

2025 Impact Report

Over the past year, we have welcomed more neighbors through our doors than ever before, breaking records across programs while expanding our offerings to ensure we are providing the services people need. None of this would have been possible without your generous and steadfast support. Thank you for all that you do, and we look forward to seeing you at the Center soon!



Day Shelter Program

30,077
meals served

1,000+
case management
consultations

1,794
loads of laundry done

\$37,030
in clothing distributed



Food Pantry Program

1,137
households served

2,957
individuals served

5,400
pantry visits

160,000+
pounds of food
distributed



Volunteerism

1,274
annual volunteers

11
immersion trips

14,108
total service hours

30+
schools completing
service



Our Day Shelter

The Day Shelter continues to be the core of our service offerings, with daily meal attendance over the past several months regularly exceeding 170 guests. Our spiritual programming provides guidance and comfort to our clients in a time where little is for certain. Every day, the Center serves as a sanctuary for men experiencing homelessness as they search for community and the resources they need to thrive.

Provided more than 1,000 Case Management consultations helping guests secure IDs and vital documents, benefits, mental health assistance, referrals to specialty services, and more.

Hosted flu, foot, blood pressure, blood sugar, and mental health clinics in partnership with Georgetown Medical School and Howard University.

Distributed 5,503 items of clothing worth more than \$37,000 including hats, coats, gloves, hand warmers, and thermals to keep guests warm during the winter months.

Provided over 750 showers and 1,794 loads of laundry, alongside other amenities like computer access, phone charging, toiletry kits, and mail service to help guests prioritize hygiene, stay in touch with family and friends, and stay on top of job/housing applications.



“I feel a sense of belonging at The McKenna Center, being welcomed back time after time. It’s had such an impact on my life that I feel like I don’t just want to come back, I need to come back.”

-Marc C, Day Program Client

Our Food Pantry

The Food Pantry saw a **41% increase** in the number of families looking for grocery assistance this year, a sign of growing food insecurity throughout the region. We were able to meet this need largely thanks to our partnerships with the **Capital Area Food Bank, Food Rescue US, Safeway, and Giant**, in addition to donations from **Panera Bread, the Dubliner, Holy Trinity, Immaculate Conception, Gonzaga College High School**, and others.

The McKenna Center Food Pantry provides fresh options hard to find at other pantries, including milk, eggs, produce, and meat, to our shoppers. We are also a 'choice' pantry, allowing shoppers to have agency over what they're taking home while also cutting down on waste by ensuring guests aren't taking home items they won't use!

"My Family are forever grateful for the Father McKenna Center and its volunteers. Times are hard, and we need this more than ever."

"This place is what blessings and God's word is all about."

-Cherie, Food Pantry Shopper



Our Hypothermia Program

The Hypothermia Transition Housing Program continues to provide a safe bed, intensive case management, and deep community engagement to a dozen men every winter. The '24-'25 season **graduated 8 participants** into employment or longer term housing.

The Gonzaga Mothers Club (GMC) graciously cooked and shared a hot meal with the guests every evening, a core part of the Hypothermia experience. This year's program began on November 17th, and will be featuring holiday and weekend breakfasts provided by the Gonzaga Fathers Club in addition to the GMC's dinners!

Specialty Services

Distributed **315 turkey baskets** and sides for Thanksgiving

Provided Christmas gifts to **108 children across 32 families** in our Food Pantry

Gave out **hundreds of hams** to seniors and families for Easter and Christmas

Offered multiple **Financial Literacy classes** together with Catholic Charities

Held 10+ NFL watch parties in partnership with the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

Our Community

2025's unprecedented demand for services was matched by an overwhelming outpouring of support from you, our community. You came together to provide more volunteer hours than ever before, alongside record-breaking fundraising and donations of food and clothing allowing us to continue to meet an ever-growing need. Your prayer and partnership is instrumental as we continue the work of Father Horace McKenna, and we are deeply grateful that you choose to join us in honoring his legacy.



"My joy in life is being at the Father McKenna Center - that is where I find my greatest consolation, where I think I am doing the right thing and doing what God wants me to do. My two days a week at the Center give me a great joy. I feel like I am doing something to the benefit of others."

-Don Kisicki, IVC Volunteer

450+ people attended the Walk for McKenna, raising over \$180,000 while engaging walkers with Fr. McKenna's legacy around our community.

More than 50 student groups attended info sessions to learn about homelessness and food insecurity in DC and around the country.

Over 1,200 volunteers provided more than 14,000 hours of service, equivalent to 7 full-time staff members.

