



# 2024 Annual Report



# EMPOWER STRENGTHEN BUILD

In 2024, the EPICENTER served over 13,000 neighbors in need, creating opportunities for connection, growth, and hope across our communities. This year wasn't just about meeting needs—it was about transforming lives.

From moments of triumph to stories of resilience, what we achieved together will inspire and challenge you. Dive in to discover the impact we've made and the vision we're building for the future!





## YOUTH

In 2024, The EPICENTER's youth programs made a powerful impact, serving **131** unique kids in Before/After School programs across Aberdeen and Edgewood, with ABR welcoming Pre-K students for the first time. **158** kids enjoyed Camp EPIC, filled with enriching activities and field trips, while events like two Macy's Shopping Sprees serving **79** kids and the Holiday Shops (**450** kids) brought joy and support to families. Through these programs, we're building brighter futures and stronger communities!

## TABITHA'S HOUSE

Tabitha's House achieved tremendous growth and success, solidifying its role as a cornerstone of community support. Our thrift stores provided **6,672 items of clothing**, valued at **\$89,171**, to neighbors in need for FREE, while the Edgewood store surpassed expectations with a **66% increase in sales** and outgrowing its space. The inaugural *Purses with Purpose* event raised over **\$50,000**, inspiring donors and guests with its impact. With total revenue reaching an **18% increase from last year**, Tabitha's House continues to make a lasting difference and is poised for even greater expansion ahead!





## RECOVERY

The EPICENTER's recovery programs supported **2,416 individuals** last year through AA, NA, and Celebrate Recovery, offering hope, community, and a path to healing. Each story of resilience highlights the power of connection and the impact of walking alongside those in recovery. Together, we're building brighter futures!

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

Our food pantries and giveaways resulted in more than **107,000 pounds of food** being distributed to neighbors facing food insecurity. During our Project Connect event, **61 nonprofits** provided resources to over **450 community members**, resulting in **57 free haircuts**, **22 expunged records**, **104 eye exams**, and **128** connected to housing resources.





## LIFE SKILLS


**1,091 neighbors received support** through our case management services. Countless more visited us during Community Cafe hours to use free wifi, enjoy hot coffee, and have a quiet space to work or rest.

## PARKVILLE

We are thrilled to announce that the EPICENTER at Parkville is on track to open in April 2026! This incredible milestone reflects years of prayer, planning, and partnership. We now own the building and have completed all permitting and design work in collaboration with our civil engineer and architects. As we prepare to break ground, demolition and construction are set to begin in the spring of 2025.

Our number one goal with this new location is to reach more people, extend hope to the hopeless, and make a lasting impact in the Parkville community. While the building is under construction, we'll launch outreach efforts in the spring of 2025 to connect with our neighbors, build relationships, and establish trust. We couldn't be more ready to see lives transformed through this expansion!





A mother who suffers from anxiety brought her eight-year-old son to our Macy's shopping event. Although nervous, mom took her medication that morning and decided to brave it. Later that day, she called her mother crying. She told her that the people at the event were so kind and welcoming, that the event was so well organized, and that both she and her son had a wonderful time. He loved his new clothing and shoes. She realized on the way home that she had NEVER been shopping with her son in his entire little life and that he had never had brand new clothing. It gave her hope that maybe she could give him a normal life after all.



# RISE TOGETHER STRONG

## THE EPICENTER'S FIVE YEAR VISION

As we reflect on the incredible milestones and stories of transformation in 2024, we are filled with gratitude for the donors, staff, volunteers, and community members who made it all possible. Your unwavering support, generosity, and commitment to our mission have been the driving force behind every life touched, every need met, and every dream sparked this year.

Together, we've shown what's possible when a community comes together with purpose and passion. Thank you for being an essential part of this journey. Let's continue to rise together and make an even greater impact in the years to come!

**- Darrell McDavid, Executive Director**