



# 2025 Annual Impact Report

Bringing Balance to Veterans' Lives



**Celebrating Another Year!**

# Bringing Balance to Life

## Dear Friends of 4THE22,

At 4THE22, our mission is rooted in connection, purpose, and healing. Through stand-up paddling, surfing, breathwork, and outdoor recreation, we strive to help veterans and first responders rediscover balance and build meaningful community. These shared experiences create space for individuals to reconnect with themselves and others—fostering resilience, camaraderie, and a renewed sense of purpose as they navigate life beyond service.

This year was one of growth, impact, and deepened relationships. Because of your support, we were able to expand our reach and continue providing transformative experiences to those who need them most.

## This Year's Impact

### Partnership with the Battle Creek VA

Our partnership with the Battle Creek VA Medical Center remained at the heart of our work in 2025. We hosted six paddle events throughout the summer, directly impacting **108 veterans**. Each event created a space for connection, reflection, and healing through time spent on the water.

One of the most meaningful moments of the year was our **Year-End Celebration Paddle in September**, where 35 veterans joined us for a powerful day of community and restoration. The event began with a grounding yoga session led by Alison See, attended by nearly 20 participants. As the day unfolded, live music provided by Axfi Entertainment and the calming presence of the water created an atmosphere that many veterans described as deeply peaceful and uplifting. For some, it was the first time in a long while that they felt truly at ease. The laughter, conversations, and quiet moments on the boards served as a reminder that healing often begins with simply being present and supported.



### Total Lives Impacted

- Over **200 individuals** were directly impacted through our programs this year.
- **108 veterans** participated in our VA paddles.
- Additional participants engaged through community events, breathwork sessions, and outreach initiatives.

## Board for Our Heroes Program



This year, we proudly awarded our **fifth paddleboard** through the Board for Our Heroes Program to Austin Davis, a U.S. Army veteran (2012–2018). Nominated by a VA recreational therapist, Austin plans to use his board to spend meaningful time on the water with his daughter. This program continues to extend our impact beyond events—creating lasting opportunities for connection, healing, and family bonding.

## Building Community Beyond the Water

### Race Team Growth

Our race team flourished this year, becoming a powerful source of camaraderie and belonging. From training sessions to race-day support, the team environment created opportunities for veterans to challenge themselves while feeling supported every step of the way.

The camping trips surrounding race events became just as meaningful as the competitions themselves—filled with shared meals, stories, and encouragement. These experiences highlight the importance of community in the transition to civilian life and reinforce the idea that no one has to navigate that journey alone.

### Breathwork & Wellness Expansion

We also expanded into breathwork programming through our partnership with Brian LeFevé. Hosting monthly sessions in June, July, and September, each gathering brought together small groups of participants seeking stress relief, clarity, and emotional balance.

The response has been overwhelmingly positive. Participants shared that these sessions helped them slow down, reconnect with their breath, and manage stress more effectively. This addition reflects our commitment to offering diverse, accessible pathways to healing and well-being.





## Financial Overview & Support

Thanks to the generosity of our community, we were able to continue growing and strengthening our programs:

- **\$10,093.69** raised in donations.
- **41.8%** of every dollar went directly toward program implementation and mission delivery.
- Awarded a **\$1,000 grant from Bell's Brewery**, which supported equipment upgrades and increased accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

Your contributions directly translate into more time on the water, more shared experiences, and more lives impacted.

## Looking Ahead

While we are proud of what we accomplished this year, we know the work is far from over. The need for connection, purpose, and accessible therapeutic recreation continues to grow. Moving forward, we aim to expand our programming, deepen our partnerships, and reach even more veterans and first responders.

Because of you, participants received more than just a paddleboard or a day on the water—they experienced belonging, healing, and new possibilities. We are deeply grateful for your continued support and belief in our mission. Together, we are creating spaces where individuals can reconnect, grow, and thrive.

**Thank you for helping us bring balance to life.**

Here's to building on this momentum in the year ahead.

With Gratitude,  
**The 4THE22 Team**

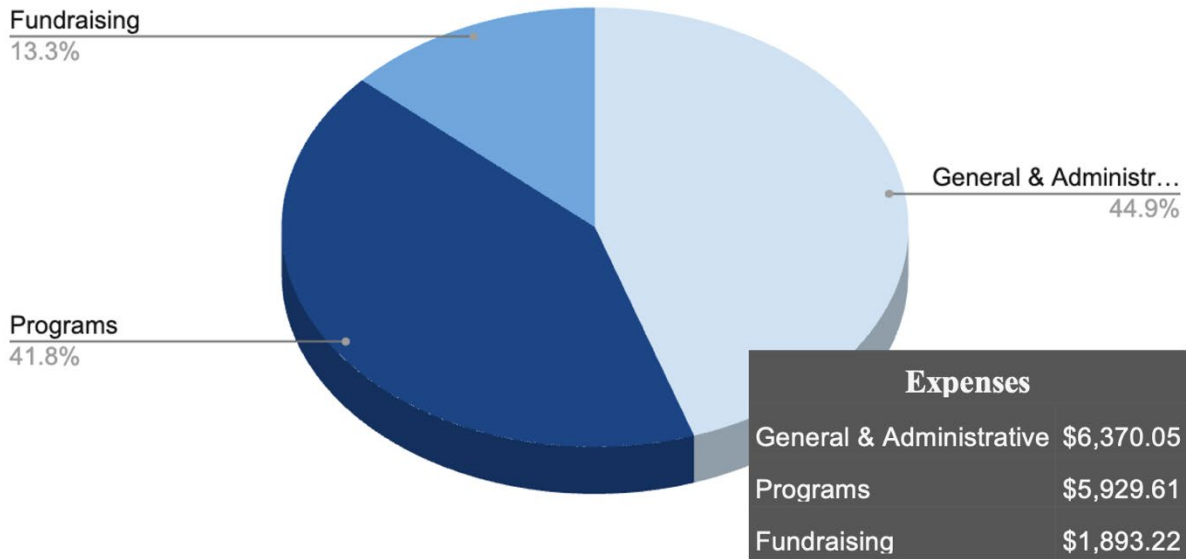
# Financial Overview

(Calendar year ending 31 December 2025)

## Breakdown

Donations & Other Income:	\$ 10,093.69
Expenses:	\$ 14,192.88
Change in Net Assets:	\$ -4,099.19

## Percentage Break Down



## Board of Directors

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# Our Mission

Bringing Balance to our Veterans' Lives

## Ways to Support Our Mission

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