



# Impact Report

2025-2026

**Powered by volunteers.  
Sustained by the community.**



DIABLO VALLEY  
GIVING  
PARTNERS

This Impact Report highlights what is possible when volunteers, donors and community partners come together to serve others. Behind every statistic is a child who started school with confidence, a student whose future was expanded through a scholarship, a family with food on the table, or a senior who felt less alone because someone cared.

This year marked an important milestone. After serving our community as Assistance League® Diablo Valley since 1967, we became an independent organization and are now Diablo Valley Giving Partners. While our name has changed, our mission has not. The same dedicated volunteers, commitment to service, and generosity continue to guide our work.

As an independent organization, we have greater flexibility to innovate, strengthen partnerships, respond to emerging needs, and focus every decision on improving lives throughout Contra Costa County.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our journey. Your generosity and belief in our mission have made this next chapter in our story possible. We look forward to building an even stronger, more caring community together.



Julie Braun Martin  
President, Diablo Valley Giving Partners

*At the Giving Partners Thrift Shop  
brand relaunch - June 2026*





*Serving Contra Costa County  
Since 1967*

# 2025-2026 At A Glance

**\$1.3 million +**  
Revenue

**\$913,000 +**  
Returned to the community

**10,000 +**  
Lives impacted

**\$300,000**  
Record-breaking 73 scholarships  
awarded

**3,400 +**  
Children received new clothing and  
shoes

**5,400 +**  
Boxes of food provided for  
the food insecure

**46,000 +**  
Service hours provided by  
400+ volunteers

**15**  
Programs serving every generation



**Powered by Volunteers.  
Fueled by Community.  
Focused on Local Impact.**

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# Meeting Essential Needs

## Clothing with Confidence

Providing new school clothing has been one of our signature services for decades. As the needs of local schools have evolved, so has our approach.

Today, three programs help children start the school year with confidence. **School Uniforms** provides volunteer-assembled uniform bundles and shoes for students whose schools require uniforms. Our **Retail Shopping Experience** gives students the opportunity to choose their own new clothing and shoes. Through **Common Threads**, volunteers shop for new clothing year-round for unhoused and vulnerable children with urgent needs.

Community Investment in  
Clothing Programs  
**\$269,000**



3,400+ children clothed



"I'm a single parent and things are challenging. Having this opportunity to take my child shopping for new clothes was a gift to both me and my child. It was a bright spot in our day."

*~ parent of program recipient*



# Meeting Essential Needs

## Tackling Food Insecurity

Through two complementary programs, **Diablo Valley Giving Partners** helps reduce food insecurity in Contra Costa County.

**Sunshine Boxes** help bridge the gap when school is not in session, providing students and their families with supplemental, shelf-stable food for the weekend. This year, our volunteers packed **5,000 boxes** and provided **four bulk food deliveries** to further support families facing food insecurity in a local school district.

Through **our partnership with CalWORKs**, our **Food Boxes** volunteers packed hundreds of food boxes and provided bulk household essentials for families, seniors and individuals facing financial hardship.

Community Investment in  
Food Insecurity Programs  
**\$221,300**

"We are truly grateful for you  
and your team of volunteers."

*~ Our Food Box  
Community Partner*

"Wow, this entire box is for me?"

*~ A Food Box recipient*



# Building Brighter Futures

## Opening Doors Through Education

What began in 2000 with a single \$1,000 scholarship has grown into one of Contra Costa County's most comprehensive scholarships programs.

This year, **Diablo Valley Giving Partners** awarded a record number of scholarships across six educational pathways, bringing **our lifetime investment in students to more than \$3 million.**

73 Scholarships  
Community Investment of  
**\$300,000**



“Because of Diablo Valley Giving Partners, I’m able to focus on getting to my goals instead of having to focus on the price it takes to get there.”

~ Mariah, a first generation college student



High School • Community College • Foster / Kinship  
Return to School • Career Tech • Spotlight

# Building Brighter Futures

## Literacy Programs

Learning to read is one of the most important building blocks of a child's education. In the early grades, children are **learning to read**; soon, they'll be expected to **read to learn**.

Through our three reading programs, **Preschool READ, READ, and LISTEN**, our volunteers help children build the skills and confidence to make that transition from introducing preschoolers to the joy of books to encouraging second graders as they strengthen their reading skills.

There's a special joy in watching a child discover "I can do this" and knowing a caring volunteer helped them get there.



Volunteer Hours  
spent on Literacy Programs  
**3,400+ hours**

*Building confidence and character in our next generation.*



## Kids On The Block

Through engaging, interactive puppet shows, students learn about inclusion, personal safety, empathy, and making positive choices.

**24**  
performances

**10**  
schools

**1000+**  
students reached



# Supporting Children & Families

Sometimes the smallest acts of kindness have the greatest impact. From welcoming a newborn to supporting foster youth and caring for crisis survivors, our programs provide comfort, encouragement, and hope when it matters most.



## Supporting Foster and Kinship Youth

Every stage of a young person's journey deserves support. Our foster and kinship programs provide comfort, stability, and opportunities that help children and young adults move forward with confidence.

- Receiving Center Backpacks → entering care
- Senior Year Activity Fund → celebrating milestones
- Independent Living Essentials → preparing for adulthood

## Handmade touches. Meaningful support.

In partnership with Aspiranet, Baby Bags provides infant clothing and essential supplies to families with newborns identified as high risk. Included in the bags are blankets provided by Project Linus and handmade beanies by our volunteers.



**\$91,000+**

spent on these five  
Community Needs  
programs



## Offering Comfort. Restoring Dignity.

Survivor Care Packs provide new clothing and essential personal items to survivors of violence, abuse, and exploitation, helping restore comfort and dignity during a time of crisis.



# Strengthening Community



## TeleCare

**TeleCare**, established in 1971, is our longest running program.

More than a phone call, **TeleCare** builds lasting connections through regular reassurance calls and community gatherings that bring seniors companionship, comfort, and a sense of belonging.

**3,900 calls made**



A strong community is built through connection. Every phone call, volunteer hour, donated item, and partnership helps create a network of caring that strengthens lives throughout Contra Costa County. Together, our volunteers, donors, grantors and Giving Partners Thrift Shop make every program possible.

## Volunteers

### *Developing tomorrow's community leaders*

Mentored by our adult volunteers, our teen auxiliary develops future community leaders through volunteer service, fundraising, and leadership while supporting DVGP programs, events, and the Giving Partners Thrift Shop.



# Turning Thrifting Into Community Impact



## GIVING PARTNERS THRIFT SHOP

3521 Golden Gate Way • Lafayette, CA 94549  
Open Tuesdays - Saturdays, 10 am - 4 pm

2026  
BEST IN  
EAST  
BAY

READERS'  
CHOICE  
AWARDS

Donate → Volunteer → Shop → Give Back



**Giving Partners Thrift Shop** turns donated goods into meaningful community impact.

Generous donors keep quality items in circulation, dedicated volunteers bring them to the sales floor, and loyal shoppers give those items a new life. Together, this cycle of giving generated **49% of our revenue in 2025-2026**, providing vital funding for programs.

By extending the life of clothing and household goods, the Thrift Shop **promotes reuse, reduces waste and offers our community an affordable, sustainable way to shop.**

Every donation has value. Every purchase has purpose. And every person who participates helps strengthen our community.

Voted  
Best Thrift Shop  
Three Years in a Row

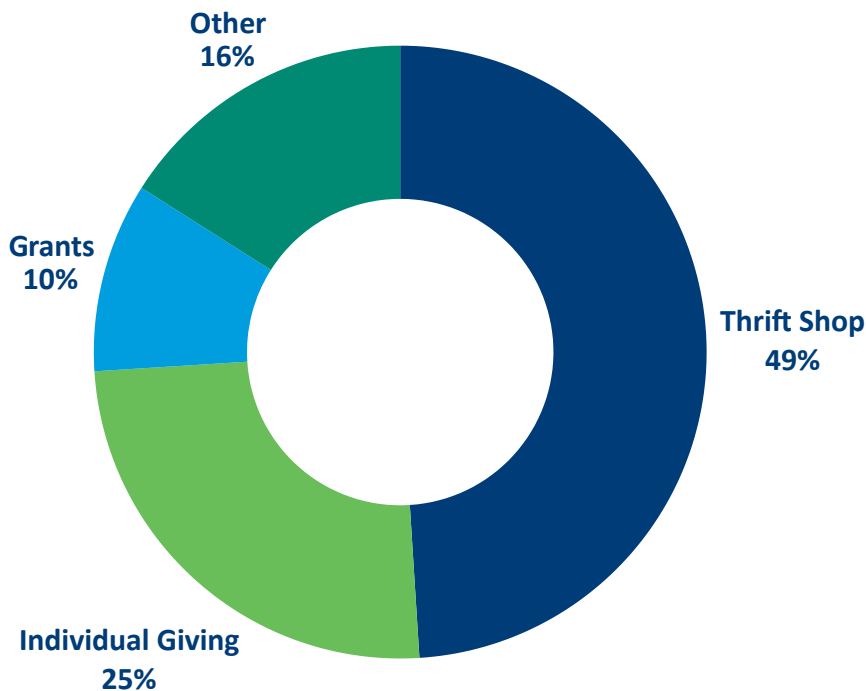
# Funding Our Mission

## Financial Foundation

Our work was supported by a diverse revenue mix, including earned income, individual giving, grants and other sources.

Nearly half of our revenue came from **thrift shop sales**, providing a core source of income.

This year, we strengthened our fundraising capacity by implementing a **donor management system**, improving outreach to individual supporters.



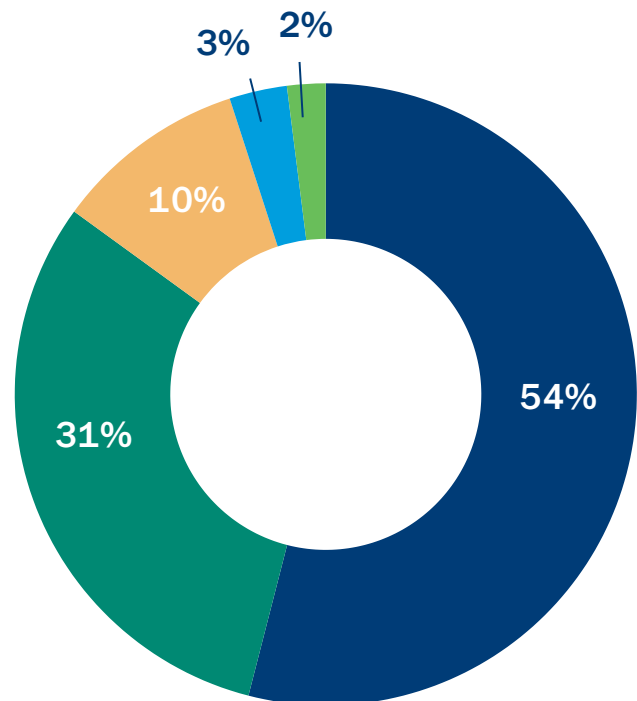
**2025-2026 Total Revenue: \$1.3 million**

## Program Spending

Over **\$913,000** was invested directly in programs serving our community.

More than half of the funding supported essential food and clothing needs, while nearly one-third expanded educational opportunity through scholarships. The balance supported community needs, and school enrichment programming provided by the Volunteers.

*\*Program spending reflects direct expenditures for DVGP programs and does not represent total organizational operating expenses.*



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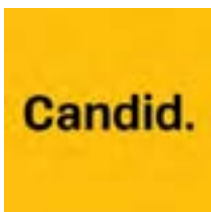
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