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2025 Annual Report

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Our Mission

Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods is a private/public nonprofit community development corporation dedicated to strengthening Oshkosh neighborhoods by engaging residents, encouraging reinvestment and elevating community pride through the creation of community investment partnerships for the benefit of residents in the greater Oshkosh area.

Our Vision

Oshkosh is a community of neighborhoods that is attractive, safe, friendly, and a desirable place for residents to live, work, learn and play.

Our new home is located at 135 Church Avenue in the Middle Village Neighborhood Association to serve as the organization's long-term office. The home features a spacious lower level that provides room for staff, programming, and events. The organization manages three, one-bedroom apartments, located on the second and third floors. The rentals contribute to the financial stability of the organization and provide three units to the City's workforce housing market.

Executive Director Liz Last commented, "Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods is committed to community development, neighborhood revitalization, and access to quality housing. This new endeavor is a huge step toward our investment in Oshkosh neighborhoods."

Our Team

Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods exists to further the City's overall goal of ONE Oshkosh (Our Neighborhoods Engage); to promote:

- **neighborhood/community development services**
- **enhanced communication between residents and City planning**
- **social connection through neighborhood events**
- **property development/enhancement**

In the fall of 2015, a small group of individuals from both the private and public sectors began to explore the idea of forming a corporation to focus on building, enhancing and sustaining healthy neighborhoods in the greater Oshkosh area.

On January 27, 2016, Greater Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc. held an inaugural meeting to pass by-laws, obtain commitments from prospective board members, and form committees. Together, we began the journey toward our vision and took the first steps in our mission as a private/public nonprofit community development corporation dedicated to engaging residents, encouraging reinvestment, and elevating community pride.

We take great joy in bringing residents together to preserve and enhance the livability of their neighborhoods, helping to create more advocates and resource quarterbacks, and making space for lifelong meaningful friendships to grow.



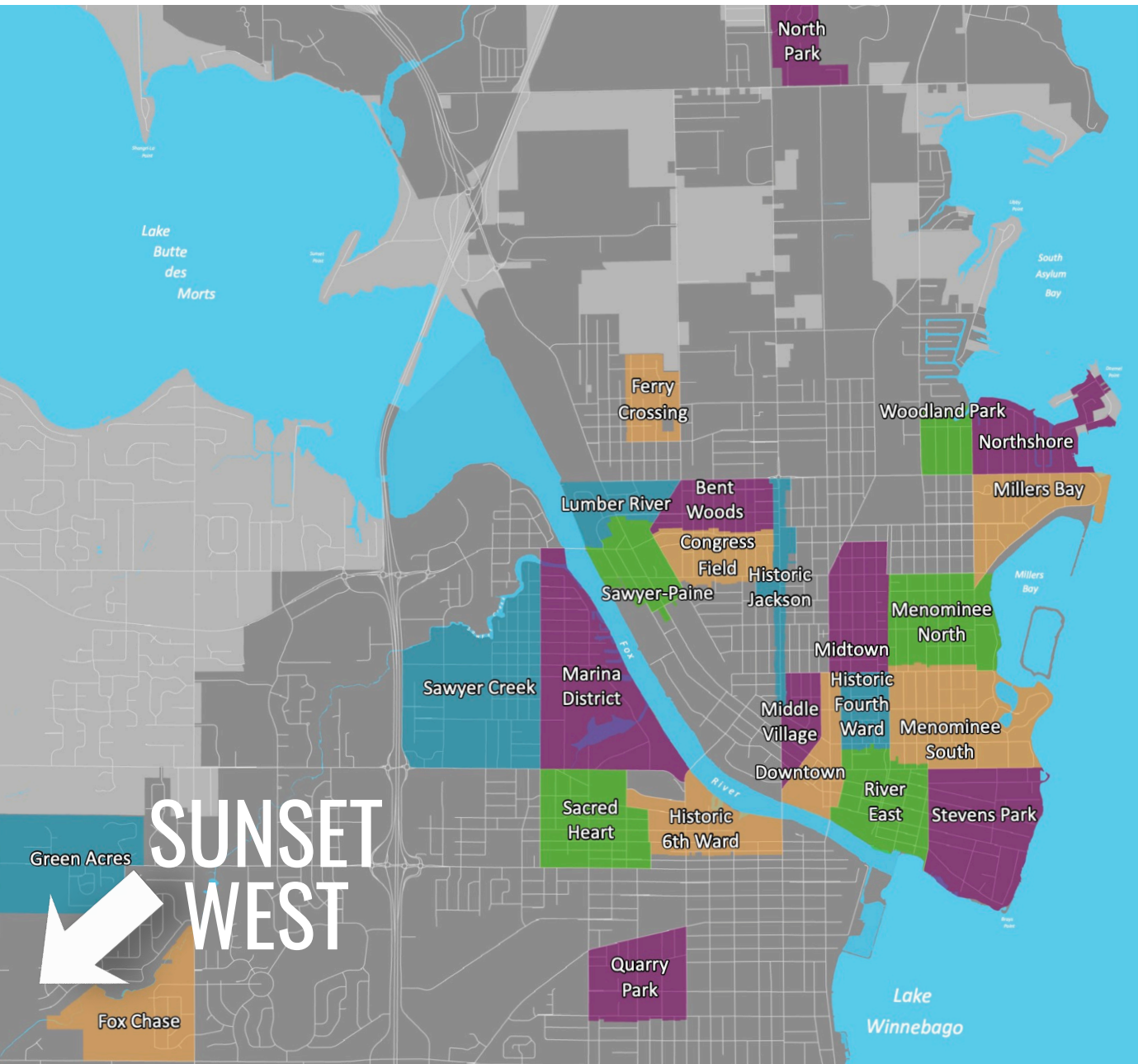
Staff

Liz Last,
Executive Director

Julie Kiefer,
Program Coordinator

Board of Directors

- STEPH BROOKS: Slate Hospitality Group
- STEVE CUMMINGS: Community Volunteer
- CHRIS CORBIN: Trinity Episcopal Church
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Neighborhood Associations

Our website features an [interactive Oshkosh map](#) to search for neighborhood associations by street address. With the 2025 addition of Sunset West, the City of Oshkosh is now home to 26 recognized neighborhood associations.

Each Neighborhood Association signifies much more than an extension of our services; it represents the community's commitment to:

- **Cleaner, Safer, and Revitalized Neighborhoods**
- **Empowered Residents**
- **Strengthened Social Connections**
- **Protection for Youth, Seniors, and Families**
- **Neighborly Support through access to Local Resources**

Investing in Neighborhood Pride

GO-HNI works directly with neighborhood associations across Oshkosh to strengthen community leadership and collaboration, hosting **Monthly Neighborhood Alliance Meetings** where neighborhood leaders connect, share ideas, and collaborate on improving their communities. **Welcome Bags** are provided to each neighborhood as a tool to welcome to new residents. Each bag contains informational items regarding neighborhood and other community resources.

GO-HNI also provides a **Block Party Trailer** for neighborhoods to use throughout the year. Block Parties are an exciting opportunity for residents to get to know their neighbors, foster community pride and just have fun! This colorful, portable trailer stocked with everything needed to host a block party in your neighborhood is available for FREE to any registered Neighborhood Association.

GO-HNI has successfully supported other neighborhood investments through curb appeal initiatives including the **Good Neighbor Grant Program**, which has leveraged over \$700,000 in property improvements throughout the city since 2020.

Good Neighbor Grants help homeowners improve their properties through small grants that create big neighborhood impact. Residents living in recognized neighborhood associations are eligible to apply for up to \$750 reimbursement for curb appeal improvements visible from the street.

Eligible projects include:

- **Landscaping**
- **Exterior painting**
- **Porch repairs**
- **Exterior improvements**

2025 Good Neighbor Grant Recap:

38 Projects Completed

\$27,936 Awarded to Homeowners

\$171,537 Total Property Investment

GO-HNI also continues to collaborate with Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh each year on **Rock the Block Oshkosh** neighborhood revitalization efforts. Small investments through these programs help residents make meaningful improvements that strengthen neighborhoods throughout Oshkosh.





2025 Events Recap

GO-HNI's 2nd Annual Spring Rally event hosted nearly 50 guests at the Oshkosh Senior Center in April. State Farm Insurance and BankFirst sponsored event supplies and refreshments for a morning of learning and collaboration.

The event's Keynote Speaker, Sarah Danahy, from Community for Hope addressed the impact of social connection and neighborhood engagement on mental health.

Breakout session topics included:

- Welcoming New Neighbors
- Recruiting Neighborhood Leaders
- Exploring Volunteer Opportunities in Oshkosh
- Collaborating with Oshkosh City Parks Department
- Good Neighbor Grant Program Overview
- Ways to Utilize Community Building & Engagement Funds
- City Resources: Great Neighborhoods Grants, Loan Programs, etc.



**COMMUNITY
FOR HOPE**

“Celebrating Oshkosh Neighborhood Heroes” in November brought together nearly 140 guests at The Waters for a wonderful evening of celebration in honor of the amazing heroes of Oshkosh!

Event sponsors Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, State Farm Insurance, Bock Insurance, Bank First, ThedaCare, American National Bank, Envision Ink, 4imprint, Northwestern Mutual First Weber Foundation, Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh, Olson Legal Group, Adashun Jones, and Bock Insurance, whose generous support helped to make the evening possible.

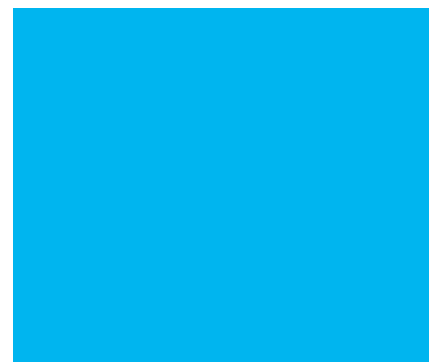
The event was a huge success, bringing together community members and raising nearly \$10,000 for Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods from event sponsorship, ticket sales, raffles, merchandise sales, and games.

Hero Award Winners:

- Neighborhood Volunteer Hero - Kathy Webb, River East Neighborhood
- Neighborhood Youth Hero - Brynn & Owen BellCorelli, Bent Woods Neighborhood
- Good Neighbor Hero - Connie Schaefer, Marina District Neighborhood
- Neighborhood Support Hero - Oshkosh Public Library

Honorary Heroes also recognized:

- Tim Macho, Sacred Heart Neighborhood
- Craig Harvot, Sunset West Neighborhood
- JD Williams, ReMax 24/7
- Carmen Scott, River East Neighborhood
- Betsy Kunde, Midtown Neighborhood



2025 Events - Continued

From neighborhood events to property enhancement initiatives and educational programs, our volunteers play a pivotal role in shaping the narrative of community development.

Over 100 events were hosted in 2025 to engage neighborhoods and build community. Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods extends its gratitude to these invaluable volunteers, recognizing their indispensable role in the continuous enhancement of our beloved neighborhoods.

9-11 Food Drive with Oshkosh North Communities

Birdhouse Painting

Chili Cook-Off Contests

Day by Day Shelter Meal Service

Decluttering Dumpster Days

Driveway Happy Hours

Holiday Gatherings

Hot Chocolate Bar for Oshkosh Fire Dept. Toy & Food Drive

Little Free Libraries & Pantries

Meet-ups at Parks, Concerts & Sporting Events

Menominee Park Luminaries

Monthly Neighborhood Alliance Meetings

Movie Nights at the Time Theater

Neighborhood Block Parties

Neighborhood Book Clubs

Neighborhood Newsletter Distribution

Neighborhood Night Out Celebrations

Neighborhood Rummage Sales

Neighborhood Tours with Oshkosh North Communities

Northside Trunk or Treat

Pi(e) Day Events

Pizza Parties

Planting, watering and maintaining neighborhood green spaces

Progressive Dinner

Project Safe Passage for UWO Pub Crawl

Southside Children's Day Parade

Southside Halloween Bash

Spring Trash Clean-up

and more!



2025 Collaboration

City of Oshkosh - Community Development & Planning Services

2025 Great Neighborhoods Program

- William Waters Plaza
- Utility Box Wraps
- Quarry Park Marigold Planting
- Quarry Park Master Plan

City of Oshkosh Police Department

- Neighborhood Night Out Events
- Neighborhood Watch Programs

Oshkosh Area School District

- North High School Communities Program
- Safe Routes, Healthy Neighborhoods
- City-Wide PTO Meetings

And...

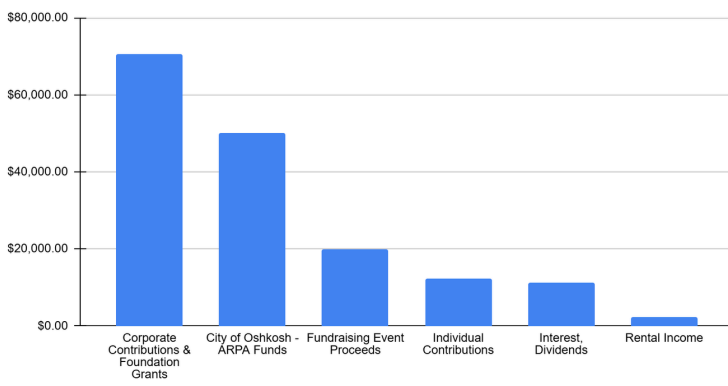
Adashun Jones & Signature Homes by Adashun, Real Estate Development
 Basic Needs Giving Partnership, Technical Assistance Grant
 Community for Hope Oshkosh, Spring Rally Keynote Presentation
 Discover Oshkosh, Placemaking Riverwalk Activation
 Downtown Oshkosh BID, Family Concert Series
 ECWRPC, Metropolitan Planning Organization Stakeholders Committee
 Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin, Parent Resource Fair
 Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh, Rock the Block Oshkosh
 Kwik Trip, Fundraising Card Program
 NEW Mental Health Connection, Changemaker Networking Group
 Oshkosh Area United Way, Annual Day of Caring
 Oshkosh Tool Library, Repair Cafes & Workshops
 Pups in the Beer Garden Fundraiser for Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services
 Pups on the Runway Fundraiser for Day by Day Warming Shelter Oshkosh
 State of Wisconsin Public Health, Community Design for Physical Activity Grant
 The Kosh & Appleton Engaged Podcasts
 Urban Ecology Oshkosh, Fruit Tree Planting & Pollinator Patch Projects
 Winnebago County ADRC, Leaf No One Behind Annual Leaf Raking Event
 Winnebago County Public Health, Community Schools Initiative
 Winnebago County Public Health, Transportation Policies & Access Committee
 Wisconsin Housing & Economic Development Authority, Real Estate Development
 Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, Neighborhood Night at the Ballpark



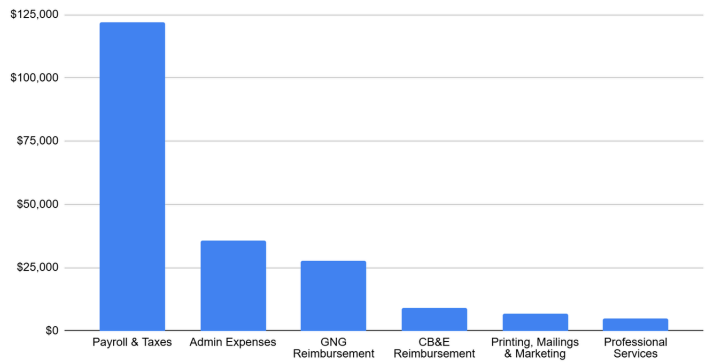
Financial Overview

Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods receives generous support from local community foundations, event fundraisers, the City of Oshkosh, and individual donations. Funding supports the essential work of community building and improvements, guided by priorities established by association members and leadership.

2025 Income \$222,651



2025 Expenses \$206,157



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Total Income



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Total Expenses



2025 Donors

Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods extends heartfelt thanks to the generous supporters who have invested their hearts and hands in the vitality of our neighborhoods.

We are immensely honored to acknowledge the invaluable 2025 operational support from the JEK Foundation, the City of Oshkosh, the Basic Needs Giving Partnership, the Theda Tamblin Clark Smith Foundation, and the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.



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 Game Time Sports Bar
 Glow-in-the Park Oshkosh
 Golden Nest Pancakes & Cafe
 Green Bay Gamblers
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Shirley Brabender Mattox ***
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 Wisconsin Timber Rattlers

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The unwavering commitment of our supporters is the driving force behind our community initiatives, and we are profoundly grateful for the meaningful impact your support has on the well-being of our neighborhoods.



Looking to 2026

GO-HNI is building new partnerships and initiatives that support healthy neighborhoods and housing opportunities, expanding its work to include the development and management of affordable rental housing in Partnership with Signature Homes by Adashun, J.J. Keller Foundation, and other local supporters.



J. J. Keller
Foundation, Inc.

Future housing projects will return underutilized parcels to productive use and add value to existing neighborhoods. By integrating affordable rental housing into established neighborhood associations and aligning rents with HUD income guidelines, GO-HNI ensures that housing solutions are both equitable and sustainable. This approach not only addresses an urgent community need but also reinforces GO-HNI's broader vision of inclusive, vibrant, and resilient neighborhoods.

Upcoming 2026 Events:

- **Spring Rally featuring Melinda Myers - April 18th**
- **National Night Out - August 4th**
- **National Good Neighbor Day - September 27th**
- **Celebrating Oshkosh Neighborhood Heroes - November 5th**

Connect with Us

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