



The Community House

Community Impact 2025

On behalf of the Board of Directors of The Community House, we are happy to present our 2025 Annual Report.



Dear Friends,

At The Community House, gathering is central to who we are and how we serve our community.

The next time you're visiting TCH, take a moment to notice the inscription at the base of our flagpole. It speaks of "a spirit that brought neighbors together in friendship and help," a timeless message that continues to guide us today, reminding us that community is built not only through service, but through shared moments of joy.

Founded by families seeking a place for neighbors to connect and support one another, The Community House has always been about creating space for connection, shared experience, and belonging. In 2025, that spirit was evident in meaningful and inspiring ways. At Bloom to Grow, community members came together with exceptional generosity, resulting in the largest paddle raise in the history of the event. That generosity directly supports our ability to keep beloved gatherings—like the Block Party—free and open to all, ensuring that everyone feels welcome to join in the celebration of community.

This same commitment to access and connection guided several meaningful additions to our programming in 2025. We introduced Family Fun Nights, creating opportunities for neighbors and families to simply come together and have fun. We also expanded opportunities for our youngest community members through offerings such as toddler art classes and Little Lights, Stage 284's theater education program for beginners. And we've partnered with The Council on Aging to create a "Lunch and Linger" gathering with the purpose to create a welcoming space for food and fellowship. Across all our programs, financial assistance remains a commitment, ensuring that children and families can participate in The Kids Community childcare program, Stage 284 classes and camps, and other offerings that strengthen connection.

As we look ahead to 2026, we do so with confidence and care. This work continues thanks to families whose time, generosity, and spirit of collaboration remain essential to who we are. We remain focused on sustaining strong programs, maintaining welcoming spaces, and serving as a place for connection and support. With your continued stewardship, the year ahead holds great promise!

With gratitude,

Jennifer Daniels,
President, Board of Directors

Kristen Lauze,
Vice President, Board of Directors

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Special Recognition

For more than 32 years, Steve Decatur has served The Community House with exceptional dedication, care, and integrity. A steady, thoughtful guide, he has shaped TCH's investments and shared his deep institutional knowledge with the Board. Beyond governance, Steve chaired our golf tournament fundraiser for 20+ years and served as Board Chair from 2000 to 2002. As his final term concludes, we honor his leadership, generosity, and friendship—and are thrilled he will continue his involvement as a member of our Emeritus Board.



“Decades of providing financial advice and directing investments at Moors & Cabot, Inc., along with strong family ties to the Hamilton-Wenham community, underscore the value Steve Decatur has provided over the more than thirty years he served on the Board. From leadership as past Board President and chairing the Investment Committee to co-chairing decades of golf tournament fundraising efforts, the strong financial condition and direction of The Community House services owes Steve a debt of gratitude.

Steve’s investment strategies produced multiple years of high performance, keeping pace with—or even ahead of—industry benchmarks. His guidance enabled the repayment of past borrowings, leaving the Community House on solid financial footing and providing leverage to plan the future expansion of services.

Steve’s broad knowledge of local businesses and individuals guided discussions on large projects. With a dedicated commitment to his wife, Carrie, and children Tad, Emily, and Pam, Steve provided insight for Community House programs that reached countless children and families. Many thanks for all you have done, Steve, from all your friends on the Board.”

—Randy Smolik, Board Member

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Katie Clarke-Robertson, Stage 284 Artistic Director
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Lindsay Konos, Program & Events Director
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Katherine Crooks – Assistant Group Leader
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Emily Mescher – Group Leader
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Michelle Peck- Assistant Group Leader
Kylie Seymour – Site Coordinator & Inclusion Specialist
Mara Stein – Group Leader, Seasonal

Facilities Staff

Gerry O’Leary, Property Manager
Matt Stedman, Custodian

Mission & Impact



Mission

To inspire, uplift, and care for all people in our community.

Vision

A place where people connect, engage, and belong.

Statement on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

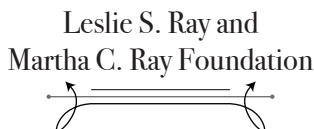
TCH fosters an environment where all people feel welcome. We seek ways to learn, grow and meet the challenges of today through a shared commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI), which includes accountability, development, and acceptance.



In May 2025, we gathered for our annual “Bloom to Grow” spring fundraising event, celebrating community, connection, and shared purpose. We extend our sincere thanks to all who joined us, with special recognition to Event Chairwomen Caitlin Bard and Lauren Ledbetter, and to our Emcee, Anna Rossi, Emmy Award–winning lifestyle and television host. Thanks to the generosity of our guests, the evening’s paddle raise was the most successful in the event’s history. We were also proud to present the Joanne Patton Holbrook Community Service Award to Heather Ford, honoring her decades of leadership, civic engagement, and unwavering dedication to the Hamilton-Wenham community.



Thank you to our event sponsors:



Sponsors & Partners

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers, we thank our 2025 sponsors:



For 104 years, The Community House has been helping families, friends, and neighbors come together and create lifelong memories.

As a nonprofit, we rely on the support and generosity of our donors and sponsors to keep our programs and events thriving. Your contributions make all the difference! Without your partnership vital services like quality local childcare would be out of reach, our stage would remain quiet, and cherished traditions would fade.

As you explore this Annual Report, we invite you to witness the immediate and meaningful impact of your support. Together, we are building a vibrant, healthy, and inclusive community space for all.

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- TM Landscaping
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- Town of Wenham
- Wenham Village Improvement Society



Sponsor Highlight: Albrecht Auto Group

At The Community House (TCH), our work is rooted in the belief that strong, healthy, and inclusive communities are built when people show up for one another. Albrecht Auto Group exemplifies this through a deep commitment to equity, connection, and community well-being (true to their tagline, 'Get respect at Albrecht').

Thanks to the Albrecht Family – and their leadership and service – Albrecht Auto's involvement reflects a long-standing dedication to our organization and the people we serve. They have supported and participated in a wide range of programs and events, from past golf tournaments and Pride Bingo to Stage 284 productions, the 100th Anniversary Celebration, and the annual Bloom to Grow event.

We are deeply grateful to count Albrecht Auto as part of the TCH family! Their partnership strengthens our mission and demonstrates what is possible when families and organizations invest in communities. We wholeheartedly thank them for their enthusiasm and encouragement, and for bolstering work that makes a meaningful impact on the community.

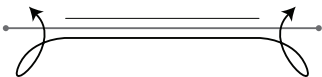


Abby and George Albrecht

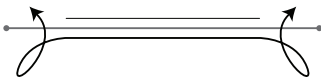
Great Partners Build Strong Communities

The Community House is proud to recognize our major sponsors. From Stage 284 to Breakfast with Santa, many Community House programs and events are made possible through the generous support of the following organizations, businesses and families.

The Comparato Family



The Lauze Family



Thank You To Our 2025 Volunteers!

Without volunteer support, TCH would not be able to achieve its mission. Volunteers give their time and talents to each program and event.

They help build sets for Stage 284, work on costume design, and provide front-of-the-house support at events. They act as chaperones at teen dances, construct furniture for TKC, help support Friends Club events, perform clerical work, and more. We are grateful for these many crucial contributions. Thank you so much!

To learn more about TCH volunteer opportunities, please visit communityhouse.org/volunteer or call 978-468-4818 x1.

2025 Volunteers

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Brian Doser
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Kelly Spurr
Thad Steward
Laura Studley
Amy Wallick
Faelan Westgate

“I am very thankful for The Community House to recognize the importance of learning through play, and providing a safe environment for our children to grow and learn throughout different life stages.”

-Dale Hoffman

2025 Patton Award

In May 2025, The Community House honored Heather Ford with the Joanne Holbrook Patton Community Service Award, recognizing her lifelong dedication to service, leadership, and making Hamilton-Wenham stronger.

Heather's commitment to public service spans decades. From her early work on the Hamilton Conservation Commission to leadership roles on the Waste Reduction Committee and the Board of Selectmen, she has been a steadfast advocate for sustainability and civic engagement. She played a key role in establishing the town's recycling and composting programs that continue to benefit residents today.

Beyond her work in government, Heather has been a devoted mentor to young people. As a Girl Scout Troop Leader for more than ten years, she guided seven of her troop members to earn the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award, an honor achieved by only about 5% of eligible scouts nationwide. She continues to support the organization through board and committee service focused on scholarships and long-term planning.

Recognizing a growing need in the community, Heather co-founded the Hamilton Foundation in 2005, evolving the town's Holiday Assistance Fund into a year-round resource supporting residents facing financial hardship. Under her guidance, the foundation now raises and distributes up to \$20,000 annually to help families with rent, utilities, and food security.

A community member reflected on Heather's impact: "Heather gives her time and energy without hesitation, ensuring that those in need are supported and that our community remains a wonderful place to live." It was the honor and pleasure of The Community House to recognize such a quiet, selfless powerhouse of community. Heather Ford's dedication, leadership, and generosity serve as an inspiring example, showing how one person's commitment can create lasting, meaningful change.



2025 Memorials & Honorariums

Kevin and Rosemary Bottomley in honor of Heather Ford.

Patricia Chipman in memory of Jay Chipman

Corey and Sarah Jackson in honor of Stage 284/Creative Co-Op

Robert Mackey in honor of Heather Ford

Willam and Jacqueline Martin in honor of the Martin and Perdue families

Betsy Shelley in memory of Leslie and Marcia Ray

Cynthia Terry in memory of Glenn Terry

To learn about making a gift to TCH in honor or in memory of someone special, visit communityhouse.org/giving-opportunities or call 978.468.4818 x5.

2025 Supporters

Inspired by the incredible support from our families, students, sponsors, donors, and our dedicated board and staff, we are filled with deep gratitude for the strength of our shared mission to connect, engage, and belong.

We are proud to do our good work in your good name, knowing that your support makes all of this possible! It is with great pride and gratitude that we continue to serve this community, strengthening connections and enriching lives, thanks to your unwavering generosity.

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“From where I sit at both the board table and at community events, I’ve had a front row seat to the phenomenal growth of The Community House.

I’ve seen how it adapts, how it delivers, and how it brings the community together in meaningful ways.”

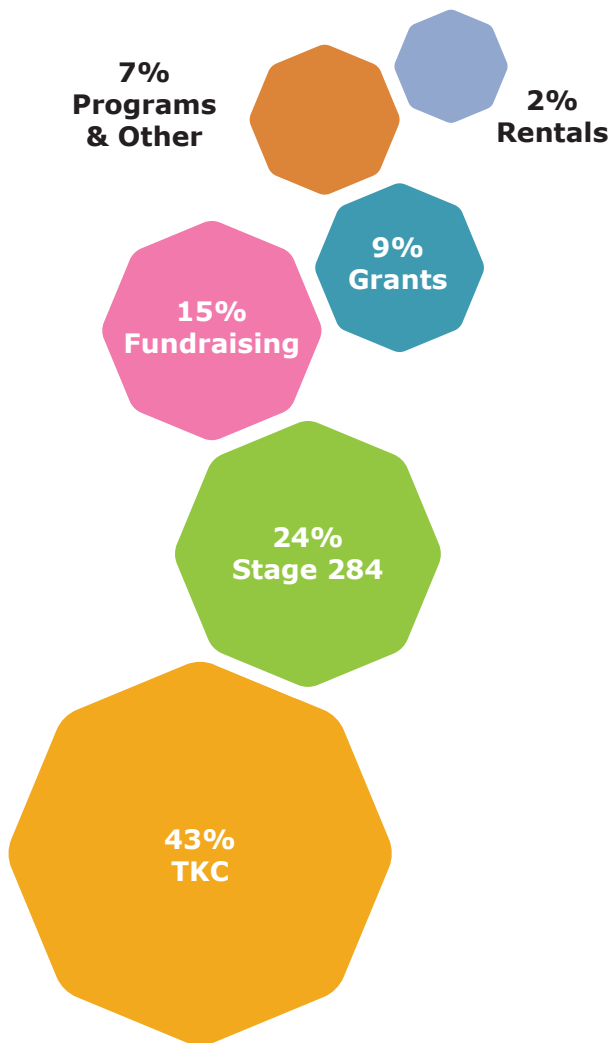
-Ken Wilson

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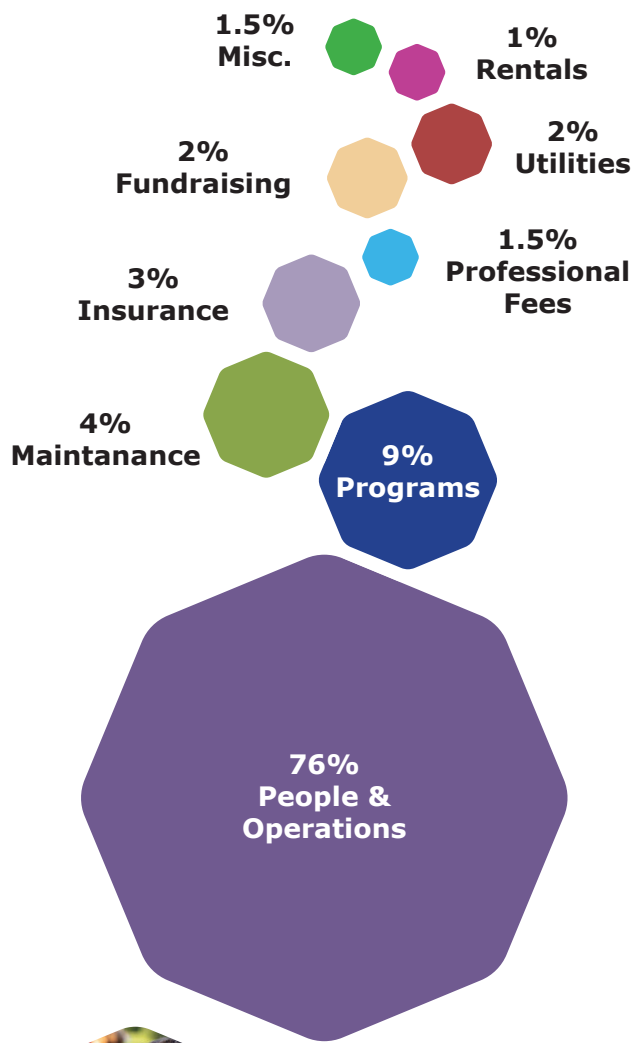


2025 Income & Expenses

Income



Expenses



The Kids Community

The Kids Community (TKC) is an EEC state-licensed program, providing safe, engaging, and affordable childcare for students in kindergarten through 5th grade. Through hands-on experiences in the arts, science, technology, and recreation, children learn, explore, and build meaningful connections. Throughout the year, TKC emphasizes relationship-building, community, and social-emotional growth.

In 2025, 309 children participated across our before- and after-school programs and summer camps. Students benefited from 20 visiting enrichment programs, including Lego Robotics, Parties by Carole, Audubon, and other hands-on learning experiences. This year also brought an increase in our licensing capacity, allowing us to serve even more families. Looking ahead, we are introducing exciting new grade-level-based themes for Summer 2026, designed specifically for students in K–2 and 3–5 to ensure age-appropriate engagement and growth.

Stage 284

This year marked an important moment of growth for Stage 284. We welcomed two outstanding leaders to our team: Cassie Foote as Managing Director and Noël Cody-Mumford as Education Director. Together, our expanded leadership strengthened the artistic and educational foundation of the program.

Productions of *School of Rock*, *Descendants*, *The Rocky Horror Show*, and *The Addams Family* engaged more than **6,700 audience members**.

Summer camps reached capacity within days of opening registration, reflecting both strong demand and the trust families place in our programs. The Young Adult Intensive production of *Head Over Heels*, featuring two casts and performers from across New England, was a standout success and further established Stage 284 as a destination for serious young artists.

Two new initiatives were launched: **Rising Stars**, designed to deepen training and mentorship for emerging performers, and **Little Lights**, welcoming our youngest artists with age-appropriate programming that fosters confidence and creativity.

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Ski Bradford

In January 2025, the Ski Bradford program enjoyed another successful season out on the slopes. The program was opened for grades 3-5, with 144 participants. (A 32% increase over the past year!) Scholarships were awarded to help families access this program for their children, giving all kids in our community a chance to get outside to enjoy fun with friends.



Friends Club

The Community House has been serving the interests of local adults with diverse abilities for over 40 years through regular social events. Thanks to the generosity of donors, TCH offers this program of friendship and fellowship free of charge.



Creative Corner

Introduced in 2025, Creative Corner is a new program created in response to family feedback seeking enriching experiences for their youngest children. Designed for ages 18 months to 5 years, the program offers engaging 60-minute classes that encourage creativity and exploration.

The program features Art & Sensory Play and Movement through Music & Storytelling, two 6-week offerings that support early development through open-ended, play-based learning while nurturing imagination and self-expression.



Middle School Program

The Community House's Middle School Night program allows middle school aged youth to enjoy safe and supervised social activities. Our Middle School Dances served 280 students in 2025. A 5th grade party at the end of the school year has been a popular addition to the program.



The Music Man

Brian Doser, known as the Music Man, is a multi-talented musician and signer who produces live musical performances for toddlers and their caregivers. Performances are held at TCH on Wednesdays and at Creative Co-Op in Topsfield on Thursdays at 10:00am. This program is a wonderful, low-pressure introduction to music, movement, and socialization.



Community Events

Community Block Party

The 2025 Block Party was a perfect day filled with laughter, excitement, and community spirit. Thanks to the generosity of donors, this year's event was completely FREE for all, offering an easy and accessible way for families and neighbors to drop in and enjoy. Guests delighted in food trucks, face painting, games, a puppeteer, and inflatables galore—including obstacle courses and fun challenges for kids—along with thrilling acrobatics show from The Red Trousers (Circus Smirkus alumni). The evening capped off with a spectacular fireworks display put on by the town, creating unforgettable memories for everyone who attended. We are deeply grateful to our sponsors, donors, staff, and the entire community for making this celebration such a fun and cherished tradition.

Sundays in Patton Park

This free, eight-week summer concert series brought live music to Patton Park in 2025. Concerts took place at the Gazebo on Sunday afternoons at 5pm from June through August. This beloved community gathering welcomed approximately 1,600 audience members this past summer!

Family & Friends Sweetheart Ball

In February 2025, we held one of the most anticipated events and sweetest events of the year. Children from age 3-12 danced the evening away with their favorite grown-ups. Formerly known as the Father-Daughter Dance and Mother-Son Knight Out. The Sweetheart Ball combines the two to make one inclusive, festive event. All enjoyed music provided by a local DJ, dancing, food offerings, and ice cream sundae bar. A professional photographer provides everyone with a personal portrait of their time at the ball together. This sweet event was attended by 178 guests.

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Carol Sing & Tree Lighting

Over 50 participants joined this festive December evening of community and holiday carols. The evening featured Santa's arrival on a fire truck and joyful tree lighting.

Breakfast with Santa

A truly magical event welcomed more than 400 children and their families this year. We are deeply grateful to our dedicated volunteers and especially to the incredible sponsors who make this cherished tradition possible. Guests enjoyed portraits with Santa and live music featuring the timeless sounds of Vince Guaraldi, performed by talented musicians affiliated with The Musary. A sensory-friendly option was also offered, ensuring an inclusive experience for all. Special thanks to our sponsors: Citizens Private Bank, Iron Tree, and Tracey Westgate Photography.

Family Fun Night

Family Fun Night was launched in 2025 in response to listening to and hearing from community members who were seeking more opportunities to gather and have fun together. The goal of Family Fun Night is to bring families together in a welcoming, low-stress environment where they can connect, laugh, and create shared memories through simple, joyful activities.

“Even though I've only been in two Stage 284 productions, I've grown as an actor, as a singer, and as a person. I now consider Stage 284 as one of my happy places.”

-Charlotte Bailes





Connect
Engage
Belong

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