

# ANNUAL REPORT FY 2025



# A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

*“Which of these three, in your opinion, was a neighbor to the robbers’ victim?” He answered, “The one who treated him with mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.” - Luke 10:36-37*

I first came to Nazareth Farm in 2008 as a college volunteer. Like most, I had no idea what to anticipate. After a long drive from Chicago, I exited the van into the cold March evening air weary and nervous. Without pause, a staff member bounded up to me and said “welcome home!” as she threw her arms around me into the best hug. She hugged me, a stranger, and welcomed me into her community.

The idea of a hug feels simple. Yet, there is a radical hospitality in embracing a stranger. It signals, from the moment of arriving, that all are welcome. And I felt loved and accepted for just being me.

Nazareth Farm stands for a radical hospitality which embraces (literally!) how Jesus calls us to be neighbors. **A love rooted in community, simplicity, service, and prayer.** A love which recognizes, above all else, the simple dignity of being human. A place where the stranger is welcomed home.

Since 1979, this has been our way of being the presence of God in our holler. **And we have not done it alone.**

The Sandora Family have been models for us in embracing the call to love our neighbor and welcome the stranger. Ralph and Mary Sandora cared for this place and supported our tiny organization through good and hard times by welcoming us and demonstrating hospitality. Their son, Butch, has looked after the Farm for just as long - hopping over to provide advice, sharing resources and parts of his field, and generously giving his time and energy in mentoring countless staff members.

Neighbors past and present - Ronnie, Granny, Buck, Suz, and others - have been the glue keeping this place a beacon of the simple, yet radical, call of Jesus to be neighbors.

As we enter 2026, hopeful in our search for a new Executive Director, may we always keep our neighbors at the center of who we are as an organization. And may all of us model what we’ve learned so deeply at the Farm - the transformative power of a simple hug of our neighbor, whoever they may be.

Expect a miracle,



**DANIEL ZUNDEL**  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD



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# SERVICE



## COMMUNITY IMPACT

**\$39,642 IN NO-INTEREST LOANS**  
**\$436,963 IN VOLUNTEER LABOR**

- 2 interior floors
- 1 painted exterior
- 3 porch roofs
- 1 stone pathway
- 2 full exterior siding
- 12 porches
- 3 accessibility ramps
- 2 metal roofs on homes
- 2 sets of stairs
- 3 yard work sites
- 1 demolition site
- 10 days at Harrison County Senior Center
- 14 days at Energy Express Literacy Program

## 60 PEOPLE

52 adults and 8 children  
27 households

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6 sites in Doddridge County  
1 site in Ritchie County  
20 sites in Harrison County

# PRAYER

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At the beginning of each week, Nazareth Farm staff members remind volunteers that everything they do, should be done as a prayer. It is when we make our lives a prayer that we can be a better version of ourselves. We learn to pause before reacting which provides room for grace to be our response.

Nazareth Farm, Inc.'s service immersion retreats are vital to youth development. When we allow young adults to try new things in supportive environments, we challenge them and watch them grow. Volunteers spend a week without technology, an experience that allows them to focus on the people directly in front of them, their relationships with God, others, and nature, and the importance of serving others each day.

**“This trip allowed me to disconnect from stressors, reflect, find a sense of belonging, and be myself around new people.”**  
**-high school volunteer**



## 261 VOLUNTEERS SERVED 12,560 HOURS



# ALL ROADS LEAD TO NAZARETH FARM

Our first volunteers came from upstate New York in 1979. In 2025, volunteers travelled from as far away as California and as close as Ohio to join us in service.

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# HOMEOWNER HIGHLIGHT: JOHNNIE

We work alongside our neighbors, with people who invite us into their homes. Nazareth Farm knows it is a privilege to be trusted to work on someone's home. There are times our homeowners have just as much construction knowledge as our staff, and longtime friend of Nazareth Farm, Johnnie, shared his knowledge with us in July.

After working for decades in construction, his body could no longer do the hard work itself. Nazareth Farm had worked with his parents decades ago, so Johnnie knew who to call for assistance.

As volunteers started on the deck, Johnnie jumped in providing construction knowledge along with home-cooked food. Johnnie appreciated that the volunteers and staff wanted to learn from him, and that they listened to what he wanted for the project.

Everyone worked together to create a safe exit from his home. After it was done, Johnnie said, **“They were awesome to have at my home, so respectful. I’m glad I could share my knowledge with them to create an impressive project on my house.”**



Before  
& After



[See before & after pics of every project this year](#)

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# HOMEOWNER HIGHLIGHT: MARY

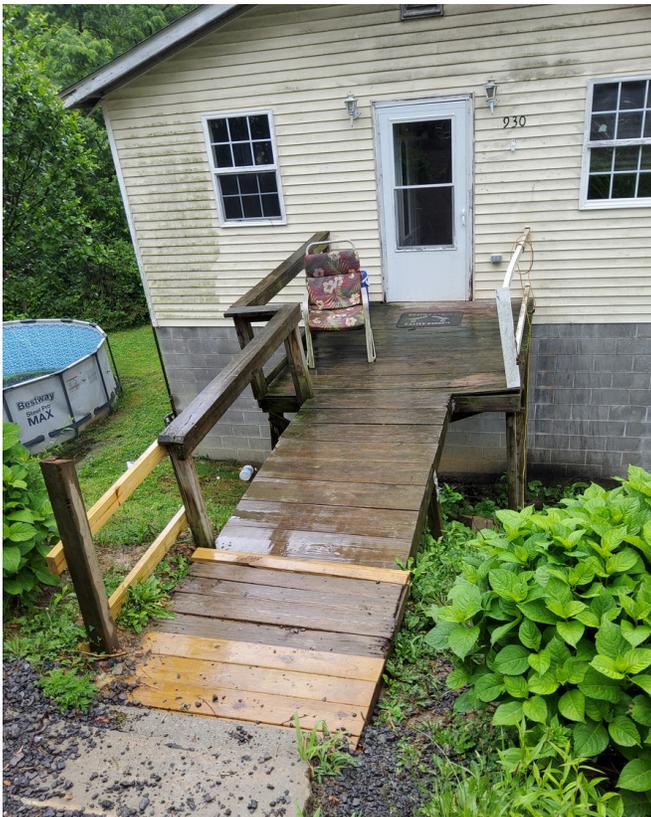
It may surprise you that West Virginia has the highest rate of homeownership in the US. Living in one's own home is a point of pride, a continuation of family tradition, and a comfort. Moving and renting can cost significantly more than the repairs needed. Because of that, Nazareth Farm works to keep people in their homes.

This summer volunteers spent time at Mary's ensuring that she could remain in her home. Without a new and safer ramp, Mary would be forced to leave her home of 73 years. Before this ramp, Mary lived in the basement, and the fire department was needed to help the paramedics up the hillside.

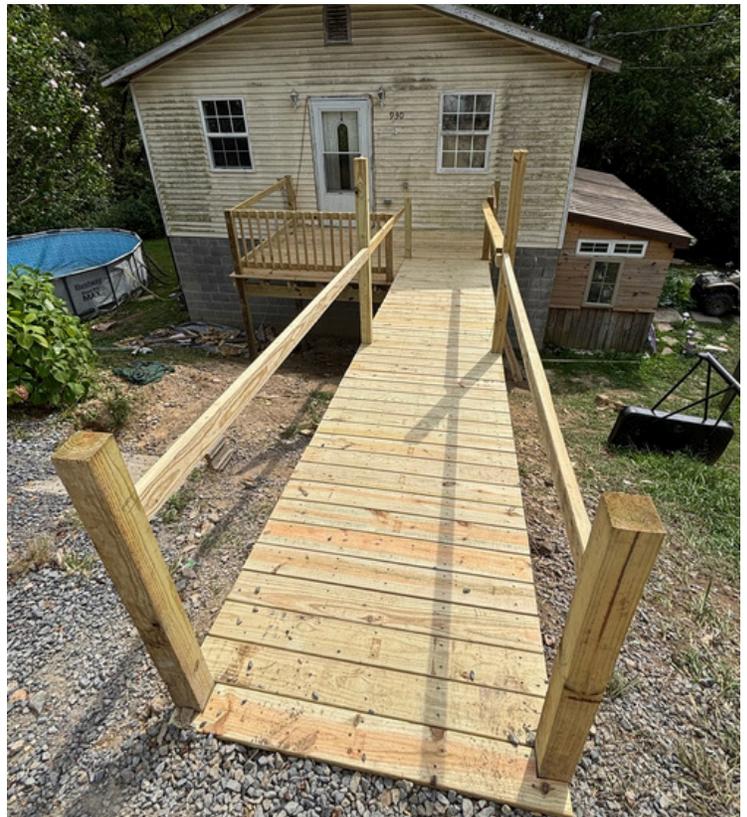
Her nerves are now calmed because she knows she can get out of her house whenever she needs to.

**This ramp is a lifesaver, I could not have stayed in my home without it. I also loved the company of all the volunteers, we had a great time together!**  
- Mary

Before



& After



# SIMPLICITY



Simplicity lays the groundwork for every other cornerstone. If one can approach community, prayer, and service with simplicity, then they can more clearly hear God and the needs of others in their lives.

Caring for creation with our hands allows us to connect back to earth. Nazareth Farm staff and volunteers enjoyed peppers, tomatoes, onions, garlic, basil, kale, chard, pumpkins, squash, cucumbers, beans, potatoes, hot peppers, cauliflower, broccoli, carrots, thyme, dill, and cilantro from our gardens this year. Volunteers also spent time with neighbors in their gardens, sharing in good work together.



When we live a life of simplicity we uphold the common good, resist the destruction of ecosystems, and protect the earth and people. **Simplicity is a practice of solidarity.**

**-Kayla Jacobs**, past staff member and Catholic Climate Covenant's Youth Mobilization Program Manager

# WELCOME HOME

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Whether you've never been to Nazareth Farm or just came last week, we would love for you to visit us. Nazareth Farm, Inc. is most alive when we are able to share our ministry with others. Please reach out if you are interested in joining us.

Ways to get involved:

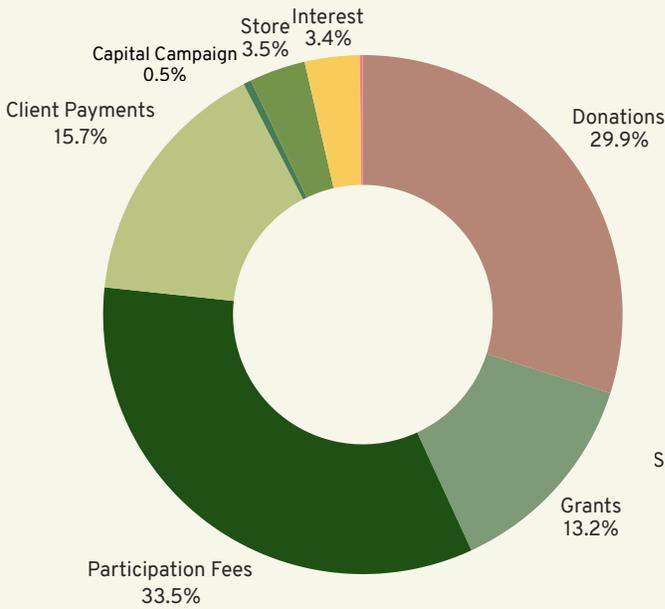
- Attend a **service immersion retreat**, there are weeklong opportunities throughout the year for all ages
- **Join Staff** for a year or more
- **Serve as a Sojourner** for 1-3 months
- Join the **Board of Directors** or a board committee

Sign up for a retreat at  
[www.nazarethfarm.org/service-retreats](http://www.nazarethfarm.org/service-retreats)

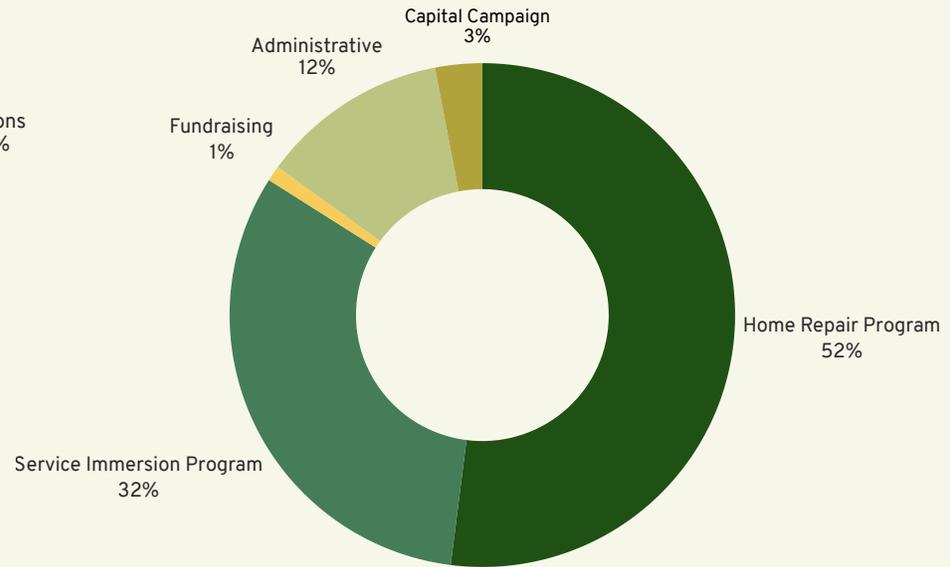


# FINANCIALS

From October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025



## INCOME



## EXPENSES

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

## Assets

Current Assets	\$765,844
Fixed & Other Assets	\$682,874
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,448,718</b>

## Liabilities & Net Assets

Total Liabilities	\$56,989
Net Assets Restricted	\$402,775
Net Assets Unrestricted	\$988,954
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,448,718</b>

The above data is from unreviewed financial documents. View our audited financial statements online at [nazarethfarm.org/about-us/annual-financial-information](http://nazarethfarm.org/about-us/annual-financial-information)



## WAYS TO GIVE

**Without our donors, Nazareth Farm could not serve our community. The charity of others allows our staff to focus on what's important: our neighbors and the volunteers.**

- Donate online as you are able
- Provide stability: donate monthly or quarterly
- Buy an item off our Wishlist
- Donate assets such as stocks
- Plan your legacy and add Nazareth Farm to your estate plan

Questions? Contact Allyson Petry at [development@nazarethfarm.org](mailto:development@nazarethfarm.org)

Donations can be mailed to us at 665 Nazareth Farm Rd., Salem, WV 26426

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Nazareth Farm, Inc. is grateful for everyone that supports our work. Donations allow us to affect more volunteers and homeowners each year. Please know that every gift you send is valued and benefits our mission.

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