three NORCs, and our 50+ exercise and wellness programs.

97%

Of older adults expressed strong satisfaction with our programs, noting greater connection, purpose, and overall well-being.

85%

Of older adults reported that our programs improved their daily lives and overall well-being.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Nearly one in five New Yorkers experience food insecurity, with working families among those most affected. Our five Digital Food Pantries across Queens help address this urgent need through a client-choice model that restores dignity and flexibility. Customers can order groceries online, select items that meet their household's needs, and schedule convenient pickup times. This approach reduces stigma and ensures access to healthy, culturally relevant food options for thousands of individuals and families each year.



3,345

Individuals in need assessed and helped with benefits enrollment.

\$5.6 Million

Cash value benefits supporting families each year.

72,393

Individual visits to our five food pantries and provided over 600,000 prepared and holiday meals.

VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are skilled, dedicated, and passionate about giving back to their community. They connect with fellow volunteers, staff, and program participants to form friendships and support our most vulnerable community members. We offer one-time and recurring opportunities for individuals, families, corporations, and community groups.

Volunteering gives me a real sense of purpose and connection. Working at the pantry or distributing clothes, reminds me that giving back doesn't have to be complicated to make an impact. The experience leaves me feeling proud. I'd encourage everyone to join. - Brock



26,500+

Hours of service contributed by 839 volunteers, expanding our capacity and deepening our impact.



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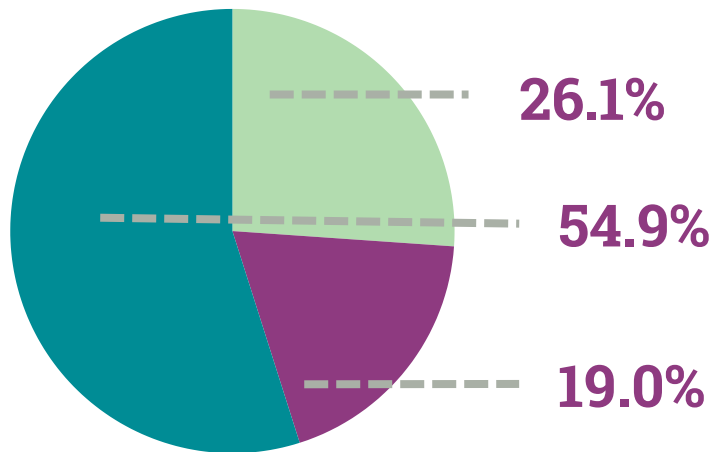
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Revenue



Total Revenue

\$94,651,542

Earned Income

\$24,692,971

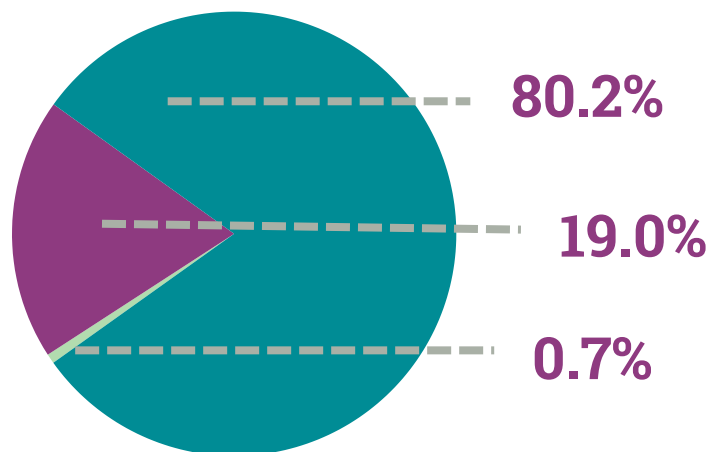
Government Grants

\$51,937,443

Contributions

\$18,021,128

Expenses



Total Expenses

\$88,374,963

Program Services

\$70,907,698

Administration

\$16,820,526

Fundraising

\$646,739

