

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

NOURISH. EDUCATE. TRANSFORM.



GROW WITH US:
CONNECT. INVEST. INSPIRE.

DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS,

When AfriThrive began in 2019 with parking lot distributions and a community that refused to let its neighbors go hungry, none of us knew exactly what we were building. We just knew why. Six years later, the why has not changed. **Immigrant and underserved families deserve more than emergency relief.** They deserve **systems** that see them, **food** that reflects who they are, and a **community** that invests in their long-term thriving.

That is what this report documents.

In **2025**, we reached **49,500 individuals** across three Maryland counties. We distributed **350,000 pounds of nutritious, culturally appropriate food**. We launched the **Taste of Africa** showcase, expanded our team to **nine full-time professionals**, and added a new **refrigerated truck and trailer** to our growing fleet. Maryland Governor Wes Moore recognized our work as a model for equitable food systems statewide.

But the number that stays with me is not on the impact page. It is the family who told us that for the first time in years, they cooked a meal that tasted like home. That is the work. That is why we keep building.

We closed 2025 with a net surplus of **\$268,035**, a healthy reserve that positions us to expand our reach, deepen our programs, and pursue the permanent infrastructure this community deserves. None of it is possible without your partnership.

Thank you for believing that food is more than sustenance. It is **dignity**. It is **culture**. It is **medicine**. It is **belonging**.

With gratitude,
Truphena Choti, PhD
CEO / Founder



OUR MISSION

AfriThrive's mission is to build vibrant and thriving immigrant and underserved families through access to nutritious, culturally meaningful food, skills development, and economic opportunity.

Core Values



Nourish



Educate



Transform



AfriThrive community farm event.

2025 IMPACT AT A GLANCE

2025 Annual Numbers

350,000

Pounds of food distributed in 2025

13,135

Families served

49,500

Individuals reached

5,376

Volunteer hours contributed

48

Active volunteers

9

Full-time staff members

3

Counties served:
Montgomery, Prince George's, and Baltimore

Cumulative Impact

2.5M+

Pounds of food distributed

13,135+

Families served

49,500+

Individuals reached

2025 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Acquisition of a new refrigeration truck** and trailer, expanding cold chain capacity and dignified food delivery infrastructure
- **Expansion of full-time staff**, growing the team to nine dedicated professionals
- **Successful launch** of the inaugural Taste of Africa showcase, AfriThrive's premier fundraising and community celebration event
- **Recognition by Maryland Governor Wes Moore**, affirming AfriThrive's leadership in building equitable food systems
- **Grow With Us Earth Day campaign** featured on DC News, amplifying the mission to a broader regional audience



FROM SURVIVAL TO BELONGING

When Irene and Thomas Mambro arrived from Kenya in 2022 with two young children, they were not prepared for the particular kind of hunger that followed. It was not just the food shortage. It was also the absence of **familiar food**.

"I went to bed hungry some days," Irene remembers. "Most times I ate just to stay alive."

Everything shifted in 2023 when a relative introduced her to AfriThrive. "For me, this was a breakthrough. Here was my village's food. Suddenly, I had access to **managu, okra, pumpkin leaves, collards**, and even **maize** and **millet flour**. I felt at **home** again."

Through AfriThrive's programming, Irene regained ingredients as well as her sense of **belonging**.

Today, the Mambros grow their own vegetables, attend community workshops, and serve as Balози Ambassadors, helping other immigrant families find the same **hope** they once needed.

"AfriThrive gave us more than food. They gave us **community** and **belonging**. I am not just feeding my family anymore. I am helping others find **hope**, just like I did."

*Irene Mambro,
AfriThrive Community Member & Balози Ambassador*



OUR PROGRAMS I

Healthy Food Access Initiative

Who We Serve

Low-income households, immigrant families, refugees, seniors, families with children, and individuals experiencing food insecurity.

Key Activities

Mobile food pantry operations where we distribute food throughout Montgomery, Prince George's, and Baltimore counties.

2025 Numbers

13,135 families and 49,500 individuals served.

Outcomes

Improved participant satisfaction and food utilization, and reduction in food waste.



OUR PROGRAMS II

Poolesville Cultural Farm & Community Growing Program

Who We Serve

Poolesville and broader Montgomery County communities, with harvested produce also distributed to Baltimore and Prince George's counties.

Key Activities

Regenerative food production, hands-on agricultural training and education, cultural preservation through heritage crops, community integration, and volunteer and youth engagement.

Outcomes

Families reconnect with ancestral food traditions while gaining agricultural skills and contributing to a regionally resilient food system.



OUR PROGRAMS III

Food as Medicine

Who We Serve

Immigrant and underserved families, low-income households, adults and caregivers, seniors, and individuals managing or at risk for diet-related chronic conditions including diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease.

Key Activities

Nutritious food access, nutrition education, hands-on cooking demonstrations, and culturally responsive curriculum delivered through the Beyond Medication: Food as Medicine webinar series.

Outcomes

Participants report improved dietary behaviors, increased confidence in healthy meal preparation, and greater understanding of food-related chronic disease management.



OUR PROGRAMS IV

Community Engagement

Who We Serve

Immigrant and underserved communities in Montgomery, Prince George's, and Baltimore counties, including teens and young adults seeking skills development, community connection, and pathways to leadership.

Key Activities

Team-based mentorship, life skills development, and youth engagement that builds cultural pride, discipline, and community belonging.

Outcomes

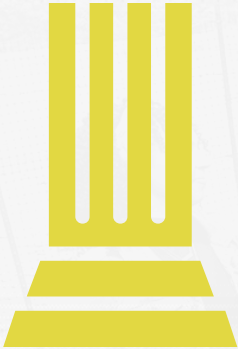
Community members develop teamwork, confidence, and a sense of identity rooted in their heritage, while building connections that extend into academics, leadership, and civic engagement.



FOUR PILLARS OF OUR WORK

Culturally Rooted Agriculture

Growing heritage crops that honor community traditions and dietary practices



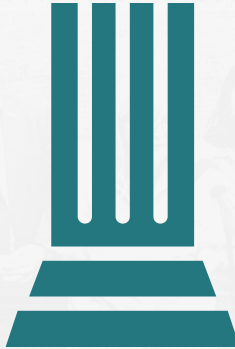
Food Access

Dignified access to culturally meaningful and health-supporting nutrition



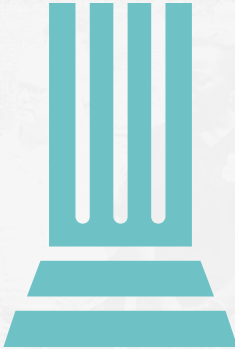
Community Leadership Development

Building community leaders who shape equitable food systems from within



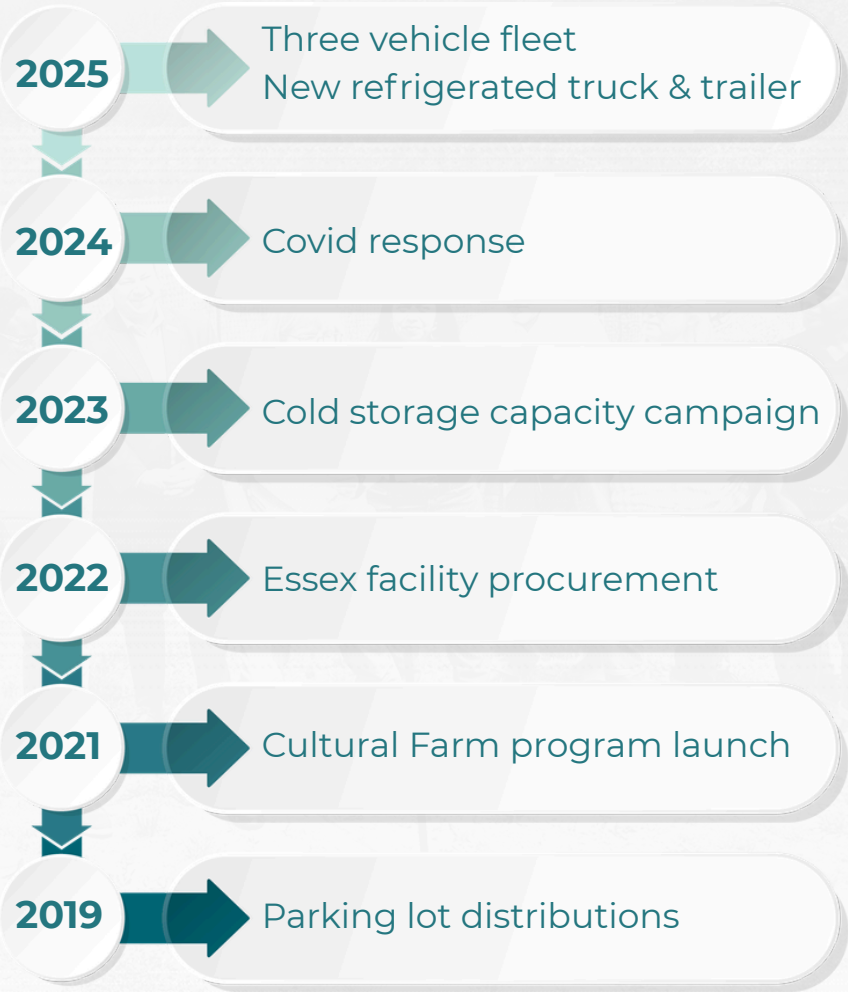
Health and Wellness

Food as Medicine training and wellness events



BUILDING PERMANENT SYSTEMS

AfriThrive is growing from temporary relief to permanent infrastructure, with each step expanding our capacity to serve communities year after year:



A YEAR OF STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

The 2025 financial results reflect an organization that made a deliberate choice to build for permanence.

AfriThrive closed the year with total revenue of \$1,668,023 and a net surplus of \$268,035. That surplus is a foundation that will seed the next phase of infrastructure, from expanded cold storage to programming in new counties.

Our administrative costs in 2025 represent strategic investment. Growing a team from a handful of part-time staff to nine full-time professionals, acquiring a refrigerated vehicle fleet, and securing operational facilities are not just overhead expenses. These are the architecture of a sustainable organization. Funders who have supported this growth understand that durable community change requires durable institutions.

Government grants account for 51% of revenue, reflecting the public sector's recognition of AfriThrive as a trusted, accountable partner. Foundation support at 33% signals confidence from the philanthropic community. We are actively working to diversify and grow individual and corporate giving in 2026.

Note: Financials have not yet been audited. An independent audit is currently in progress.

2025 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Total Revenue

\$1,668,023.77

Across 6 revenue streams

Total Expenses

\$1,399,988.96

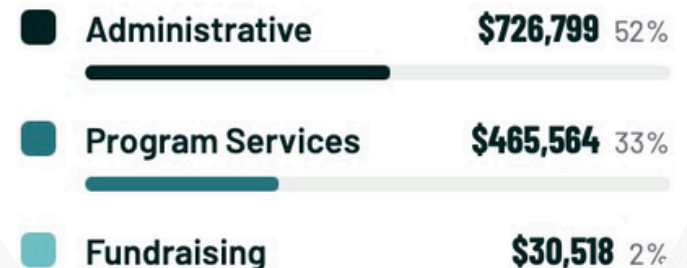
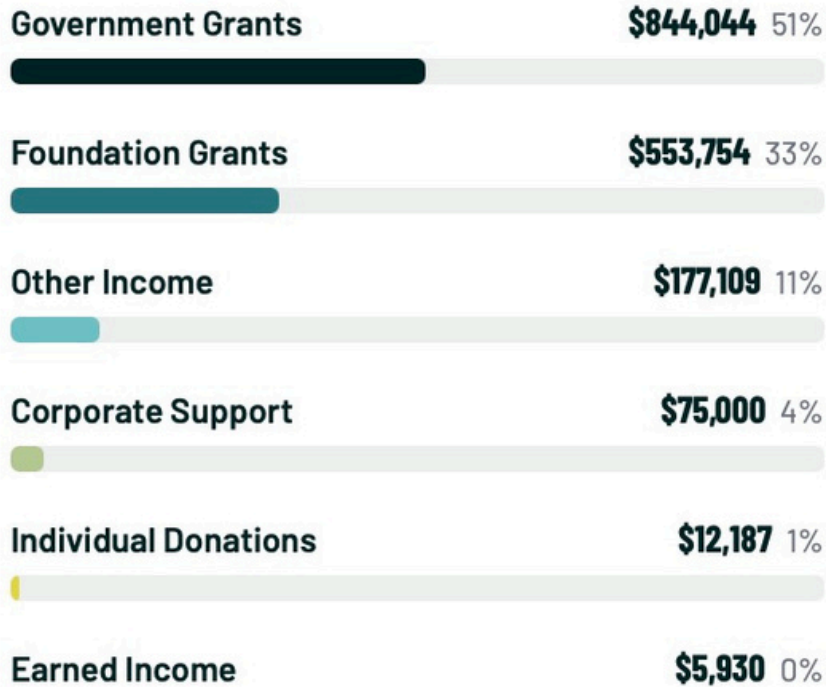
3 Expense Categories

Net Surplus

\$268,035

Reinvested in mission

REVENUE BREAKDOWN



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WILL YOU GROW WITH US?

AfriThrive is not finished. We are preparing to expand into new counties, deepen our Food as Medicine programming, scale our Cultural Farm, and launch our Community Farm. Every dollar invested in this work goes directly toward a community that is vibrant, nourished, and thriving.

Here is how you can be part of what comes next:



Invest. Make a tax-deductible gift at afri thrive.org or contact us to discuss multi-year partnership opportunities.



Connect. Introduce us to a funder, corporate partner, or community leader who shares our values.



Inspire. Share our story. Follow us on social media. Bring AfriThrive into the rooms where decisions are made.



THANK YOU TO OUR 2025 PARTNERS AND FUNDERS

AfriThrive's work is made possible through the generous support of government agencies, foundations, corporate partners, and community organizations committed to food justice and dignified food access.

Adventist Healthcare	Food Lion	Montgomery County Food Council
Asian American Foundation	Greater Washington Communication Foundation	Montgomery County
Baltimore County	Healthcare Initiative Foundation	Morningstar Foundation
Center for Science in the Public Interest	International Monetary Fund	Natural Resources Conservation Service
Chesapeake Bay Trust	Manna Food Center	Philip L. Graham Fund
Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)	Maryland Department of Agriculture	Prince George's County
D.C. Central Kitchen	Meyer Foundation / Rooted in Humanity	The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation
Eat the Change / IMPACT	MGM Resorts	United Way of Central Maryland
Foley Hoag Foundation	Montgomery County Collaboration Council	U.S. Department of Agriculture

Every partnership is a commitment to community. We are grateful for yours.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR
PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT.