NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS

FY 2025-2026
IMPACT REPORT
July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026







ROOTED IN COMMUNITY. *Changing Lives.*

BUILDING SAFE SPACES. BUILDING STRONG FUTURES.



At The Neighborhood Centers, we commit to providing "a safe space for all"
—and this year, that promise has mattered more than ever.

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Dear Friends,

For more than 50 years, Neighborhood Centers has believed that strong communities begin with strong families—and that every child, parent, and neighbor deserves a safe place to learn, grow, and belong.

What began in 1973 in a three-bedroom apartment in Iowa City's Pheasant Ridge neighborhood has grown into a community-rooted organization connecting generations of families to education, opportunity, and one another.

In 2025–2026, that promise of a safe space mattered more than ever—and we turned our commitment into something extraordinary.

Through our Raise the Roof campaign and the opening of our new Towncrest Center, we expanded more than our physical footprint. We expanded possibilities. Our transformed 13,500-square-foot facility created space for 60 additional children to access quality early childhood education, alongside youth development, family support, and community resources. Our growing Community Resiliency Hub initiative further strengthens our commitment to providing trusted spaces in times of both opportunity and uncertainty.

But our impact isn't measured in square footage or dollars invested. It's measured in lives changed.

It's a child arriving at school ready to learn. A teen discovering their confidence and potential. A parent pursuing new opportunities knowing their child is safe. A family finding stability, dignity, and belonging. And children who once walked through our doors returning years later as parents, mentors, employees, and community leaders.

We are not simply creating programs. We are building places where safety, opportunity, and belonging are expected—and where generations discover what's possible.

Thank you for believing in this work and in the strength of our community. Because of you, our neighborhoods shine.

With gratitude,

R Rockwell

Rachel Rockwell
Executive Director

A Safe Space for every child, every family, every neighbor.

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2025-2026 Impact Report



1,263
INDIVIDUALS SERVED
Children, youth, and adults across Johnson County.

693
CHILDREN & YOUTH
Early learning, afterschool, summer, and youth development programs.

675
IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE COMMUNITY MEMBERS
Supported through 4,515 service interactions.

A YEAR OF CONNECTION, OPPORTUNITY & BELONGING

EARLY LEARNING
131 children in early learning programs.
New infant classroom opened June 2026.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
1,176 enriching out-of-school service interactions supported learning and connection.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY
4,515 support interactions with immigrant and refugee community members.

A New Chapter for the Towncrest Neighborhood!

With a $2 million investment from the City of Iowa City and generous community partners, we transformed a 13,500-square-foot facility into a welcoming center for children, families, and neighbors.

The first early childhood classroom opened in June 2026, marking an exciting milestone in our expansion. The center will provide space for 60 additional young children to access quality early learning, alongside opportunities for youth development, family support, literacy, and community connection.



Towncrest Neighborhood Center Grand Opening | August 2026

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With Gratitude,

To our donors, funders, community partners, and affiliates—thank you! Your generosity and partnership make it possible for children to thrive, families to flourish, and communities to grow stronger. Every opportunity created, every barrier overcome, and every life touched is a reflection of your commitment. We couldn't do this work without you.

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Together, we are Building Safe Spaces. Building Community.

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Johnson County Empowerment

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Thank you!

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