



Hello and welcome to our *January newsletter*

As we step into 2026, I'm excited for what's ahead and deeply grateful for the community that makes this work possible. Last year showed us what can happen when people show up consistently, with heart and intention—and this year, we're building on that momentum.

In the months ahead, you'll see continued ways to engage through our programs, opportunities to volunteer, and several fundraisers that help fuel this work. Whether you're looking to roll up your sleeves, bring friends along, or support the mission in a new way, there's a place for you here. Be on the lookout for event announcements through our email and social media channels.

One of the year's highlights is already here—registration is now open for our Annual Tournament for Change. We can't wait to gather for another fun, high-energy morning on the course.

Thank you for being part of this community. Here's to a year ahead filled with connection, opportunity, and meaningful impact.

With gratitude,
 Christian Harris

Development Manager, LVTRise

2025 Recap

In 2025, our work showed up in steady moments—often quiet, always significant, and deeply meaningful. It looked like a child walking in after school, grabbing a snack, and settling into a space where they felt safe and welcomed. It looked like a parent picking up groceries, relieved to know there would be food on the table that week. It looked like a neighbor sitting down with a case manager, taking the next step toward stability with someone walking alongside them.

It also looked like supporting students directly in their schools, continuing an education cohort where high school seniors were supported as they planned for life after graduation, and ensuring students had what they needed to show up ready to learn—through school uniforms, more than 400 backpacks filled with school supplies, and partnerships that provided school-required vaccines and physicals. It looked like hosting a community clothing table where neighbors could take what they needed, when they needed it, and a community that continued to show up to help meet varying needs.

Day after day, our space was filled with learning, care, and connection. Through Fort Worth Public Library programming, more than 6,100 neighbors gathered to use computers, read, learn, and connect. Through Boys & Girls Club programming, our building was filled with energy and consistency—recording over 20,500 youth sign-ins throughout the year. Families made nearly 11,000 visits to our food pantries, ensuring access to nourishing food during times of need. 925 individuals accessed weekly STD testing services in partnership with the Tarrant Area Health Department, receiving care with dignity and privacy. And 471 neighbors engaged in case management, working toward greater stability one step at a time.

Behind every one of these moments were people who chose to show up. In 2025, 566 volunteers gave more than 4,000 hours of their time—welcoming neighbors, packing food, supporting programs, and helping turn a building into a community.

These numbers matter because they represent real lives, real needs, and real care. They tell the story of a year defined not by a single moment, but by consistency—by neighbors supporting neighbors, and by a community choosing connection again and again. We'll be sharing a deeper look at our impact in the 2025 Annual Report next month. For now, know this: every number is a reminder that when we show up together, meaningful change follows.



December Impact



**Food Pantry
Families served
876**

**Weekly STD Testing
Participants
63**

**Fort Worth Public Library
visitors
368**

**Volunteer Visits
106**

**Youth Activities
Participants
18**

**Special Events
Participants
219**

**Case Management
44**

**Volunteer Hours
262.22**

Community Impact

Intern Experience:

How would you describe LVTRise in one word?

"Family. Everyone that works here has been employed for years and they all have a familial bond within the workplace. I find this to be comforting as many workplaces fail to get to know one another outside of their roles within the office."

What surprised you about LVTRise?

"What surprised me most about this community center is how many people truly find it to be a safe space. We have many regulars that stop by to take care of us just as much as we do them. With this area being overpopulated we still find a way to make an impact on each community member's life."

Case Management Experience:

"About a year ago, during a very difficult season for my family, you and your team extended support that truly made a difference for us. I have not forgotten that kindness, and I remain deeply thankful for the work you do and the heart you bring to the community."

Parent Participant:

My family and I enjoyed the event and the activities. We, along with the other people, created wonderful memories that will last and shared our values with each other.

The events are important because we are spending time with our children and others. It's a wonderful environment that breaks the routine in our home. The kids end up happy, and they learn how to socialize. Thank you for everything!!

I enjoy this time with my family and the activities that we do. It helps the children a lot because they learn new things and how to live together with others. They end up really happy with the information they learn, and the memories they gain are unforgettable.



Your Impact Starts Here



2026 Tournament For Change

It's back—and registration is officially **OPEN!** The **2026 Tournament for Change** tees off on **April 13, 2026**, at the stunning Golf Club at Fossil Creek, and you won't want to miss it. Sponsorships and team spots are available now for what many call **one of the best golf tournaments in the city**. Expect a fun, fast-paced morning of great golf, great vibes, and an even greater mission. Rally your team, grab your spot, and get ready to swing for change! 🏌️🔥



Monthly Giving Program

Make a Lasting Impact—Every Single Month

Become a **Rise Community Partner** and help fuel real, consistent change all year long. With a monthly gift at any level, you're providing steady, reliable support that allows us to show up where we're needed most—again and again.

Join the movement, invest in community, and help us rise—together. ❤️



Volunteer

Volunteers are the heartbeat of our Tuesday Food Pantry.

Every Tuesday from 8:30 AM–1:00 PM, neighbors show up to sort, pack, and distribute food to families across the Las Vegas Trail, and beyond. From warm welcomes to full grocery boxes, every role helps ensure families leave feeling supported, seen, and cared for. Your presence turns food distribution into community—join us on Tuesdays and help meet a critical need, one neighbor at a time. ❤️



Snack Donations

Help us keep our pantry full and our kids nourished. Every day, we provide a healthy snack to each child who walks through our doors—and for some kids, it's the fuel they're counting on. These snacks mean more than food; they offer comfort, consistency, and care in a place where kids feel safe and supported. Your support helps ensure no child goes without and every child feels seen, valued, and cared for. ❤️

We are so grateful!

In 2025, more than 200 generous donors and over 500 incredible volunteers showed up, stepped in, and stood with our community—and because of you, real change happened. Your heart, your time, and your generosity fueled every program, every meal, and every moment of connection. None of this work would be possible without the donors, volunteers, and partners who showed up again and again throughout the year. You are the reason we can keep building hope, dignity, and opportunity—and we are endlessly grateful. ❤️



Upcoming Partners On-Site

WEEKLY EVENTS:

TUESDAYS:

Food pantry 10AM-12PM

Game Night 3:30-5PM

WEDNESDAYS:

Bible Study 6-8PM

THURSDAYS:

STD Testing 9AM-12PM

Season of Change 5:30-7PM

Group Art Therapy 6:30-7:30PM

FRIDAYS:

Group Art Therapy 3-5PM

MONTHLY EVENTS:

2/3 PNC Mobile bank 9AM-11AM

2/4 Women's ministry for women 9:30AM-12PM

2/12 Produce Pantry 9AM-12PM

2/13 Valentines Party 4pm-5pm

2/14 Heart Walk 8:30-9:30

2/17 PNC Mobile bank 9AM-11AM

2/17 Clean up Bus 9-11

2/18 Manager Meeting 11:30AM-12:30PM

2/25 Snap 9AM-12PM

2/26 Produce Pantry 9AM-12PM

