



# **PILLAR INC 2025 Annual Impact Report**

*(Providing Integrity, Lifelong Learning, Access & Resilience)*

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# 1. Message from the President

2025 was a year of powerful transitions and community resilience. From global food aid to local youth engagement, our mission to uplift underserved communities remained unwavering. Through your support, PILLAR INC continued to serve as a lifeline for thousands—delivering dignity, empowerment, and hope. Thank you for standing with us as we turn compassion into action.

— *Anisa Aden, President*

## 2. Our Mission & Vision

**Mission:**

To empower families and communities through integrity, lifelong learning, access to opportunity, and resilience.

**Vision:**

A world where all communities thrive with dignity, knowledge, and resilience.

### **3. 2025: Year in Review**

This year, we expanded our global and local reach while deepening partnerships and refining our programs. From rural villages to urban communities, our work touched hearts and lives.

- **Total Individuals Aided (2025): 2,804**
- **Total Donations Raised via Zeffy: \$2,637.00**
- **Board Contributions & Other Private Donations: \$150.00**
- **Events Participated In or Hosted: 11+ major initiatives**
- **Countries Reached: Somalia, Kenya, Nigeria, United States**

## 4. Essentials First Program (Global Relief)

Our Essentials First Program provided vital support across three continents.

### Somalia

- **Ramadan Food Aid:**
  - **129 families | 624 individuals** fed
- **February Medication Distribution:**
  - **125 individuals** treated for schistosomiasis
  - Recipients ranged from children (age 3) to elders in their 70s

### Kenya

- **Ramadan Food Distribution (Kakuma 1 & 2):**
  - **74 families | 569 individuals** supported

### Nigeria (Ibadan)

- **Ramadan Food Distribution:**
  - **36 families | 186 individuals** supported

## 5. Community Engagement (Domestic Impact)

### Domestic Program Highlights – 2025

- **PILLAR Pathways Program:** 30 youth participants (ages 6–19) received monthly empowerment sessions with guest speakers, including nursing students and fraternity members who led discussions on peer pressure, resilience, and more.
- **Back-to-School Drive:** 100 children received backpacks filled with snacks and supplies. Henna was offered for free to young girls, making the event both supportive and celebratory.
- **U.N.T.A.M.E.D Partnership:** A total of **1,000 families** were fed over 20 weeks. PILLAR directly contributed to feeding **200–250 families**, with a strong emphasis on Somali cuisine during African diaspora engagement night.
- **SPARK Walk Event:** 90 families stopped by our booth. They received treats, played games, and participated in our “I Am PILLAR Because...” interactive board, learning more about our mission and impact.
- **Justice & Mental Health** On May 22, 2025, tragedy struck our community when Janidi Ibrahim was killed by OPD Officer Ronk. PILLAR INC’s President mobilized support and advocacy, bringing together key figures such as Senator Terrell McKinney, Senator Ashlei Spivey, NAACP President, and Omaha’s first Black Mayor, John Ewing. This heartbreaking event continues to fuel ongoing mental health discussions and trauma-informed care advocacy. Our role goes beyond aid; we stand present when our communities are hurting.

**TOTAL IMPACT: 12,523 Individuals Served (2019–2025)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Region/Event</b>	<b>Individuals Served</b>
2019–2024	<i>Cumulative Total (as of 2024)</i>	9,800
2025	<b>Somalia (Ramadan)</b>	624
2025	<b>Somalia (Medication Distribution)</b>	125
2025	<b>Kenya (Ramadan)</b>	569
2025	<b>Nigeria - I(Ramadan)</b>	186
2025	<b>U.N.T.A.M.E.D Partnership</b>	1,000 families
	<i>– of which PILLAR directly fed</i>	250 families*
2025	<b>SPARK Walk Outreach</b>	90
2025	<b>Back-to-School Drive (Kids)</b>	100
2025	<b>PILLAR Pathway Youth Attendees</b>	18
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>12,523</b>

*\*Estimates based on an average of 5 individuals per family.*

## SPARK Walk Event (October 25, 2025)

- Reached **~90 families**
- Shared resources, played games, handed out treats
- Created a community board: *"I AM PILLAR because..."*
- Strengthened public awareness of our mission

## 6. Educational Empowerment & Youth Outreach

### PILLAR Pathways to Empowerment (Ongoing)

PILLAR Pathway to Empowerment Program In 2025, our PILLAR Pathway program hosted 30 youth between the ages of 6 to 19. These sessions provided peer pressure awareness, personal development, and community education, led by inspiring facilitators from local fraternities and health professionals

- Hosted multiple local events in outdoor environment
- Last event featured a **nursing student + fraternity member** who spoke to youth about:
  - Peer pressure
  - Leadership
  - Decision-making
- Safe space created for youth discussions & Q&A

## 7. Financial Overview (January–December 2025)

<b>Income Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Zeffy Donations	\$2,637.00
Board & Private Contributions	\$150.00
<b>Total Raised in 2025</b>	<b>\$2,787.00</b>

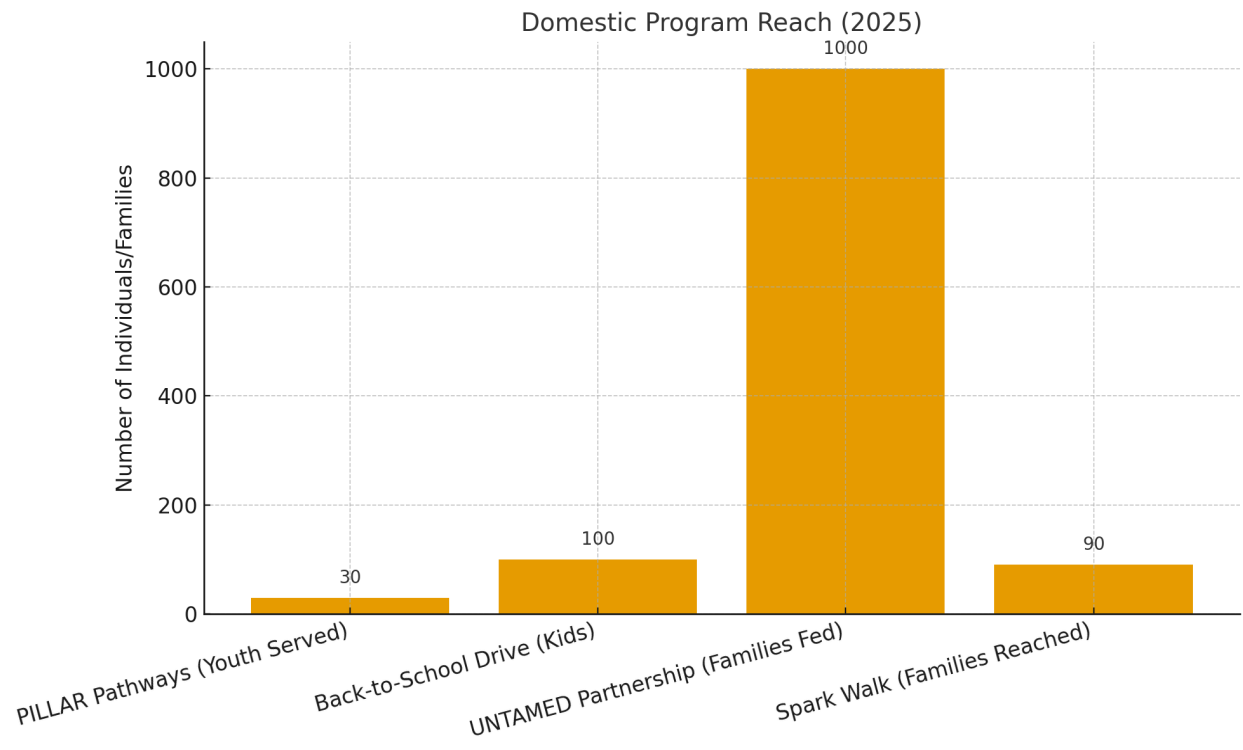
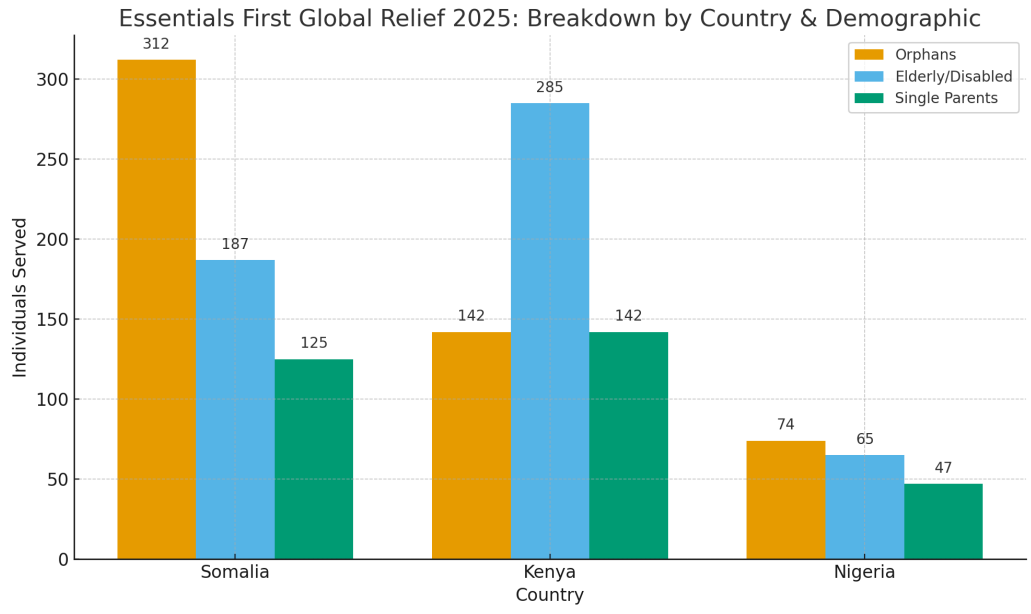
Note: Majority of the Zeffy donations supported the 2025 Ramadan Food Relief across Somalia, Kenya, and Nigeria.

## **Grant Applications & Funding Efforts (2025)**

In alignment with our mission to expand impact and sustainability, PILLAR Inc. strategically applied for two grants in 2025 that aligned well with our community-based initiatives and organizational goals. These grants totaled \$26,500 in requested funding.

Despite the thorough proposals submitted and follow-ups made, we did not receive a response from either funder and have taken it as a sign to refocus on grassroots fundraising, community contributions, and in-kind support. This experience underscores the importance of continuing to diversify our income sources from individual donors to local partnerships while still pursuing funding opportunities that reflect our vision and values.

While the grant cycle did not yield funding this year, it strengthened our application process, helped us clarify our programming outcomes, and prepared us for future opportunities.



## 8. Looking Ahead

We enter 2026 with a bold vision and continued drive to expand our Essentials First program, deepen youth empowerment initiatives, and grow strategic partnerships—domestically and globally.

Key 2026 Priorities:

- Strengthen mental health workshops under PILLAR Pathways
- Enhance educational support for underserved students
- Increase global food relief beyond Ramadan
- Continue building trust in the Omaha community and beyond

## 9. Thank You

To every donor, volunteer, partner, and supporter, thank **you**.

Your generosity made it possible for PILLAR INC to serve over **2,800 individuals** in 2025 alone. Every meal, every backpack, every conversation we did it *together*.

We move forward with grateful hearts and determined hands.

With gratitude,

**The PILLAR INC Team**