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Empowering Residents, Investing In Futures.

## Newsletter | Spring 2025 Edition

#### Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends and Partners,

As we reflect on 2024 and are moving forward in 2025, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the support, dedication, and impact we have achieved together. This year has been a testament to the power of stable housing, education, and workforce development in transforming lives and creating economic mobility.

At Beyond Housing Foundation (BHF), we believe housing is more than shelter—it's a foundation for success. By investing in education and workforce readiness, we equip residents with the tools to thrive. Your support has helped families pursue higher education, work towards securing good jobs, and prepare for their financial future.

We have accomplished so much, but we are just getting started! We're now in 2025, and we invite you to continue this journey with us.

### 2024: A Year of Impact

- Over \$1 million raised to uplift families, foster economic growth, and drive community impact.
- **\$60,000+ in scholarships awarded** to first-generation students, working parents, and career-changers.
- Launched the Staff Investment Fund, empowering our frontline team to invest in the families we serve.
- Established the Workforce Development Collaborative to prepare skilled work-ready individuals.
- Partnered in the Inaugural State of Affordable Housing Event, advocating for housing equity.
- **Hosted the Economic Empowerment Summit**, equipping families with financial literacy and career resources.
- Adopted the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan, framing the future of our missiondriven efforts.

"Beyond Housing Foundation isn't just providing resources—we're building opportunities to thrive."— Tiffany B. Mangum





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# Thank You for Making The Wine Fest Unforgettable!



culture, arts, entertainment and community spirit! There were so many memorable moments and all for a great cause!

Please check out our website gallery below for the highlights! Visit our Facebook for full photos. If you weren't able to attend, we'll see you next year!

Click here for the Wine Fest Gallery!

## Spotlight: Meet Ruby, A Fresno Housing Scholar



Ruby is a passionate learner, a dedicated community volunteer, and a proud Fresno Housing resident. She recently completed a Job Specialist course where she sharpened her skills in typing, English, writing, and social media. "It was challenging," Ruby shared, "but I kept pushing, kept going, and kept trying to get to my goal."

Her next goal? Earning her GED and heading to college to major in Child Development. Inspired by the late Officer Steve Hunt and her active role with

She currently volunteers with Fresno Housing and BBNBTL, helping host movie nights, seasonal events, and resource fairs for families. As the Resident Commissioner on the Fresno Housing City Board of Commissioners, she ensures that resident voices are not only heard but represented in key decision-making processes.

Ruby received a scholarship through the Foundation, which helped cover essential school supplies and assistive tools for learning. "It made it possible for me to finish my coursework," she said.

Her story is a shining example of perseverance and purpose. We're proud to support Ruby— and can't wait to see what she does next!

"This scholarship has been really helpful to me and my family. It's not just about the money-it's about the future I have ahead of me." - Ruby Y.

> A donation of \$50 or more today, will help Scholars pay tuition or get learning supplies for their journey.

> > DONATE TODAY!

### Our 2025 Priorities

- **Expand Education & Workforce** Pathways - Creating more opportunities for residents to access high-quality education and job training.
- **Grow Our Recurrent Giving Program** – Engaging new donors and ensuring sustainable support for our mission.
- **Strengthen Corporate &** Foundation Partnerships – Identifying new funding opportunities to amplify our impact.



At Beyond Housing, we remain committed to creating and investing in opportunities for residents throughout Fresno County that help advance their economic future, empowering them to thrive as contributors throughout our

**"We are not just planning for the future—we are building it together."** — Tiffany Mangum



How You Can Join Us – Donate. Volunteer. Partner.

**Donate:** Every contribution directly supports scholarships, workforce development, and community initiatives.

**Volunteer:** Become part of our team of volunteers working with residents throughout our housing communities.

Partner: We invest in people and build meaningful partnerships that share our mission of empowering families and strengthening communities.

**Attend an Event:** Join us at any one of our upcoming events!

Upcoming Events YOU can support!

Fresno Housing Scholar Awards and Reception – August 13<sup>th</sup>

Economic Empowerment Summit – September 20<sup>th</sup>

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Thank you for being a part of our Beyond Housing Foundation family. Together, let's make 2025 a year of even greater impact.

With gratitude,

**Tiffany B. Mangum**Executive Director,
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