



YEAR OF COMMUNITY

2025 STATE OF THE SKIES REPORT

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Let's take a look at what impact we made in 2025!



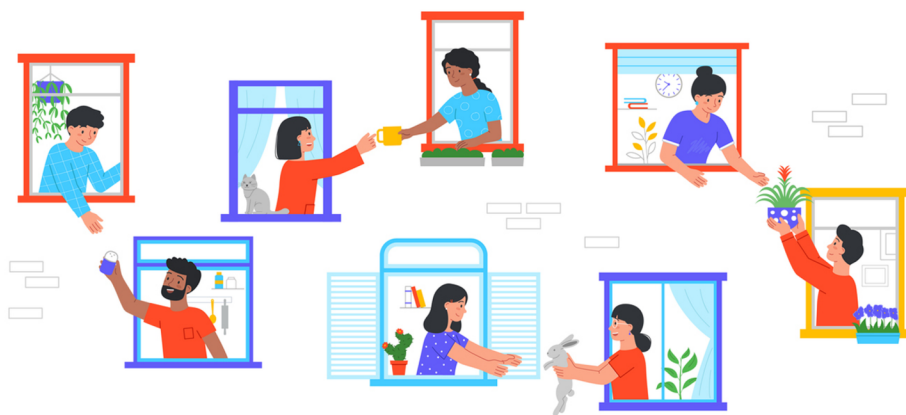
An illustration of two people, a woman in a tan coat and a man in a green coat and blue beanie, kneeling on the ground. They are both smiling and looking at a third person who is lying on the ground, wearing a white beanie and dark clothing. A cardboard box with a blue label that says "DONATION" is next to them. The background is a solid blue color with a white diagonal stripe.

WE ARE

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

We are Blue Skies Mutual Aid, a 501(c)3 nonprofit based in Seminole, Texas. It's our mission to create a community free from poverty and suffering by providing the basics that every human being deserves and creating positive change in the culture of the Gaines County, Texas region.

We began our journey in April of 2022, but in 2025, our nonprofit experienced an internal reorganization. This change increased our efficiency and clarity of mission. Blue Skies also reached a huge milestone by opening our first physical location!



OUR 9 PROGRAMS

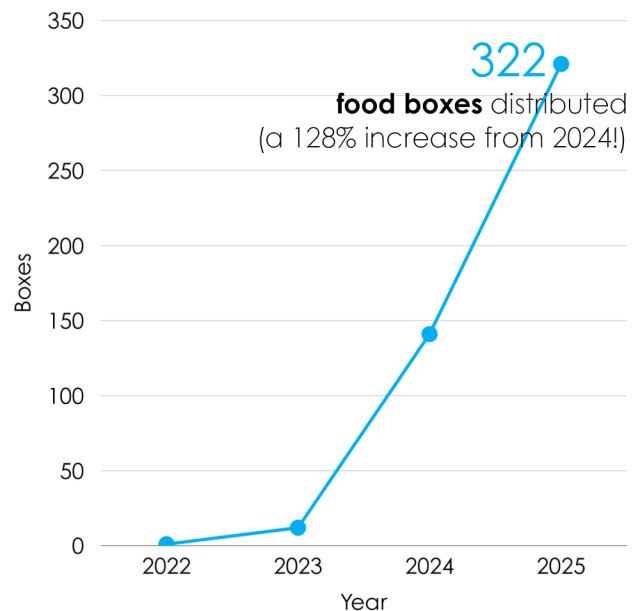
BUILT TO MEET THE NEED



Our most popular program is our **Food Box Program**. We buy non-perishable food in bulk or gather donated food, pack boxes using volunteers and distribute them to families and clients in need.

Each box contains both ready-to-eat items, like granola bars, as well as ingredients to cook with, like rice and beans. The cost per box is about \$45 each, and items are bought in bulk.

Food Boxes Distributed



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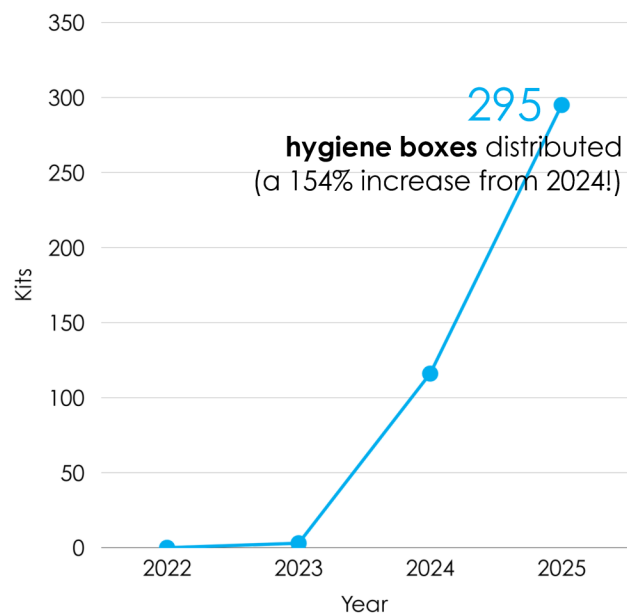
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Hygiene Kit Program items are sourced, packed, and distributed similarly to the food boxes, but they contain hygiene products like soap, shampoo, laundry detergent, sanitizer and more.

The cost per box is about \$60 each and the items are also bought in bulk from major retailers.

Hygiene Kits Distributed



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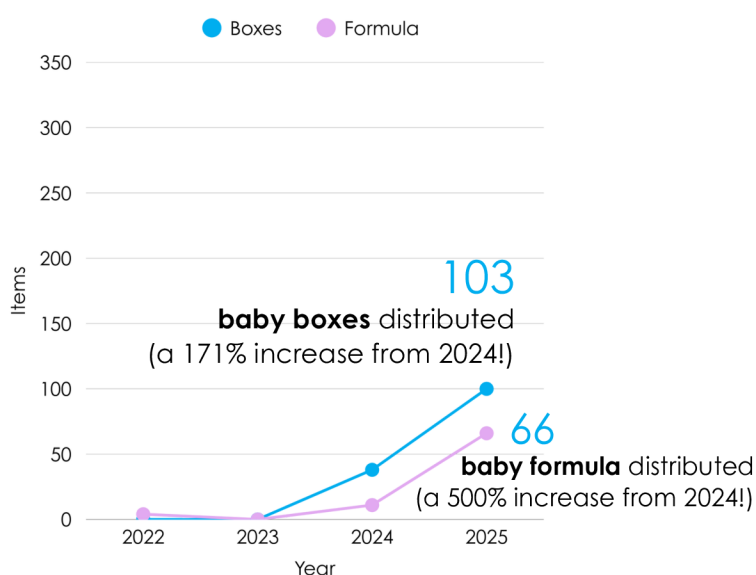
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Our **Baby Box Program** boxes are packed with baby essentials by one of our volunteers and often paired with baby formula and a pack of specific-size diapers.

Items in each box include baby powder, baby shampoo, diapers, wipes, sanitizer, and much more. The cost per box is about \$18 each without baby formula, which is provided separately.

Baby Boxes + Formula Distributed



OUR 9 PROGRAMS

BUILT TO MEET THE NEED



Home Goods

BSMA keeps a storage unit stocked with donated large items like furniture, appliances and other home goods that are given to those in need.



Medical Device Lending

Our stock of wheelchairs, crutches and other DME (durable medical devices) are loaned out at no cost to those that need them.



Angel Boxes

These are small wooden containers that hold the remains of special little lives that passed too soon. Angel Boxes are donated to Seminole Memorial Hospital to their L+D Department.



Crochet for Kids

We coordinate local crocheters to create a big pile of hand-made animals and creatures to donate repeatedly to the young patients at Seminole Memorial Hospital.



Naloxone (Narcan)

Blue Skies Mutual Aid is the only West Texas distributor of free Naloxone (Narcan). These amazing little intranasal sprays instantly start reversing an opioid overdose, buying time for emergency services.



Laptop Library

We loan out refurbished laptops at no cost to those who need them to do their schoolwork, remote work, video conferencing and more.

OUR 9 SERVICES

BUILT TO MEET THE NEED

Blue Skies encourages everyone to take steps to prepare for disasters. We offer a specific webpage to direct anyone to great **emergency preparedness** resources.

We also maintain great working relationships with multiple entities, such as first responders and Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) personnel. Our logistical and community network can easily be utilized to respond to large-scale emergencies.



"[There is an] extremely dangerous fire weather phenomenon known as a Southern Plains Wildfire Outbreak, or SPWO. Since 2005, SPWO fires account for 3% of reported wildfires but have accounted for 49% of the acres burned. The environment favorable for an SPWO is dry vegetation, high winds, and clear, sunny skies."

- Texas A&M Forest Service

"Between 2000 and 2025, the Gaines County, Texas region had 33 extreme high wind events, all accompanying thunderstorms. These events had 70mph winds, one level below hurricane category winds."

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)



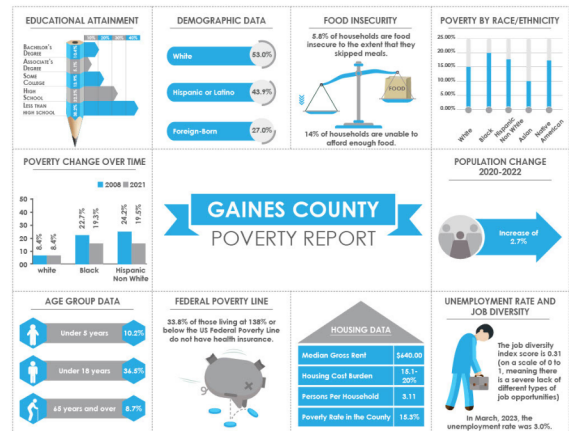
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BUILT TO MEET THE NEED



Blue Skies Mutual Aid runs off of **data and information**. We pride ourselves on our ability to collect and report data, so productive action can be taken in response.

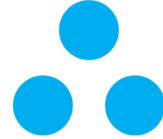
Finding reliable information about our five service counties can be a challenge. Part of the reason for this is that our region is located in-between the Lubbock and Midland-Odessa region, so it doesn't get as much attention as these areas in an already rural area of Texas.



OUR 9 SERVICES

BUILT TO MEET THE NEED

The **Blue Skies Alliance** is an informal network of nonprofits, agencies, organizations, churches, service providers and community members in the "Blue Skies" region of Gaines, Andrews, Dawson, Terry, and Yoakum counties.



The purpose of the Blue Skies Alliance is to facilitate collaboration, communication, networking and teamwork between service providers to better assist clients.

The main contribution of the Blue Skies Alliance is the organization of an annual conference for service providers and interested community members. The conference brings together interested parties from the region to introduce themselves and their organizations, share resources and more.



OUR 9 SERVICES

BUILT TO MEET THE NEED



Employment Assistance

We help those who reach out to us find local employment options, as well as assist with resume writing. Our website also hosts a local job board!



Housing Assistance

Our website lists all available low-income housing options in our five county region.



Childcare Assistance

We host a list of options on our website that lists every licensed childcare provider in our region, along with prices and other information to help clients find affordable childcare.



Professional Referrals

Our team has contacts at numerous local agencies and organizations. We often refer those in need to places where they can get the help they need.



Volunteering

We collect and display volunteering opportunities on our website as well as participate in many of those same events! We work to create a better sense of community every day.



Resource + Free WiFi Map

We offer a page on our website that displays many known resources on an online map, making it easier to find help. Another webpage also offers the locations of known free WiFi spots in our service area.

OUR CLIENTS

DIRECT ACTION FOR THOSE IN NEED

Our clients are frequently low-income, unhoused, or going through a rough time in their life. The majority are single mothers, elderly living alone, grandparents caring for grandchildren, disabled individuals, domestic violence victims, or something similar.

They must reside in Gaines, Yoakum, Terry, Dawson, or Andrews counties to qualify for our assistance. Nearly all of our clients reside in Gaines County, but we don't turn anyone away just because they reside in these other counties around us.

Clients have the option of picking up their items at our office location or having it delivered by volunteers. As our donations and supplies are limited and the need is great, we prioritize our clients based on their specific situation.

So far, we have assisted over 350 unique households in our region since we began in April of 2022!

OUR CLIENTS

DIRECT ACTION FOR THOSE IN NEED

IN 2025 THERE WERE

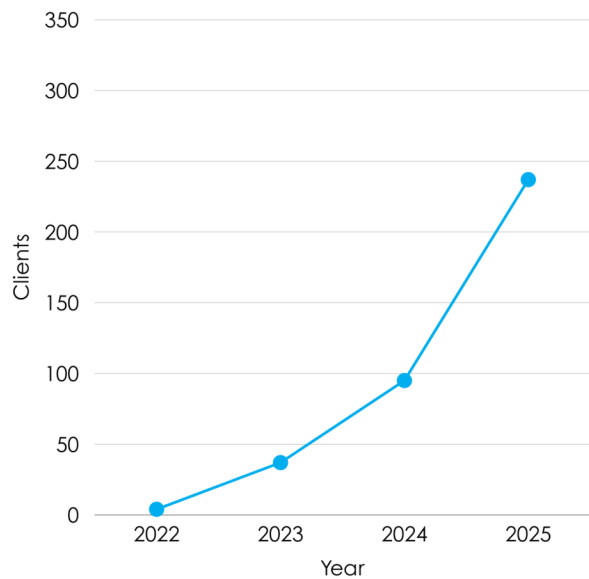
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total unique clients in 2025
(a 150% increase from 2024!)

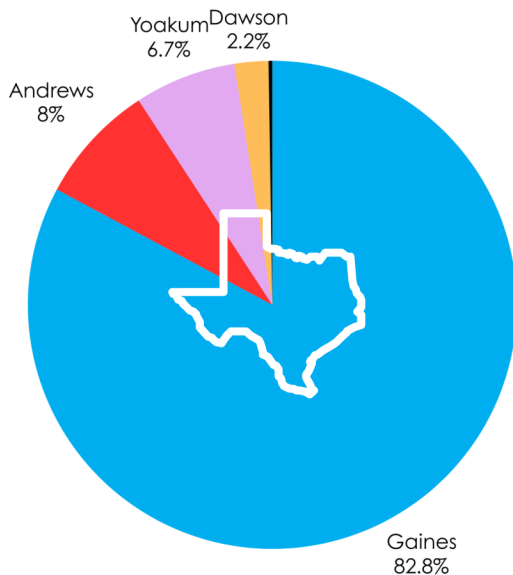
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deliveries or pickups at our office
(a 157% increase from 2024!)

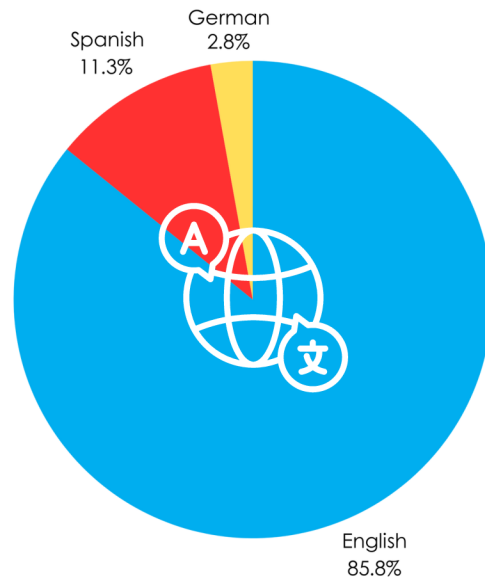
Unique Clients



2025 Clients



2025 Clients' Primary Language



VOLUNTEERING EVENTS

PARTNERING FOR POSITIVE IMPACT



RIBBON CUTTING + BAKE SALE

CHARACTER CAMP 2025



SEMINOLE STRONG 2025

FLAG DASH 2025



GAZEBO GOODIES

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

WORKING TO IMPROVE OUR SOCIETY

Little Free Library

Our volunteers funded and built a custom designed little library unit to place in the community. It offers free books for anyone 24/7 and is a place for anyone to donate books. This little free library is officially licensed and serves to encourage reading for all ages!



Dolls for Dementia

We provided two life-like dolls to patients with dementia at a local assisted living facility. These dolls allow patients to have something to care for and love while also improving their mood and day-to-day behavior. Staff and patients both love these little dolls!

OUR TEAM

THE HEART OF THE ORGANIZATION

14

core volunteers

1

staff member

1,710

hours of work by our team in 2025.
(a 113% increase from 2024!)



OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jake F.

Chair, Treasurer,
and Operations Director

Waldo K.

Vice Chair and Programs Director

Lisa A.

Secretary and Event Planner

Meredith P.

Case Manager



We're qualified to help
those needing to do
community service hours!



We can help in:

- English
- Spanish (Español)
- German (Deutsch)



THANK YOU

TO OUR

COMMUNITY

ALLIES OF 2025

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



SEMINOLE STRONG
CHURCHES LOVING
SEMINOLE

BOB LEWIS
MISSION

SEMINOLE
MINISTERIAL
ALLIANCE



TRANSFORMATION
CHURCH

106TH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
CSCD



SEMINOLE HOSPITAL DISTRICT



HOPE CENTER
COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER



PERMIAN
WARRIOR
PARTNERSHIP



THE
BLESSING
BOXES



pcsforpeople

WEST TEXAS CENTERS
PROMOTING BEHAVIORAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL HEALTH



Rotary
Seminole, TX



TEEPEE
RV &
STORAGE



resound
Networks



EUPHORIC
i.t. solutions

OUR FINANCIALS

FUELING THE GOOD FIGHT

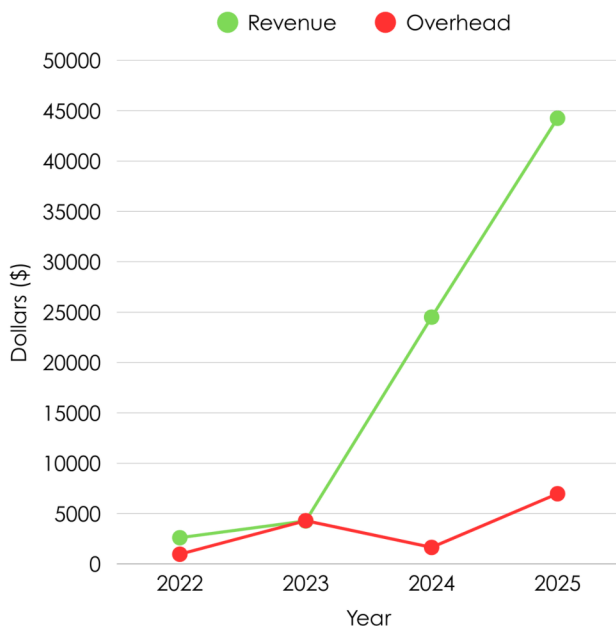
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Revenue VS Overhead Expenses



In 2025, we kept our overhead expenses like rent, payroll, utilities, and supplies at 14% of our total revenue. This allowed us to put as much funds as we possibly could towards our programs, services and community projects!



Blue Skies has no debt or credit cards. We act as responsible financial stewards of every donation.

WE'RE FULLY
TRANSPARENT

Platinum
Transparency
2025

Candid.

Charity
Navigator



★ FOUR-STAR ★

Every year, our organization becomes certified by both Candid and Charity Navigator. Full financial transparency is necessary in order to gain the highest ranking, like we have for Blue Skies Mutual Aid.



All of our past financials are available to view at www.blueskiesma.com/financials



SUPPORT OUR MISSION

All donations are tax deductible! Use our EIN 88-3239129 when claiming.



HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS

We may not be able to change the world, but we can change the world for at least one person.

BUILD COMMUNITY

Every dollar stays in our local West Texas community. Our service area in between Lubbock and Midland-Odessa is frequently overlooked and under served. We aim to change that.

REDUCE POVERTY AROUND YOU

We all live, work, learn and grow in the same community. Making a contribution has a direct positive effect on you and your family.

BETTER YOUR TAXES

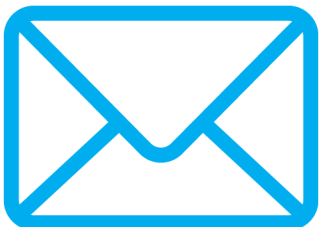
Consult with your tax professional about current information about tax-deductible donations and how they affect this year's tax situation.

HAVE COMPOUNDING IMPACT

Every dollar spent on reducing poverty has a tremendous compounding impact down the road. Donations better the local economy by pulling people out of poverty and government programs and into being productive, happy and healthy members of society.

CHECKS CAN BE
MAILED TO:

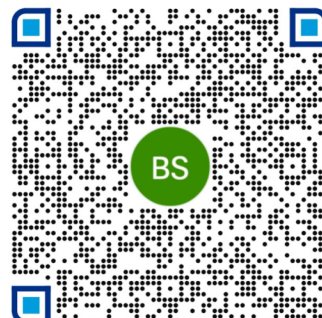
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SEMINOLE, TX



[BLUESKIESMA.COM/DONATE](https://blueskiesma.com/donate)



PAYPAL



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We are proud to announce that in
2025

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OF THE
SKIES
WAS
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CONNECT

WITH US TODAY!



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