



**CHARIOTS
4 HOPE**

2024

ANNUAL REPORT

***DEMONSTRATING GOD'S LOVE BY
REMOVING TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS***

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR **FOUNDERS**

BREAKING BARRIERS CHANGING LIVES

Every journey starts with one step. Chariots4Hope began over a decade ago with a simple but powerful belief: transportation is more than just going from point A to point B; it is a gateway to opportunity, dignity, and independence. As we look back on 2024, we're astounded at how far that vision has taken us and inspired by the stories of transformation along the way.

This year, we reached a big milestone—our first million-dollar year, putting us in the top ten percent of organizations nationwide. This achievement demonstrates our community's unwavering support and belief in our goal. However, the impact of this milestone is measured in terms of lives changed rather than cash. Behind every number is a story—a single mother who no longer has to choose between paying rent and servicing her car, a domestic violence survivor recovering her future, and a father who rests easy knowing his vehicle will get him to work and his children to school. These stories explain why we do what we do.

Our objective at Chariots4Hope has always been to broaden our reach and effect. In 2024, we did exactly that. Our Wisconsin branch in La Crosse

has entered its third year, growing stronger and changing lives in the region. What began as a germ of hope has grown into a successful service that provides families with dependable transportation. This is the power of community: when individuals work together to achieve a common goal, their lives are transformed.

This year, we also created the groundwork for an intriguing new program called SafeRoute. Recognizing the vital need for emergency transportation alternatives for survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking, we spent 2024 meticulously developing the business plan, vision, and strategic approach for this effort. We finished all preparations in partnership with the Heartland Family Service Crisis Center and are pleased to announce that SafeRoute was officially launched in January 2025. We are optimistic that this initiative will extend into Omaha, Des Moines, and Kansas City in the following year, bringing safety, dignity, and hope to those in greatest need.

While we celebrate these accomplishments, our greatest joy stems from the 1,083 lives touched this year. Our programs and services empowered individuals and families by providing dependable transportation, education, and community assistance. We were able to remove 97% of individuals suffering immediate mobility constraints, allowing them to access work, healthcare, education, and other important services. We also saw an increase in Gospel Seeds planted, totaling 1,764 opportunities to offer Christ's love and hope.

None of this would be possible without our community's extraordinary contributions. In 2024, we received support from 125 car donors, 251 referral organizations, and 500+ dedicated community partners. This movement is powered by hundreds of donors, volunteers, and partners that believe in our vision and give generously of their time and resources. You are the driving force behind every narrative of transformation.

As we look forward to 2025, we are filled with bold faith and big hopes. Our goals are:

Increase income to \$1.5 million to broaden our reach and benefit more families, assisting our WI chapter, and helping us in identifying two additional cities to launch future Chariots4Hope chapters.

Successfully complete the SafeRoute pilot program and implement it in Omaha, Des Moines, and Kansas City.

Double our car donations through smart collaborations, allowing us to help even more families in need.

Increase our PIT Crew membership to 70 committed monthly donors, thereby sustaining long-term growth in Omaha

Serving 1,296 people through our programs & services

To every donor, volunteer, partner, and recipient: you are the reason this program succeeds.

You are the driving force behind every mile of impact we have created. Thank you for believing, giving, and joining us on this adventure. The road ahead is bright, and we are excited to see where it leads!



JASON HURT
CO-FOUNDER
CHARIOTS4HOPE



MICHELLE HURT
CO-FOUNDER
CHARIOTS4HOPE



STORIES OF *IMPACT*

Behind every vehicle we provide and every repair we make, there's a powerful story of resilience and hope. These remarkable individuals have faced significant challenges, yet their courage and determination have driven them forward. Their stories are why we exist—to demonstrate God's love by removing transportation barriers and creating opportunities for independence and growth. We are continually inspired by their journeys and are grateful to have them as part of our Chariots4Hope family.



MICHELLE MACKINS

PROGRAM: HAND-UP

Meet Michelle, our 2024 Feel the Freedom blessing recipient! After years of hard work, living paycheck to paycheck, and struggling to find reliable transportation, she received the life-changing gift of a vehicle through our Vehicle Ownership Program—a true Hand Up.

Michelle has been part of the Chariots4Hope family for several years, faithfully attending Beyond the Car events and Bible studies. Her presence brings so much joy to our community, and we couldn't be happier to see her journey unfold.



EMILY ANDERSON

PROGRAM: HAND-UP

Meet Emily! Recently, she lost her ability to transfer into her vehicle due to MS-related weakness. With monthly hospital treatments and mounting financial strain, a handicap-accessible van became a necessity.

Thanks to Tyler - who generously donated his van after receiving one through our program - and the incredible students at Metro Community College who repaired and painted the van, Emily now has the freedom and mobility she needs. We are truly inspired by the power of community and are grateful to know Emily!



OPAL JACKSON

PROGRAM: FIRST WHEEL

Since receiving her car through our First Wheel Program in October, Opal has become an active participant in Chariots4Hope Bible studies, maintained her sobriety by faithfully attending recovery meetings, and - most exciting of all - was just accepted into the Foster Grandparent Program!

This achievement was a 5-year goal of hers, and now she's able to make a meaningful impact by supporting children who need special attention in education, healthcare, and social development, all because she has reliable transportation!



TYLER SCHROEDER

PROGRAM: FIRST WHEEL

Tyler, despite facing daunting challenges, embodies such courage and determination. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors, Tyler was able to come through our Vehicle Ownership Program and we were able to secure a wheelchair-accessible van for him.

Not only did this provide Tyler with transportation, but it symbolized hope and endless possibilities. His journey is a testament to God's amazing love, the transformative power of community and the resilience of the human spirit!

STORIES OF IMPACT

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BRANDI JORGENSEN

PROGRAM: 2ND WHEEL

Brandi, after completing our First Wheel Program in 2022, was able to save money and purchase a vehicle through our Second Wheel Vehicle Ownership Program - just in time to welcome her beautiful new baby girl!

Since then, Brandi has been thriving in her sobriety and recently began a new career as a law firm assistant!

We are incredibly proud of her journey and are grateful to have her as part of our Chariots4Hope family!



VENUS NICKERSON

PROGRAM: VEHICLE REPAIR

Living on a fixed income made it challenging for Venus to afford the costly repairs needed to keep her car safe and reliable.

Thankfully, through our Vehicle Repair Program, we were able to provide the necessary repairs to keep her on the road. Even more special, her daughter—who graduated from our Vehicle Ownership Program in 2023—helped us surprise her with the completed repairs!

We are honored to support Venus and her family.



ZURI

PROGRAM: TRANSPORTATION GRANT

After unexpectedly giving birth at just 22 weeks and spending months in the NICU with her baby, Zuri faced overwhelming challenges while trying to meet her family's basic needs.

When she needed assistance with her vehicle registration, we were able to step in through our Transportation Grant Program, allowing her to focus on what mattered most—caring for her newborn.

She is an inspiration to us all and we are truly blessed to know Zuri!



CHRIS CARMICHAEL

PROGRAM: TRANSPORTATION GRANT

When his daughter's medical needs required the purchase of a handicap-accessible van, Chris's wife made the selfless decision to temporarily step back from work to provide the care their daughter needed.

Facing the financial strain of a single income, he and his family found themselves in need of assistance to keep their vehicle on the road.

Through our Transportation Grant Program, we were able to help with a car payment, ensuring they could safely transport their daughter while navigating this challenging season.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

FUELING HOPE - DRIVING IMPACT

At Chariots4Hope, community is the engine that drives our mission forward. In 2024, we were blessed to partner with 251 organizations, supported by 200 dedicated volunteers, 125 vehicle donors, and over 500 supporters who believed in our vision of removing transportation barriers. Their generosity and commitment have helped us reach 1,083 individuals, transforming lives and empowering families to achieve independence and opportunity. We are deeply grateful for every hour volunteered, every vehicle donated, and every dollar given. Together, we are driving hope forward.

As we look to 2025, our hearts are filled with gratitude and hope. It is because of our incredible community partners that we can dream bigger and reach further. Thank you for standing with us, believing in us, and journeying with us. Your support fuels not only our mission but also the dreams of those we serve. Together, we are driving change and building a legacy of hope.



DODGEBALL NIGHT AT GOING VERTICAL

Every year, one of our great friends and community partners, Adam Barnes, hosts a dodgeball night for us at his gym, *Going Vertical*.



FEEL THE FREEDOM AT PETER'S PLACE

Our largest fundraiser of the year has been held at the same American Muscle car museum for several years thanks to Peter and Carolyn Fink.

ICE CREAM CRUISE

Chariots was selected as one of two non-profit organizations to benefit from merchandise sales at this year's *Ice Cream Cruise* thanks to Kyle Loftis.



ENCHANTED LIGHTS WITH ARROW STAGE LINES & LIFE CHURCH

We're able to close out each year with a Christmas light tour around Omaha thanks to Arrow Stage Lines donating rides on their buses, and Life.Church volunteering to serve our community with food and fun!

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

DRIVING OPPORTUNITY - CHANGING LIVES

At Chariots4Hope, we believe reliable transportation unlocks independence, opportunity, and hope. In 2024, we continued breaking transportation barriers, empowering individuals and families to access jobs, education, healthcare, and essential services.

Beyond providing vehicles, our programs create pathways to freedom and self-sufficiency. Every car awarded, class taught, and mile driven brings someone closer to a brighter future.

This year, we witnessed powerful transformations—from single parents gaining independence to individuals overcoming major challenges. Volunteers, donors, and partners made these life-changing stories possible, strengthening our mission through innovation and dedication.

With vehicle ownership programs, educational classes, and emergency services, we tailor support to each person's needs, ensuring they can move forward. One journey at a time, we're transforming lives.

ROAD2FREEDOM

An educational program designed to equip individuals with knowledge and tools to develop long-term transportation solutions. Participants engage in workshops on budgeting, car maintenance, safe driving, insurance basics and building a sustainable transportation plan tailored to their needs. This program serves as the first step towards qualifying for our vehicle ownership programs.



VEHICLE OWNERSHIP PROGRAM

Chariots4Hope's Vehicle Ownership Program empowers individuals to secure reliable transportation while building a sustainable long-term mobility plan. It offers two tailored pathways—each providing not only a vehicle but also essential educational resources, community support, and financial counseling. This comprehensive approach serves as a vital stepping stone toward greater independence and stability.

(1) FIRST WHEEL PROGRAM

Designed for individuals facing critical transportation challenges and limited resources, the First Wheel Program provides a dependable vehicle with a modest \$500 fee. Participants also gain access to essential educational classes (Road2Freedom), community events, and a 6-month warranty (extendable to 9 months with further engagement). It serves as an essential launchpad for immediate mobility and financial empowerment.

(2) SECOND WHEEL PROGRAM

The Second Wheel Program caters to those in a slightly stronger financial position or First Wheel graduates ready for an upgrade. With a \$3,000 or more contribution, participants access higher-quality vehicles, more customizable transportation options, extended warranty benefits, and enhanced financial counseling. This program is a progressive step toward increased independence and a more tailored long-term transportation plan.

SAFEROUTE (NEW)

Launched in 2024 as a pilot program, SafeRoute provides emergency transportation solutions for survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking, ensuring they have a safe and reliable way to reach crisis centers and supportive services. With a strong start in Sarpy County, we have high expectations to expand this program nationwide.



SARAH
FIRST WHEEL RECIPIENT



SOPHIA
FIRST WHEEL RECIPIENT



SARAH
SECOND WHEEL RECIPIENT

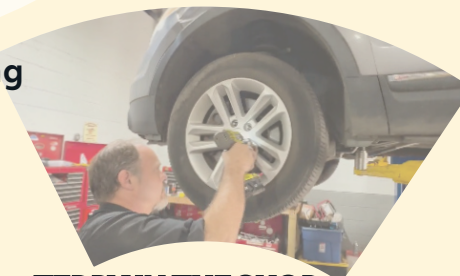
SafeRoute

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

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VEHICLE REPAIR SERVICES

Helping referred clients maintain their vehicles at an affordable cost, enabling them to stay employed, attend medical appointments, and access essential services. Our repair services include routine maintenance, brake systems, batteries, and more.



TERRY IN THE SHOP
REPAIRING A VEHICLE

COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS

Demonstrating God's love by building a supportive community. From worship nights and discipleship classes to family-friendly activities, our events offer hope, encouragement, and a safe space for fellowship and growth.

WORSHIP NIGHT
WITH FAITHFULLY UNITED



THE NEED

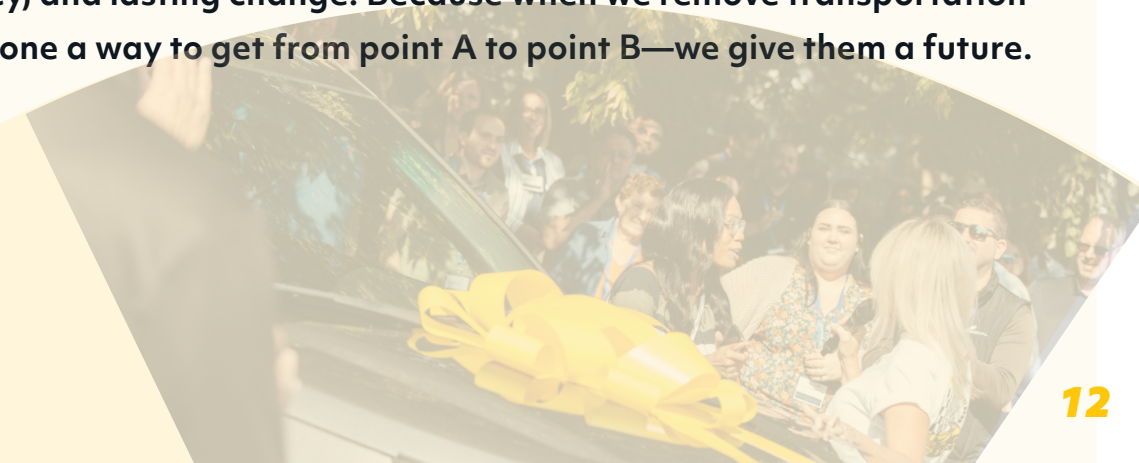
BREAKING THE CYCLE OF INACCESSIBILITY

For millions of Americans, transportation isn't just a convenience—it's a barrier. Nationally, nearly 45% of Americans have no access to public transportation, and for low-income families, this often means the difference between staying in poverty or moving forward. According to the Brookings Institution, the average metropolitan resident can only reach 30% of jobs within a 90-minute transit commute. When reliable personal transportation is unavailable, everything from employment to education and healthcare becomes harder, if not impossible, to access.

In Nebraska, the need is especially urgent. Nearly 60% of low-income households in Omaha report transportation as a top barrier to employment and economic mobility. In rural areas across the state, public transit options are virtually nonexistent, leaving families isolated and unable to access even the most basic services. For single mothers, families recovering from trauma, and individuals reentering society, lack of transportation is often the number one obstacle to building a sustainable, independent life.

But the effects go far deeper than logistics. Without reliable transportation, families miss medical appointments, children are late to school, parents lose job opportunities, and the cycle of poverty continues. Studies show that having access to a car can increase employment rates by 12% and significantly reduce the odds of job loss by over 50%. In short, a car isn't just a vehicle—it's a catalyst. It opens doors to economic stability, improved mental health, consistent access to care, and educational achievement.

This is why Chariots4Hope exists. Our mission is to stand in that gap—to provide not just cars, but pathways to freedom, self-sufficiency, and lasting change. Because when we remove transportation barriers, we do more than give someone a way to get from point A to point B—we give them a future.



FINANCIALS

Every contribution entrusted to Chariots4Hope, in our opinion, is evidence of faith, generosity, and hope. It is our deepest responsibility to steward these gifts with integrity, transparency, and impact. We saw remarkable expansion in 2024, attaining our first million-dollar year, a distinction that only 10% of charitable organizations accomplish. This achievement is about more than just statistics; it's about communities being strengthened, families being empowered, and lives being changed.

When it comes to financial stewardship, we recognize the value of accountability and trust. Every choice we make, from ethical spending to strategic planning, is informed by our dedication to transparency.

We place a high priority on program efficiency, making sure that the vast majority of our funds are allocated specifically towards removing obstacles to independence and transportation.

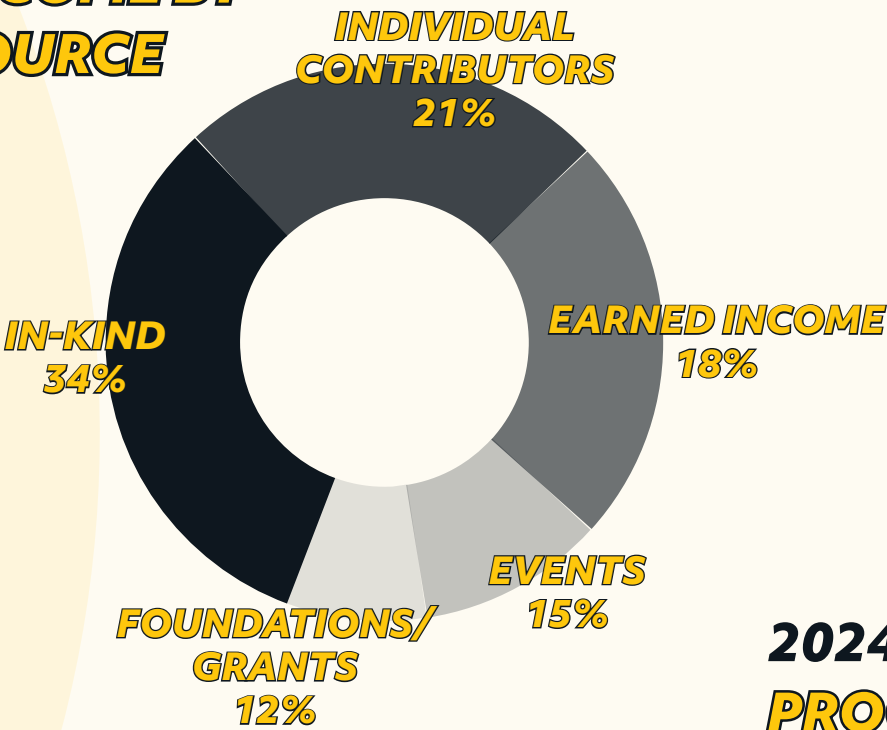
The transformative impact of every dollar, however, is what really counts and goes beyond balance sheets and financial statements. In 2024, your generosity enabled us to expand our reach, launch new initiatives like SafeRoute, and provide life-changing transportation solutions to families in need. It gave us the confidence to say “yes” to freedom, hope, and a future filled with opportunity. We appreciate your journey with us, your faith in our stewardship, and your belief in our mission. Together, we are not just driving cars; we are driving change.

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PIT CREW MEMBERS

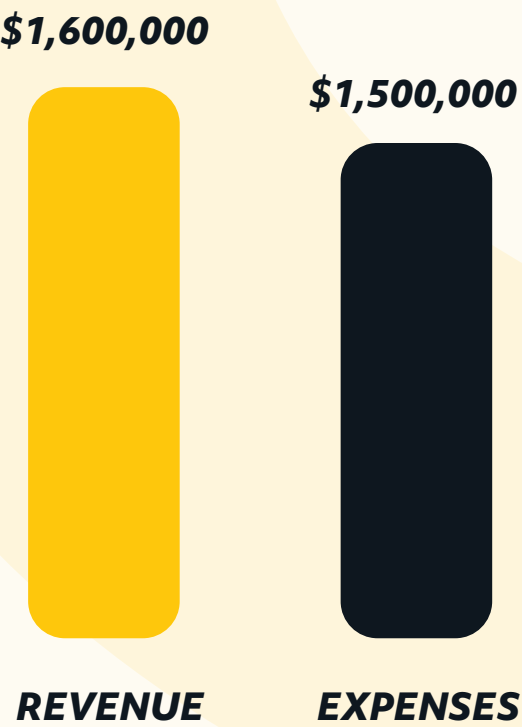
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NEW DONORS

725
EVENT ATTENDEES/SUPPORTERS

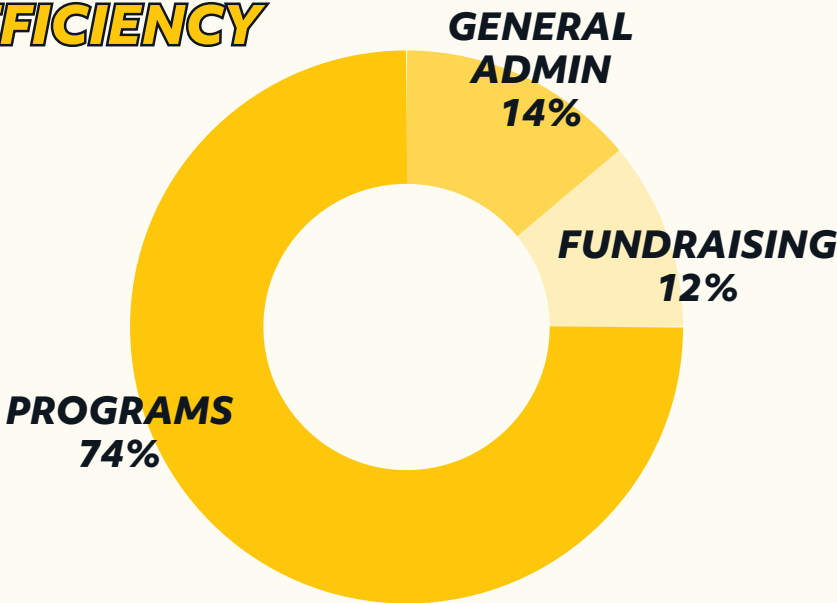
**2024
INCOME BY
SOURCE**



**2024
INCOME VS.
EXPENSES**



**2024
PROGRAM
EFFICIENCY**



2024 OUTCOMES

At Chariots4Hope, every journey is a story of hope and transformation. In 2024, we saw the life-changing impact of reliable transportation—helping single parents find stability, reuniting families, and fostering independence. Behind every number is a changed life, a realized dream, and a brighter future.

1,083
PEOPLE SERVED

Individuals served through one of our programs and services

97%
TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS REMOVED

The % of recipients who had a transportation barrier removed through one of our programs/services

87
VEHICLES PROVIDED

People who received a car through our Vehicle Ownership Program or general public option

87%
PROGRAM SATISFACTION

(Excellent rating based on the CSAT scale)

The % of recipients surveyed who were completely satisfied with their overall experience at C4H

This year's outcomes reflect the power of community, compassion, and commitment. Thanks to our donors, volunteers, and those we serve, lives were transformed, barriers removed, and hope renewed. Your support makes this impact possible.

132
BLESSINGS GIVEN

People who received financial assistance towards removing a major transportation barrier

1,764
GOSPEL SEEDS PLANTED

Opportunities to share the hope of Jesus through presenting the Gospel

\$253,000
TRANSPORTATION COST SAVINGS

Amount of money our recipients saved through C4H on transportation related expenses

97%
DONOR SATISFACTION

The % of donors surveyed who were completely satisfied with their overall experience at C4H

2025 CRITICAL NEEDS

As Chariots grows, the need for reliable transportation is more critical than ever. Every day, families struggle to reach work, medical appointments, and school without a dependable vehicle. For most, transportation is a lifeline to independence and hope.

VEHICLE DONATIONS GOAL - 200

More vehicles means more lives transformed. Vehicle donations are what fuels our mission and with the aggressive growth of our program applications, we're praying to receive 200 car donations in 2025. You can donate your vehicle at www.chariots4hope.org/vehicle-donations/.

PIT CREW MEMBERS GOAL - 70 TOTAL MEMBERS

Sustaining our monthly donor community. Join our community of monthly donors removing transportation barriers for people in need. Recurring revenue is essential in order for us to successfully manage our operating budget and execute our mission.

To learn more about this partnership, please visit www.chariots4hope.org/PitCrew/.

JUMPSTART SPONSORS GOAL - 55

Helping families afford reliable transportation. Jumpstart Sponsors are individuals or businesses who desire to sponsor a recipient for our Vehicle Ownership Program-1st Wheel. This sponsorship goes directly towards securing a reliable vehicle, warranty, and educational classes that help our recipients reach and maintain self-sufficiency. To learn more about becoming a JumpStart Sponsor, visit www.chariots4hope.org/jumpstart-sponsor/.

MONETARY SUPPORTERS GOAL - \$500,000

Our one-time contributors who support this mission are critical towards enabling us to serve over 1200 people this year through one of our programs and services. Will you prayerfully consider financially supporting our mission?

VOLUNTEERS GOAL - 400

The growth we've experienced in 2024 makes volunteers more critical ever! Your talents and expertise could be what someone needs to experience transportation freedom. To learn more about volunteering, please visit www.chariots4hope.org/volunteer/.



OUR *VISION*

**FREEDOM
COMMUNITY
CHRIST**



OUR *MISSION*

**WE EXIST TO DEMONSTRATE GOD'S LOVE BY
REMOVING TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS**



OUR *VALUES*

**Passion, Family, Performance, Collaboration,
Compassion, Fostering economic stability,
cultivating abundant life, creating hope**



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