

Your Support Multiplies Impact

When a family is on the brink of losing its home, when the lights are about to be shut off, or when a parent has no idea where to turn next, every minute matters. That is where Orion steps in, meeting people in their hardest moments and helping turn crisis into stability.

In many ways, Orion is like the emergency room for the community—providing immediate care, practical relief, and a path toward safety when people feel most alone.



Orion provides a wide variety of assistance to our clients. While only 25% receive financial aid, what makes this work especially powerful is how far each donated dollar can go. Because Orion's case managers know the landscape of available resources and work with over 150 partner organizations, they are able to

stretch every contribution, combining direct assistance with outside support to reach more people, solve more problems, and create a greater impact than any single check ever could.

The numbers from the first quarter of 2026 tell a remarkable story of compassion in action. Orion provided support services to over 600 families. Through collaboration with more than 80 organizations, Orion was able to turn its \$30,000 contribution into nearly \$70,000 in total crisis support to 156 of those households, ensuring they

January to March 2026 Household Support

HOUSING (mortgage, rent, security deposit)	306
UTILITIES (electric, gas, water, phone)	261
TRANSPORTATION (gas cards, bus passes, repairs)	57
EDUCATION	34
OTHER (health, documents, storage, etc.)	84



received the resources they needed to stay safe, housed and stable.

Similarly, in the first week of May, Orion provided nearly \$5,000 to 16 households in financial crisis. By working alongside 17 community partners, we secured another \$8,000.

Without this leveraged support, 9 families would have been evicted, one person would still be searching for housing, and 4 families would have lost their utilities. Due to Orion's navigation of resources and collaboration with community partners, those outcomes were prevented.

This is what it means to leverage generosity, one gift provides many lifelines.



Building a More Secure Future

Tyerra, a single mother of three, is one of our proud *Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' By World* spring graduates. She came to Orion seeking educational opportunities that would strengthen her family's future. First she participated in the GLAD (Gutsy Ladies Achieving their Destiny) program, where she developed valuable parenting skills, while her children joined Orion's book club.

Determined to continue building a more secure future, Tyerra then enrolled in the Getting Ahead program to focus on financial stability and her educational goals. We are thrilled to celebrate her successful graduation from the program.

She arrived at graduation directly from her job as a medical assistant, still dressed in her uniform—a reflection of her dedication and perseverance. In addition to working full-time and raising three children, she is currently pursuing her RN degree through a nursing program.

This determined woman shared that balancing work, school, and motherhood often leaves little time to focus on financial planning, but the Getting Ahead program gave her the chance to pause, reflect,

and develop a meaningful plan for her future.

Tyerra's determination to achieve her goals is inspiring, though the demands she carries can sometimes feel discouraging. Through the program and support from her cohort, she learned the importance of extending grace to herself, setting realistic goals, and taking intentional steps toward long-term success both for her and her family. *Congratulations!*



Christmas In June helps families stretch their summer budgets!

Please consider donating personal care products, sunblock, laundry soap or gift cards for summer clothes. www.OrionCommunities.org/wishlist... thank you!



Teen Volunteers Support Orion

Teen volunteers from local National Honor Society chapters continue to make a real impact at Orion. With energy and heart, they step in wherever needed—from leading art activities so children can engage while their mothers participate in GLAD, to supporting Orion at busy community events.



Our teen volunteers' willingness to take initiative and connect with others not

only strengthens programs but also creates meaningful moments of support and joy for families. These young leaders show that service is about more than helping—it's about showing up for people in ways that matter.



Orion Board President - Ellen Scott

Your donation makes all of this possible. Every gift helps Orion say “yes” when someone is frightened, overwhelmed, and out of options. When you support Orion, you are not just giving money—you are multiplying hope, dignity, and the chance for a brighter tomorrow.

Please consider supporting Orion today. Your generosity does more than meet an immediate need—it unlocks additional help, strengthens community partnerships, and brings real relief to families facing impossible choices. Together, we can make every donated dollar do even more.



Building Trust

One of our clients came to Orion because he was without a place to live and he could not secure assistance on his own. He could be challenging and agencies struggled to support him. As a result, he was very leery of any kind of help.

It turned out he had untreated health issues that prevented him from communicating his issues and needs. Our staff stuck with him, suggesting resources, helping him with follow through. Orion became a safe space which eventually led to his acceptance into Open Hearth's Continuum of Care Program. He is now closer to stable housing.

He needed time, a friendly ear and support to navigate available resources. It required trust-building, determination, organizational collaboration, and a refusal to give up when barriers felt overwhelming. Every interaction and act of patience contributed to helping our new friend feel supported and safe as together we came up with a plan tailored to his needs.

Glenn Moses - Keeper of the Flame

Glenn was a long time volunteer receptionist before he joined Orion's Board in 1991. He stayed active with Orion as an Emeritus Board member until his peaceful passing on March 18th of this year at age 67.

Born with cerebral palsy, Glenn didn't start school until he was 11 years old because his wheelchair could not be accommodated. Glenn had many challenges but he also had great compassion and an ever-present smile as he made his way through life and into people's hearts.



Glenn's last weekend saw him representing Orion once again at our annual Casino Royale and joining in the fun at the gaming tables --- even using his wheelchair for a spin around the floor until the very last dance. His joy for life and for his fellow neighbors are truly missed.

A note from a woman in between jobs who was facing eviction:

“I wanted to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your help. Your care, patience and thoughtfulness have meant so much to me. You have made a stressful situation so much easier to navigate. Knowing that there are people like you who genuinely care and take time to help others has lifted a huge weight off my shoulders. Your kindness has made a real difference and I will always remember it.”



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Save the dates!

Saturday 9.11.2026
at Twelve78

**BOOKS
BEER
BBQ**



A CHILDREN'S BOOK FUNDRAISER

Thursday 11.12.2026
at the Colonial Theatre



**Vanessa
Collier**



Watch for details coming soon



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