



# TEAM WORKZ

Spring Issue 2026

## Meetings

TEAM WORKZ presented at the following meetings:

**2/12 Woodlake Women's Club**

**2/19 Southern Pines United Methodist Church Senior Fellowship Group**

**2/20 Carthage Rotary Club**

**3/10 Moore County Schools**

**4/10 Women of Fairwoods**

**4/17 Moore County Transportation Taskforce**

**4/27 North Carolina Secretary of State**

## Events attended

**4/25 SpringFest**

**4/28-29 NC Housing Day**



**Christina Lopez**

## TEAM WORKZ welcomes new volunteer

**Christina** works one-on-one with clients who need assistance with a variety of services offered by TEAM WORKZ , e.g. obtaining government recognized forms of identification, applying for benefits, traveling to appointments, etc. She lends an empathetic ear and then moves into action to help clients procure the help they need.

"I am proud to be part of TEAM WORKZ and am looking forward to supporting those who need a hand up. Having navigated many different walks of life, I feel blessed to use my experiences and my passion for helping others to pay it forward here in Moore County."



### From our Director

TEAM WORKZ has changed a lot since we began in 2019. The name TEAM WORKZ is simple, but our mission is not. During our tenure, we have helped many individuals and families in need, as well as others in our community.

Our main goal has always been to help people get back on their feet and become productive members of society. I am proud of those who, with our help, have improved their lives from difficult situations. I am proud of every change we've made because they've helped us grow and serve more people in different ways. Now, we are more committed than ever to our mission.

TEAM WORKZ is working towards creating a Transitional Advancement Center (TAC) - see page 4. Having our new administrative offices will help us focus on developing the TAC. The first step is to secure land for the project. I invite you to contact me and see our plans. Learn about our mission and how it can change lives. Join us in this important work and be part of our progress.

Your support can help many people find a better future.

## TEAM WORKZ sets up shop at second location

As of April 1, TEAM WORKZ has set up a second location located at 515 Midland Road in Southern Pines. While headquarters will remain for walk-in clients at 152 South Stephens Street, this new location will be used for administrative purposes, meetings, and life-skill classes.

The new location should be up and running by the end of May.



## Thank you SP Elks Lodge

**Southern Pines Elks Lodge #1692** donated \$2000 in camping equipment to TEAM WORKZ this past Fall. The equipment was a windfall for many of the unsheltered in Moore County who suffered damage to their tents and outdoor equipment during the extreme weather conditions that occurred this past winter.

## Data results from 2025

- **Total served:** 160
- **Gender:**  
69 Male;  
90 Female;  
1 Unknown
- **Ages:**  
70-80 (3);  
60-69 (13);  
50-59 (29);  
40-49 (31);  
30-39 (47);  
20-29 (34);  
3 unknown
- **Race:**  
Black (59);  
White (80);  
Hispanic (4);  
Native American (8);  
9 unknown

Clients assisted with obtaining/maintaining permanent shelter: **11**

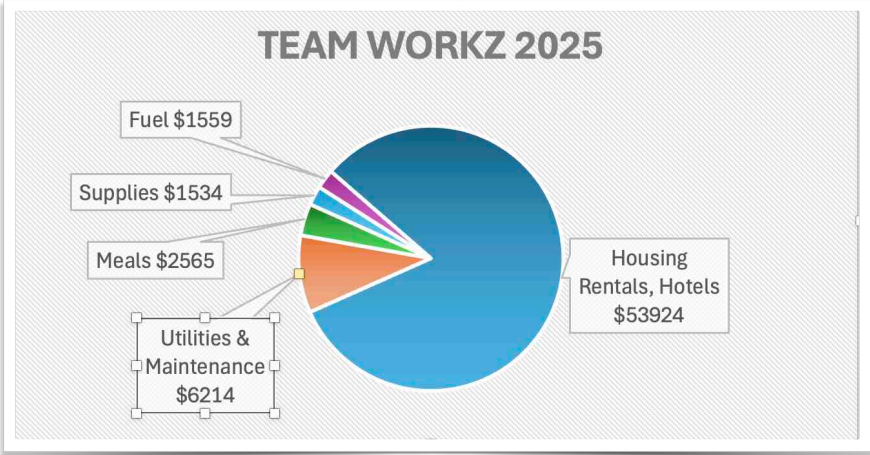
Clients assisted with obtaining temporary shelter: **42**

Number of nights provided for temporary shelter: **269**

Number of times people came to HQ for help regardless if they were repeat clients: **577**

## Where does your money go?

We often get asked how donations are used within our organization. In 2025, 41% of our annual budget was spent directly on clients both in the Extreme Weather Program and the Transitional Advancement Program. Out of that 41%, the breakdown of expenses is below.



## Why do people become homeless?

**Lack of Trustworthy Relationships:** Many clients do not have family or friends to turn to during tough times.

**Illness and Disability:** Chronic illnesses, and physical and mental disabilities can disrupt employment, and medical bills can further exacerbate the situation.

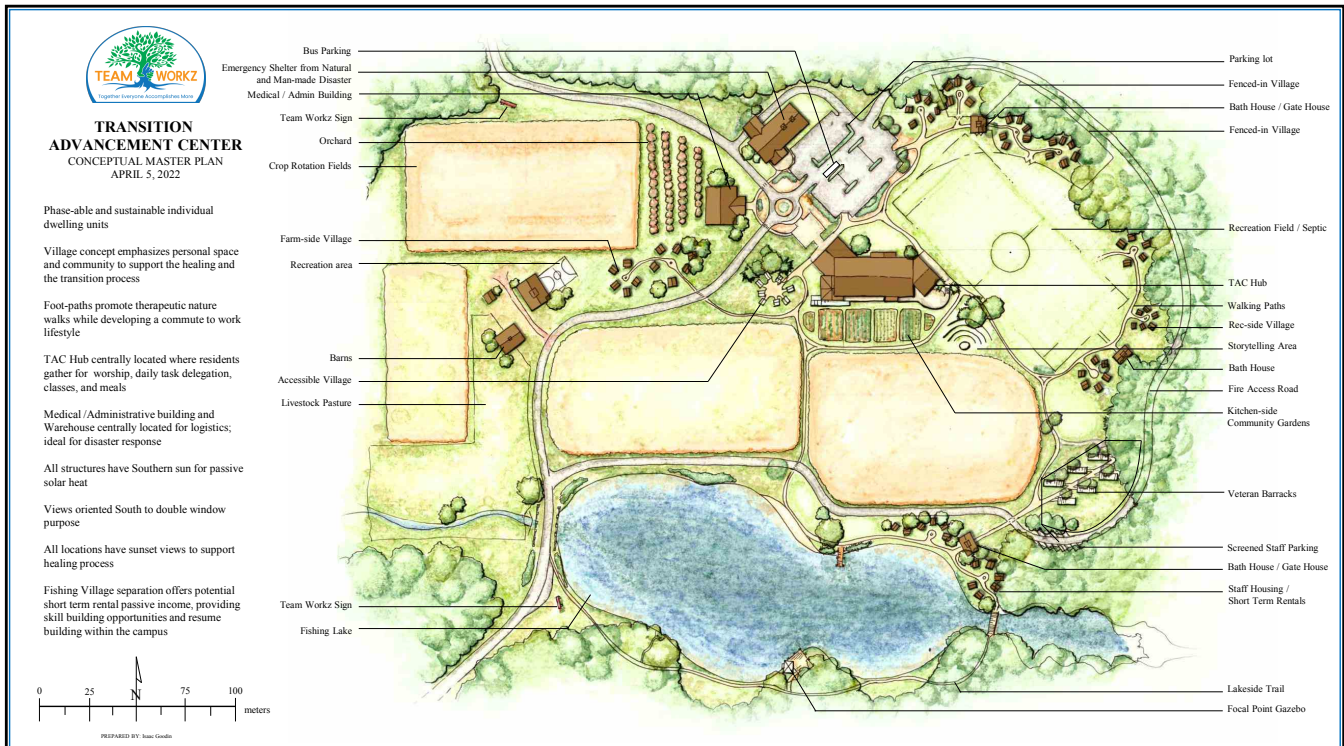
**Abuse:** Physical or sexual abuse survivors who escape their abusers often find themselves with nowhere to go.

**Working, but in poverty:** Many people have jobs that do not fully cover housing or food expenses.

**Unemployment:** Layoffs and workplace discrimination can thrust anyone into losing their employment.

**Housing Affordability:** Moore County is plagued by a considerable lack of affordable housing.

# Transitional Advancement Center



The ultimate goal of TEAM WORKZ is to establish a **T**ransitional **A**dvancement **C**enter (TAC). We aim to give individuals and families the tools they need to become self-sufficient, productive members of society. We are looking to acquire at least a 100-acre lot, allowing for privacy and expansion as needs grow. We will offer various types of temporary housing for participants as well as one large main building (the HUB) that will offer:

*cafeteria; classrooms; bathrooms/showers; study rooms; library; staff offices; medical office; therapy rooms; and maintenance rooms. Another smaller building will be used for additional needs as we offer more services.*

On one end of the camp there will be Tiny Homes for individuals. Housing for women with children will be located in a separate section of the camp. Also included in the overall design will be an area for a vegetable and herb garden, a livestock area for raising hogs, chickens, cows, and/or goats among other animals, and a lake for recreation and fishing.

The Veterans Housing area will be located in a different area of TAC and set aside from the rest so they can remain and be offered independent specialized services. Many do suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and will need help acclimating to civilian life and being on their own. The housing units for Veterans will be similar to Quonset huts. This is the recommended style

## TEAM WORKZ now a member of SPBA

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This past January TEAM WORKZ officially became a member of the Southern Pines Business Association. For more information about SPBA or to inquire about joining, you can visit <https://southernpines.biz/>.

### Training

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TEAM WORKZ Director and staff took part in monthly training sessions from Health Education and Aging Resource Team (HEART). The topics covered were **Brain Health, Anxiety, Neurological Disorders, Mood Disorders.**

### No PIT Count in 2026

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PIT stands for Point-in-Time, and a PIT Count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January of every year. In 2026, however, the entire state cancelled the count due to the extreme weather conditions. The next count will be held in 2027.

of housing because it replicates their surroundings during training and deployment.

What services will TAC provide?

- stable housing
- job training
- job placement
- individual and group counseling
- financial literacy classes
- life skills training
- wellness programs
- case management services

We know many of our participants will be suffering from some form of mental illness or addiction. At our TEAM WORKZ center we will offer individual and group therapy for those at risk.

Clients who are interested in joining our program will be carefully screened at our Intake Center to determine what course of action they need to be successful in their journey to becoming independent and functional on their own or as a family.

Our TEAM WORKZ Transitional Advancement Center will be a healing place where individuals can become whole again before going back into society and having to live on their own. We will also promote success after the programs by offering and providing backup support once they enter society. Our goal is to prepare participants for independence while also helping them become productive citizens in society. Our mission is an inclusive one that will offer many people the second chance at life they deserve.

## Want to donate your time?

If you are interested in helping TEAM WORKZ and our partner organizations to combat homelessness and need more information, **please visit [teamworkz.org](https://teamworkz.org)**.

To donate your time, please fill out our volunteer form that can be found at **[teamworkz.org/volunteer-form](https://teamworkz.org/volunteer-form)**.

## Want to donate items?

To donate goods, please see our list of preferred items at **[teamworkz.org/donate-goods](https://teamworkz.org/donate-goods)**. Please note we are no longer accepting clothing, and all donated items should be brought to headquarters at 152 South Stephens Street in Southern Pines during office hours. Please do not leave anything outside the door.

## TEAM WORKZ Donation QR code



## Consider becoming a monthly sponsor

What good does \$10 per month do?

- Buys gas to transport clients to doctor's appointments and health clinics
- Buys a client's first meal - possibly the first eaten in days
- Defrays the cost of a week's worth of groceries
- Helps keep the lights on at headquarters
- Helps pay for individuals and families with children to find temporary shelter at area hotels
- Helps buffer the costs of lunches, snack bags, and hygiene items dispensed from headquarters on a daily basis

## Donations

Please consider donating to our cause to help those struggling to survive. We have various options:

- Donate through our web portal, visit [teamworkz.org/donate-funds.html](https://teamworkz.org/donate-funds.html).
- Donate using the QR code to the left.
- Donate by check: please make it out to TEAM WORKZ and mail to PO Box 3614, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

A letter of receipt for tax deduction purposes can be furnished for all donation methods.

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