

# Annual Report

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Fiscal Year 2025



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# Letter from Our Executive Director



**GoFundMe.org was established** in 2017 with a mission to quickly mobilize and distribute donations to individuals and communities impacted by crises, natural disasters, and social inequalities.

Since then, we've earned the trust of donors and communities alike as a reliable and transparent steward of charitable donations made in the aftermath of major disasters. Whether supporting hurricane or wildfire relief efforts, helping families meet basic needs, expanding access to education, or strengthening communities through strategic partnerships, every day we strive to reaffirm our promise: We are here to help.

In the past year, we've had the honor of sustaining a trusted space that connects donors with causes they care about, and standing alongside people facing urgent and ongoing challenges — people recovering from disasters, and building resilience for the future.

It's been my privilege to bear witness to how many of you have helped turn generosity into immediate relief for those facing devastating loss, as we responded to five major domestic natural disasters — including a historic wildfire and four significant hurricanes — providing rapid relief to communities in urgent need.

Our theory of change centers on trust and empowerment. We send unrestricted cash that allows recipients to address their unique needs with flexibility and control. We believe that our grantees know what they need best, and we honor their autonomy by giving them the freedom to spend funds as they see fit. We know that flexibility fuels resilience and that empowered choices lead to lasting outcomes.

This GoFundMe.org community is an endless source of inspiration and hope. We owe immense gratitude to our donors, partners, and friends for the many ways you've supported, complemented, and amplified our efforts this year. Thank you.

Onward!

*Amanda Brown Lierman*  
Executive Director, GoFundMe.org

## Fiscal Year 2025 Impact

**11,000+**

Fast cash grants delivered

**150+**

Nonprofit organizations  
empowered by grants

**\$17MM**

Dollars raised into all  
GoFundMe.org funds

**86,000+**

Global donors activated

## Our Approach

**Donations have a direct impact.** Thanks to generous support from GoFundMe, Inc., donations to GoFundMe.org go directly to help people or nonprofits, not to cover our operating costs.

**We trust grant recipients.** Within the context and purpose of each fund, grants are almost always unrestricted; we empower grant recipients to use the money as they see fit, given their unique set of circumstances.

**We work to improve outcomes for all.** We strive to ensure that our grantmaking policies and practices minimize bias, advance equity and justice, and promote inclusion.

**Money is distributed quickly.** We work to move fast and distribute the money raised in the immediate aftermath of a crisis to the people most affected, sometimes within hours.

# LA Wildfire Response & Impact

In early January, when multiple wildfires ravaged Los Angeles County, we mobilized donor support for the [Wildfire Relief Fund](#) to provide emergency cash grants to people impacted — and to do so as quickly as possible. The disaster was unprecedented, and the response was as well; within hours of the fires starting, we saw hundreds of people start fundraisers on the GoFundMe platform and many times that number searching for additional ways to help. GoFundMe.org began issuing grants within 24 hours, and continued to provide grants on a daily basis for six weeks.

In just three months, more than 42,000 donors contributed to the Wildfire Relief Fund, raising over \$8.3 million — making it the biggest natural disaster response fund in GoFundMe.org’s history. The incredible support enabled a total of 4,500 grants to verified GoFundMe fundraisers; and through partnerships with local nonprofits, an additional 3,250 grants were distributed to fire victims. In all, this crisis fund enabled

7,500+ cash relief grants, providing swift and meaningful assistance to people directly affected by these destructive fires.

“This grant gave me just enough breathing room to find a temporary place and keep my kids in school. It was the first time I felt like someone actually saw us.” —GRANTEE & SURVIVOR OF THE EATON FIRE



42,000+

Global donors activated

\$8.4 million

Dollars raised

7,500+

Fast cash grants delivered

95

Percent of funds allocated by end of March 2025

Anthony and Mary W., longtime residents of Santa Monica, CA, and owners of a beloved small school in their community for 14 years, never imagined they would become disaster victims. When wildfires swept through the greater Los Angeles area, burning over 40,000 acres and destroying thousands of homes, businesses, and neighborhoods, their school was among the many buildings lost to the flames. The devastation was overwhelming for the entire community, but personally they immediately lost both their physical business and their source of income.

GoFundMe.org's Wildfire Relief Fund provided the couple with a \$1,000 cash grant, crucial support that allowed them to cover utility bills and medical insurance — payments that would have been difficult to make without income — while they dealt with insurance claims for their losses.

“The hero in all of this has been GoFundMe.org. Not only do you allow donors to choose exactly where their money goes, but you also gave us a grant — without having to beg on our knees for it, without having to apply for even more paperwork while we are physically and emotionally exhausted.” — **MARY W.**



## Community Funds

In addition to supporting thousands of individual fundraisers with grants, we were proud to host 14 partner funds supporting relief and recovery efforts after the Los Angeles wildfires.

Among these efforts:

The [Black Families Wildfire Relief Fund](#) is a community-rooted initiative dedicated to supporting Black families as they navigate displacement, income loss, grief, and urgent needs in the aftermath of the wildfires. Flava Flav, Community Aid Dena, AFROPUNK, and WalkGood LA all came together to compile fundraisers for those impacted in their community and fundraise to help them reach their goals. This fund raised over \$165,000, enabling us to distribute over 455 grants to Black families in Los Angeles.



The [Latino Wildfire Aid Recovery Fund](#) was created by local community members to support fellow Latino families who lost homes, belongings, and neighborhoods in the Los Angeles wildfires.

Raising more than \$120,000, this fund helped to provide 299 support grants to those facing housing displacement, disrupted education or income, and limited access to traditional aid systems due to language or documentation barriers.

Pete Corona, a TV/Film executive, who supported the fundraising and grantee identification, shared, “GoFundMe.org’s immediate response during the height of the wildfires, when hundreds of Latino families were flooding our list, exemplified true partnership. Their comprehensive support, from weekly strategy calls to cross-connecting relief networks, enabled us to serve over 600 families with emergency funding. Most remarkably, the platform transformed a historically overlooked community into a highly visible relief effort, converting widespread concern into direct financial impact.”

The Dogist, which began as a photography project highlighting dogs around the world, has grown into a powerful philanthropic force supporting animal welfare organizations. In response to the Los Angeles wildfires, the Dogist [LA Wildfires Fund](#) raised over \$210,000, which GoFundMe.org distributed equally among 12 nonprofit organizations providing care and shelter for animals impacted by the fires.



### The power of unrestricted cash grants

We survey grant recipients in the weeks following their award to learn more about the impact of the grant and how we might do even more to support disaster survivors in the future. Time and time again, these survey responses validate our commitment to providing swift, no-strings-attached cash grants to people suffering unimaginable loss.

Recipients of Wildfire Relief Fund grants shared how the grants impacted their emotional and financial well-being, as well as how they used the funds.

**80%** of respondents indicated that the grant was “extremely helpful” to their financial well-being.

**79%** of respondents indicated that the grant was “extremely helpful” to their emotional well-being.

Temporary housing, utility bills and “other essentials” were the top three most common needs supported with these grants.

The top three “most pressing needs” reported were:

1. Paying to repair/rebuild home
2. Paying rent or mortgage
3. Covering daily living expenses

## Forging New Nonprofit Alliances

During the Los Angeles wildfires, GoFundMe.org provided grants to carefully vetted nonprofits working on the front lines, supporting their communities and helping the city rebuild, one individual at a time. Given our commitment to directly supporting people suffering as a result of a crisis, we selected nonprofits that were distributing unrestricted grants to stabilize LA residents suffering disproportionately from the impact of the fires.



[Inclusive Action](#), an LA-based nonprofit dedicated to serving underinvested communities, launched the [Open Air Worker Emergency Fund](#) immediately following

the outbreak of the fires. This fund was focused on supporting the outdoor workers in Los Angeles county, such as street vendors, landscapers, and recyclers. The money raised enabled one-time \$500 grants to help this population cover costs, like fresh water, masks, food, and housing.

GoFundMe.org was proud to support this effort so that even more money could go directly into the hands of impacted community members. An organizational grant also helped Inclusive Action for the City (IAC) expand their staffing capacity and resources for maintaining the fund. With the additional capacity, IAC staff were able to provide more individual recovery assistance to fund recipients.



PHOTO: COURTESY OF INCLUSIVE ACTION

**“Inclusive Action is extremely grateful for GoFundMe’s generous donation and dedicated partnership. Without your support, our Open Air Worker Emergency Fund would not have reached and supported nearly as many people. We were able to support over 5,000 people, over 1,000 of those as a direct result of GoFundMe’s grant funding.”** – MARCO COVARRUBIAS, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, INCLUSIVE ACTION FOR THE CITY



PHOTO: COURTESY OF 211 LA



[211 LA](#) is a Los Angeles 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to connecting people with nearby health, human, and social services. In response to the fires, 211 LA created their own relief initiative, the Wildfire Recovery Program, to provide direct financial assistance to communities impacted by the Eaton and Palisades wildfires.

With a grant from GoFundMe.org, 211 LA was able to help families access temporary shelter, food, and other essential items during a critical time. The funding also allowed the nonprofit to scale staffing and coordination efforts, expand case management, and deliver more timely, personalized support to wildfire-impacted households.

“Our partnership with GoFundMe.org was essential to helping wildfire survivors when they needed it most. Their support enabled 211 LA to provide not just financial relief, but hope and stability to hundreds of families.” — MARIBEL MARIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 211 LA



PHOTO: COURTESY OF THE CHANGE REACTION



[The Change Reaction](#), a LA-based nonprofit dedicated to supporting Los Angeles residents in need of financial support at critical moments, created the [Wildfire Direct Giving Fund](#) to provide essential workers, wildfire victims, and those indirectly affected by the fires with much-needed financial assistance.

With support from GoFundMe.org, The Change Reaction greatly expanded their support of survivors, bringing hope to over 1,800 people within just two weeks. Recipients of their outreach

included: two disabled sisters who are now living in an apartment with new furniture, following stays in a shelter and FEMA hotels; a gardener and father of four who needed to replace his truck and all of his tools; and a senior citizen who taught pilates out of her trailer in the Palisades who needed a new pilates reformer machine to continue teaching.

“We are so thankful for GoFundMe.org; their rapid support has been invaluable. They are an amazing partner. Those that use GoFundMe are fortunate that it exists and so are we and the other beneficiaries of their generosity and commitment to helping people see better days ahead.”

— WADE TRIMMER, PRESIDENT, THE CHANGE REACTION



GoFundMe.org also partnered with [11:11 Media Impact](#), the social impact arm of Paris Hilton’s global media company, to empower women entrepreneurs, many who’ve lost everything, to rebuild their businesses. Fifty recipients received a grant of up to \$25,000 to aid in rebuilding, helping businesses recover from devastating financial losses and operational disruptions.



PHOTO: COURTESY OF 11:11 MEDIA

“GoFundMe.org was more than a funder — they were a true partner in storytelling, equity, and impact. Their generous support allowed us to meet women business owners where they were, deliver life-changing relief, and elevate their voices when it mattered most. We’re proud to stand alongside them in building stronger, more resilient communities!” — **REBECCA GRONE, HEAD OF IMPACT, 11:11 MEDIA**

The Eaton Fire, one of the two largest fires to hit Los Angeles in early January, spread to consume over 14,000 acres. In February, the Altadena Town Council established the [Altadena Eaton Fire Relief Fund](#) to provide critical support to communities in recovery — many of whom faced a lack of housing, income, and essential supplies.

In the first 24 hours of the grant application process, the advisory committee overseeing the fund received 950 applications. In the coming months, the committee approved and distributed grants ranging from \$500 - \$5,000 to Altadena residents still struggling to recover and rebuild.



PHOTO: COURTESY OF 11:11 MEDIA



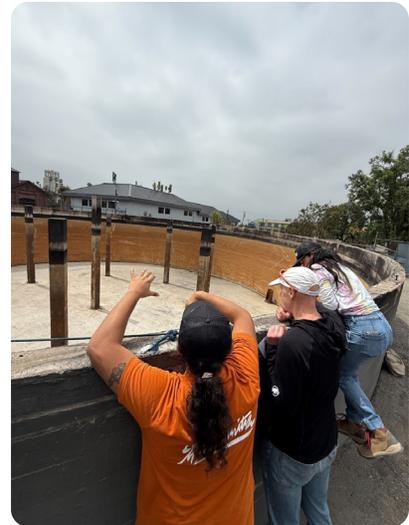
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“Our partnership with GoFundMe.org came about in such an organic way, rooted in a shared commitment to helping those in need. I’m incredibly grateful for their support and their willingness to step up for our community in the aftermath of the Eaton Fire which devastated Altadena. Now, as we look ahead to long-term recovery, I’m hopeful that together we’ll continue to make a real difference for the Altadenans who need it most.”

— **VICTORIA KNAPP, ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL CHAIR**

**CORE**, a nonprofit humanitarian organization, launched an immediate and comprehensive recovery plan in the aftermath of the Los Angeles wildfires. With a grant from GoFundMe.org, CORE expanded the second phase of their wildfire response, focusing on long-term recovery and restoration. Through various programs, such as housing remediation, rebuilding schools and resource centers, debris removal, and sustained cash assistance programs, CORE is helping Los Angeles to recover and rebuild stronger.

In June, Tim Cadogan, CEO of GoFundMe, Inc., along with members of our team, visited CORE remediation sites with CORE staff. Together they discussed ongoing recovery plans and witnessed the extent of the destruction — homes damaged by smoke and ash and denied by insurance, debris removal and water reservoir restoration projects, and resource navigation centers.



“While the devastation continues to be overwhelming, we saw hope, progress, and the power of community action.”

—SYDNEY ASHWORTH, LEAD PROGRAM MANAGER, GOFUNDME.ORG

# Hurricane Response & Impact



**Established to provide swift and secure cash relief** for victims of U.S.-named hurricanes, the [Hurricane Relief Fund](#) has raised over \$4 million to date, helping more than 5,000 individuals and families begin to recover and rebuild following a destructive hurricane.

During the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season, our crisis fund raised \$1.4+ million and helped more than 2,700 individuals and households recover from four major domestic hurricanes: Beryl, Debby, Helene, and Milton.

Mike and Lynn D., longtime Tampa residents and homeowners, were among the millions who lost their homes, community, and stability when Southeastern states were hit by the one-two punch of hurricanes Helene and Milton. Their home was destroyed, forcing them into a hotel for nearly two months, and leaving them facing the overwhelming task of a total home reconstruction.

A grant from GoFundMe.org's Hurricane Relief Fund helped cover their hotel costs, offering much-needed stability and peace of mind as they waited for their home to become livable again.

**“Your donation was more than monetary; it gave us beams of hope, rays of compassion, warmed our hearts, and empowered us to persevere through this challenging time.” - LYNN D.**

Jae D. lost both his home and vehicle in a devastating hurricane this fall. While taking shelter with his family, 22 trees fell across his property, six of them crashing directly onto his house. “I heard every single tree come down,” Jae wrote, “and every single time, I thought that was it. It’s a miracle that me and mine are alive and okay. And even though I lost my home and everything in it, the miracles have not stopped since.”

In November 2024 Jae received a grant from GoFundMe.org's Hurricane Relief Fund, allowing him to afford things his family

### The Power of Community Support

We partnered with [United Way](#) during the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season, connected by our mutual mission to provide meaningful help as quickly as possible to the thousands of families in desperate need after the flooding and devastation from a historic storm.

Together, we joined forces with the local 2-1-1 Helpline to raise critical relief funds for families in Georgia and North Carolina whose lives were upended by Hurricane Helene.

In Augusta, GA — thanks to contributions that included an initial \$50,000 donation from GoFundMe, Inc. to the Hurricane Relief Fund — United Way distributed \$200 [Prezzee](#) e-gift cards to more than 260 individuals. Similarly, in North Carolina, United Way mobilized quickly, raising over \$62,000 and providing e-gift cards to more than 300 residents and families. These funds helped cover urgent and immediate needs such as food, water, clothing, diapers, and more, offering recipients the flexibility to prioritize what they needed most in a time of crisis.



PHOTO: COURTESY OF UNITED WAY CSRA

needed most urgently — food, diapers, and clothes — as well as vehicle repairs and rent.

“The fact that people care enough about others to help, donate, anything, is a miracle that I will never ever forget was bestowed upon me. In a world that seems so divided, I saw people come together. And I will carry their love with me for the rest of my life, and I will strive to help others the way they have helped me.” — JAE D.

Leea H. is a mother of three young children, and one of the millions impacted by hurricanes this year. In a matter of moments, Leea lost her home and all of her belongings, forcing her family to move between several temporary shelters. During the first three weeks of being displaced, Leea and her children moved seven times.

Leea received a grant from GoFundMe.org’s Hurricane Relief Fund in November 2024, enabling her family to finally secure temporary housing, which brought some much needed relief.

“We lost everything. Having donations helped to take some of the financial burden off of my shoulders so that I could be present for my family. It’s been hard. But with donations, our needs have been met.” — LEEA H.

“I am deeply grateful for the timely partnership with GoFundMe.org and Prezzee. This collaboration provided a much-needed beacon of hope during a period of profound despair. Many were on the verge of losing faith, and this initiative helped restore their belief in humanity and the power of community support.” — DAVID MERCADO, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, UNITED WAY OF NORTH CAROLINA

# Promoting Resilient Communities in California

**California's Imperial Valley and Central Valley regions** confront some of the nation's most severe environmental challenges: unsafe drinking water, poor air quality from pesticide drift and dust, and relentless heat made worse by aging infrastructure. These regions rely heavily on agriculture and include large populations of immigrant farmworkers and their families. Residents contribute significantly to the state's economy, yet they continue to fight for basic amenities that many of us take for granted.



This year, GoFundMe.org joined forces with two trusted local community organizations, [Central California Environmental Justice Network](#) (CCENJ) and [Comite Civico del Valle](#), to bring vital resources to families in California's Salton Sea, Five Points, and San Joaquin communities.

With a grant from GoFundMe.org's [Weather Resilience Fund](#) — established to help vulnerable communities better prepare for, and adapt to, increasingly intense weather conditions, and weather-fueled natural disasters — these organizations were empowered to take action and make lasting

improvements. With operational and financial support from GoFundMe.org, CCENJ and Comite Civico del Valle were able to make meaningful progress towards weather resilience for households in historically overlooked communities. In total, this program improved the quality of life for more than 500 households (impacting over 1,500 individuals) across California's Imperial and Central valleys.



These efforts go beyond improving daily life — they offer practical steps toward a safer, more resilient future. We're proud to support the dedicated work of local partners who are driving meaningful change in communities that too often go overlooked. We also hope these



CENTRAL CALIFORNIA  
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE NETWORK



“The Weather Resilience program has been a life-changer for many families. The program has been a phenomenal success, these are real tangible solutions that have improved quality of life, and helped mitigate extreme weather conditions.”

– ESTHER BEJARANO, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH PROGRAMS AT COMITE CIVICO DEL VALLE

efforts serve as a model for resilience interventions that can benefit more communities in the future.

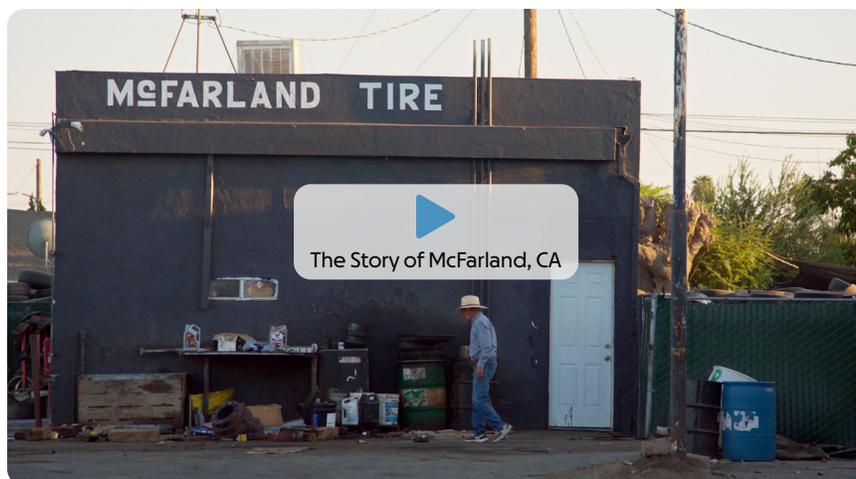
**PROGRAM DETAILS:**

- **400+ air purifiers installed** in households suffering from polluted air
- **1,300+ people breathing easier** today
- **80 homes outfitted** with reverse osmosis water filters
- **300 people** now have safe, reliable drinking water
- **84 cooling systems installed**, with plans to install dozens more, paving the way for relief from extreme heat expected

**Leticia’s Story**

For years, Leticia V., a longtime resident of Fresno County, California, couldn’t drink the water coming out of her kitchen tap. It was contaminated and toxic, forcing her to rely on bottled water for drinking and cooking. With no nearby stores or water stations, she drove 40 minutes just to access clean, safe water for her family. Thanks to support from the Weather Resilience Fund and its community-based program, Leticia was one of hundreds of residents who received a new water filter and air-conditioning unit installed in her home.

“I feel very fortunate to have received a water filter and a mini-split in my home. Having a filter in the house saves me time, money, and gives me confidence I can use the water for cooking and drinking.” – LETICIA V.



# The Essentials Fund

**Affording basic essentials** — like food, housing, and healthcare — forms the foundation of stability and dignity. Yet [research](#) shows that roughly 45% of Americans reported living paycheck to paycheck in 2024. 37% reported needing to draw from their emergency savings, and yet 24% of Americans have no [emergency savings](#) at all.

A job loss, a sudden medical emergency, or another major personal crisis can quickly unravel financial security. In moments like these, unrestricted, flexible cash support can help individuals move from crisis to stability.

Since launching in 2020, the [Essentials Fund](#) has raised over \$1.8 million and distributed more than 5,000 grants. This year alone, 1,600 households facing financial hardship received Essentials grants — support that helped them cover basic necessities and reminded them they're not alone.

“Thank you so much, from the bottom of my heart, for donating to the Essentials Relief Fund. Being in a position where I have to ask people for help is very vulnerable, and getting an award like this helps me get closer to my goal and be able to pay my rent while I heal.” — KELSEY G.

For Kelsey G., a professional circus artist and mother to an 8-year-old son, the world changed in an instant when she was hit by a car. She suffered a severe brain injury and was unable to work. As a result of this unforeseen life event, she couldn't pay the monthly rent for their home. After asking for help on GoFundMe, Kelsey received a grant from the Essentials Fund — which meant cash that she could put towards her most pressing need.



“We are still in need of things, but the basic necessities are for sure covered. Because of the kindness of others, we are doing better.” **- WANDA C.**

Wanda C., a single mother of five children, lost her home and all of her belongings in a house fire this year. With limited income, she faced the overwhelming task of providing her family of six with housing, food, and clothing. In November, Wanda received a grant from the Essentials Fund, helping her to get clothes, shoes, food, and new housing for her and her family.

“Truly, I cannot thank the donors enough. We feel blessed beyond belief, it felt like someone out there in the world saw our struggle and decided to care about us again.”

**- MATTHEW S.**

Matthew S. and his wife had already endured more than most. After facing a series of hardships and uprooting their lives to move across the country in search of stability, they found themselves with nowhere to live except their car. Unable to afford any other living situation, Matthew made a couple of small purchases to convert their vehicle into a home. When their car, their only shelter, broke down, they thought they were going to lose everything. Matthew began to work more than 60 hours a week just to save for car repairs and to provide food for his family. It was at this point when Matthew received a grant from the Essentials Fund, providing him with the necessary funds to repair their car and move forward.

# The Education Opportunity Fund

The [Education Opportunity Fund](#) supports educators and organizations dedicated to helping students grow. Grants help reimburse teachers for classroom supplies, bridge gaps in educational resources, and support new avenues of learning, so more students across the United States can thrive.

For Heidi T., an 8th grade science teacher, teaching is more than a job — it's her purpose. Driven by her commitment to her students, she often pays out of pocket for classroom supplies her school can't afford, whether it's beads for her classroom science experiments or custom T-shirts for the school's Girls in STEM club.

Heidi was one of over 280 teachers to receive a grant from GoFundMe.org's Education Opportunity Fund in 2024.

“I was absolutely shocked and overwhelmed with joy when I received the grant from GoFundMe. I couldn't believe your organization just wanted to contribute to what I was doing! I felt seen and appreciated. So very, very grateful!!” — HEIDI T.

GoFundMe Inc., helped GoFundMe.org kick off a Back to School campaign in mid-2024 by seeding the fund with an initial \$130,000. This investment allowed us to send more than 280 grants to teachers this fiscal year.

“I want to share my deepest gratitude to the donors that have made this grant possible, who are supporting me in my first year of teaching and allowing me to provide resources for my students.” — JESSICA G.

“I feel incredibly fortunate and inspired by your kindness. Your contribution not only impacts our classroom immediately, but also sets a positive example of generosity and support for my students.” — YELENA K.

# Strategic Philanthropic Partners

**\$6.5 million**

Total dollars raised into partner funds this year

**1,675+**

# of grants we were proud to issue on our partners' behalf

**17**

# of new partner funds supported this year

We're honored to support partners, which include GoFundMe, Inc. and many others, to drive a wide range of philanthropic initiatives. Since our founding, these collaborations have collectively raised over \$150 million.

Some partnerships emerge in moments of crisis, while others reflect enduring commitments to advancing justice, equity, and opportunity on both a local and global level.

Each partner fund is tailored to align with the organization's unique social impact goals. This year, our partners continued to inspire extraordinary generosity, and we were proud to distribute hundreds of grants on their behalf, helping transform donations into meaningful change in communities across the world.

## Partner Highlights

[Welcome.US](#) and the [Community Sponsorship Hub](#) continued to host their own sponsor funds, welcoming thousands of newcomers and raising over \$2 million to empower over 240 grants to sponsors and local organizations providing critical support to those in need of safety, opportunity, and hope.

[Mattel's Barbie Dream Gap](#) initiative continued its commitment to empowering girls, awarding over \$500,000 in grants to nonprofits like [Girls With Impact](#), [She Should Run](#), and [Girls Write Now](#) — organizations that provide girls with the skills, networks, education, and opportunities to thrive in fields such as business, politics, advocacy, and more.

The Obama Foundation's Girls Opportunity Alliance launched more than [75 projects](#) to advance girls'

education and empowerment globally. The [Girls Opportunity Alliance Fund](#) distributed more than \$3 million to support a diverse range of local, community-driven initiatives benefitting girls across 30 countries.

A local family foundation launched the [London, KY Tornado Fund](#) when an EF4 tornado hit their town, killing nineteen people and displacing hundreds. The fund raised over \$27,000 for the individuals and families impacted.

The [Help Maui Rise Fund](#) continued its unwavering support of survivors of the Lahaina wildfires of 2023, launching an application process and review so they could deliver another 400+ grants of \$1,000 to residents still struggling to recover.

Partner Spotlight

## Welcome.US's Welcome Fund

Across the globe, more than 120 million people have been displaced from their homes, left searching for safety, opportunity, and a better future. [Welcome.US](#) is an organization dedicated to helping these individuals, and the [Welcome Fund](#), its philanthropic arm, has mobilized thousands of Americans sponsors who directly welcomed over 6,000 newcomers into the United States.

One such newcomer is Hlib, a young man from Northern Ukraine. Hlib had just begun to take college courses in Chernihiv, when war broke out in Ukraine. Hlib missed the bus to class one day, and because of this chance mistake, avoided the Russian occupation of his city.

Shortly after, Hlib connected online with Michael, a North Dakota native and a sponsor of several Ukrainian refugees. Michael immediately applied to sponsor Hlib in April 2023, and by June, only two months later, Hlib arrived in the United States.



PHOTO: COURTESY OF WELCOME.US

“Mike is an absolutely incredible person. There are not that many people who fully immerse themselves into the situation with Ukraine right now and into that whole world... He doesn't just support the Ukrainians here... he lives with Ukrainians through all of this.” – HLIB

Hlib's journey is a powerful reminder of the impact that one act of welcome can have. Through the support of people like Michael and organizations like Welcome.US, lives are both changed and given a new beginning.

Partner Spotlight

## The Obama Foundation's Girls Opportunity Alliance Fund

[The Girls Opportunity Alliance Fund](#), a project of GoFundMe.org in partnership with The Obama Foundation's Girls Opportunity Alliance, has raised more than \$10 million to date, providing funding of up to \$50,000 per organization to a network of nonprofits dedicated to advancing girls' education and empowerment around the world. From Malkia in Kenya, a nonprofit teaching sexual and reproductive rights, to Quinta Ola in Peru, building girls' leadership and advocacy skills;

from the Shequal Foundation in Nepal, equipping girls with financial literacy and fighting menstrual stigma, to Project Exploration in Chicago, addressing inequities in STEM, The Girls Opportunity Alliance Fund is fueling a global movement for change, equity, and opportunity.

Makeda was one of millions of girls around the world facing deep uncertainty about her future. She was curious and creative, but didn't know how to leverage those qualities into a vision for her academics, a career, or a broader sense of purpose. Like many girls, she struggled to see herself participating in fields where innovation, financial literacy, and technology are at the forefront — the very fields that are shaping the future.

That changed when she discovered [STEM From Dance](#), a nonprofit program that received a \$50,000 grant from the Girls Opportunity Alliance Fund this year. The program introduces girls of color to STEM through the power of dance, blending creative expression with technical skill-building. For Makeda, it was life-changing.

Shortly after completing the program, she co-created "STEM Gems," a coding initiative for 4th and 5th grade girls at her school. "I don't think I would have done it if I wasn't in this program...I would not have felt capable the year before," observed Makeda. Through STEM From Dance, she gained not only hands-on experience in STEM she plans to pursue further in college, but also the confidence to lead, explore, and pursue her dreams with the knowledge that her voice and vision matter.



PHOTO: COURTESY OF THE OBAMA FOUNDATION

# Looking Ahead

**At GoFundMe.org**, our vision is to be a trusted and responsive engine for charitable giving — channeling compassion into action by delivering swift, targeted support to people and communities when and where it’s needed most. This commitment has guided our work over the past year and continues to shape our path forward.

As we look ahead, we’re thrilled to welcome two extraordinary leaders to our Board of Directors: Sarah Haacke Byrd, Chief Executive Officer of Women Moving Millions, and Kobie Fuller, General Partner at Upfront Ventures. Their appointments bring fresh perspectives and expand the depth of our board’s cross-sector leadership. With decades of experience at the intersection of philanthropy, innovation, and social impact, both Sarah and Kobie will play a critical role in helping us scale our mission and strengthen our ability to support communities in crisis.

As we enter this next chapter, we do so with humility, determination, and a renewed sense of purpose. None of our work would be possible without the trust and generosity of our donors, partners, and the communities we serve.

“In a world where the demand for urgent, direct support continues to grow, GoFundMe.org is uniquely positioned to meet that need with speed, scale, and compassion. I’m honored to lead this independent board as we chart our course for the future — deepening our partnerships, expanding our donor base, and delivering relief that is fast, flexible, and people-powered.”

— MARGARET RICHARDSON, BOARD CHAIR, GOFUNDME.ORG

Together, we will continue turning compassion into action — quickly, responsibly, and with enduring impact.

## Appendix —

# Current Funds

[Essentials Fund](#)  
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