

LETTERS CHARITY

IMPACT

REPORT



2025



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BECAUSE LOSING EVERYTHING SHOULDN'T MEAN LOSING HOPE.



"Here's the thing about disasters: they hit hardest in neighborhoods that usually get overlooked. The same communities that struggle to get loans, insurance, or even basic services in good times? They're the ones left waiting for help when everything falls apart.

That's why we do things differently. No paperwork mazes. No hoops to jump through. We put money directly in people's hands and trust them to know what they need. Because when you've lost everything, the last thing you need is someone telling you how to put your life back together."

- Heather Whinna, Founder/Chief Mission Officer

37

families served

782K

dollars raised

1476

new supporters

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Dear Friends,

As we look back on 2025, we're filled with gratitude for the incredible generosity and support that made this year transformative for the families we serve. From disaster relief to holiday joy, your kindness has been a lifeline. Here's a look at how, together, we made a difference.

With gratitude,

Holly Lewis, Executive Director



PROJECT

Letters From Altadena: Wildfire Relief

Letters To Santa: The Holiday Gala

Letters To Santa

DETAILS

Responding with immediate grants to help families rebuild their lives, preserve their community, and maintain their dignity

An inspiring evening of music, laughter and goodwill to support the Letters To Santa program

On Christmas Day, families are surprised with armloads of gifts like clothing, toys and computers, as well as a \$10,000 cash grant

OUTCOME

\$255k in grants and care packages distributed to 94 individuals across 20 families

175 attendees braved a Chicago blizzard and raised over \$200k

\$248k in grants and gifts distributed to 95 individuals across 17 families

FINANCES

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash \$158,529

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable \$31,417

REVENUES

Total Contributions \$781,875

FUNDING SUMMARY

Benefactors & Annual Fund Donors

\$127,757

Individual Program Donations

\$363,914

Corporate Matching Donations

\$12,348

In-Kind Donations for Letters To Santa

\$13,425

Holiday Gala Revenue

\$205,038

EXPENSES & DEDUCTIONS

Administrative \$55,251

Fundraising \$72,950

Programs \$90,597

Direct Family Support \$503,201



"I've been in disbelief since you guys left on Christmas. I've been waiting so long to see my son's smile like that again. I want to take this time to say thank you and I truly appreciate all that you've done for us." - 2025 Letters To Santa recipient

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- The Holiday Gala volunteers
- Xmas volunteer wrapping and delivery crews
- All of the performers who donated their valuable time and remarkable talent to bring life-changing relief to those we had the privilege of serving in 2025



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