

# **First Step Back Home Executive**

## **2025 Year-End Report**

**By Paul Kruse, FSBH Founder and President**

See what **God, in Jesus' name, has done** through FSBH in 2025. Below are the figures and pertinent information on the number of lives we impacted last year.

**We give God all the Honor, Praise and Glory for all the miracles he has given us year after year for these 20 years of Ministry!** It's all about obedience to Jesus' commands to us, showing our Love for Him and His Father, God!

### **Supporting Verses**

- The Greatest Commandments: Matthew 22: 37-40
- Micah 6: 7-8; 1 John 3:17; John 3:16
- Galatians 6:2; Matthew 25:40; John 3:17
- James 2:15-16; James 2:26

The main thing to remember is not only should we think about **What Jesus would do**, but also we need to **Do what Jesus did!!** He said we would do far better things than He did.

- Realize homeless are people who have experienced crisis, shock and trauma from instability and unforeseen circumstances.
- These include the Temporary, Episodic and Chronic homeless individuals and families we deal with. The numbers represent living souls; individuals and total members in families, men, women and children that we assist.
- Some are duplicates because some clients need more help than others. In keeping with the budget, I try to hold to a lifetime limit of \$600 per client when possible, depending on present donations.
- We do this to be good stewards of God's Financial Blessings. We need to let people know they shouldn't rely on just our services, so we refer them to other agencies that may be able to help further.
- We collaborate with other agencies when our clients' needs are greater than we can support.
- We have no idea how many people, the type of service needed or who or when will be calling us for help on any day.
- So, it's difficult to plan or budget how much support we give each client. I tend to give more support to those who need it the most.

- Additionally, we have more diverse services (25 as you can see in the service report at the end of this report) than any other agency of a similar type. Therefore, we receive calls daily from other agencies, so we try to equip clients to advance toward their goals.
- Our personal service includes meeting or transporting clients at gas stations, DMV, DFS, Social Security, Walmart, Dollar General, grocery stores and anywhere else they need to go to fulfill their goals, basic needs and find benefits.

## **Mission, Process and Achievements**

### **Mission Statement**

Through the transformative power of God's love through the Gospel of Jesus, we offer solutions for poverty and injustice to the homeless and working poor.

**Our Mission Statement is our guide as First Responders and Safety Net to the homeless and working poor.**

### **Goals and Provisions**

- Be first responders and a safety net for the homeless and working poor
- Stabilize clients with a motel room by the day or week for some, basics of life such as food, clothes, cell phones or minutes, shoes or boots, special needs and more.
- Most clients are shocked and have no idea what to do next after becoming homeless.

### **Plan of Action- What We Do**

- Obtain intake information.
- Provide Christian counseling.
- Give life skills counseling.
- Create a job search plan (refer to temp agencies and submit 15 applications per day for work, making a list of companies they have applied to).
- Provide some transportation, bikes if desired, help pay for cars or payments, car repair, gas, bus tickets etc.
- Offer referrals to other services for special needs that we are not equipped for, such as education, resume writing, addiction treatment, mental illness treatment centers and other shelters, etc.
- Help with deposits and rent for permanent housing.
- Made our last mobile home renter into a permanent housing homeowner by gifting the home to them from our 2016- 2024 Mobile Home Project. This project also helped five other renters become owners and 72 clients move into better housing by 2024.

- Assist clients when working, with motel and basic expenses, until they can pay their own way for a week at a time. Initially we offer two free nights, and subsidize weekly stays.
- **When clients begin to pay their own way in the motel**, we call this their **First Step** to independence. This gives them the courage and experiences to move on to their **Final Step**, which is permanent housing and providing the basics of life for themselves. We do everything we can to get them to that point.
- We have helped many who have moved on to permanent housing and total independence.
- Pay utilities and rent for working poor people in housing to prevent eviction and utilities from being shut off.
- Pay rent to sober living transitional houses for alcohol abuse and other addiction rehab.
- Any support we can provide to advance clients to their main goal and next steps to the success of a God-filled life in Jesus' name, becoming independent, living in affordable permanent housing, good family relations, good transportation and maintain gainful employment.

#### **Providing the Love of God through the Gospel for the Homeless and Working Poor**

- Spiritual counseling, pray for them and with them
- Bible study and discipleship training, when possible, starting with defining the Gospel, the Greatest Commandments and the Good Samaritan parable
- Transitional and permanent housing as a human right
- Provide motels as transitional and supportive housing
- Implement solutions for whatever the clients' needs are when we are able
- Have empathy and sympathy in considering the needs of others

#### **Providing Motivational Direction**

- Promote dignity, equality and equity by removing barriers to success
- A life with Jesus has a greater chance of success than without Him
- Equip clients with the necessary life skills and Biblical training to achieve stability and independence
- Assist clients in obtaining permanent housing when possible
- Be against oppressive systems
- Encourage laws that will benefit the homeless, not criminalize them

## Love Mercy

Provide in prayer and service whatever it takes to help clients succeed in their immediate needs and assist them with a pathway to independence

- Do what we can then ask God in Jesus' name to do the rest after we have done all we can
- Show the Love of God in services and prayers rendered to our clients
- Do Christian and life skills counseling with all clients
- Do all we can to encourage the poor to have an improved quality of life with our help and the help of other agencies when needed and possible

## Teach clients to walk humbly with God

- Pray and talk to God in Jesus' name constantly in their waking moments and at night
- Follow Jesus' example of Love and service
- Acknowledge His presence, sovereignty, and prioritize others' needs
- Allow God to guide our lives and live in daily dependence on Him
- Have a sound relationship with God in Jesus' name
- The character of God shapes us by being disciples of Jesus

## Achievements

Attached is a summary of **2025 FSBH** services that have greatly impacted the lives of our clients.

- Assisted 741 men women and children with basic services, a plan and program.
- Assisted the lives of 359 families, which is an increase of 115 from the previous year.
- Gave a yearly Christmas party to more than 600 men, women and children to celebrate Jesus' birthday and give care and dignity to those who normally would receive none.
- Served more than 160 over-the-road truck drivers at the TA Truckstop in Foristell with a weekly Church service. Some received Jesus as Lord and Savior, plus other physical assistance. All have heard the Gospel preached, received Bibles and received other helpful information. Some were saved and baptized.
- A total of 1,500 total people have had services rendered and lives impacted by FSBH.
- Tried to be an example of what God can do working through His believers to help fulfill the laws of Jesus.
- Teach others how to have Love and Mercy in action on the poor with good works for the well-being of others (Eph. 2:10).
- Prevented the eviction of 140 families by assisting with rent and utilities for struggling households.

- We have made a **big impact and huge difference** in all of our clients' lives because of our daily help! With our help they were able to move on to the *next phase* of progress to some sort of independence and some to permanent housing.

**Our definition of impact and difference in lives of our clients is:**

- Providing Hope and the feeling that someone cares
- Giving relief and taking a load off being in their situation
- Providing dignity and respect
- Offering pathways to success
- Raising awareness of others to humanize the homeless
- Empowering the homeless
- Dispelling stereotypes to create more passionate society
- Breaking the stigma of all homeless people as bad people

We have yet to find help in following up with clients once they've exited our program, but I can see progress being made daily by the clients I do interact with.

- Many clients have texted giving thanks and appreciation for the timely and crucial help in many ways we have given them in their time of great need, desperation and suffering.
- Many are self-supporting in the motels after going through our programs, then move on to better housing.
- If one couple, a very supportive wife and helper, a couple of part-time workers, a board of directors, donors and volunteers could do all this, just imagine what 10 of these groups could do. There would have been an impact on the lives of 15,000 homeless and working poor people who would have received basic and professional services towards their goal of becoming independent all in one year's time! We need help!
- In addition, God sent us almost \$172,000 cash and \$23,000 in-kind donations to operate with in 2025. A little over \$3 million in cash and nearly \$750,000 from in-kind donations in the past 20 years.

I think God in Jesus' name still likes our ministry! Amen! Thank you, God, in Jesus' name!!

A Big, Big Thank You to all who have supported us financially, physically and spiritually in prayer! We could not have done this without you!

God Bless You!

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# Service Summary

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Service Date Between: 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2025

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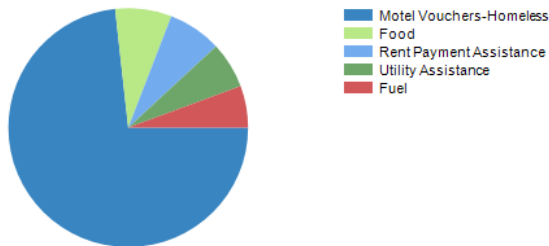
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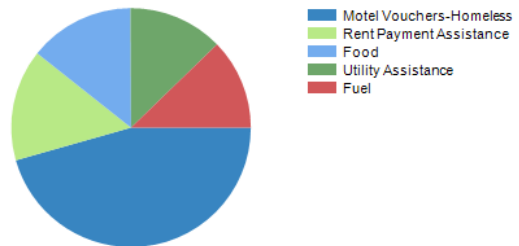
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## First Step Back Home

Top 5 Services by Units



Top 5 Services by Clients



Service	Entries	Units	Total	Clients	Families	Adults	Children	Seniors
Assistance to purchase vehicle	7	7.00	\$7,455.87	7	7	8	11	0
Car repair	23	23.00	4,562.89	22	22	40	26	2
Cell phone	16	16.00	1,194.14	15	14	14	2	2
Cell Phone Minutes	11	11.00	429.56	10	10	14	3	0
Clothing	7	7.00	698.76	7	6	7	5	1
Department of Revenue Payment	3	3.00	189.86	2	2	1	0	1
Emergency Home Repair	1	1.00	89.00	1	1	1	2	0
Food	57	62.00	2,813.59	50	48	58	28	6
Fuel	46	46.00	1,262.73	43	40	50	31	2
Gas card	1	1.00	30.00	1	1	2	1	0
Healthcare	3	3.00	88.98	3	3	3	3	1
Household Goods	2	2.00	200.04	2	2	1	0	0
Insurance	3	3.00	237.96	2	2	4	2	0
Internet	5	5.00	909.68	5	5	8	8	0
Motel Vouchers-Homeless	246	597.00	49,914.68	160	157	202	68	12
Personal hygiene items	2	2.00	24.47	2	2	2	2	0
Rent Payment Assistance	58	59.00	12,277.00	53	54	80	32	2
Rental Arrears Payments	5	5.00	909.63	5	5	5	5	1
Rental Deposit	7	7.00	1,269.13	7	7	8	9	0
Storage	10	10.00	1,463.28	10	10	17	7	0
Transportation	3	3.00	423.46	3	2	3	4	0
Utility Arrears	33	33.00	6,294.18	30	30	55	35	1
Utility Assistance	51	51.00	9,369.50	45	44	63	39	5
<b>Organization Total:</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>957.00</b>	<b>\$102,108.3</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>26</b>