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## INSPIRING HOPE

**Hello, Periann!!** Happy Independence Day from all of us at Upward Transitions! We hope your 4th is filled with family, friends, fun, and patriotic celebrations.

As of July 1st, Upward Transitions enters a new fiscal year, and we are excited to share our plans and successes with you for the coming 12 months! Thank you so much for your support. Your partnership in our mission is crucial. We could not do what we do for our clients without you, so we're pleased to share the results of your giving with you each month.

In July, the excitement of Celebrity Wait Night is back! There are details about that in Section 2, below. We hope you'll join us for the fun and eat pizza for charity with your favorite OSU and OU players.

Also, we're continuing to celebrate our centennial, and we'll have lots of exciting events and news about that during the rest of this year.

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## SECTION 1

## YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION

**Cal: An Upward Transitions  
Client Victory Story**



Cal stopped by Upward Transitions to let the staff know that he was incredibly grateful for the assistance he received. His life is going well. He is still at his job, he has a home, and he has straightened out his legal problems.

Cal T. is a 52-year-old man who was experiencing homelessness after bad choices had brought him to the justice system. He turned to Diversion Hub to get back on his feet, and his case manager there referred him to Upward Transitions.

He needed an ID to help him to keep a full-time job opportunity. When he met with his Upward Transitions' case manager, he said he felt optimistic.

Cal is excited about his future and his second chance, and he credits Upward Transitions with making it all possible.

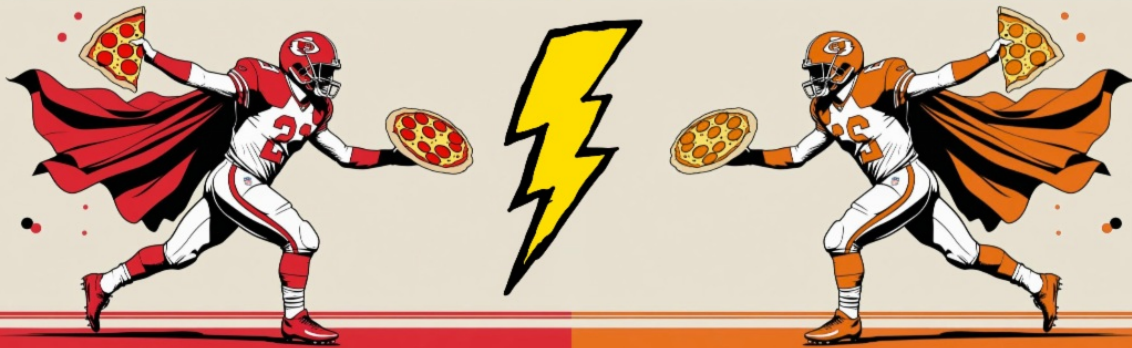
Interested in more Client Victory Stories?

VICTORY  
STORIES

SECTION 2

COMING EVENTS

IT'S BACK!



**CELEBRITY WAIT NIGHT 2025!**  
At Hideaway Pizza in Automobile Alley OKC

Featuring Your Celebrity  
Waiters:

Celebrity Waiters "work for tips" to benefit  
Upward Transitions Community Outreach

Program.

Mention "Upward Transitions" when you order, and Hideaway will donate 15% of your tab and 100% of your tip to assist those experiencing homelessness and families at risk of eviction in Oklahoma County.

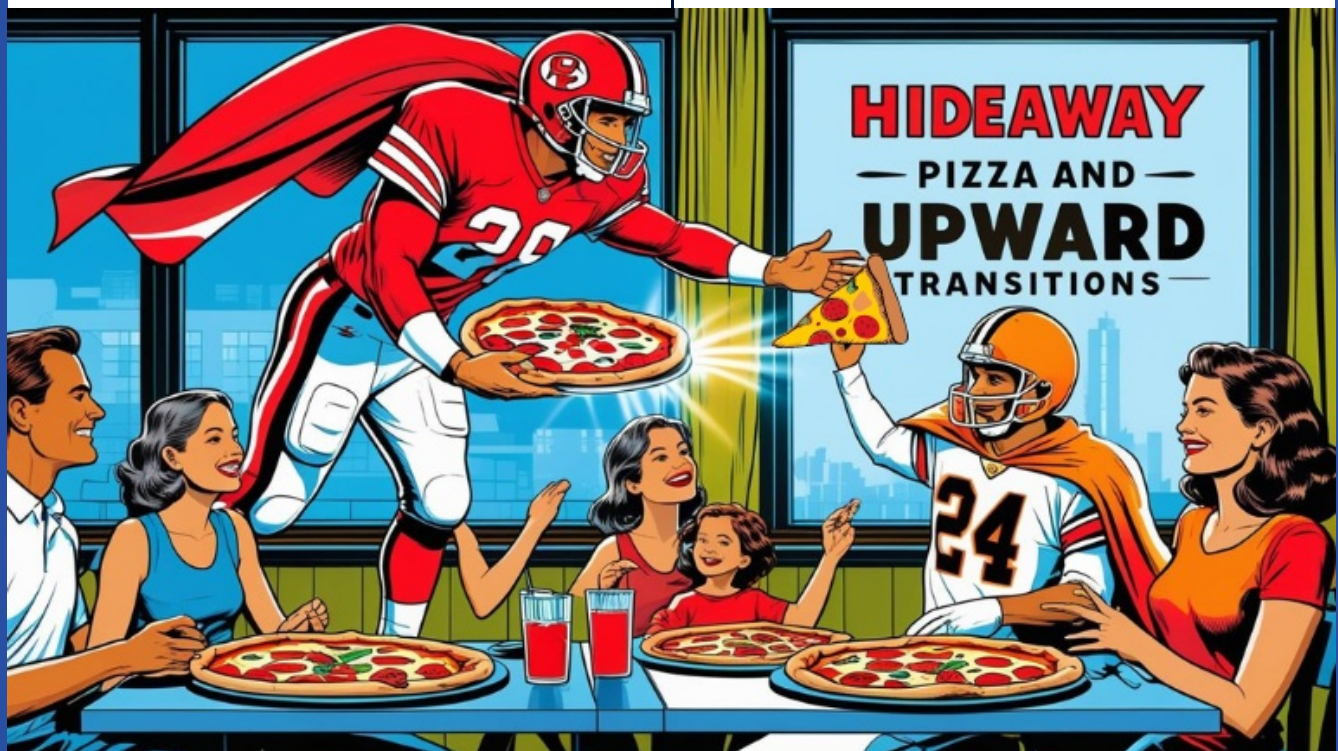
**THE GREAT FORMER OSU AND OU  
STAR ATHLETES FROM OUR STATE!**

**SIZZLE!**

***EVERYONE IS WELCOME FOR FAMILY  
FRIENDLY FUN!***

Hideaway Pizza in  
Automobile Alley  
901 North Broadway Avenue  
in OKC

Thursday, July 31, 2025  
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM



For more information, contact Conna Dewart at [cdewart@upwardtransitions.org](mailto:cdewart@upwardtransitions.org) or call 405-232-5507 x 113

**SECTION 3**

**WELCOMES & INTRODUCTIONS**

## **WELCOME DAVID COFFEE**

Please welcome Upward Transitions' new Board Member, David Coffee.

David Coffey serves as the Manager of Project Management at

OG&E Energy Corp., where he leads a team of project managers overseeing all new business distribution projects across the company's service territory. With almost 15 years of experience in utility infrastructure, project leadership, and electrical systems, David brings an understanding of operational excellence and community-focused service. He is also a licensed electrical contractor in the state of Oklahoma.

David is a graduate of Southern Nazarene University and is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP). He is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, serves on the board of The Urban Mission and enjoys volunteering with the United Way of Central Oklahoma as well as several other organizations focused on food and housing insecurity. He lives in Oklahoma City with his wife, Lauren, and their two children, William and Emma. Together, they enjoy cooking, attending concerts, spending time outdoors, and participating in activities with Cub Scouts.



David Coffee

We're excited and honored to have him join our Board leadership and partner with us in our growth.



Brittney Holder

## WELCOME BRITTNEY HOLDER

Upward Transitions is excited to announce the addition of our new staff member, Brittney Holder. Brittney has taken on the position of Intake Coordinator.

As Intake Coordinator, Brittney will be the first to interact with new clients and neighbors in need to come to Upward Transitions for assistance. She will be the friendly voice on the phone and the kind face greeting those who come to our doors.

Brittney has experience working with the public in a customer service environment and was a health specialist peer counselor for the Alabama Department of Public Health for 4 years.

Please join us in welcoming Brittney to our team!.

## SECTION 4

## OPPORTUNITIES



Upward Transitions keeps a list of local cooling stations posted on our webpage: ([Cooling Stations Around Oklahoma City](#)). Please share those on social media and with friends and family who may be at high risk of heat stroke.

Join Your Legacy with Ours for Another 100 Years

Upward Transitions is celebrating 100 years of serving our community in 2025, and we are inviting you to Centennial celebrations all year long! One of our big projects in honor of 100 years of hope is our 100-year endowment campaign: ***Endowing a Second Century of Hope.***

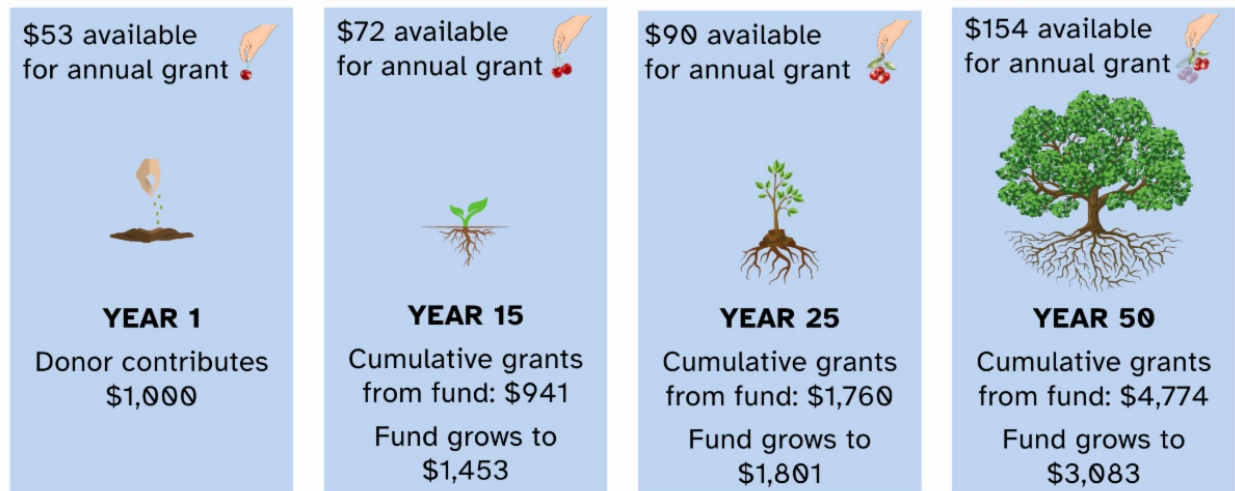
Since 1925, Upward Transitions has served those in need in Central Oklahoma, making us one of the oldest social services agencies in the community. Regardless of age, race, income, lifestyle, religion, or culture, people in need can always turn to Upward Transitions for help.

To ensure our longevity for another 100 years to serve those facing the threat of poverty and homelessness, we have set a goal to raise \$1,000,000 for our endowment fund to sustain our services in perpetuity.



***The clock is ticking! We are just \$102,900 away from reaching our goal to unlock a \$125,000 matching gift from Kirkpatrick Family Fund. Please make your gift before August 28, 2025, to help us secure the matching funds and reach our Phase 1 goal of \$500,000.***

*We invite you to join in this mission and to link your legacy with ours for the next century.*



**A gift to our endowment will give back its full value to us within 15 years and then continue to give more. In this way, your gift today is your legacy and will keep giving back again and again forever.**

To learn more about our endowment, go to: [Endowment Giving - Upward Transitions](#) and/or contact Conna Dewart at [cdewart@upwardtransitions.org](mailto:cdewart@upwardtransitions.org) or 405.232.5507 x 113.

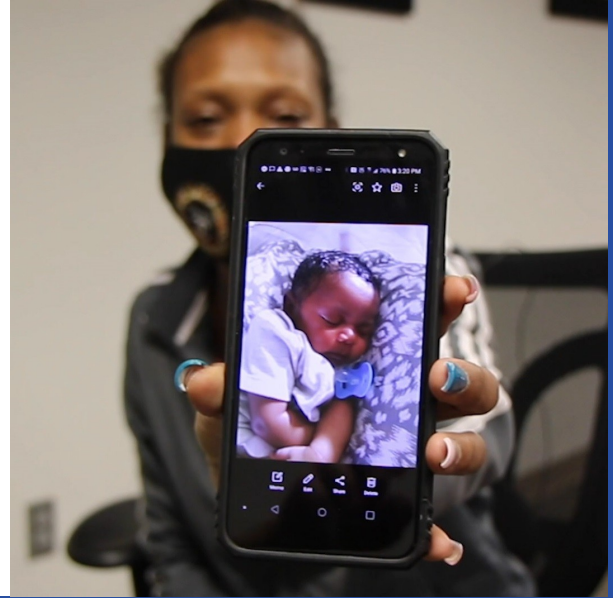
***We're so glad you are with us on this journey.***

We simply could not do what we do without supporters like you.

As we enter a new fiscal year, we will be launching a new Annual Campaign! Please watch your mail for more information and consider making your gift today.

Your gift is crucial!

Become an agent of hope: [DONATE TODAY](#)



## SECTION 5

## SPECIAL THANKS

### Volunteers from Oasis Church of Edmond!



Upward Transitions would like to thank our volunteers from **Oasis Church of Edmond** for their hard work cleaning up, trimming, scraping, and beautifying our grounds!

We are amazed at the amount of work you got done and so grateful to you for doing such a wonderful job. That was hard, dedicated work! You are ministers of hope!

## Gears & Shears Community Service Event

Long time supporters and partners of Upward Transitions, the IMAW Local 850 Machinists' Union, hosted an event for those in need on June 20th. They recruited a team of professional hairstylists and barbers to volunteer their time to give free haircuts and provided hot meals and hygiene care kits as well.

The event had a large turnout, and Upward Transitions was there to assist.

**Thank you IMAW Local 850 for your generosity and care for our community!**



## BeHeard Care Village

Upward Transitions was invited to provide our services at the **BeHeard Movement's** Care Village Saturday, June 28th at the lot behind the Second Chance Thrift Store in OKC. We were able to assist a lot of folks who are in need of identifying documents and many of our partner agencies were there to help as well.

It was a pleasure to see so many people feeling better after getting their showers and their laundry done. They were given food and clothes and a great deal of care and much needed assistance in so many ways.

Wonderful Saturday. Well done BeHeard! You're doing great things for Oklahoma City.



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## Upward Transitions / OKC PD F.A.C.T. Youth Service Day



On Wednesday June 25th, Upward Transitions welcomed the **OKC Police Department's Family Awareness Community Teamwork (F.A.C.T.) Department** for a Summer Youth Service Event.

A group of 11 youth volunteers and 3 adults from the department spent the morning learning about charitable giving and the work that organizations like Upward Transitions do to assist those in need in our community. The students played fun games to demonstrate both sides of helping and being in need of help and enjoyed snacks and drinks with Upward Transitions' staff.





# Did you know?



**Children who have adverse childhood experiences, such as homelessness, are more likely to suffer from asthma, heart disease, cancer, high blood pressure, kidney disease, and mental illness.**

**[www.upwardtransitions.org](http://www.upwardtransitions.org)**

## **JOIN UPWARD TRANSITIONS' CIRCLE OF HOPE!**

The members of the “Circle of Hope” are those supporters of Upward Transitions who have chosen to support the mission of preventing generational poverty by giving a monetary donation at a level of \$1,000 or more in a calendar year.

The “Circle of Hope” will be recognized at our annual American Tourist fundraiser and invited to a special Partner celebration in the Fall of each year.

\$1,000 dollars is a meaningful investment in the work of Upward Transitions. Research reveals that a “one-time assistance of \$1,000 with rent or utility payments can prevent a family from becoming homeless for up to 2 years and 76% less likely to become homeless after 6 months.”

The “Circle of Hope” members are making a significant investment in the work of Upward Transitions. We are grateful for their partnership and for the hope they inspire every day through the work of community collaboration, emergency relief, and empowerment.

**[Learn more about Upward Transitions' Circle of Hope](#)**



# CIRCLE *of* HOPE

*Thank you for your support!*

At Upward Transitions, our mission is to prevent generational poverty through community collaboration, emergency relief and empowerment, therefore inspiring hope with our neighbors experiencing housing instability.



For more information, please email Conna Dewart at [cdewart@upwardtransitions.org](mailto:cdewart@upwardtransitions.org), visit us online at [upwardtransitions.org](http://upwardtransitions.org), or call our office at 405-232-5507.

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