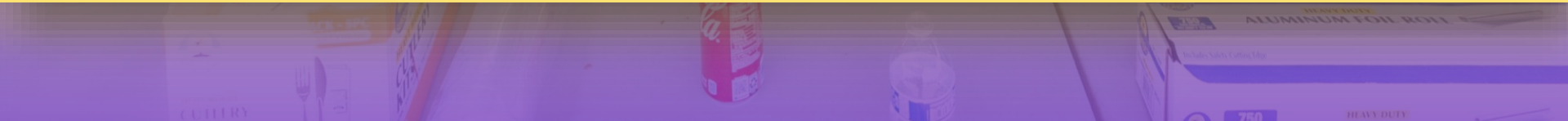




2025 Report

Transforming Lives,
Building Futures Together





“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ
Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in
advance for us to do.”

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

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Welcome Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Casa Chirilagua Friends,

2025 was a year marked by both challenges and grace. Many families in our community faced fear, uncertainty, family separation, financial hardship, and unexpected crises. Through it all, we sought to remain present, walking alongside our neighbors with compassion, prayer, and practical support.

We stood with families during medical emergencies, helped children arrive safely during moments of community fear, and witnessed parents and volunteers caring for one another in extraordinary ways. Even in difficult seasons, God's love was evident. One of the most beautiful moments came during graduation, as parents embraced their children with tears of joy and prayers for their future.

Most of all, we thank God for His faithfulness and His love that was made visible throughout our community. We are grateful to be part of His work in Chirilagua.

With gratitude,

Hjarman Cordero

Executive Director
Casa Chirilagua



Program Impact Overview

Kids Club

Program Description

Afterschool program for 1st–5th graders providing academic support, emotional growth, Bible lessons, arts, and enrichment.

Impact Data

37 students | **19** volunteers

STEM Camp: **25** students, **4** field trips

Growth & Highlights

- STEM Code Rising Summer Camp
- Partnership with Inspira Dance
- Partnership with HEARD Nova
- New Cultured Kids SEL curriculum
- Bible-based character development lessons
- Amazon headquarters field trip

Success Story

During our daily reading time, our 4th and 5th grade students volunteered to sit with our younger students for buddy reading. We watched stronger bonds form in real time as our older students were given more responsibility and our younger students received one-on-one attention with academic support.

Teens Club

Program Description

Twice-weekly program for middle school students in grades 6th–8th fostering academic, emotional, and spiritual growth.

Impact Data

25 students | **2** volunteers

Weekly study hall and homework support
STEM workshops and Code Rising programming
Book club and SEL curriculum implementation

Growth & Highlights

- Cultured Kids curriculum implementation
- Weekly book club using The First Rule of Punk
- STEM partnership with Dominion Energy and Titan Robotics

Success Story

A small group of 7th and 8th graders leaned into their creative gifts while giving back to the Casa Chirilagua community by volunteering with Kids Club to create a special Mother's Day craft. It was a special moment of leadership that showed Casa's heart of service.



Program Impact Overview

Casa to Career

Program Description

9th–12th graders with school program supporting students through academic coaching, career exploration, leadership development, Bible studies, and post-high school planning

Impact Data

20 students | **10** volunteers

Career workshops and guest speakers
Coding and workforce development
summer program

12 Students received MacBooks and stipends during summer intensive

Growth & Highlights

- Environmental project commissioned by the City of Alexandria
- Career panels and resume-building workshops
- Bible studies focused on identity, empathy, and belonging

Success Story

Two students were selected to participate on EFS international exchange program.

Family Engagement

Program Description

Empowers families through monthly dinners, ESL and literacy workshops, and a strong Parent Committee.

Impact Data

8 family dinners/year

20 ESL students

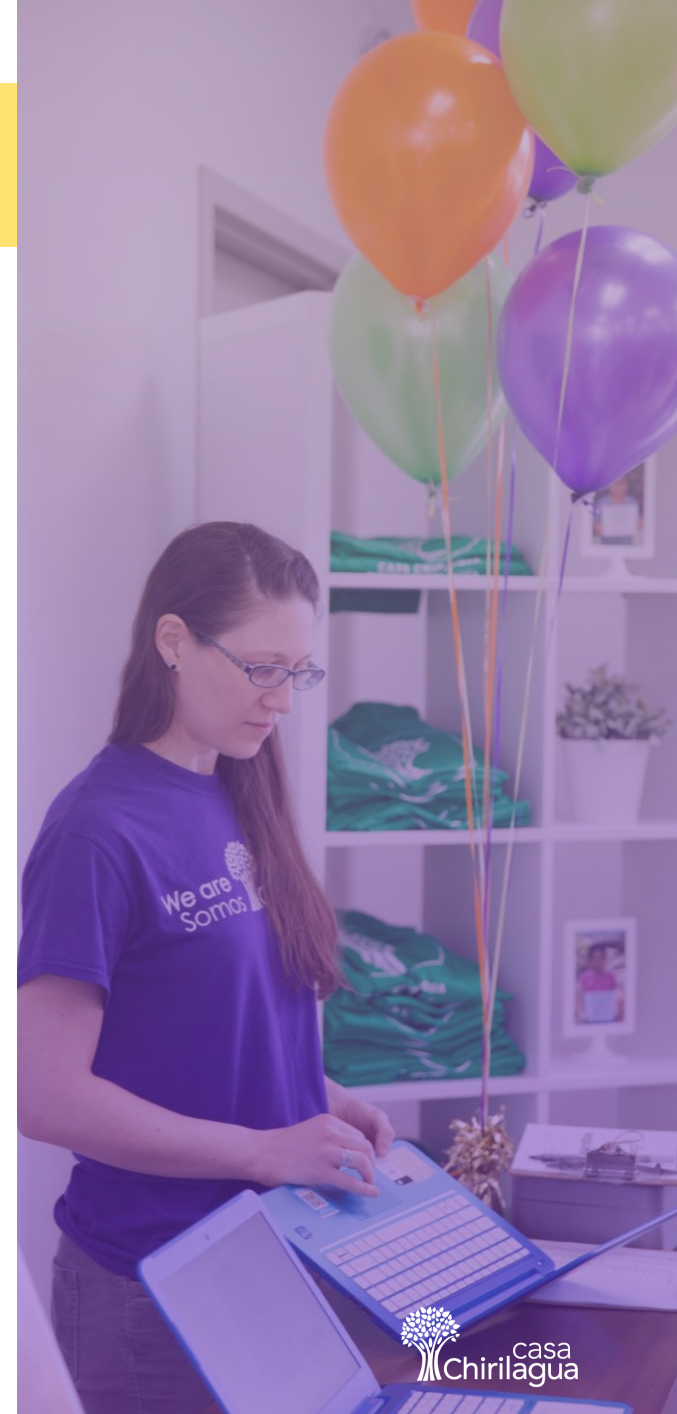
6 community-wide events (graduation, trips, celebrations, raffles, back-to-school, Christmas)

Growth & Highlights

- Partnership with Mount Vernon Community School PTA
- Edu-Futuro parenting workshops
- Family-centered community events and celebrations
- Christmas support for families

Success Story

A parent who participated in one of the workshops by our partner Edufuturo decided to change her interactions with her child, helping to improve their relationship and the child's behavior.





Program Impact Overview

Summer Programs

Program Description:

Christ-centered summer programs that keep students engaged academically, socially, and spiritually through STEM camps, enrichment workshops, sports, Bible lessons, and field trips.

Impact Data/Outcomes

- STEM Code Rising Summer Camp
- Coding and media learning opportunities
- Weekly field trips
- Amazon headquarters exposure trip
- Career development experiences
- Environmental project collaboration with the City of Alexandria
- Summer kayaking excursion

Summer Participation

25 Kids Club students, **12** Teens Club students **9** Casa to Career students

65+ students | **25** volunteers

Received scholarship of \$1125

Mentoring & Volunteer Programs

Program Description:

Builds transformative relationships between mentors and mentees and mobilizes community volunteers across programs.

Measurable Growth

34 active mentorship participants

8 new mentors added

2,830+ mentoring hours contributed

70% mentorship retention rate

"I wish I had someone to guide me through those early years and support me and so, in a sense, I feel I am healing a part of my inner child by being that person for my mentee. I adore my mentee and her family and I'm grateful to have a place in their life."

—Sara Argueta-Valle, Mentor

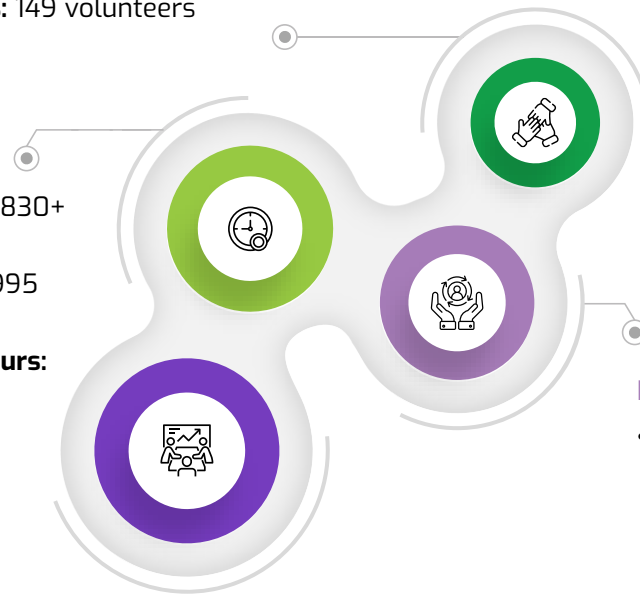
Volunteer & Mentor Impact

Number of Active Volunteers & Mentors

- **Mentors:** 34 participants
- **New Mentors Added:** 8 mentors
- **Volunteers:** 149 volunteers

Hours Contributed

- **Mentoring Hours:** 2,830+ hours
- **Volunteer Hours:** 1,995 hours
- **Board Volunteer Hours:** 47 hours



Retention Rate

- Mentor retention: **70%**

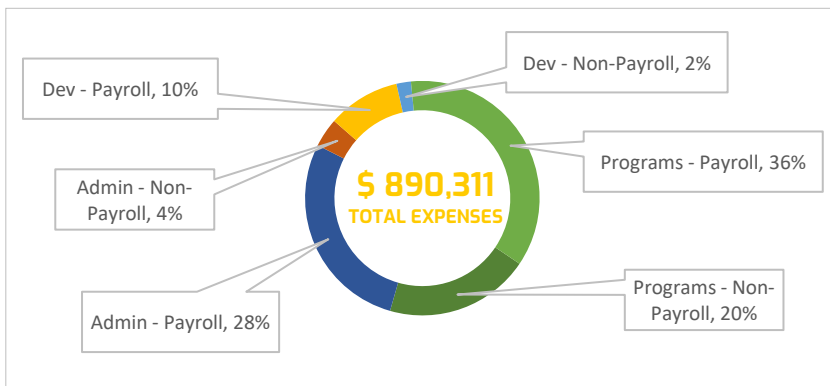
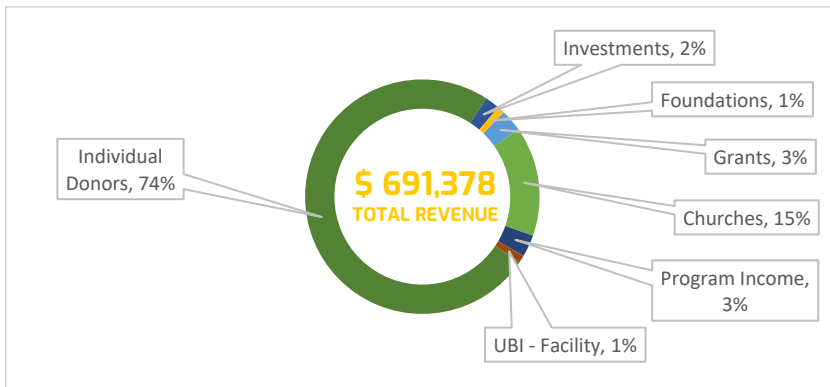
Volunteer Training & Recognition Efforts

- Continued **mentor onboarding** and volunteer support systems
- **Volunteers served across:** Kids Club, Teens Club, Casa to Career, Family engagement events, Summer programming, and Community events
- Expanded **volunteer involvement** across youth and family programs



Financial Overview

2025 Financial Summary



Revenue breakdown

Category	Amount
Direct Public Support	\$645,623
Investment Income	\$17,174
Program Income	\$23,023
Facility Use Income & Other Income	\$5,559
Gifts In Kind	\$0
Total	\$691,378

Expense Breakdown

Category	Amount
Programs	\$498,394
Admin	\$284,524
Development/Fundraising	\$107,394
Total	\$890,311

Giving Campaigns 2025

Spring2Action

- Duration: **April 9, 2025**
 - Theme: **Hope & Healing Through Community**
 - Total Raised: **\$173,626**
- Community Participation:**
- **246 Donors**
 - **252 Gifts**

Summer Challenge

- Duration: **Jul 23 to Aug 27 2025**
 - Theme: **Let Love Be the Legacy**
 - Total Raised: **\$73,347**
- Community Participation:**
- **151 Donors**
 - **156 Gifts**

End-Of-Year & Giving Tuesday

- Duration: **Nov 20 2025 – Jan 10 2026**
 - Theme: **Together, We Rise: A Community Of Hope**
 - Total Raised: **\$80,913**
- Donor Impact:**
- **132 Donors**
 - **137 Gifts**



Looking Ahead 2026-2027

Program Priorities for 2026-2027

Children & Youth

- Continue providing support for children and youth through mentoring and leadership development.
- Expand opportunities for college and career readiness, and enrichment experiences.

Families

- Strengthen family engagement through parent leadership, family dinners, and community-building opportunities.
- Increase access to resources through Service Navigation and community partnerships.

Adults

- Expand adult education opportunities through English classes, digital literacy, workforce readiness, entrepreneurship, and leadership development.

Community

- Equip and empower local leaders to serve, influence, and strengthen our community.

2026 Fundraising Campaign Goals

Spring2ACTion: **\$175,000+**

Summer Challenge: **\$80,000+**

Giving Tuesday: **\$10,000+**

End-of-Year: **\$100,000+**

Looking ahead to **2027**, our goal is to raise **\$780,000+** annually, creating the stability and capacity needed to sustain our programs, deepen our impact, and respond to the growing needs of the community.

Stories & Testimonials

Impact Story: A Steady Presence in a Time Of Change

Families in our community often face unexpected challenges that can deeply impact both parents and children. During these moments, Casa Chirilagua seeks to be a steady presence, walking alongside families through relationships rooted in Christ's love.

Recently, a mother connected to Casa reached out during a family crisis. Her husband was suddenly separated from the family, leaving her overwhelmed and uncertain about what to do next. Because of the trust built through years of relationship, she knew she could call Casa for help.

Our team responded immediately, helping the family address urgent needs and providing encouragement and support as they navigated a difficult season. As the days unfolded, it became clear that life would look very different moving forward.

Today, the family is adjusting to a new reality. A mother is carrying new responsibilities, and children are learning how to move forward without the daily presence of their father. In moments like these, the role of a caring mentor becomes especially important. Mentors provide consistency, encouragement, and a trusted relationship that reminds children they are seen, valued, and loved.

At Casa Chirilagua, we believe that transformation happens through relationships. While we cannot remove every hardship, we can walk alongside children and families, pointing them to hope in Christ and ensuring they do not face life's challenges alone.

Gratitude & Donor Acknowledgment

Church Partners

Alexandria Presbyterian Church
Antioch Community Church of DC
Cherrydale Baptist Church
Christ the King
Commonwealth Baptist Church
Del Ray Baptist Church
Del Ray UMC
District Church
Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
Fairlington Presbyterian Church
First Baptist Church
First Christian Church of Alexandria
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Grace Community Church
Grace Episcopal Church
Great Commission Community Church
Immanuel Church-On-The-Hill
Incarnation Anglican Church
McLean Presbyterian Church
National Community Church
The Love of Christ Church
Trinity UMC
Westminster Presbyterian Church

Foundations, Businesses & Other

ACT for Alexandria
Alexandria Sheriff Association
Abide Coffee, LLC
CFC National Capital Area
DASH Alexandria Transit Company
Del Ray Citizen's Association
Frantz Family Fund
Good Beats
Holy Cow Restaurant
Integrity Counseling Services, LLC
Ivakota Association, Inc.
Kiwanis Club of Alexandria
Mason Hirst Foundation
Mount Vernon Community School PTA
Open Horizon

As we reflect on another year in the life of Casa Chirilagua, our hearts are filled with gratitude.

None of this happens without you.

To our individual donors, thank you for believing in this community and investing in the lives of children, youth, and families. Your generosity is a powerful reminder that every person matters and that hope can grow when people choose to care.

We are also deeply grateful to our church partners, foundations, businesses, corporations, and community organizations whose support, encouragement, and shared commitment make this work possible. Your partnership allows us to continue showing up, building relationships, and walking alongside our neighbors year after year.

With sincere gratitude,

The Casa Chirilagua Team

Board & Staff Listing

Staff Members

- **Hjarman Cordero**, Executive Director
- **Lauren Wallace**, Business Manager
- **Anass Yahyaoui**, Development Manager
- **Elizabeth Arrazola**, Director of Adult Leadership
- **Eduardo Aguilar**, Mentor & Volunteer Coordinator
- **Starr Franklin**, Teen Programs Coordinator
- **Linet Salazar**, Youth Programs Administrator
- **Mily Palma**, Local Leader
- **Keiry Anaya Reyes**, Local Leader

New Board Members 2026

- **Tim Parker**, Board Chair
2026 – Present
- **Jennifer Hamilton**, Vice Chair
2026 – Present
- **Andres Patino**, Treasurer
2026 – Present
- **Raquel Lopez Milano**, Secretary
2026 – Present
- **Carla Calderon**, Program Liaison
2026 – Present



How to Get Involved

01 Serve as a mentor, tutor, or a volunteer

02 Partner with us financially to sustain programs

03 Ask God to guide, provide, and transform lives.

04 Spread the word, invite friends!

Call to Action

Will you take the next step?

Help us continue this journey of transformation:

01 **Volunteer** as a mentor, tutor, or event partner.

03 **Pray** for our families, staff, and students.

02 **Give** a one-time or recurring donation to sustain our mission.

04 **Share** our story and invite others to join the movement.



Thank You!

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