



2025



# ANNUAL REPORT

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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

This past year has reminded us of something powerful: when a community leans in together, real transformation becomes possible.

Taylor is growing, changing, and stepping boldly into its future and the Greater Taylor Foundation is honored to help pave that path.

Every partnership formed, every council convened, and every initiative launched reflects our shared belief that a thriving community doesn't happen by accident. It happens through collaboration, curiosity, and a relentless commitment to investing in people and place.

I am immensely proud of the work highlighted in this report. But more importantly, I am inspired by the momentum ahead. We are building stronger systems, deeper connections, and greater opportunities not for some, but for all of Taylor.

Thank you for walking with us, supporting us, and dreaming with us. The future we're building is bright, and we're just getting started.



*President,*

*Greater Taylor Community Foundation*



Board Members

4<sup>th</sup> Row: Keith Hagler, Sam Dowdy Sr., Ed Komandosky, Judge Randall Pick

3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Susan Faykus, Estella French, Julie Downs, Tia Stone

2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Joe Gonzales, Candy Buzan, Jessie Ancira III, Lorraine Martinez

Front Row: Diana Phillips

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

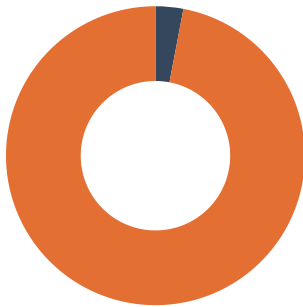
In 2025, the Greater Taylor Foundation continued to steward resources with intention and discipline, ensuring every dollar contributed directly supports community impact. Our funding reflects a blend of philanthropic partners, local businesses, and community donors - all working together to strengthen Taylor's quality of life.

## Expenses

\$305,300

Mgmt & General

3%



Programs & Services

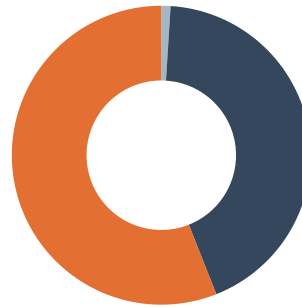
97%

## Revenue

\$400,119

Sponsorships

1%



Investment  
Income  
43%

Contributions  
56%

Total Assets	\$ 1,467,147
Total Liabilities	\$ 0
Net Income	\$ 94,919

As of 11/30/2025

## FUNDING PARTNERS

\$35,000

Samsung Community Grants

\$25,000

St. David's Foundation Food Grant

## MANAGED FUNDS

- Class of 1975 Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Dowdy Family Foundation
- Greater Taylor Foundation
- Greater Taylor COAD
- John Wehby/Ed Komandosky Foundation
- Taylor Chamber of Commerce
- Taylor Rodeo Association Foundation
- Taylor Rodeo Association Scholarship Fund

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Child Care Council

- Provider Trainings & Workshops
- Childcare Employer Supported Workforce Pilot

### Community Connections

- Awareness & Access to 211
- Volunteer Taylor - Volunteer Platform

### Economic Wellbeing

- Launch Taylor – Entrepreneurial Program
- VITA Expansion Planning

### Food Insecurity

- Food Needs Assessment
- Heritage Farm Day

### Housing

- Affordable Housing Financial Impact Analysis
- Pre-Approved Building Plan Program & Workshops
- Regional Housing Forum

### Physical and Mental Health

- East Wilco Simulation Lab Collaborative



## CONVENING PARTNER

- Back to School Family Fun Fair
- Money Matters Bank Financial Literacy Collaborative
- Taylor Big Event
- Taylor Tax Expansion Program to Underserved Areas

116

In attendance at the Regional Rural Housing Forum

200+

in attendance at the Inaugural Heritage Farm Day Event

## COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

- City of Taylor's Taylor-on-Foot Program
- Williamson County Community Coalition

\$90,248.45

Give Taylor

## COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

126

Volunteers

177

Meetings

2115

Hours Invested

\$71,203

Value of Invested Time

36

Partners in Engaged

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

Behind every program, partnership, and milestone is a group of people willing to show up and do the work. GTF's council members bring lived experience, professional insight, and a shared commitment to strengthening our community. Their leadership and collaboration make our impact possible—and sustainable.

### Physical & Mental Health

#### Chair: Pamela Johnston & Candi Gadison

- Amy Griego – Trauma Free Tree
- Bonnie How – AGE of Central Texas
- Daniella Ogundare – Taylor ISD
- Dede Griffith – Temple College
- Elvia Plancarte – Maximus
- Erin Jamieson – AGE of Central Texas
- Kassi Horner – BS&W

### Economic Wellbeing

#### Chair: Sarah Ruddy

- DeDe Griffith – Temple College
- Karla Perez – TSTC
- Regina Carlson – Taylor EDC
- Robbin Ray – Temple College
- Steven Vigil – Taylor ISD
- Tia Stone – Taylor Chamber of Commerce
- Treva Askey – Temple College

### Food

#### Chair: Madeline Sterling & Mike Kasper

- Estella French – Resident
- Florinda Villafuerte – LS Circle of Care
- Jennifer Powell – A&M Agri life
- Peter L'Heureux – Resident
- Sam Smith – United Way Greater Austin
- Terri Williams – Resident

### Child Care

#### Chair: Gabriella Westbrook

- Ben Willis – Durcon
- Dede Griffith – Temple College
- Deneece Ferrales – United Way Greater Austin
- Emilio Flores – WBCO
- Jennifer Patschke – TISD
- Kara Pinnelli – Cadence Bank
- Matthew Henry – TOOTRiS
- Melissa Parker – Temple College
- Rhoda Taylor – Workforce Solutions RCA
- Stacy Ham – Resident

### Housing

#### Chairs: Sunshine Kapus & Candy Buzan

- Aaron Levy – Townbridge/Castlewood
- Anna Ashton – Pure, Real Estate Agent
- David Hartman – DuBois Bryant & Campbell
- Essie Bass – Resident
- Gracie Mathews – Seeker Commercial
- Jesse Ancira III – Ancira Salsa
- Jessica Morgan – Real Estate
- Jim Buzan – Taylor ISD
- Joe Gonzales – Guzman Automotive
- Johnny Pence – Pastor
- Julie Downs – Tierra Grande Realty
- Kara Pinnelli – Cadence Bank
- Kelly Cmerek – City Council
- Kristen Padavic – Cedar Build
- Larry Johnson – Pastpr
- Philip Golden – Habitat for Humanity
- Sam Dowdy – The Dowdy Group
- Susan Faykus – Faykus Financial
- Taylor Jackson – HBA

### Community Connections

- Estella French – Resident
- Jesse Ancira III – Ancira Salsa
- Stacey Clements – Resident
- Vanessa Sweet – Resident

# 2026

## STRATEGIC DIRECTION

01.

### Launch New Initiatives

- SPARK Program -Employer supported Child Care Pilot
- Go-to-Work Certificate Program for recent high school graduates
- Taylors Money Matters - Community financial literacy program
- Gardening educational program for food sustainability.
- Neighbor-Helping- Neighbor Program



02.

### Expand Existing Programs

- Become an established VITA tax preparation site
- Grow the Launch Taylor Entrepreneurial Program to serve additional emerging businesses.
- Expand the Give Taylor campaign goal to \$100,000

03.

### Strengthen Community Infrastructure

- Expand the Pre-Approved Building Plan Program
- Host quarterly workshops to guide residents and builders on housing topics.
- Work with area food pantries to develop sustainable food access strategies.

04.

### Enhance Access & Awareness

- Double engagement on Volunteer Taylor among both volunteers and organizational partners.
- Secure a Mayoral Proclamation designating February as 2-1-1 Awareness Month.
- Host a series of 2-1-1 awareness events throughout February to increase resource access.

05.

### Broaden Collaborative Networks

- Strengthen cross-sector collaboration with local employers, health systems, schools, and nonprofits to deliver community-wide impact.
- Continue work with local employers, area ISDs, food pantries, and local government on aligned initiatives that improve quality of life across Taylor.



As Taylor continues to grow, our work is evolving to meet the moment. In 2026, the Greater Taylor Community Foundation is launching a clear, unified framework to guide our next chapter — People • Place • Prosperity.

### ♥ PEOPLE

We invest in the wellbeing, skills, and opportunities of Taylor’s residents. By strengthening access to education, health, and essential supports, we help individuals and families thrive — because strong communities begin with strong people.

### 🏠 Place

We strengthen the spaces where community happens. From housing and neighborhoods to shared gathering places, we focus on building environments that foster stability, connection, and belonging.

### 👛 PROSPERITY

We expand pathways to economic mobility and financial stability. By supporting workforce development, entrepreneurship, and financial education, we help families build secure futures and ensure Taylor’s economy grows with intention.

The People • Place • Prosperity framework allows us to move beyond individual programs toward coordinated, systems-level solutions. It brings partners together around shared goals, sharpens our impact, and positions Taylor for a future where everyone can live well, work well, and prosper.