

Thrive Alliance

Enhancing lives. Building communities.

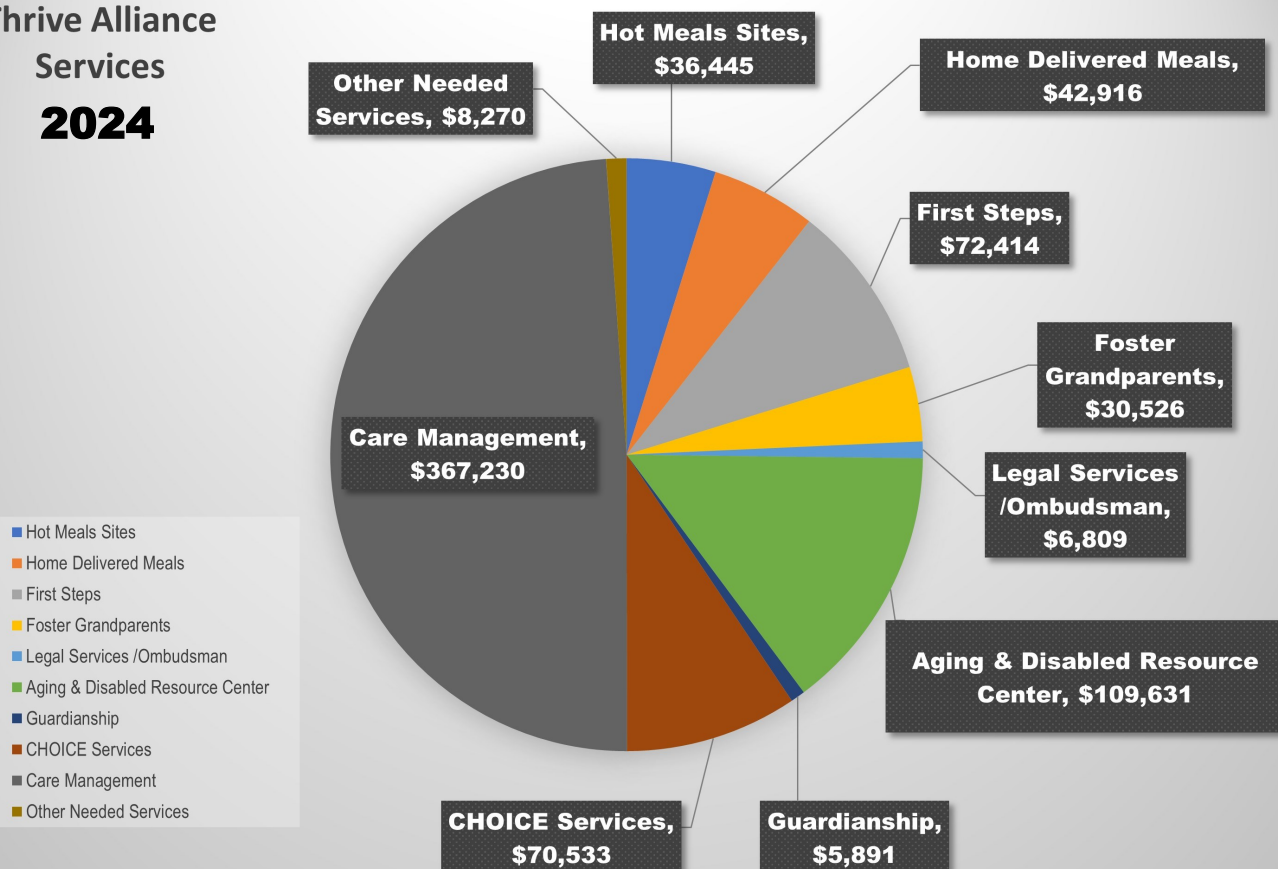
Our Vision: Everyone has the opportunity to live a secure, engaged and independent life.

Our Mission: To improve the quality of life for people at risk of losing their independence.

We believe that everyone should be in control of their lives - to the best of their abilities - regardless of age. Quality of health is key to quality of life, and our health is greatly impacted by our behaviors and the environments where we live, work and play. Thrive Alliance supports healthy lifestyles, keeping people connected, and making our communities great places to live throughout all stages of life.

We help people get the right information, resources and support needed to live as independently as possible. Our network of programs focuses on issues related to affordable housing, caregiver support and services, nutrition and wellness programs, transportation and accessibility services, as well as fostering community-wide support for aging related issues. We are Indiana's Agency on Aging for Bartholomew, Brown, Decatur, Jackson and Jennings counties.

Thrive Alliance Services 2024



Making a Difference: By The Numbers



Nutrition

- 147 people received meals through Older Americans Act funding
- 30,319 homebound meals were served through Older Americans Act funding
- 9,462 meals were served at hot meal sites
- 146 people received meals at a hot meal sites



Care Management

- 1,486 persons are currently receiving care management services



Wellness

- 12 Bingocize Participants



Aged and Disabled Resource Center

- 5,894 contacts received into the ADRC for Information and Referral Services
- 465 individuals received in-home assessment by an Options Counselor
- 475 individuals received phone assessment by Options Counselor
- 48 individuals received counseling regarding their Medicare Options
- 1,728 SMP individuals reached
- 22 SHIP outreach events
- 23 SMP outreach events

First Steps

- 5,477 referrals in 2024
- 457 referrals per month (average)
- 3,666 evaluations completed in 2024
- 2,392 active IFSP (children receiving services)



Adult Guardianship

- 56 persons received guardianship in 2024



Dementia Care



- 98 caregivers were screened for ABC Program
- 436 persons experienced the Virtual Dementia Tour
- 69 participants became Dementia Friends
- 7 local organizations have become Dementia Friendly Businesses

Foster Grandparents

Number of Volunteers: **36**, all over age 55. 50% are over age 80.

Number of volunteer service hours: **25,200**

Number of sites served: **15** elementary schools and **2** Head Start centers

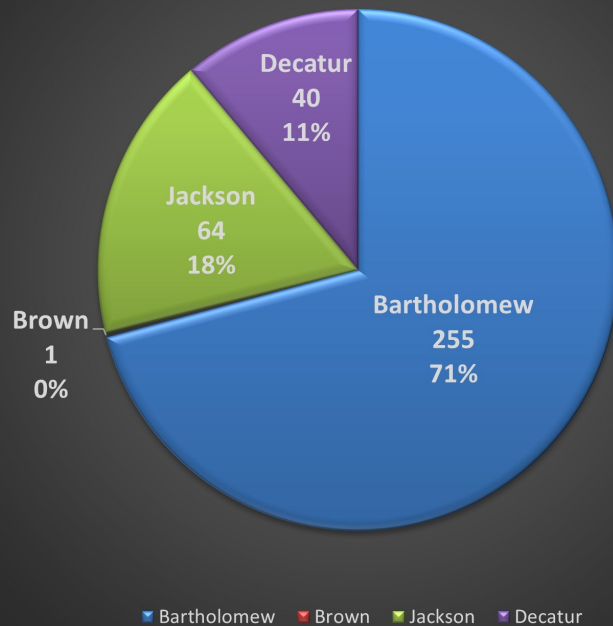
Eighteen volunteers received the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of volunteering with FGP over **4,000 hours** in at least a 10-year period. Four volunteers have been with FGP for at least 20 years.

Housing Services

Total Housing Units = **336**

- **126** HPI Scattered Sites managed
- **234** partner-managed affordable housing
- **31** units (beds) dedicated to recovery housing
- **20** units dedicated to Group Homes
- **26** units dedicated to persons experiencing housing displacement

Number of Housing Units



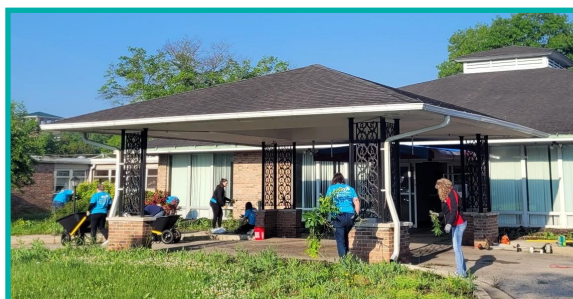
Volunteers

2,238

Volunteer Hours

\$67,513

Volunteer Value



May 16 and 17, United Way Day of Caring Volunteers helped Thrive Alliance Housing Services staff begin cleaning up the site of the planned Haw Creek Meadows apartments.



Personal Development

In 2024, Thrive Alliance committed to providing personal development opportunities to our managers. Nine managers completed a multi-part training course offered by Melissa Fairbanks of IU Columbus.

What are Thrive Alliance service recipients saying?

“Overall, I am satisfied with the job my care manager is doing.”

77% strongly agree and 20% agree.

“I feel supported by my care manager.”

99% agree

“Did the Thrive Alliance staff member focus on your personal goals?”

98% agree

“On a scale of one to ten how likely are you to recommend Thrive Alliance to a friend or relative?”

95% answered with a score of “10”

What do we do well?

- “Communication and support. Thrive Alliance listens to the clients!”
 - “Communicate and show compassion.”
 - “Always take care of my needs!”
 - “Everything possible, you go above and beyond. Thank you so much.”
-

Other comments:

- “I am confident that the staff has our best interest in providing program options and qualifications criteria.”
- “The staff was very personable and did not make me feel like I did not matter, I was not just a number. I am scared with all that is happening to me but they made me feel hopeful. Thank you so much.”
- “The staff was extremely informative and gave us lots of information to help get the care needed for our mother.”
- “I wish I had called when Thrive was mentioned to me six months ago.”

The Impact of Community and Home Options to Institutional Care for the Elderly and Disabled (CHOICE) Services

“I am a 98-year old widow who has been in the hospital and nursing facilities several times over the years. Without the help of my CHOICE-funded services I would probably still be in the nursing home. My family provides the majority of my care, but my in-home services allow them to take a break from caring for me and avoid getting burned out. A reduction in my services would put a greater strain on my family. I need these services not only for my well-being, but for *my family’s* well-being.”

“CHOICE services have impacted my life wonderfully. There are so many things that I can’t do on my own. Without these services and help, I would have ended up in a Nursing Home and I do not want that. I am very thankful for these services.”

Below are stories from our Care Managers about some of our CHOICE service recipients

“Lucy is 85-years old, with several health issues, and blind. She feels very strongly that it is best for her to remain in her own home. Lucy’s daughter, who has to work many hours per week, tries to help Lucy as much as she can, but cannot always meet all of her mother’s needs. Lucy does not meet the income qualifications for Medicaid Waiver, so the availability of CHOICE services has allowed her to stay in her home, where she wants to be, rather than having to move to a Nursing Home or Assisted Living facility.”

“My client, Sherrell, has dementia and has suffered a stroke and is in need of constant care. He has two daughters who, between their own resources, private pay, and CHOICE funds, have been able to help their father stay in his own home. His daughters promised their mother before she died that they would not put their father in a facility. So far, CHOICE has helped them keep their promise. If Sherrell did not have CHOICE to help supplement services, his daughters would struggle keeping him home, because the private pay money comes out of their own pockets and Sherrell’s funds will eventually run out.”

“My client, Wilma, experiences chronic daily pain and can be unsteady on her feet. She needs assistance with household chores and shopping. Wilma does not meet requirements for Medicaid Waiver or other forms of income-based assistance, so is a perfect match for the CHOICE program. With assistance from the CHOICE program, Wilma is able to have someone come into her home once a week to assist her with needed tasks without having to worry about paying them with money she does not have. Also, Wilma does not have to worry about doing these tasks herself and potentially falling. Wilma does not have any family to help her, so this is her only support. Without this program, Wilma would not have any assistance and would have to try to do everything on her own.”

Haw Creek Meadows Project Moving Forward

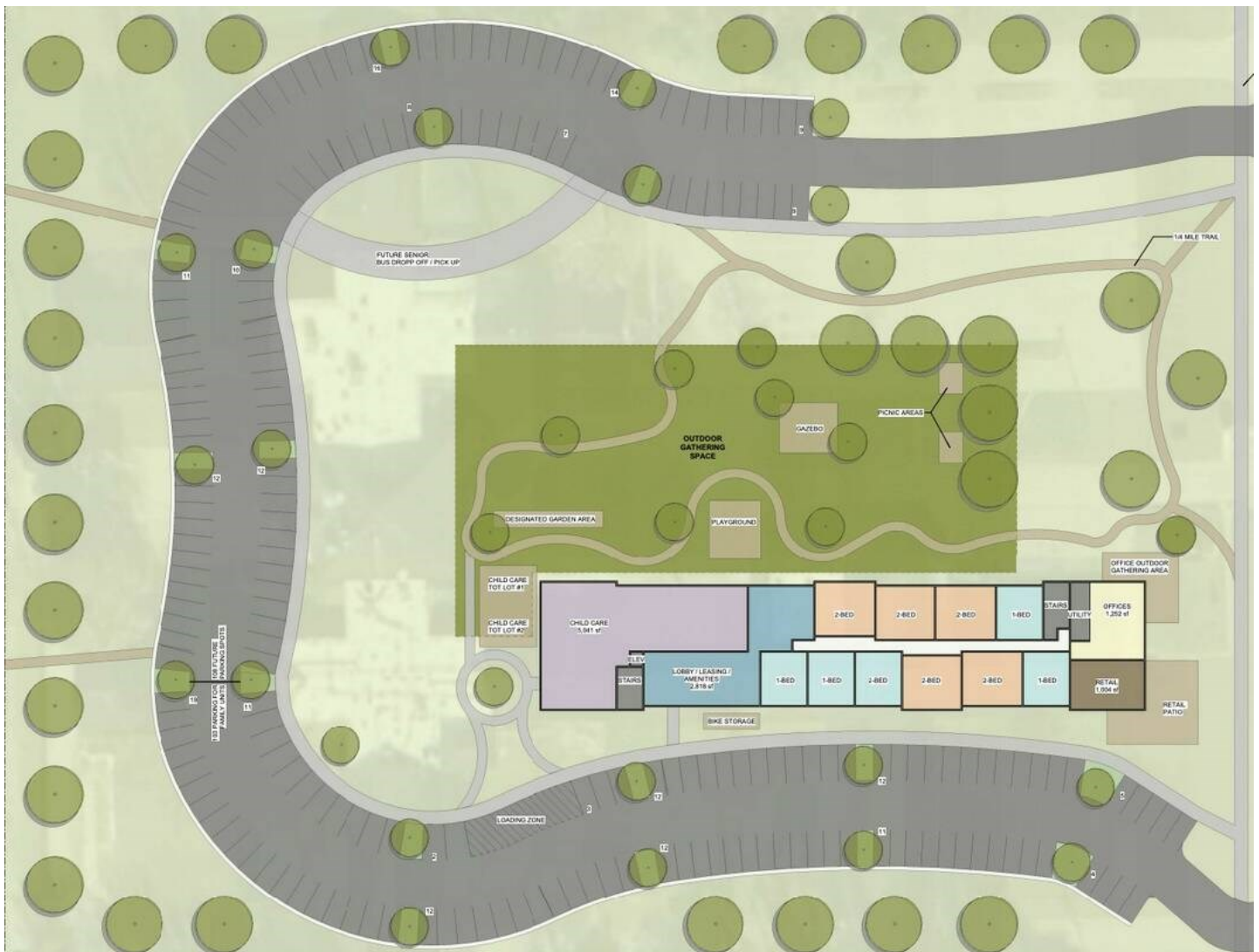
From *The Republic*, November 21, 2024 (Brad Davis)

Columbus City officials said 174 new units of affordable housing are likely to be available for lease in Columbus by the end of 2026 after two projects were awarded federal low-income housing tax credits (LIHTC) Thursday.

This calendar year, two proposed affordable housing projects— **Thrive Alliance’s Haw Creek Meadows** and TWG Development’s Flats on 14th - have made their way through the city government process but were contingent on being awarded 9 and 4 percent federal LIHTC from the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority (IHCDA). Director of Community Development Robin Hilber on Thursday confirmed both received the funding in a competitive process where different projects from around the state are evaluated based on a scoring system.

Haw Creek Meadows is planned as a two-phased development to be a combination of workforce family housing and housing for seniors, located at the site of the former Columbus Health and Rehabilitation Center at 2100 Midway Street. Haw Creek Meadows will be reserved for those making 30%, 50% and 60% of area median income (AMI), Thrive Alliance officials said.

Phase one will see nearly 60 workforce family housing units with a child care component. Phase two, plans and financing for which will come later, would encompass approximately 60 units for seniors.



CORES program helping coordinate services with housing

The Certified Organization for Resident Engagement & Services (CORES) Certification recognizes organizations that have developed a robust commitment, capacity, and competency in providing resident services coordination in affordable rental housing. Currently Thrive Alliance Resident Services serves three of our Thrive Alliance (HPI) Properties (Cambridge Square, Crossroads, and The Armory), with an average of 260 residents currently being served. Here are some facts and figures on all the program accomplished in the past year:

Properties Served by Resident Services					
HPI Property	City	Total Units	Monthly Average # of Residents (Estimated)	Onsite Resident Service Hours:	
Cambridge Square	Columbus, IN	70	170	16 weekly	
Crossroads	Seymour, IN	64	70	16 weekly	
The Armory	Columbus, IN	25	25	8 weekly	
Stats by Property			Cambridge Square	Crossroads	The Armory
Estimated Resident Participants 2024			588	2,283	593
Total Wellness Access Programs			12	31	7
Total Educational Support Programs			12	37	5
Total Community Engagement Programs			43	110	41
Estimated Flyers/Brochures Distributed			1,960	2,944	585
Estimated Resident Services Contact Hours			58	180	92
% Positive Total Housing Outcomes 2024			94%	98%	96%

Cambridge Square

98% of residents feel safe and comfortable most of the time	98% of residents agree their basic housing needs are being met
--------------------------------------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------------------

Crossroads

95% of residents feel safe and comfortable most of the time	88% of residents agree their basic housing needs are being met
95% of residents feel they are able to live here with current supports	45% of residents say they use the onsite fitness room at least weekly

The Armory

97% of residents feel safe and comfortable most of the time	86% of residents agree their basic housing needs are being met
86% of residents feel as if they are able to live in this community with their current supports	An estimated 240 hours of resident volunteer time was spent maintaining the community garden



Serving county residents in:
Bartholomew, Brown, Decatur, Jackson, and Jennings
812-372-6918 Toll Free: 866-644-6407 Fax: 812-372-7846
www.thrive-alliance.org
2158 Cottage Avenue, Columbus, IN 47201

We help individuals access resources that improve their lives and build stronger communities.

We rely on the generous contributions of individuals, businesses and other local resources to fund our services in your community.

Please call or visit our website to support our efforts.



All services provided are without regard to sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry or disability.