

# ANNUAL IMPACT



# REPORT



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# HOPE BY THE NUMBERS

In 2025, we celebrated our **22nd year of ministry**. Our volunteers and staff hosted a variety of classes and events at **23 adult and juvenile correctional facilities** and **9 churches** across Georgia, Tennessee, and Mississippi.

**Hebrews 13:3 “Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoner....”**

<b>5,709</b>	Hours spent inside prisons by our volunteers and staff	<b>9,964</b>	Pastoral interactions between incarcerated juveniles and Chaplain John Richardson
<b>1,431</b>	<b>1,431 children</b> received a Little Readers Packet and <b>677</b> adults participated	<b>561</b>	Trauma Counseling sessions provided by HeartBound staff, <b>189 more sessions</b> than last year
<b>27,146</b>	Men, women, and youth attended a HeartBound program, a <b>17.5% increase</b> from 2024	<b>1,431</b>	<b>1,431 visits</b> made to prisons by HeartBound staff members and volunteers, a <b>22% increase</b> over last year



“HeartBound Ministries can do things that government just can’t always do. The **personal touch makes a difference**. To make people see that there is **hope beyond the time that they are incarcerated** is vitally important for that individual, for their family, and literally **for our community and nation as a whole.**”

- Former Governor Nathan Deal



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# THE YEAR IN REVIEW

“HeartBound Ministries has changed no telling how many **peoples’ lives**, prevented no telling how many people from **becoming victims of violent crimes**.”

- Mississippi Dept. of Corrections Commissioner Burl Cain

We couldn’t have said it better! Our volunteers, chaplains, and staff helped to break generational cycles of crime and incarceration by providing **purposeful programming**



to the prison community so that incarcerated people return to their families and communities as **transformed individuals**.

Our programs include: guitar, art, horticulture, financial literacy, Little Readers, mentoring, parenting, seminary education, leadership, beekeeping, cooking, quilting, choir, Pickleball, aquaponics, book club, and we provided **561 hours** of free trauma counseling sessions!

## Spring Highlight

HeartBound hosted its **twelfth** annual Returning Hearts Celebration at Walker State Prison and our **second** RHC at Burruss Correctional Training Center. **49 men, 97 children and families, and 95 volunteers participated.**

## Autumn Highlight

We launched a new program at the Atlanta Transitional Center (ATC) - **Tuesdays Together**. Once a month, volunteers and men gather for dinner, live music, games, and a Christ-centered talk followed by small group discussions. Across 9 meetings, **424 ATC residents and 128 volunteers participated**.

## Summer Highlight

HeartBound travelled to New York City to receive a **\$50,000 grant** from the **Mutual of America Foundation**. We also hosted our second-ever Hard Time Honey pop-up shop, this time in Nashville, TN.

## Winter Highlight

Jamie MacDonald and the Pulaski State Prison Women’s Choir headlined our Songs in the Night program. **Thanks to our incredible donors we raised over \$240,000** to support Christ-centered programming!



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## FINANCES

Income	2025	2024
Indiv./bus. contributions	\$325,302	\$268,483
Gifts-in-kind	\$21,584	\$17,487
Foundation/trust grants	\$224,382	\$144,037
Special Events	\$316,405	\$131,713
Earned Income	\$7,002	\$9,466
Total Income	\$894,675	\$571,186

## EXPENSE TOTALS

**81%**

Programming

**12%**

Administration

**7%**

Fundraising

“Through nurturing nature, we’re learning valuable skills that can lead to **future employment** and **self-sufficiency**. By finding **solace** and **purpose** in the act of gardening, we’ve managed to foster personal growth, a sense of community, and teamwork. This class is **more than just an educational opportunity; it’s a transformative experience of care and responsibility**, both for the plants we cultivate and ourselves.” - Mike, Plants in Prison student



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# WE'D LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR DONORS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT

## YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE

In 2025, 430 people, businesses, and foundations donated to HeartBound Ministries. We'd like to thank the following foundations and businesses for their support.

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Suzanna Reese  
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The Church of The Apostles  
The Faith Class of Chamblee First UMC  
Tom Morgan  
Rhonda Morgan  
Trinity Anglican Church  
Tyler Harper  
Maddie Harper

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# 2025 IN PHOTOS



# A CLOSING NOTE

Friends, we have some big, joy-filled updates to share after a remarkable year of change in 2025.

At Songs in the Night, we set a **new fundraising record, raising over \$240,000**. At our Returning Hearts Celebrations, we helped **97 children and family members** reunite with their incarcerated loved one - providing a space for **healing and reconciliation**. Over the course of the year, we received over **\$890,000** in donations from 430 donors just like you.

We launched new programs - **Tuesdays Together** and a **Drama/Comedy Class** at the Atlanta Transitional Center, while **continuing our vast array of existing programs** - painting, guitar, financial literacy, Little Readers, Bible study, men's group, horticulture, beekeeping, quilting, trauma counseling, seminary classes, and Malachi Dads. We were able to rejoice alongside friends and family of our latest **graduates** from **HeartBound's seminary program** at Whitworth Women's Facility.

We witnessed the countless ways that God is at work in our ministry - from one of our seminary graduates **bringing her boss to Songs in the Night**, to one of Chaplain John's former mentees **returning to his former prison** to share a **message of hope** with those still incarcerated. We helped recently released men and women **find housing and employment**, drastically lowering their odds of returning to prison. We rolled up our sleeves while **planting flowers, fruits, and vegetables** inside prison gardens built by HeartBound, providing fresh produce to incarcerated students, beautifying formerly bland spaces, and sharing hope. We even **planted a Japanese Maple** in one prison - an enduring reminder that **hope and beauty can grow in the darkest of places**.

**Perhaps most joyfully, our mission came full circle when we witnessed three of our former program participants - each previously incarcerated - serve as HeartBound-funded instructors: Fred in art, Eric in guitar, and Joe in beekeeping.**

So much good, so much God. Thanks to each of you for giving, showing up, and praying. We are immensely grateful.

We have so many people to thank - our board members, volunteers, staff, and ministry partners. Thank you, thank you, thank you! In 2026, we will continue to love others unconditionally as we **remember those in prison and speak truth to those in need of God's hope**. Thank you for being a part of our story... **HIS story**.

With gratitude,



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# WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR IN 2026



**FEBRUARY 4, 2026, 7:00 PM** - Art From the Inside Special Exhibit honoring Fred Eason opens at Luca Fine Art Gallery (1055 Howell Mill Road)

**MARCH 28, 2026** - Returning Hearts Celebration, Burruss Correctional Training Center (Forsyth, GA)

**APRIL 18, 2026** - Returning Hearts Celebration, Walker State Prison (Rock Spring, GA)

**JULY 2026** - Paint for a Purpose with Fred Eason, location and date to be announced

**OCTOBER 2026** - Penitentiary Pursuit trivia night, location and date to be announced

**NOVEMBER 2026** - Songs in the Night, date to be announced

**DECEMBER 2026** - Christmas bag distribution, Walker State Prison (Rock Spring, GA), date to be announced

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