



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

A look at our third year of offering
dignity and hope through hygiene

Key Figures from January 1–December 31, 2025

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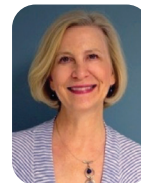
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To Our Dignity Champions, Supporters, and Friends...

What an incredible year 2025 was for Divine Dignity! We have been blessed beyond measure by the Lord and our supporters. We could not have imagined the growth opportunities and open doors that led us to grow from *13 hygiene locations giving out 350 bags a month in 2023* to *14 hygiene locations giving out 450 bags a month in 2024* to **26 hygiene locations giving out 800 bags a month in 2025!** We doubled the number of people served in just two years — giving dignity and hope in every hygiene bag and sharing God's love!

Our hygiene partnership model has been an enormous success. We've worked with managers, counselors, social workers, and nurses to establish trusted partnerships with community centers, schools, medical clinics, drug recovery centers, ex-offender programs, and homeless shelters throughout Central Ohio. Our focus on taking hygiene to where people live is happening in many communities throughout Central Ohio.

HYGIENE IS ESSENTIAL, EXPENSIVE, AND AN EVERYDAY NEED! While there are many wonderful organizations helping people with food, clothing, shelter, and counseling in Columbus, hygiene remains an enormous UNMET need! *The number one reason for truancy and students dropping out of school is lack of hygiene.* Most people living in poverty say one of the main reasons that they do not apply for jobs is because they feel dirty, embarrassed, and unworthy. Hygiene cannot be purchased with the SNAP program.

The mission and vision of Divine Dignity is to provide free hygiene to people and

children in need in our low-income communities, offering dignity and hope as well as helping them have better lives through improved health, better self-worth, and feeling good about themselves.

We have an enormous opportunity to continue to grow, and plan to double the number of people served again in 2026. **Please join us** by volunteering, donating, collecting hygiene items, and sharing about our organization. We welcome you to become a Dignity Champion, making a direct IMPACT on our neighbors and children in need throughout Central Ohio and beyond.

I am always available to meet with you and answer any questions about our mission and vision.

Blessings,

Terry Starr, Executive Director
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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
ROMANS 15:13



Our Story

The **IMPACT** of the **LACK OF HYGIENE** on our society is enormous: poor health, lack of dignity and self-worth, dropping out of school, and being forced to make hard choices. The result is often hopelessness and despair which can lead to harmful life choices.

The realization of this blight caused us to ponder and pray: How can we help address this problem? What can we do to help our neighbors and children in need of hygiene have free and easy access to the necessities?

OUR GOAL WAS TO PROVIDE CRITICALLY NEEDED HYGIENE TO OUR NEIGHBORS WHERE THEY LIVE ON AN ONGOING BASIS.



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Not having hygiene products has a huge impact on a person's health, dignity, and self-worth and it forces families to make difficult choices of food, shoes, medicine over soap and a toothbrush. With this realization and feeling called to "do something," four retired ladies felt that God was calling them to start a nonprofit offering dignity and hope through hygiene and sharing His love. After months of prayer and discussion, the ministry of Divine Dignity was established. What a leap of faith and trust it was!

God promised to bless his faithful servants with the funding and people needed to begin and carry out our mission. We started as "four old ladies just trying to help people!" And God has been incredibly present in all that we do!

We have grown from 5 hygiene centers to 26 hygiene centers and closets throughout the Central Ohio area. We are located in 3 schools with many schools on our waiting list. We

are partnering with many incredible organizations who are working hard to help and support our neighbors in need including medical clinics, drug recovery programs, community centers and homeless shelters. There is an amazing network of service organizations working towards the same goal: helping and transforming the health, well-being and lives of our low income communities.

Our logo includes the sunrise signifying the Light of Christ shining into a dark world. We give free hygiene to neighbors and children in need throughout Columbus, hoping to bring dignity and hope through hygiene and sharing God's love.



Untapped Opportunity

We can change thousands
of lives, providing dignity,
hope, and better health.



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While we have doubled in the number of people we are serving, the critical need for hygiene is still enormous and a largely unmet need. We get requests every day from schools, community centers, drug recovery programs, ex-offender programs, and medical clinics sharing with us their urgent need for hygiene.



A **BIG** Impact

IN 2025, WE SAW OUR BIGGEST GROWTH EVER!

Distributed over

\$220,000

worth of hygiene

Gave out over

85,000

hygiene products

10,000

bags distributed through
our **26** hygiene locations
and special requests

2,000

Dignity Bags given out

8,000

Hygiene Bags given out





12

VOLUNTEER STAFF



50

TOTAL VOLUNTEERS



6,000

VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED

MOST POPULAR **PRODUCTS**

SHAMPOO



TOOTHPASTE



TOOTHBRUSH



SOAP



DEODORANT



DISHWASHING
LIQUID



SPRAY CLEANER



LAUNDRY
DETERGENT



Hygiene Distribution Partners

Hygiene is essential, and our partners help get products to our neighbors in need.

We love working with our trusted partners at our hygiene centers and closets. We know that they are working hard to support their community members and giving free hygiene has a huge impact on them.

Partnering with the community centers for Produce Give Away Days is successful. Their community members come to pack bags of fresh produce and then get a bag filled with hygiene products too!

“Hygiene is so important to me. Getting hygiene each month helps me so much. When you’ve got nothing and can’t afford nothing, getting these items help me so much. Thank you for giving this to me.”

– Community Member
Scioto Southland Community Center

HYGIENE CENTERS

Number of centers

6 NEW CLOSETS + 2 SCHOOLS

HYGIENE CLOSETS

Number of closets

30–35 BAGS

We were able to support special events, giving out **1,500 EXTRA DIGNITY BAGS**





Investing in the Next Generation

The greatest obstacle to school attendance is **lack of hygiene** — and Divine Dignity is leading the charge to help kids stay in school.

“On behalf of Marion-Franklin, I want to extend our deepest gratitude for your incredible generosity and vision in opening the Student Hygiene Center at our school. Your fundraising efforts are making a tangible difference in the lives of our students, many of whom live in areas of significant need. The hygiene supplies you will be providing are more than just products—they’re a source of dignity, confidence, and care.

We are truly honored to be considered as a new partner in your mission. Your commitment to supporting students and uplifting communities is inspiring, and we’re excited about the possibilities this partnership holds for the future.”

– Crissie Hutmire, MSN, APRN, CPNP-PC/AC
Scioto Southland Community Center



Student Hygiene Centers at

3 COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS



Marion Franklin
High School

Gave out over

500 EXTRA DIGNITY BAGS

to the schools

Giving

THOUSANDS OF HYGIENE PRODUCTS

to children for healthier better lives



Teens collected over

2,000 HYGIENE PRODUCTS

and packed over

300 DIGNITY BAGS

We are excited to see this program growing and expanding as more churches and schools find out about this volunteer opportunity for teens.





More Partnerships & Impact

Hygiene is a huge need in our low income communities.

“I’m currently a resident here at the Vista Village tiny homes. The reason I’m writing to let you know how grateful I am for your home warming basket that was placed in all the homes. This is my first home in over 10 years. When I walked in and saw the basket, I knew I was right where I was supposed to be. I feel human again after all the struggles and overcoming my addiction in life and being able to relax in my own place. It’s so overwhelming with joy. I’m probably not only speaking for myself. I’m sure my other peers that live here are very grateful as well. So thank you again for all that you have done for me. You have changed my life with gratitude.”

– Genita Smith
Resident at Vista Village



“I just wanted to write a little something to you to express my gratitude on how much you have helped me and my family during this season of need. The items you have included in the care packages we’ve received have helped lift a huge financial weight off of my shoulders with supplying necessities for me and my children such as laundry detergent, toothbrushes, soap, etc. never get looked at as a bill but ends up being a huge bill for families monthly. These things have helped me focus more on school and not so much on trying to make ends meet just to provide our basic necessities. Summing this message up with how much I appreciate the help you have offered, and I couldn’t say thank you enough!”

– Taniyah

HOMELESS

“At the L4 program at Linden Life Fellowship, our families look forward to their hygiene bags every single month! ‘Ms. Teresa, are our hygiene bags here yet? Our family relies on those supplies to help us stay put together every single month.’ We are not just able to meet the academic needs of kids through L4 but more of the holistic day in and day out needs because of our partnership with Divine Dignity. We are so grateful for your generosity and kindness and service to our community!”



– Colleen Caruso

Founder and Associate Director for
Linden Life Literacy and Learning–L4
Linden Life Fellowship Church

BACK TO SCHOOL



VETERANS

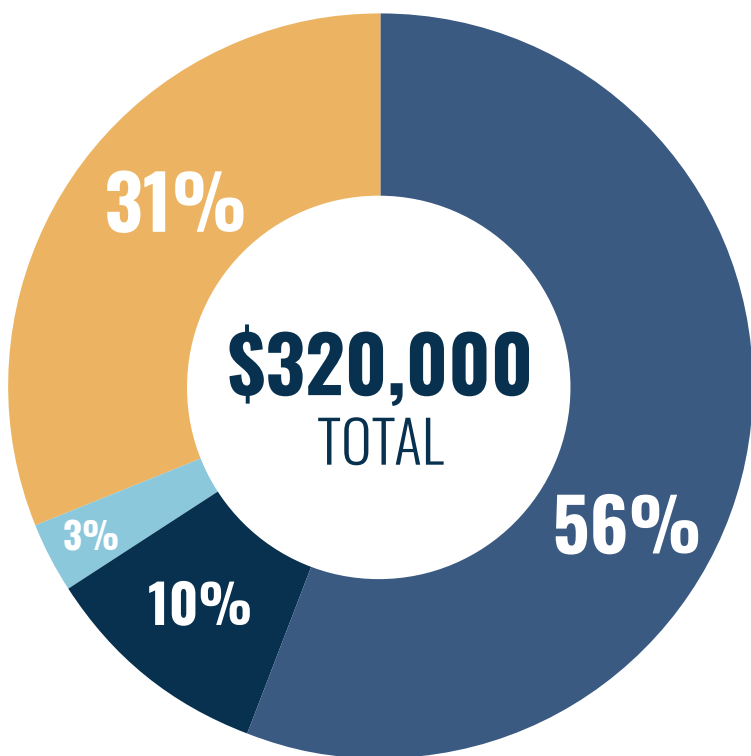


2025

Financial Snapshot

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2025

The distribution of thousands of hygiene products to our neighbors and children in need is changing lives, helping people have healthier, better and more dignified lives. By sharing God's love and the hope of Jesus in every bag, we hope to improve the spiritual as well as physical well-being of those who need it most.



DONATIONS

- Individual Monetary Donations: \$180,000
- Corporate Sponsorships & Church Donations: \$30,000
- Grants: \$10,000
- In-Kind Donations: \$100,000

TOTAL: \$320,000

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS!

VOLUNTEERS

We are so blessed by amazing volunteers who have the heart and passion to serve with us as we help our neighbors in need. Our volunteer staff work countless hours each week, truly running our operations. They are using their talents and gifts to find the best possible prices for the hygiene products that people need to offer them dignity and hope in the midst of trying times.

We have many volunteers who come to our warehouse every week to help with all our procedures. We could not do our work without them. *If you want to join our incredible volunteer team, please email us at info@divinedignity.org.*

DONORS

More than 260 individuals, families, and organizations have now supported Divine Dignity. We are beyond grateful for each one of you who is helping us make a difference!

Our goal is to keep our administrative expenses — rent for our warehouse, utilities, insurance, communications, and office equipment — as low as possible while still enabling us to carry out our mission effectively. Our all-volunteer staff and support volunteers are committed to our mission and work tirelessly to serve those in need.

IN-KIND DONATIONS

Divine Dignity has received an incredible amount of hygiene products through in-kind donations. We collect hygiene products from individuals, churches, beauty salons, youth groups, and business offices. The in-kind donations are given through collection drives, collection bins in churches and businesses, ordering through our Amazon Wish List, and our supporters bringing them to our warehouse. We have collected over 4,000 products from church youth groups through our DigniTeens program.

CORPORATE SPONSORS

Our collaborations with corporate sponsors are significant to our mission to transform lives in Central Ohio, and we deeply value these relationships! Our commitment to uplifting our community members with dignity through hygiene is crucial, and we appreciate the opportunity to provide that to those who share our dedication to serving our neighbors. By working together, we can positively impact more of our neighbors and extend the reach of our mission to share dignity and hope through hygiene.



CHURCH SPONSORS AND SUPPORT

One of our greatest assets is the support of churches throughout Central Ohio. They support us through donations and volunteers, involvement of their youth groups in our DigniTeens program, and by being a Hygiene Collection site. We are seeking churches which are interested in becoming involved in our mission: Touching lives by offering dignity and hope through hygiene and sharing God's love.



WAYS TO ENGAGE



JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST

Sign up on our website to stay up to date with Divine Dignity updates, events, volunteer opportunities, and IMPACT stories.

SET UP A RECURRING DONATION

Visit divinedignity.org/give to get started. By becoming a monthly donor, you'll be fueling our mission monthly as we help more of our neighbors in need.

DONATE HYGIENE ITEMS

We are looking for personal care hygiene items and household cleaning supplies. Check out our Amazon Wish List at divinedignity.org/amazon.

SIGN UP FOR KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

You can make Divine Dignity the recipient of your Kroger Community Rewards! Simply sign in to your Kroger account, search for Divine Dignity, select our organization, then click "Save." Learn more at kroger.com/i/community.

DINE FOR DIGNITY

You can invite friends and family to learn about Divine Dignity and see our operations in-person. We explain our programs, operations, fundraising, and more, then pack hygiene bags together. *Contact us to get started.*

HOST A HYGIENE COLLECTION SITE

We're always welcoming new communities to join the cause by hosting a hygiene collection site — the process is very easy! *Contact us to get started.*

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