

LEAVING THE JAR

2025 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

A Year of Growth in Prevention, Intervention & Restoration

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Mission impact, financial stewardship, and the road ahead.

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A SHARED MESSAGE

LETTER FROM THE CO-FOUNDERS

ISAAC AKLADEOS & MANAL MOUSSA

Co-Founders,
Leaving the Jar

“Dignity is the foundation of freedom.”

DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS,

Grace and peace to you. Leaving the Jar grew from a simple conviction: every person deserves to be seen, protected, and given the tools to rebuild a future with dignity. In 2025, that conviction reached further than ever.

Together, our all-volunteer prevention teams equipped more than 1,020 people across Virginia, Illinois, Egypt, and beyond. We expanded our flagship Egypt scholarship program from 200 to 450 students, sustained survivor support in Kenya, and welcomed more than 360 guests to milestone gatherings in Virginia and California.

This growth was matched by responsible stewardship. Revenue reached $378,189.57, 87% of expenditures supported program services, and we closed the year with $83,950.53 in net revenue to reinvest in survivor care and long-term restoration.

The next chapter is already taking shape. The Well of Hope will offer adolescent survivors a trauma-informed residential home where safety can become healing and healing can become independence. County approval for group-home use was received in March 2025, while permitting and state licensing continue to advance.

None of this would be possible without you. Every gift, volunteer hour, prayer, and seat filled at a gala table is a direct investment in healing. Thank you for carrying this mission with us and for believing that freedom can become a lived possibility.

With gratitude,

Isaac Akladeos
Co-Founder & Director

Manal Moussa
Executive Director & Co-Founder

OUR MISSION

About Leaving the Jar



Leaving the Jar is a nonprofit dedicated to combating human trafficking through prevention, intervention, and restoration - providing physical, emotional, and psychological support to youth survivors of human trafficking. We believe every survivor deserves access to safety, healing, hope, and the opportunity to rebuild an independent, fulfilling life.

PREVENTION

Raising awareness and equipping communities - parents, youth, educators, and faith leaders - to recognize and stop trafficking before it begins.

INTERVENTION

We identify individuals at risk and step in with tangible support. Through scholarships, mentorship, and access to safe opportunities, we remove vulnerabilities and disrupt the cycles that traffickers exploit.

RESTORATION

Empowering survivors through counseling, housing support, food, clothing, education, vocational training, and reintegration support - building a global network of restoration guided by our values: Love Deep, Serve Wide, Reach Far.

Executive Summary

In 2025, Leaving the Jar deepened its mission across every pillar of our work. Our prevention team delivered 24 trainings and awareness events reaching over 1,000 individuals across Virginia, Illinois, Egypt, and beyond - nearly doubling our 2024 reach. We hosted our first two regional galas in Virginia and California, uniting survivors, donors, law enforcement, and elected officials around our shared mission. In Egypt, our scholarship and student support program continued to expand, and in Kenya we sustained our commitment to survivor-led vocational training. Financially, total revenue grew 13% year-over-year to $378,189.57, closing 2025 with $83,950.53 in net revenue to reinvest directly in survivor care and the development of The Well of Hope.

1,020+	24	360+	$83,951
INDIVIDUALS REACHED	TRAININGS & EVENTS	GALA GUESTS	NET REVENUE

100% volunteer-run • 3 countries of active programming • strongest fundraising year yet

PREVENTION IMPACT

Reaching Communities Across Three Countries

Throughout 2025, Leaving the Jar's all-volunteer prevention team delivered training and awareness programming to over 1,020 individuals through 24 distinct sessions and events. Audiences spanned youth, parents, church leaders, college students, and community members, delivered both in person and online across Virginia, Illinois (Chicago), and Egypt.





1,020+
TOTAL REACHED

24
SESSIONS & EVENTS

VA • IL • EG
REGIONS

100%
VOLUNTEER-LED

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR

- GMU Training on the impact of pornography and its connection to trafficking, reaching 100 students in Virginia.
- A full-day training in Chicago covering trafficking definitions, spotting the signs, trauma-informed response, and safe reporting for parents, church leaders, and the general congregation.
- OCCM campus trainings and an interactive murder-mystery awareness event held at CNU, drawing students from CNU, WM, VCU, and ODU.
- Multi-day youth conference in Egypt covering harassment, internet safety, and pornography addiction across three student cohorts.
- St. Philopateer youth and parent trainings in Virginia on self-worth, boundaries, online safety, and open communication.

INTERVENTION & RESTORATION

Investing Directly in Survivors

Leaving the Jar's program investment grew substantially in 2025, led by continued expansion of our Egypt Student Project - providing scholarships and educational opportunity to youth vulnerable to labor trafficking and forced early marriage - alongside sustained survivor support in Egypt, Kenya and emergency-response awareness programming in the U.S.



THE EGYPT PROGRAM DOUBLED IN 2025

Our Egypt Student Project reached a major milestone in 2025 - the number of scholarships we offer more than doubled, growing from 200 to 450 students. These scholarships give at-risk youth, many vulnerable to labor trafficking or forced early marriage, a direct pathway to education, leadership development, and a future free from exploitation.

200 → 450

$256,561

PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

$234,500

EGYPT STUDENT PROJECT

$6,970

SURVIVOR SUPPORT

WHY EDUCATION MATTERS

Scholarships and educational opportunity remove vulnerabilities, reduce exposure to labor trafficking and forced early marriage, and help young people build independent futures.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

Our First U.S.-to-Egypt Mission Trip



In 2025, Leaving the Jar led its first-ever mission trip from the United States to Egypt, bringing a team of U.S. volunteers to Grow Unto All Things - the annual Character building and leadership conference we host every September for our scholarship students. It was a beautiful moment of two communities merging: American volunteers and Egyptian students learning from, serving, and encouraging one another side by side. The trip deepened our international partnership and gave U.S. supporters a firsthand look at the lives being transformed through this program.

“Leaving the Jar gave me a voice when I felt invisible. They helped me believe I am worthy of freedom and joy.”

- Survivor, Egypt Student Project

2025 GALA HIGHLIGHTS

Two Coasts. One Shared Commitment.



250
VIRGINIA GUESTS

110
CALIFORNIA GUESTS

360+
TOTAL GUESTS

2
FLAGSHIP GALAS

VIRGINIA

Leaving the Jar's 2025 Virginia Gala brought together 250 guests for an evening of purpose, connection, and generosity in support of survivors of human trafficking. The evening featured keynote remarks from Tom Homan and James Harris, alongside a powerful testimony from survivor and advocate Michelle Smith, whose story of resilience reminded every guest why this work matters. The Virginia Gala remains a cornerstone fundraising event, helping fuel our prevention, intervention, and restoration programs into 2026.

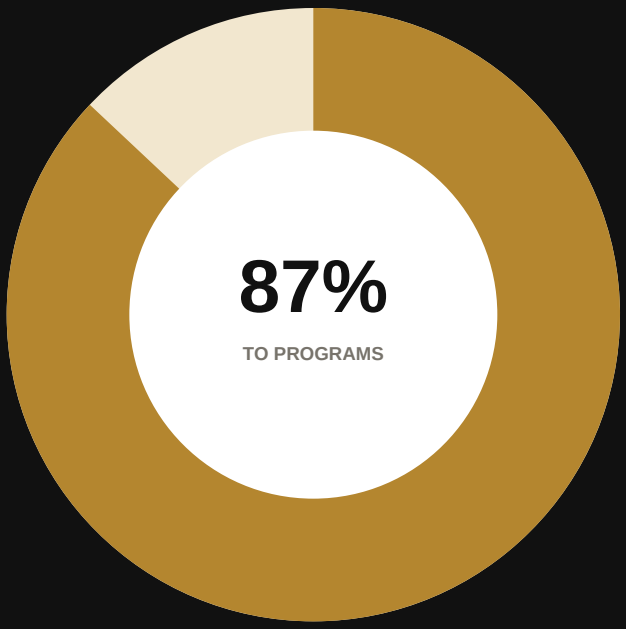
LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA

In 2025, Leaving the Jar hosted its first-ever California Gala, welcoming 110 guests for an evening centered on survivor voice and community partnership. Survivor and advocate April Casillas shared her powerful story of survival and restoration, and the evening was further elevated by remarks from Lakewood, CA Mayor Cassandra Chase and Sergeant Richard Bojorquez, reflecting the growing coalition of civic and law enforcement leaders standing alongside Leaving the Jar's mission on the West Coast.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Where Your Dollar Went

Every dollar donated to Leaving the Jar is stewarded with care. In 2025, 87% of total expenditures - $256,561.26 - went directly to program services across Egypt, Kenya, and the United States, with the remainder covering our two galas, minimal professional fees, travel, and office costs. With a 100% volunteer-run team and zero paid staff, there is no overhead or salary line eating into your gift.



2025 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

$378,189.57
TOTAL REVENUE

$294,239.76
TOTAL EXPENDITURES

$83,950.53
NET REVENUE

13.1%
REVENUE GROWTH

STEWARDSHIP IN PRACTICE

DIRECT PROGRAM INVESTMENT

$256,561.26 supported scholarships, survivor care, prevention training, technology, and the annual Egypt conference.

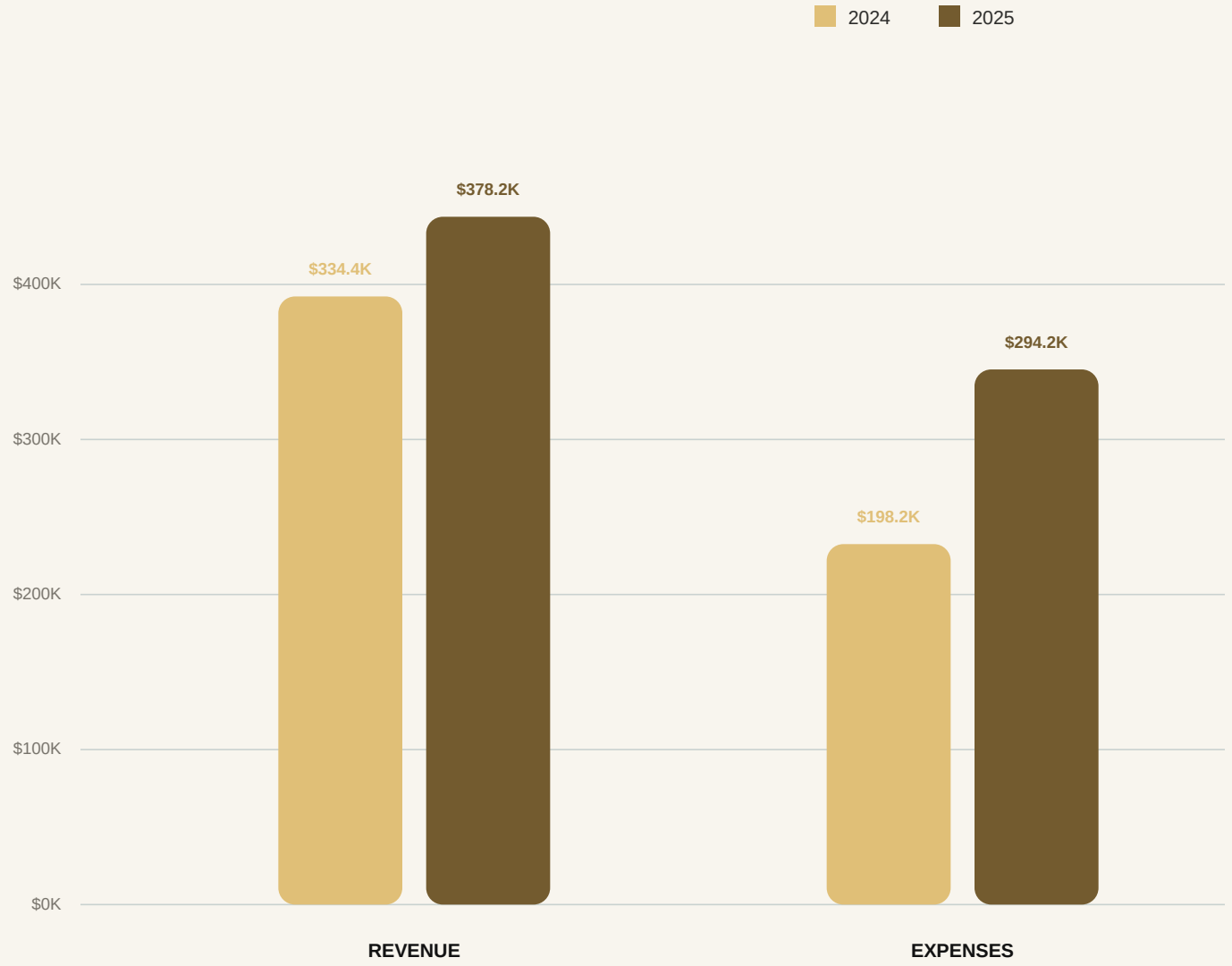
A STRONGER POSITION FOR 2026

$83,950.53 in net revenue strengthened capacity to expand survivor care and advance The Well of Hope.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Revenue & Expenses

Leaving the Jar closed 2025 with total revenue of $378,189.57 - a 13.1% increase over 2024 - while total expenditures grew to $294,239.76 as we scaled program investment, particularly in Egypt. The organization closed the year with net revenue of $83,950.53, reinvested directly into survivor programs and the development of The Well of Hope.



+$43.8K
REVENUE GROWTH

+$96.0K
EXPENSE GROWTH

$84.0K
NET REVENUE

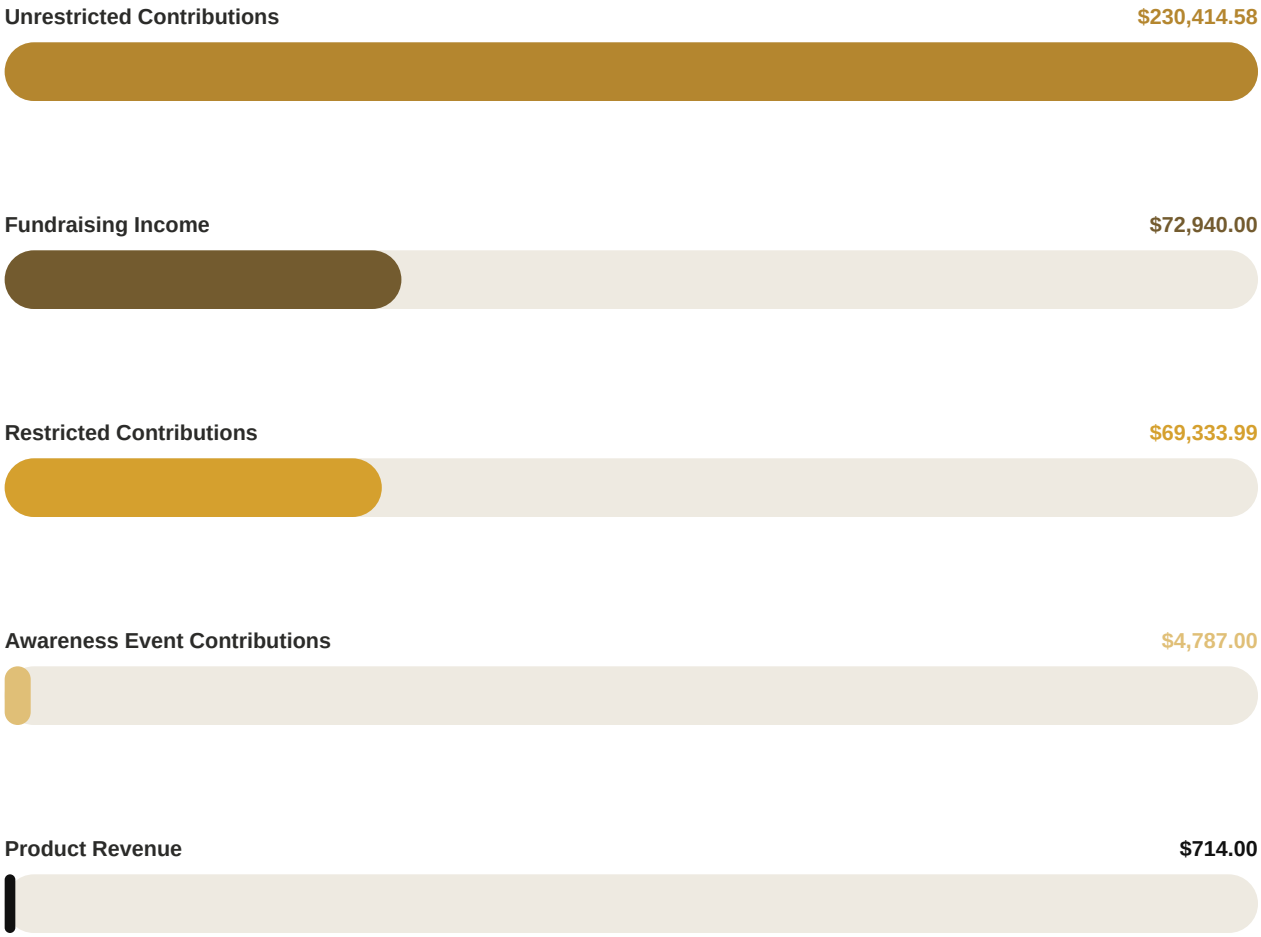
WHAT CHANGED

The increase in expenditures reflects deliberate growth in mission delivery, especially the expansion of Egypt scholarships from 200 to 450 students.

REVENUE SOURCES

The Generosity Behind the Work

Unrestricted contributions were the largest driver of 2025 revenue, followed by fundraising income (including our two galas) and restricted contributions designated for specific programs.



WHY UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT MATTERS

61%

of revenue came from unrestricted contributions.

These gifts gave Leaving the Jar the flexibility to meet urgent needs while sustaining long-term programs. Restricted contributions designated $69,333.99 directly to specific initiatives.

PROGRAM INVESTMENT

Funding the Work That Changes Futures

Program expenditures made up the largest share of Leaving the Jar's 2025 budget at $256,561.26 - 87% of total spending - reflecting our commitment to directing donor dollars straight to survivors and at-risk youth rather than overhead.

EGYPT STUDENT PROJECT

$234,500

Scholarships and student support expanded from 200 to 450 students, making education the year's largest direct program investment.

91.4%
OF PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

USA PREVENTION
$7,893.07

KENYA SUPPORT
$6,970.19

EGYPT IT
$5,198.00

EGYPT CONFERENCE
$2,000.00

HOW IT'S FUNDED

$69,333.99 in restricted contributions were designated by donors directly to specific programs in 2025, with unrestricted contributions and fundraising income covering the remainder of our $256,561.26 in direct program investment - ensuring every initiative, from Egypt scholarships to Kenya survivor support, was fully funded.

Egypt Student Project	$234,500.00
USA Awareness Events	$7,893.07
Kenya Survivor Support	$6,970.19
Egypt Website & IT Support	$5,198.00
Egypt Conference	$2,000.00
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENDITURES	**$256,561.26**

FINANCIAL DETAIL

Statement of Activity - 2025

REVENUE	
Unrestricted Contributions	$230,414.58
Fundraising Income	$72,940.00
Restricted Contributions	$69,333.99
Awareness Event Contributions	$4,787.00
Product Revenue	$714.00
TOTAL REVENUE	**$378,189.57**

EXPENDITURES	
Professional Fees	$1,650.00
Events	$34,371.52
Office Expenses	$332.03
Program Expenditures	$256,561.26
Supplies	$25.84
Travel	$1,299.11
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$294,239.76**

NET ACTIVITY	
Net Operating Revenue	$83,949.81
Investment Income	$0.72
NET REVENUE	**$83,950.53**

$378,189.57
TOTAL REVENUE

$294,239.76
TOTAL EXPENDITURES

$83,950.53
NET REVENUE

All figures are in U.S. dollars and reflect the financial information supplied in Leaving the Jar's 2025 annual report draft.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

BUILDING TOWARD THE WELL OF HOPE



As we step into 2026, Leaving the Jar is advancing toward one of the most significant milestones in our history: opening The Well of Hope, a 10-bed, trauma-informed residential home for adolescent survivors of trafficking in the DMV area - the first of its kind in the region. County approval for group-home use was received in March 2025, and building permitting and state licensing are advancing concurrently.

10	600+	1,500+	$150K
BEDS	SCHOLARSHIPS	AWARENESS	GRANT TARGET

OUR 2026 PRIORITIES

- Secure the building permit and complete state licensing for The Well of Hope; hire and train house parents, residential staff, and the clinical team.
- Increase the number of students served through our Egypt scholarship and support programs by 40% - from 450 to 600+ youths.
- Host 10 new prevention trainings across churches, schools, and community centers in 5 U.S. regions, and lead the second Leaving the Jar mission trip to Egypt.
- Expand our monthly giving program and grow corporate and foundation partnerships to sustain long-term program growth.



WITH GRATITUDE

THANK YOU FOR STANDING WITH SURVIVORS

At Leaving the Jar, our work is made possible by a community of passionate donors, dedicated volunteers, and prayer warriors - all united by one goal: bringing freedom, hope, and healing to survivors of human trafficking. We are especially grateful to everyone who joined us at our Virginia and California galas this year, and to every monthly donor whose consistent generosity forms the financial backbone of this mission.

"Freedom is not just the absence of chains - it is the presence of hope, healing, and purpose."

- Leaving the Jar

GIVE WHERE MOST NEEDED • SPONSOR A STUDENT • SUPPORT THE WELL OF HOPE

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