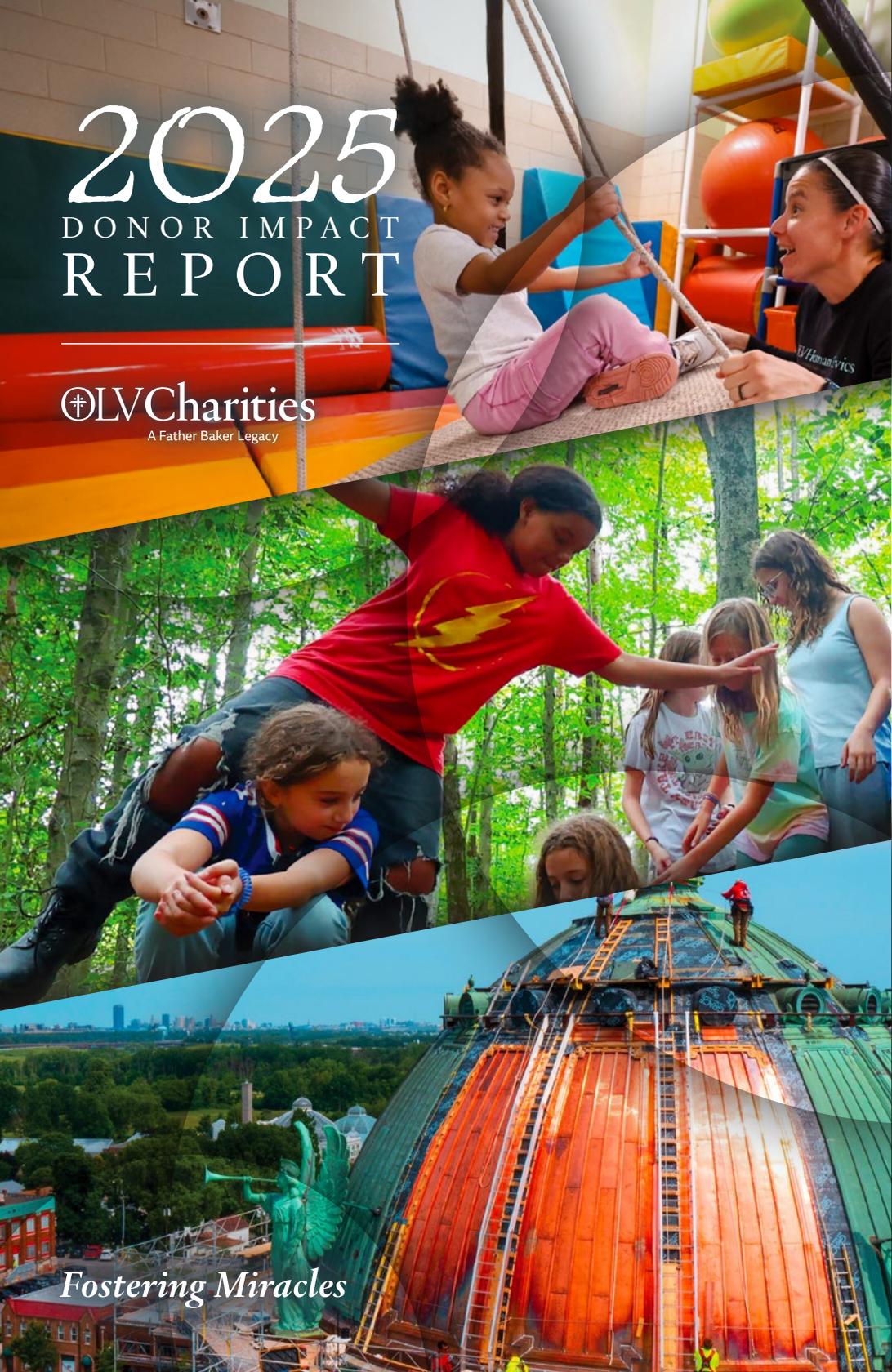


# 2025

DONOR IMPACT  
REPORT

⊕ LVCharities  
A Father Baker Legacy



*Fostering Miracles*



*Dear friends,*

As we look back on 2025, I offer my deepest thanks to you—our donors—whose generosity and faith have carried OLV Charities through an extraordinary year. Throughout the last 12 months, I have continually been reminded of a simple, but powerful, truth: when we place our trust in God, remarkable things happen.

Our founder, Father Nelson Baker, understood this well. He was unwavering in his faith and placed absolute trust in the Blessed Mother, believing that through her intercession, God would provide what was needed to serve the poor, educate the young, and build places of hope and healing. Time and again, Father Baker moved forward not because all the answers were clear, but because his faith was strong. That same spirit guides us today.

As we advanced our Centennial Celebration and Campaign this year, I have been astounded by the outpouring of support from so many who believe in this mission. Because of you, the Basilica is being restored and preserved as a sacred place of prayer for generations to come. The children and families of OLV Human Services are being served in new and expanded ways, rooted in dignity, compassion, and love. And through the Catholic Parenting Initiative, Camp Turner, and our other ministries, we are witnessing a renewed hunger for faith among young people.

Your generosity is an act of faith. By giving, you trust that God will use your gifts to do His work through OLV Charities. Thank you for believing, trusting, and walking with us. Because of you, Father Baker's legacy lives on ... and our future is filled with hope!

Sincerely, 

David J. Kersten  
CEO, OLV Charities



**Camp Turner** welcomed a record 530 campers for a joyful, faith-filled summer. The 2025 season featured several donor-supported initiatives, including sponsorships of inner-city students from **NativityMiguel Middle School** and four international counselors who enriched the camp experience.

OLV Charities' newest ministry, the **St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center** provides material, emotional, and spiritual support during and after pregnancy to needy mothers and fathers. In 2025, its team assisted 994 families, positively impacting the lives of more than 1,100 children.



The goal of the **Catholic Parenting Initiative**

is to help parents pass their Catholic faith and values onto their children and grandchildren. Among its many successes were its first Family Day that drew more than 400 attendees and its "Drawing God" campaign that engaged 800 students from 20+ diocesan schools.





OLV Human Services launched Phase One of its **Victory Learning Center expansion**, marking a step forward in meeting the growing needs of children and families. Five new classrooms opened, creating space for 30 additional students with autism, intellectual disabilities, and mental health

challenges. For families who had been navigating long waitlists and limited options for specialized education and care, this expansion brought meaningful relief.

In 2025, the **Evaluation & Treatment Center** completed 1,196 multi-disciplinary evaluations for children suspected of having autism or other developmental disabilities. These timely assessments reduced lengthy wait times and helped connect families more quickly to critical therapies, support services, and individualized treatment plans.



## SUPPORTING A PLACE OF PRAYER, WORSHIP, & BEAUTY



Restoration at the Basilica continued on two major fronts. Interior plaster and paint work is stabilizing ceilings, restoring ornamentation, and reviving original colors throughout most of the Shrine. At the same time, dome restoration is replacing century-old copper with durable new sheeting, preserving its iconic silhouette and safeguarding its beauty for generations to come.

The Basilica's **Centennial Celebration**, launched in 2021, entered its final full year in 2025 with concerts, special programming, and community events. Highlights included the June 8 dedication of the beautiful **Father Baker Shrine** located at the humble priest's tomb, painting events inviting artists to capture the beauty of the Basilica, and the **100th anniversary of the first Mass** celebrated on Christmas Day, 1925.



BECAUSE OF  
*you...*



**1.84 million**

individuals throughout Western New York and Southern Ontario watched OLV's Weekly Masses on WGRZ-TV in 2025, a 25% increase over 2024.



**37,241**

donors from all over the world supported Father Baker's ministries through OLV Charities.



**10,000-12,000**

children, teens and adults were served through the programs at OLV Human Services.



**530**

young people experienced a summer of faith and fun at Camp Turner.



The OLVHS Evaluation & Treatment Center provided **1,196** assessments for young children suspected of having a developmental disability, including autism spectrum disorder.



The St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center assisted **994** families, impacting the lives of more than **1,100** children!



WNYers said more than **115,000** prayers on the Hallow app in 2025 thanks to parish partnerships through the Catholic Parenting Initiative.



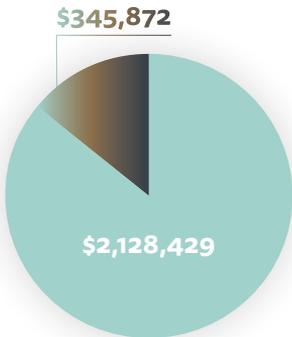
More than **280,000** visitors entered through the doors of OLV National Shrine & Basilica for Masses, tours, concerts and family events.



OLV Charities provides much-needed financial and in-kind support (critical business operations such as information technology, facilities, and finance) to OLV Human Services and OLV National Shrine & Basilica. It also encourages devotion to Our Lady of Victory and supports Father Baker's Cause for Canonization.

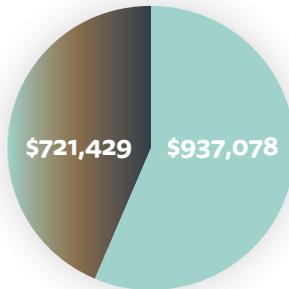
 **Funding Support**

 **In-Kind Support**



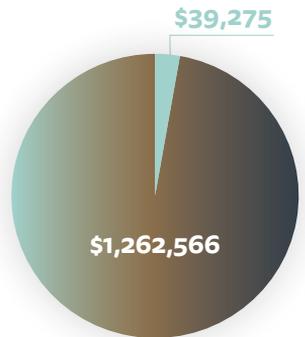
*OLV Human Services*

**TOTAL SUPPORT**  
**\$2,474,301\***



*OLV National Shrine & Basilica*

**TOTAL SUPPORT**  
**\$1,658,507\***



*Religious Devotion & Education*

**TOTAL SUPPORT**  
**\$1,301,841\***

*Grand Total: \$5,434,649*

\*These figures are based on interim financials available at the time of donor impact report compilation.

*Each year,*

thousands of children, teens, adults, seniors, and families come to our campus for help and guidance. Our life-saving programs for those dealing with mental, physical, and behavioral difficulties provide healing and hope. And our wondrous Basilica offers spiritual sanctuary, quiet comfort, and inspiration to visitors.

*Without you, none of it is possible.*

---



TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES  
AND LEARN MORE ABOUT  
VENERABLE NELSON BAKER'S  
LEGACY, SCAN THE CODE WITH  
YOUR SMARTPHONE OR GO TO  
**OLVCharities.org**

 **OLVCharities**

A Father Baker Legacy

---

780 Ridge Road | Lackawanna, NY 14218