

2025

ANNUAL REPORT



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MINISTRIES

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Last year, 2025, was a year of steady progress towards opening for guests and a year of ministry to first responders.

In the fall of 2025, our first deck for walled tent glamping was built on the beautiful campsite, Elderpine. Care Center Ministries, MO donated their time and labor to build it! (p. 4) We continue to work on Elderpine, to make it ready for guests - leveling, landscaping, and putting up the walled tent. We have also located our first hammock campsite! Here, guests can string up their hammocks on one of our beautiful slopes, and enjoy the stunning views of the surrounding hills.

As I am writing this, the fishing pond is being completed so it can fill throughout the year and be stocked this fall. Additionally, we have found contractors to finish the bathroom house, all in preparation for opening in 2026!

Please pray that this work goes well and that our contractors and volunteers would be safe and productive. Consider giving financially that we can continue the work of building Hero's Rest - preparing us to move past the opening and onto the next exciting stages of serving our nation's heroes.

Your continued support will make Hero's Rest a reality in 2026!

Thank you and God bless.

Rev Ryan Hatch president Shalam Ministries



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

**YOUR GENEROSITY MADE IT
POSSIBLE TO...**

Experience God working **stories of redemption in the very construction of Hero's Rest! (p. 4)**

Present Hero's Rest in multiple venues and have ministry opportunities as a result. (p.5)

Serve **trauma survivors with in-person, video chat, and phone support! (p.9)**

THANK YOU!!!



HERO'S REST



2025 CONSTRUCTION



Construction continues at Hero's Rest. We were **grateful for many volunteers** - from local groups to individuals (p. 6). One such group was Care Center Ministries, a local men's recovery program. When they came to build the platform for our first walled tent, we saw **God working a story of redemption** in the very process of constructing Hero's Rest.

These men (many of whom are in the process of rebuilding their own lives) spent two days giving back by building a space where first responders will find rest and renewal. **Men who are being restored helped create a place of restoration for others.**

OPPORTUNITIES AND MINISTRY IN 2025

In 2025 the word about Hero's Rest spread and we had opportunities to minister to first responders before we even open!



Cheryl sings the National Anthem

In the spring, Carissa met with the **Springfield Chief of Police** and excitedly talked about hosting their resiliency trainings on-site at Hero's Rest.

Cheryl was given the opportunity to bless veterans and first responders on Veteran's Day. **Cheryl sang the national anthem at a Springfield event with over 400 people (including many veterans) in attendance!**

In the fall, Carissa was interviewed about Hero's Rest on **TWO Springfield TV shows.**

Ministering to first responders TODAY!

As Hero's Rest was presented - on TV, to local Chamber's of Commerce, at large events - God gave us opportunities through this to minister to first responders and veterans!

After one Hero's Rest presentation, an EMT who had spent years rushing to the worst scenes imaginable, came up to one of our staff members. **She shared stories from two of the worst days** she had ever faced. Our staff simply listened and acknowledged the deep pain she'd carried for years.

An expert on grief has noted, **"We all share the need for our grief to be witnessed..."** That is what Hero's Rest is doing in moments like this, being present in the pain and offering the compassion of Christ to those who serve.



Carissa on KY3's The Place



HERO'S REST

2025 VOLUNTEERS



THANK YOU!!

- Wright County Federated Republican Women
- Ava FFA
- Doug and Tanya Webster
- Justin - Superior Solutions Handyman Service
- Care Center Ministries
- Sheriff Sonny Byerley
- Rachel, Ian, and Lucy Fitzenrider (not pictured)



2025 GRANTS AND GIFTS IN KIND

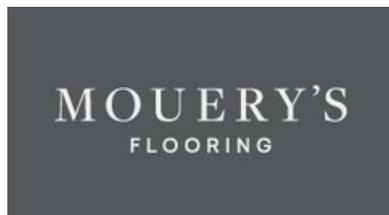
This year we were honored to be the recipient of the following grants and Gifts-In-Kind to the Hero's Rest program. Your partnership will help us serve first responders, military, and their families at Hero's Rest. THANK YOU!

Grants

Anonymous

- 25,000 Grant
- \$2,000 Grant

Gifts in Kind



Mouery's Flooring

Flooring for the reception and guest bathroom



Ace Hardware Mountain Grove

Paint for the guest bathroom



Branson Roofing Company

The opportunity to present Hero's Rest on their Veteran's Day TV spots

FLORA AND FAUNA AT HERO'S REST





TRAUMA SUPPORT PROGRAM

Shalam's Trauma Support Program provided peer support and resources in 2025! Your support helped us walk alongside survivors, listening to their stories and guiding them in taking steps to heal. You also helped us share the hope of the gospel with many who do not yet know Jesus. Please join us in praising God for these stories of hope!

525+

INDIVIDUALS SERVED TO DATE

Domestic Abuse Intervention

Susie called, unsure if she was blowing things out of proportion or if her situation was actually dangerous. A Shalam staff member asked informative questions that helped reveal the true nature of the situation. It quickly became apparent it was indeed dangerous, even life-threatening. **Shalam staff took the time** to have multiple one-on-one conversations with Susie, where we were able to provide clarity, feedback, and **offer support for next steps.**

Types of Trauma Survivors served:

- Parents who have lost a child
- Domestic abuse survivors
- Adult survivors of childhood abuse
- Survivors of church abuse
- Hero families (first responders and military)
- Secondary trauma support for others helping trauma survivors

Types of Trauma Support offered:

- Support person
- Scheduled Peer Support Calls
- Emergency Peer Support Calls
- Emergency Prayer Support
- Resourcing (providing referrals to counselors, programs, books)
- One-time consultations

Support in the Aftermath of Suicide

"I really don't want to go alone." The single parent of a child who was lost to suicide called Shalam looking for support. Katy had been invited to attend a small event raising awareness about suicide, where her son would be recognized. While she wanted to attend, she did not want to drive herself to and from the event, and she didn't have anyone in her life that she felt comfortable relying on for emotional support. As a result of Shalam supporting her at this event, **Katy showed great strength and courage** and blessed many others with her presence at this event.



OUR FUTURE

Help us take the final steps to opening Hero's Rest!

Every year we see the need for Hero's Rest more and more. With your help, we have made **consistent and significant progress in building** the retreat center! With the progress on the first guest bathroom, and the the newly remediated and filling fishing pond, we are poised to open Hero's Rest in 2026 and begin providing the much needed resource.

GOALS

Open Hero's Rest Retreat Center in 2026 and **serve** first responder and military guests!

Grow Shalam Ministries' Board by adding one skilled, new member

Connect with more local leaders and businesses

YOU CAN HELP!

PRAY - Pray for the opening of Hero's Rest in 2026, for God to be preparing our first guests, and for our team to grow as we provide this needed service.

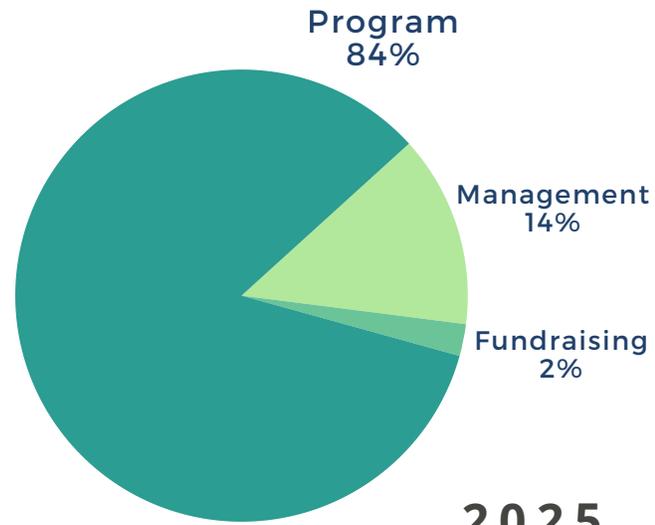
VOLUNTEER - You, your church, or your business can volunteer at Hero's Rest! Help us serve first responders with your time.

SUPPORT FINANCIALLY - Make your donation and invite others to give as well! shalam.org/donate

2025 FINANCES

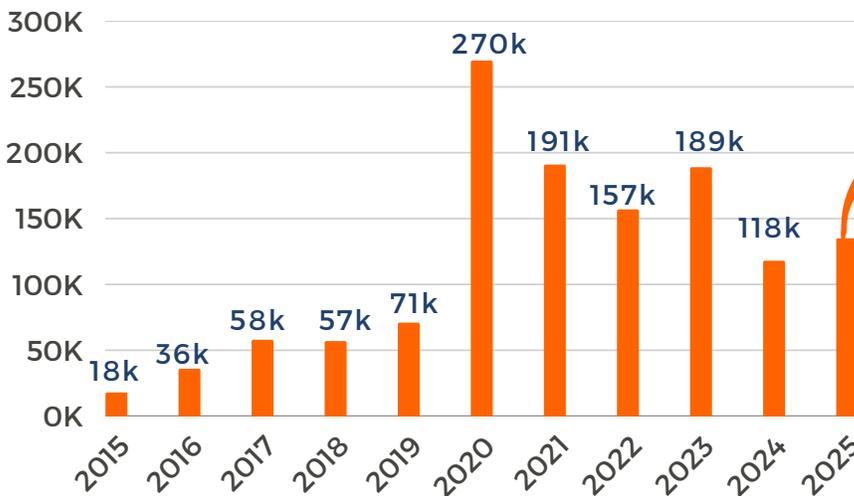


We are proud to say in 2025, **84% of your donations went to Program Expenses!** We continued our 14 year record of operating in the black for the 2025 fiscal year. This has been achieved in part by paying cash for all land development and construction at Hero's Rest. **Thank you!** At year-end in 2025, you raised \$133,111 for Shalam and Hero's Rest's 2026 budget! Our goal is to grow that to **\$400,000 annually.** This would fund all stays at Hero's Rest, including salaries for on-site staff, and land and building development.



2025 EXPENSES
\$123,980

ANNUAL GIVING HISTORY



2025 DONATIONS
\$134,976

Please visit shalam.org to view detailed financials from our IRS 990

2026 SPONSOR PLEDGES

We are grateful to each of the following donors who made a year-end pledge to Sponsor a Week, Weekend, or Day of Shalam and Hero's Rest in 2026. Thank you! Your sacrificial giving serves trauma survivors and provides Hero's Rest.

WEEK SPONSORS (\$5,000)

Mr. John & Mrs. Valerie Hites
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These donors pledged during the 2024 year-end fundraiser to sponsor days in 2025. Sponsors who pledged during the 2025 year-end fundraiser to sponsor in 2026 are celebrated on p. 10 of this report.



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MISSION

Meeting the needs of the traumatized,
drawing them closer to God.

VISION

Building a sanctuary of rest where all
are drawn to Christ.

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