



Southeast Texas
NONPROFIT
Development Center

FISCAL YEAR 2025 **ANNUAL REPORT**



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Shaping the Future, **Exceeding the Vision**

Welcome to our Annual Report, a look back at the Southeast Texas Nonprofit Development Center's accomplishments, expanded services, and continued dedication to exceeding the vision for Southeast Texas nonprofits.



Where Nonprofits Grow, Communities Thrive

Dear Friends and Partners,

2025 has been a year of growth, resilience, and meaningful progress for the Southeast Texas Nonprofit Development Center. As I reflect on this year, I am deeply proud of the strides our organization - and the nonprofits we serve - have made together. Our region continues to face unique challenges, but it also continues to demonstrate extraordinary strength, collaboration, and commitment to community.

This year, we expanded our capacity-building programs, supported dozens of new and growing nonprofits, and strengthened partnerships with local civic groups, universities, businesses, and philanthropic leaders. More organizations than ever turned to us for guidance on formation, governance, grant readiness, and strategic planning. Whether through workshops, one-on-one consulting, or accessible public resources, we worked every day to ensure Southeast Texas nonprofits have the tools they need to thrive.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of our partners, funders, members, and volunteers. Your belief in our mission fuels the work we do and amplifies the impact of every organization we serve.

As we look ahead to 2026, we remain committed to growing our reach, enhancing our service offerings, and continuing to build a strong and sustainable nonprofit sector across Southeast Texas. Together, we are building a community where every nonprofit - regardless of size or stage - has the support it needs to create lasting change.

Thank you for being part of this work.

With gratitude,

Kayla T. White
Executive Director



Shaping the Future of the SETX Nonprofit Sector

The Southeast Texas Nonprofit Development Center nurtures a community of strong nonprofits to improve and transform the quality of life in Southeast Texas.

Our mission is to provide quality management support services to nonprofits and funders, enabling them to effectively serve the community.

2025 PRIORITIES:

- 2025 Southeast Texas Nonprofit Conference
- Board governance and leadership training
- Grant writing and funding readiness
- Community engagement & nonprofit awareness





A Year of Impact, A Future in Motion

Capacity Building & Training

- Hosted 14 public workshops with more than 500 attendees.
- Delivered customized board governance training to multiple Southeast Texas nonprofit boards.
- Presented a breakout session on “Community-Centric Fundraising” at the 2025 Texas Nonprofit Summit in Austin, hosted by the OneStar Foundation.
- Keynote for the Rotary Club of Beaumont (July) and the SETX Young Professionals Organization (August).
- Served on a Grant Writing Panel for United Way of Mid & South Jefferson County.

Programs & Partnerships

- ExxonMobil Nonprofit Accelerator Program: Supported four new organizations with nonprofit formation, bylaws, compliance, IRS applications, and startup funds in partnership with ExxonMobil Beaumont.
- Southeast Texas Food Bank Partnership: Facilitated seven sessions guiding local nonprofit food pantries toward stability, compliance, and long-term sustainability.
- Stepping Up Program: In partnership with the Lamar University Reaud Honors College, continued building connections between students and local nonprofit boards for leadership development.

Community Engagement & Events

- 2nd Annual Great Board Recruit + Nonprofit Expo: Co-hosted with the SETX Young Professionals Organization to connect emerging leaders with nonprofits seeking board members.
- Hosted the 2025 Southeast Texas Nonprofit Conference, drawing over 230 attendees - the largest conference in SETXNDC history.

Media & Recognition

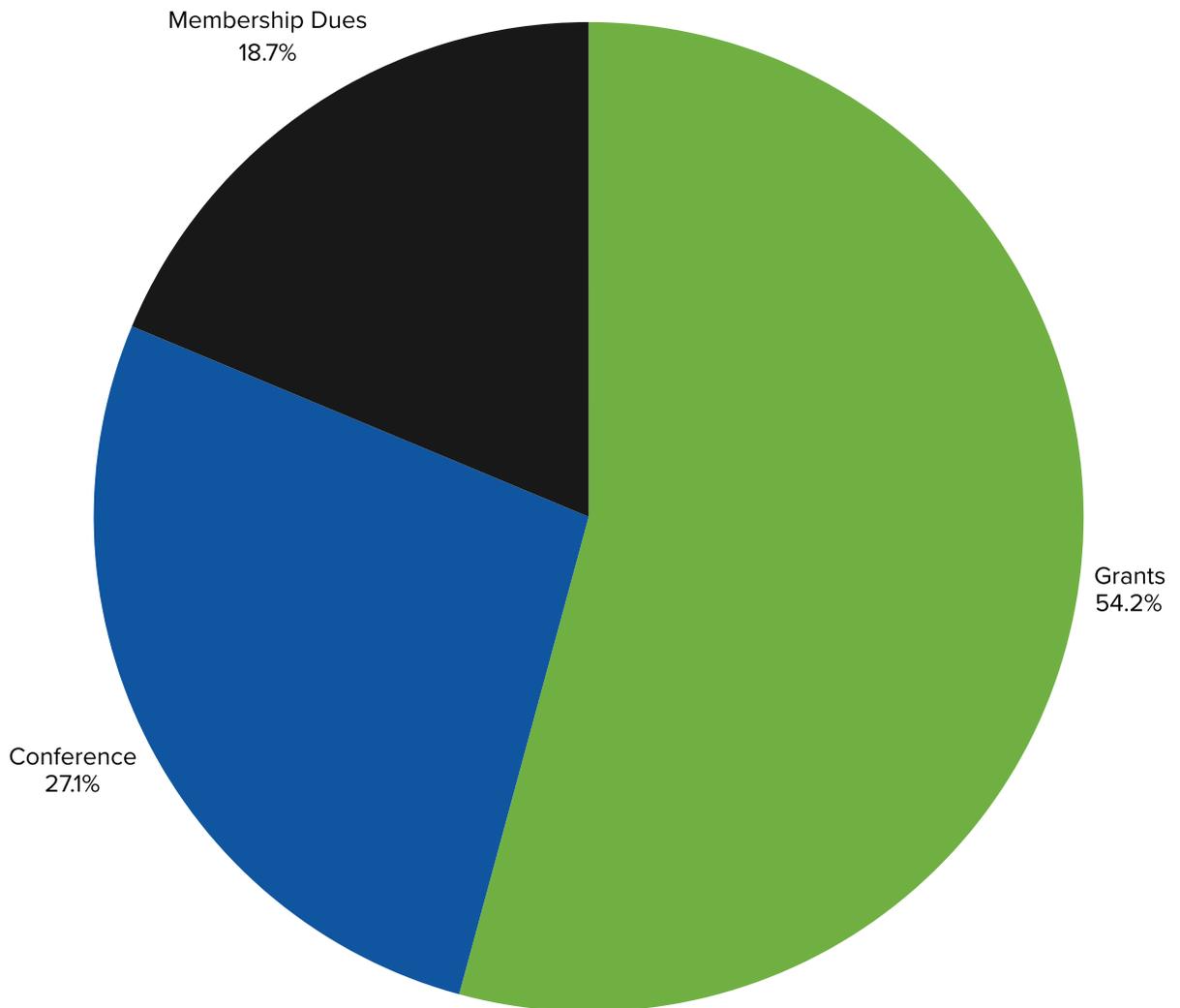
- Certificate of Recognition – 2024 Excellence in Media Awards to Kayla White, Maria Vallejo, Jason Miller – KVLU 91.3 – Category: Audio (Radio/Podcast) – Talk Show/Podcast
- Recorded on the “How Leaders Think” Podcast with Kenny Lange, a globally top 10% podcast and named a 2025 “must-listen” by MSN.

Community Partnerships

- Partnered with RC Miller Library, 91.3 KVLU, Entergy Texas, ExxonMobil Beaumont, Southeast Texas Food Bank, Crisis Center of Southeast Texas, Loula Foundation, Southeast Texas Young Professionals Organization, The United Way of Orange County, local foundations, and civic groups to deliver accessible nonprofit education and resources.
- Collaborated with regional nonprofits to improve shared impact across Southeast Texas.



Business Snapshot for FY2025





2025 Programs Snapshot

WORKSHOP TOPICS OFFERED

- The Nonprofit’s Guide to the Foundation for SETX’s 2025 Grant Application
- Grant Writing & Research
- The Nonprofit’s Guide to Community-Centric Fundraising
- The Nonprofit’s Guide to Hancock Whitney’s 2025 Grant Application
- Basic Financial Literacy
- How to Tell Your Story
- The Nonprofit’s Guide to Being Prepared for a Disaster
- Nonprofit Board Governance Basics
- Nonprofit Public Engagement
- The Nonprofit’s Guide to Education First Federal Credit Union’s 2025 Grant Application
- Nonprofit Planned Giving Basics
- Nonprofit Startup Basics

MOST POPULAR PROGRAMS

- The Nonprofit’s Guide to Hancock Whitney’s 2025 Grant Application (55 attendees)
- Grant Writing + Research (48 attendees)
- Nonprofit Public Engagement (45 attendees)
- Nonprofit Board Governance Basics (44 attendees)





Celebrating Growth, Inspiring Sustainability

↑ **101%**

Total Income

↑ **12.24%**

Membership

↑ **37**

New Members

↑ **3.5k**

Subscribers

↑ **94.7%**

Conference Revenue

↑ **172**

Total Members



Throughout 2025, the Southeast Texas Nonprofit Development Center continued building a stronger, more connected nonprofit community. Guided by our commitment to exceeding the vision, we deepened partnerships, empowered new leaders, and provided essential resources that helped organizations better serve Southeast Texas.

2025 Highlights & Accomplishments



Our Executive Director, Kayla White (pictured left), was honored to be chosen as a breakout presenter at the 2025 Texas Nonprofit Summit in Austin, sharing her expertise at this statewide gathering hosted by the OneStar Foundation.



Exceeding Expectations, Advancing Our Impact



ExxonMobil Nonprofit Accelerator Program

Through our partnership with ExxonMobil Beaumont, we equipped four new organizations with the tools, support, and startup resources needed to formally establish their nonprofits and begin serving the community.



Workshops & Training

Engaged over 500 participants through 14 public workshops and provided customized governance support to strengthen the effectiveness of nonprofit boards.



Southeast Texas Food Bank Partnership

Guided local nonprofit food pantries toward lasting success through seven 2025 training sessions focused on sustainability and operational excellence.



Stepping Up Program

In collaboration with Lamar University Reaud Honors College, expanded opportunities for students to serve on local nonprofit boards, building leadership skills and strengthening community impact.



Grant Writing Panel - UWMSJC

Our Executive Director participated in a panel hosted by the United Way of Mid & South Jefferson County, offering expert advice, answering questions, and equipping local nonprofits with the tools to secure funding and write winning grants.



2nd Annual Great Board Recruit + Nonprofit Expo

Hosted in collaboration with the SETX Young Professionals Organization, this event connected the region's rising professionals with nonprofits in need of board talent, building stronger governance and community impact.



Keynote Presentations

Presented at the Rotary Club of Beaumont in July and the SETX YPO in August, engaging community leaders on the importance of nonprofit innovation, collaboration, and impact.



Excellence in Media Awards Certificate of Recognition

NFP, our weekly podcast in partnership with KVLU 91.3 that spotlights local nonprofits, earned recognition in the Talk Show/Podcast category of Audio (Radio/Podcast).



Guest on 'How Leaders Think' Podcast

Featured on Kenny Lange's globally top 10% podcast, recognized by MSN as a 2025 "must-listen," discussing leadership strategies and nonprofit innovation.



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- Collaborated with regional nonprofits to strengthen collective impact and advance community goals.



Power of Partnerships
Connecting for Community Impact



Real Stories, Real Impact



"I make it a point to read every email and newsletter from the Southeast Texas Nonprofit Development Center and attend as many training opportunities as possible because in doing so, I consistently connect to people and resources that strengthen my organization's programming. Earlier this year I applied for a grant featured in one of The Center's newsletters - and because of that, we received \$10,000 in unexpected funding. Without the Southeast Texas Nonprofit Development Center, I would have missed this critical opportunity! The Center understands how vital SETX nonprofit organizations are to our communities and works tirelessly to support us and advocate on our behalf. Southeast Texas Nonprofit Development Center is truly invaluable - to me and to our entire region."

-Michelle Brewer, Jefferson County Long Term Recovery Group



***Photos courtesy of Tim Sudela from the 2025 SETX Nonprofit Conference on November 4th.*



2025 SETX Nonprofit Conference Exceeding the Vision

In November, the Southeast Texas Nonprofit Development Center successfully hosted the 2025 SETX Nonprofit Conference, bringing together 250 nonprofit leaders, funders, and community partners from across the region.

Attendees gained practical tools, resources, and insights to strengthen their organizations, while fostering collaboration and shared impact. The conference highlighted our commitment to exceeding the vision for nonprofit growth and community engagement.

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- Tim Sudela**, Photography



Thank You to Our 2025 Conference Presenters



Kenny Lange
KEYNOTE



Fay E. Young



Allison Boyd



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Mary Young



Kayla White



Karen Do, Mellie Bevilacqua & Jean Moncla



Rebekah Maxwell
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2025-26
Community Impact Award Recipient
JOSHUA DAVIS



A Look Ahead to **FY2026**

STRATEGIC GOALS

- Launch Texas Nonprofit Formation Program
- Launch 5-part free public workshop series
- Launch Orange County Summer Series focused on building sustainable nonprofits
- Strengthen funding partnerships
- Expand regional collaborations
- Launch advertising opportunities for local businesses serving the nonprofit sector

HELP FUEL OUR
mission

When you support the Southeast Texas Nonprofit Development Center, you're supporting the 172 local nonprofits who rely on us for the education, resources, and connections they need to thrive. Your gift strengthens the entire Southeast Texas nonprofit ecosystem.

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Thank You to Our 2025 Major Donors & Supporters

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