

*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*

—Colossians 3:12 NIV

## 77 FAMILIES SERVED

18  
FAMILIES  
IMPACTED  
By 6 named  
disasters

59  
FAMILIES  
IMPACTED  
By 62 unnamed,  
general disasters

### SURVIVOR IMPACT

75  
FAMILIES  
RECEIVED  
EMOTIONAL  
& SPIRITUAL  
CARE

286+  
CALL CENTER  
SUPPORT  
CALLS

47  
FAMILIES  
RECEIVED  
SHEPHERD OR  
FOLLOW-UP  
SUPPORT

### VOLUNTEER IMPACT

1600+  
VOLUNTEER  
HOURS  
SERVED  
(\$31.80 PER HOUR  
- Independent Sector)

152  
IN TRAINING  
ATTENDANCE

Dear Friend,

January 2025

As we begin this new year, I want to encourage and inspire you with a poignant story that demonstrates how much your kindness, compassion, and generosity matters to the people we serve.

Last year, God used our staff, volunteers, network of churches — and friends like you — to meet tremendous physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of people in crisis across our region and beyond.

**I am eagerly looking forward to seeing all God will do this year as we are faithful to heed the call to care for our neighbors, like Tawnya.**

We first met Tawnya and her four-year old son, Cole, after the 2024 Bastrop Wildfire destroyed her car and the wheelchair-accessible RV they were living in.

But as often happens when our teams minister to survivors, we discovered that **Tawnya was dealing with other trauma as well.**

About a year before the fire, 17 gunshots ripped through Tawnya's former home. Thankfully, her boyfriend and son were not wounded, but a bullet struck Tawnya in the leg, shattering the bone. She was six-months pregnant at the time. After surgery to repair her leg, she was informed that she had lost the baby.

**Your partnership not only helps ADRN stay prepared to provide for urgent practical needs, but also, helps us train our dedicated volunteers to offer survivors the ongoing emotional and spiritual care that is so crucial.**

As we spent time with Tawnya and learned more about her difficult childhood, we began to understand why she was so surprised by the generous outpouring of aid she received.

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Tawnya has experienced a tremendous amount of pain and sadness in her life, but since the fire, she has been overwhelmed by the kindness and compassion she's been shown.

We were able to provide Tawnya with grocery store gift cards for food, and a Hope Family Thrift Store Voucher so she could pick out some clothes and shoes for herself and Cole.

Our trained Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) volunteers have prayed with her as they helped her find housing and a connection to a local church, and we presented her with a new Bible as well.

**It moved my heart as Tawnya recalled, "Growing up, people weren't so kind."** Now, thanks to friends like you, Tawnya is beginning to open her heart to believe that others can truly care for her and help when all seems lost.

Scripture assures us that our God is "*able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us...*" (Ephesians 3:20 NIV).

Tawnya is one of thousands of people whose lives have been impacted by your commitment to share the HOPE of JESUS with others in crisis. Many more will need your kind of kindness and compassion this year.

**I hope you will take this opportunity to let us know that you are continuing to stand with us to help families in crisis in 2025.**

Thank you for your prayers and the support you give that changes the lives of people like Tawnya and provides new beginnings!

With heartfelt gratitude,



Rev. Dr. Dwight Bailey, Jr.  
ADRN Executive Director



IN 2024

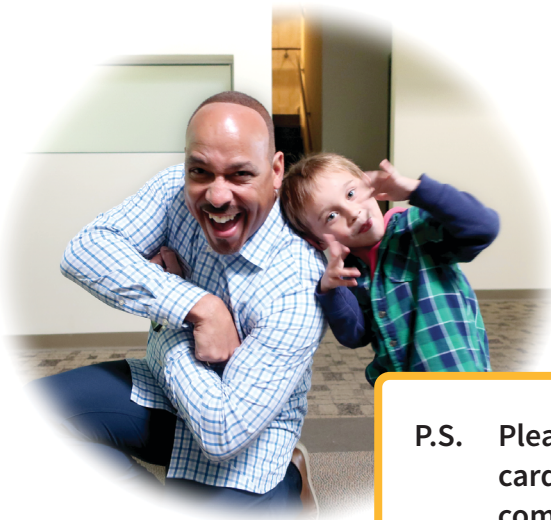
**\$15,200**  
IN HOPE FAMILY  
THRIFT STORE  
VOUCHERS GIVEN  
(AVERAGE \$200 PER FAMILY)

**72**  
BIBLES  
GIVEN

**365**  
HYGIENE KITS  
GIVEN

**985**  
CLEANUP  
BUCKETS  
DISTRIBUTED

**94**  
SURVIVOR  
CARE KITS  
GIVEN  
(AVERAGE \$83)



**P.S.** Please use the enclosed reply card to let us know that you are committed to helping families in crisis this year!

