



INSPIRING HOPE

Hello, Periann!! We're moving into warmer days, weekends at the lake, cookouts with family, and trips with friends to sunny shores.

Summer brings its welcome relief from the cold of Winter and the storms of Spring, but for some of our neighbors the heat poses new hardships. Please donate sunscreen and insect repellent to us so we can distribute to our neighbors in need during the Summer months. 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.

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 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 are now less than \$10,000 away from our \$100,000 2025 Annual Campaign goal to show our optimism and determination to assist those in need in our community for another 100 years! Have you made your gift?

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YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION



Matthew: An Upward Transitions Client Victory Story

From his initial visit as a scared young man with absolutely no hope and no dreams, **Matthew** has become more than he ever thought he could. He has hope, and he has incredible dreams for his future.

When Matthew first came to Upward Transitions, he was 18 and living on the streets. His family kicked him out of their home and threatened him with a gun if he ever returned.

It was evident that he needed mental health care, so his Upward Transitions case manager referred him to community partner NorthCare for help. He began to get better.

Over the next few months, his Upward Transitions case manager was able to assist him in getting his birth certificate and his state ID and helped him to secure employment. Once he received his Section 8 approval, Upward Transitions assisted him with his move into his very first home.

Matthew's Upward Transitions case manager also accompanied him to the bank where he set up his first savings account. His focus now is on his hope for his promising future.

Interested in more Client Victory Stories?

VICTORY
STORIES

VOLUNTEERS!

Travelers Aid Airport Volunteer Training Day



In April, our Travelers Aid program volunteers attended the Spring training meeting at the WRIA.

Jeff Mulder, Director of Airports at Will Rogers International Airport; Periann Pulliam, CEO of Upward Transitions; and Crystal Moore with the TSA updated volunteers about upcoming changes with the use of Real IDs, international flight changes, new baggage carousels, and the 100th

Anniversary of Upward Transitions.

Volunteer Coordinator, Sharon Scott awarded volunteer Russell Butler for working the most hours and Sharon Orth for working the most extra shifts.



Volunteers also toured Atlantic Aviation and explored a plane hangar together.

Last year, 33 Travelers Aid program volunteers dedicated nearly 6,400 hours to serving 152,790 visitors and callers.

Volunteers from Amazon Loss Prevention Team!



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Upward Transitions would like to thank our volunteers from the Amazon Loss Prevention Team: Matt Lore, Faith Shrabel, Alyssa Watkins, Delpha Goodman, and Denny Henderson for their hard work helping us organize our office supplies and client pantry inventory on May 30th. They made it much easier for us to retrieve necessities for people in need in Central Oklahoma.

Thank you, Amazon team, for the wonderful job you did for us and for your ongoing support of our mission. You are truly agents of hope!

COMING EVENTS

Gears & Shears Community Service Event

SPONSORED BY IAMAW Local 850

Long time supporters and partners of Upward Transitions, the IAMAW Local 850 Machinists' Union, is hosting an event this week for those in need. They have recruited a team of professional hairstylists and barbers to volunteer their time to give free haircuts today, Friday, June 20th from noon to 4:00 p.m.

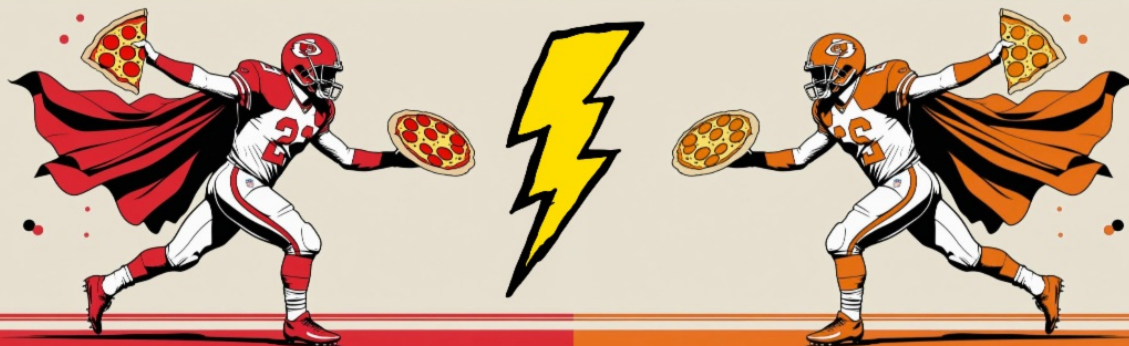
Our neighbors in need will also receive free hot meals and hygiene care kits. The event is on the Third Friday Free Fare Day for all EMBARK buses, making it easier for people to get there.

For more information, go to: [Gears and Shears 2025](#)



L to R Tamara Wood IAM LL 850 Trustee and Womens Committee Chair and Alana Kirkpatrick IAM LL 850 Secretary Treasurer and OK State Council of Machinists President

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

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

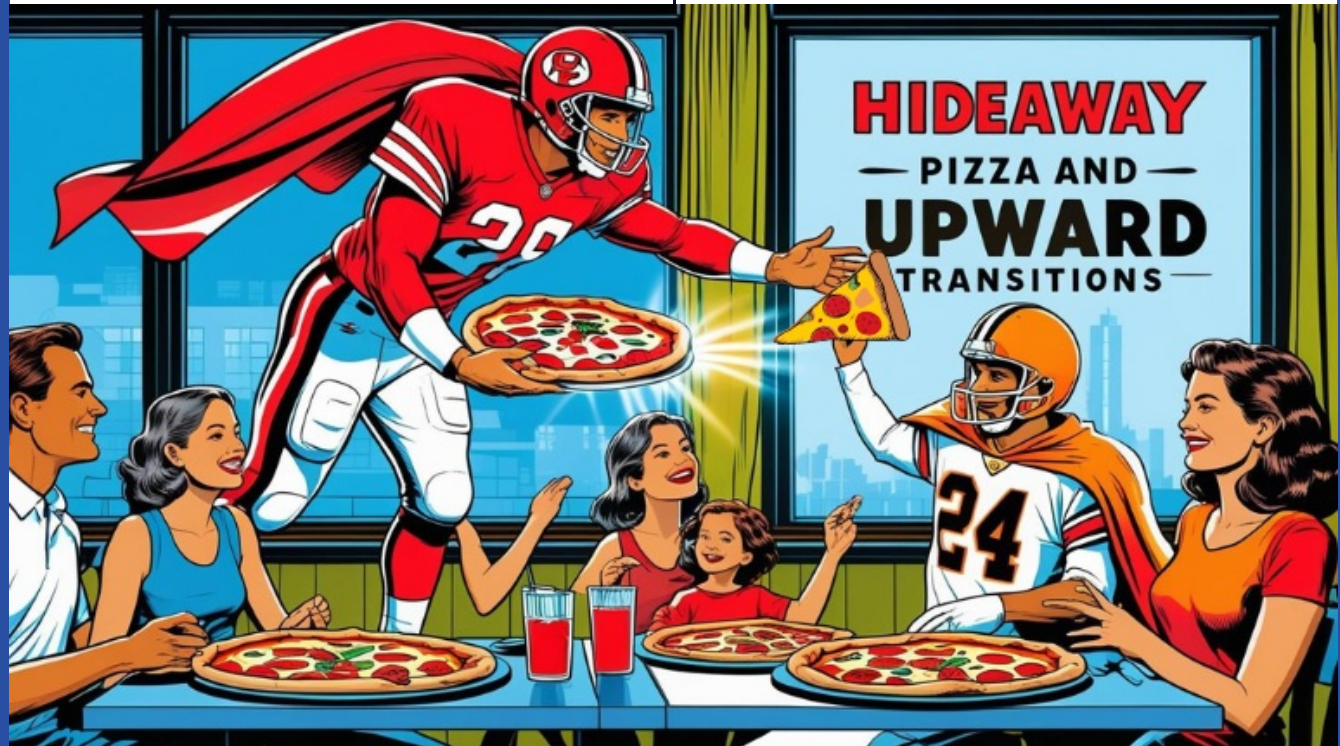


families at risk of eviction in Oklahoma County.

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 or call 405-232-5507 x 113

100 MORE YEARS!

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

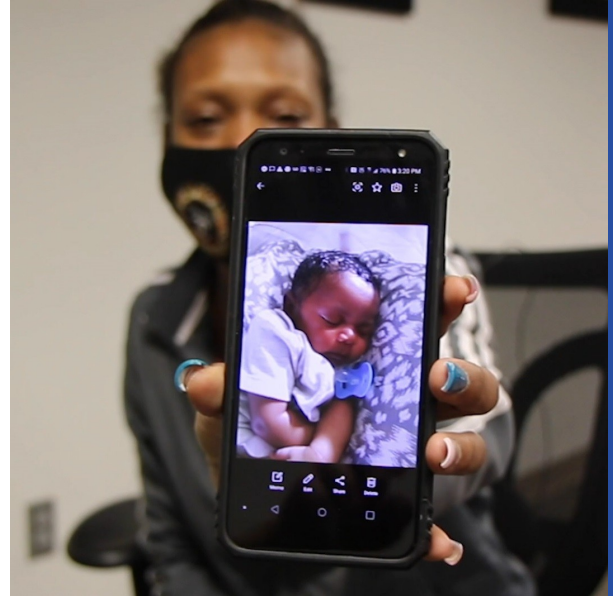
We simply could not do what we do without supporters like you.

We are less than \$10,000 away from our FY 2025 Annual Campaign goal to raise \$100,000 for our client programs to charge forward into another 100 years of serving the most vulnerable in our community.

If you have not yet made your donation to our Annual Campaign, please consider making your gift today.

Your gift is crucial!

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



SPECIAL THANKS

Thanks to OG&E for Including Upward Transitions in Your Volunteer Fair!



OG&E's Volunteer Fair had a wonderful turnout last Thursday, June 12th. Thank you for giving an opportunity for so many local nonprofits to come recruit your employees to assist with our causes!

LEGACY

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.***

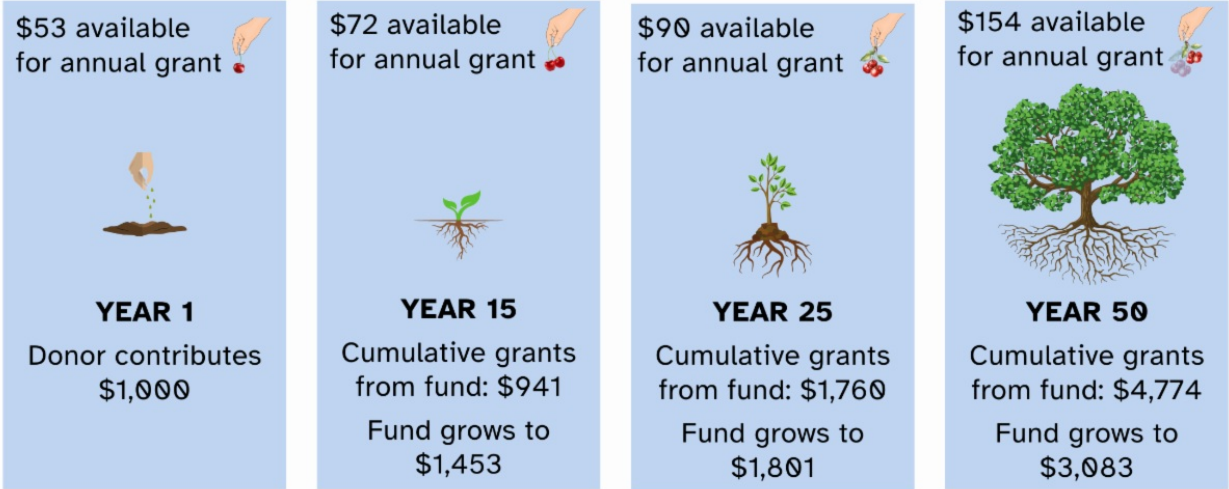
Since 1925, Upward Transitions has served those in need in Central Oklahoma, making us one of the oldest social services agencies in the community. Regardless of age, race, income, lifestyle, religion, or culture, people in need can always turn to Upward Transitions for help.

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 \$107,900 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 or 405.232.5507 x 113.



Did you know?



The Homeless Hub found that **70% of people experiencing homelessness have no form of identification**, such as ID or birth certificate, barring them from access to employment, housing, and social services.

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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.



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Ending Generational Poverty



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For more information, please email Conna Dewart at cdewart@upwardtransitions.org, visit us online at upwardtransitions.org, or call our office at 405-232-5507.

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