

Year in Review 2025

FIRST COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

SERVING
First Community Church, Our Community, and Our Neighbors Here & Afar

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

Did you know First Community Foundation turns 65 this year? For 65 years, our mission has remained the same — to support First Community Church and other charitable organizations as we strive to reflect God's unconditional love for all people.

In keeping with that mission, in 2025 the Foundation provided more than $1.2 million in financial support to First Community Church and other nonprofit organizations. This impact is possible because of donors like you who invest generously in the Foundation's mission year after year. Thank you for your partnership.

The Foundation Board of Trustees takes seriously our responsibility to steward your gifts wisely and to grow the Foundation's outreach, impact, and support well into the future. We are grateful for all you make possible, and we look forward to another year of compassionate giving throughout 2026. As you plan your giving this year, we invite you to continue partnering with us as we support the church and our nonprofit community.

With gratitude,
Rev. Seth Stearns *Director, First Community Foundation*



2025 Partnerships



HEART TO HEART

Food insecurity is everywhere, including right here in our own community. Thanks to the Foundation's assistance, we perform a pivotal role in the ongoing fight against hunger.

— Yohan Kim, Heart to Heart Food Pantry Manager



MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO

The Foundation's support is instrumental in enabling our youth and families to help other youth and families achieve their dreams. That is compassion in action.

— Rev. Sarah Kientz, Minister to Youth & Camp Akita at First Community



THE HOPE RESOURCE CENTER

First Community Foundation brings the spirit and true meaning of community to life for all of our visitors seeking help. Its support is vital in helping us provide immediate access to drug and mental health treatment.

— Scott Sanders, Executive Director of the Hope Resource Center



DOMINICA SCHOOL & ORPHANAGE

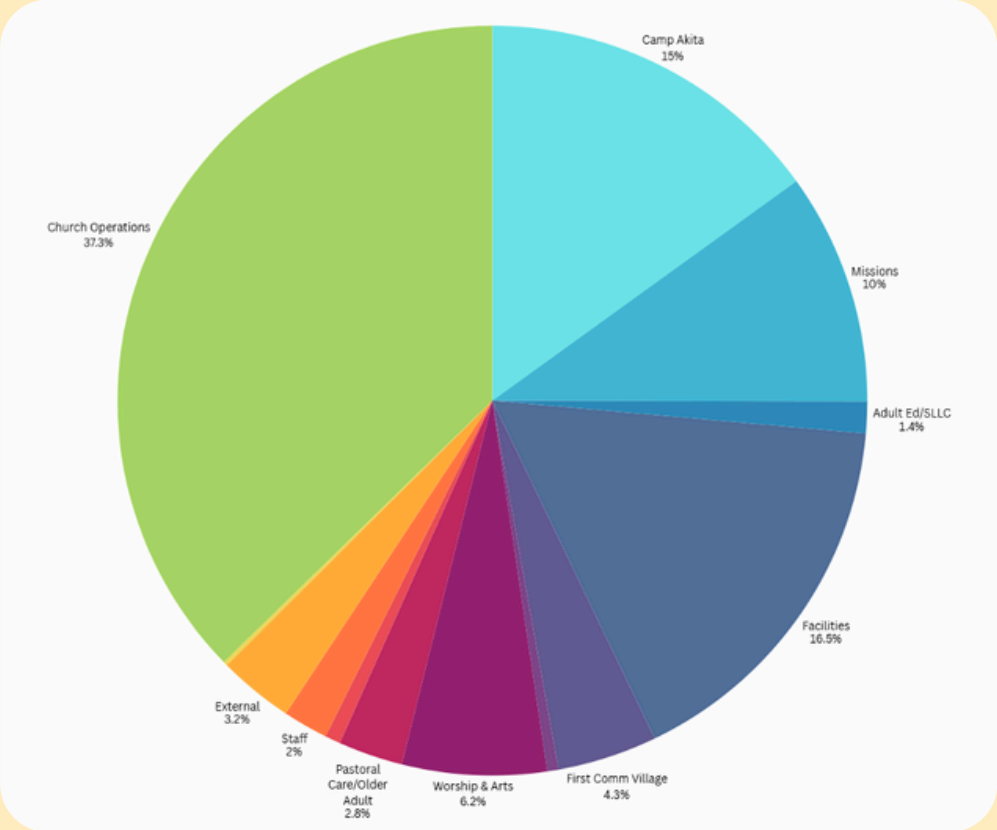
Without the Foundation's support, we wouldn't be where we are today. Simply put, the Foundation enables us to provide life changing opportunities for our young people who need it most.

– Dominica Rosario, Founder & Director of Dominica School & Orphanage

2025 Highlights

- Over $1.2 million in grants awarded
- Contributed $45,000 to Heart to Heart Food Pantry
- Awarded $26,000 in Camp Akita scholarships
- Contributed $36,000 to help residents remain at First Community Village
- Awarded $13,000 for Dominica School and Orphanage post-grad scholarships
- Foundation funds generated 11% in market returns
- Foundation funds exceeded $11 million, increasing our capacity to award grants
- Grants made to more than 35 missions and organizations

Distribution of Grants



Burkhart Legacy Circle



First Community Foundation is pleased to announce the Burkhart Legacy Circle, a recognition program celebrating the faithful generosity of our donors.

Every gift to the Foundation tells a story — of faith, of commitment, of hope for what this community can become together. The Burkhart Legacy Circle is our way of honoring those stories.

With permission, donors will be recognized throughout the year at one of three annual giving levels:

- **Friends of the Foundation** — up to $999
- **Rose Level** — $1,000–$9,999
- **Leadership Level** — $10,000 and above

A fourth designation — the **Legacy Level** — honors those who have made the Foundation part of their estate planning, ensuring that their generosity will have impact for generations to come.

More information about the Burkhart Legacy Circle is coming soon.

To learn more about the work of First Community Foundation or to make a gift, scan the QR code.

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