

# Winter 2025

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## Message From Our **CEO**

### **Our Vision for 2026**

Is to prioritize sustainability, innovation, and strategic investment in core services that help older neighbors age with dignity and stability in a community that cares about them.



**1. Sustainability.** The social service arena is going through challenging times. Ensuring that Family Eldercare stays open and equipped to continue serving the community is my number one priority. We are committed to our service initiatives and are actively seeking alternative funding sources to continue core services impacted by federal and local funding cuts.

**2. Innovation.** We are actively seeking creative, innovative, and entrepreneurial solutions not only to increase our financial capabilities, but also to apply these principles to service delivery. For example, our volunteer program will strategically place volunteers in program areas where they can expand or enhance services where needed most. One big initiative is to train recurring volunteers to manage the fan drive office, allowing staff more time to focus on other priorities.

**3. Core Services.** Housing, financial stability, and well-being services remain our cornerstones. Older adults are now one of the fastest-growing groups becoming homeless in Central Texas, and the need has never been greater. This year will witness the construction of Iris Gardens- our third housing complex-- which is projected to welcome its first residents in late 2027. This year, we also aim to build on the success of our employment initiative which supports formerly homeless older adults in returning to the workplace. Well-Being services will be enhanced by the addition of Elder Companion volunteers paired with older adults who may be isolated or lack the social support they need.

None of this will be possible without you. Together, we can make sure that our elders are valued, supported, and never left behind.

## We Need Volunteers

**Please share!** We're looking for compassionate volunteers to help us get fans to our Central Texas neighbors living in hot homes.

Volunteers are trained to run the fan drive office located at Family Eldercare. We're seeking people who love to help their neighbors of diverse backgrounds. Volunteers must commit to 4-hour weekly shifts for a minimum duration of one month. To be contacted about this opportunity, [please complete this brief interest form.](#)



# Save-the-Date Amplify Austin

**"To care for those who once cared for us is one of life's greatest honors."**



The biggest giving event in Central Texas is happening on March 4-5, 2026. But you don't have to wait. Early giving started this week. Your donations from now through March 5 counts toward our Amplify campaign goal of raising \$40,000 for older adults and adults with disabilities. [Visit our campaign page](#) to learn more.

## Save-the-Date 80 Over Eighty

Join us for 80 Over Eighty event!

This year we'll be showcasing Family Eldercare clients who are older adults and have demonstrated strength and resilience in the face of heavy obstacles.

We will also be honoring community members who have reached the age of 80 and have made a positive impact on their friends, family, and society.



[Learn more](#) about tickets, sponsorship opportunities, and other ways to get involved.

### 80 Over Eighty

Thursday, April 9, 2026

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at [The Junior League of Austin](#)

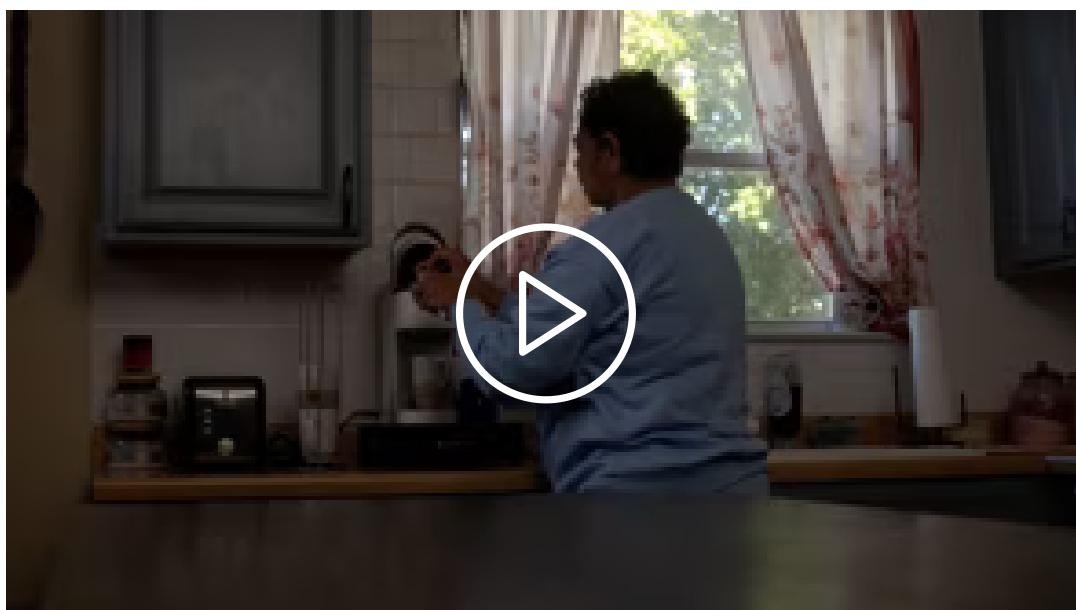
## In Case You Missed It

Dr. Alarcón was the featured guest of Escape Into A Cause podcast where he shared the impact that federal cuts had on our community and what our plans were for ensuring our older neighbors are supported at this critical time. [Listen here.](#)



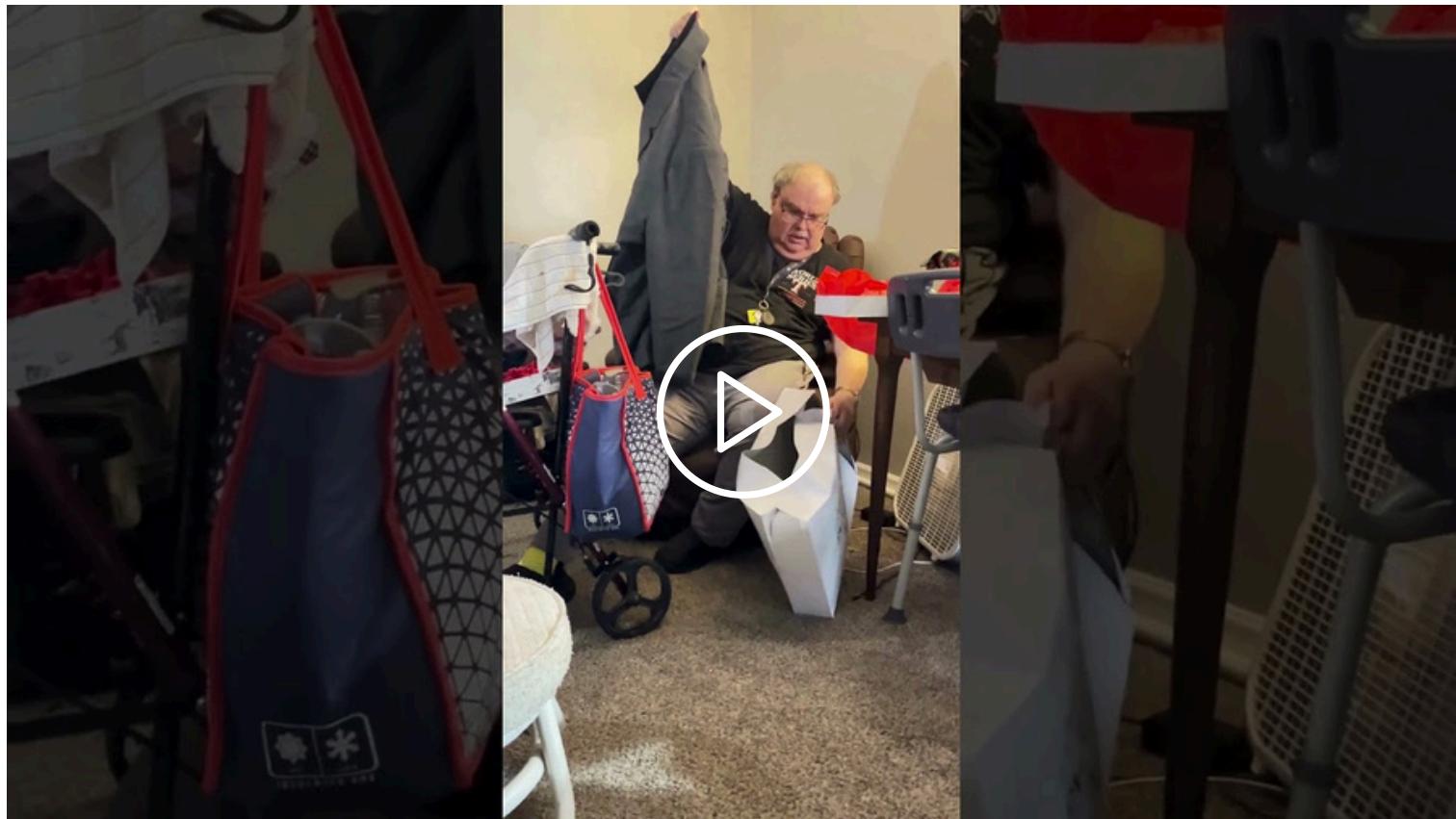
## Did You Meet Miss Judy

Ms. Judy, one of the most resilient persons we've ever served, shared her journey with Family Eldercare. Her story was the basis for our first 60-second ad that played for 3 months across KXAN and associated stations. Take a look!



## Season for Caring With Charles Wicks

Mr. Charles Wicks, who receives services from our Financial Advocacy team, was selected for the Statesman's Season for Caring campaign. Season for Caring raises money to fulfill the wish list of deserving Central Texans who are receiving services from area non-profits. We nominated Charles because he worked hard all his life only to lose his job and become homeless. Family Eldercare helped him get housed and we manage his social security benefits. His biggest wish was to get a power scooter so he could regain some of his independence. We surprised Charles over the holidays with his number one wish and giftwrapped other items on his wish list to show him how many people cared about him. [Read more here.](#) Watch the big surprise below. Season for Caring officially concludes Jan 31.



# Program Spotlight: Rapid Re-Housing

## RW's Big Night

When RW transitioned out of homelessness with the help of our Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) program, he didn't dream it would happen in time for Christmas. It did!

On Christmas Eve 2025, RW got the keys to his new apartment. The first real home he had in years. And he had a surprise for us. After working with our employment specialist, RW was happy to announce he had accepted a job with the IRS that would pay him a living wage! We're so proud of RW's hard work and for the hard work of our RRH team and employment specialist.

## What is Rapid Re-Housing?

It's a critical, evidence-based intervention that rapidly transitions individuals from homelessness into permanent housing while providing an array of services tailored to support the individual's success and housing stability.



## Why is it important?

Older adults are one of the fastest growing groups becoming homeless in Central Texas. Rapid Re-Housing is a cost-effective solution for homelessness that is good for long-term stability, health, and frees up emergency and crisis services in the community.

## What services do we do?

- Mobile Outreach
- Case Management/Goal-Setting
- Short-Term Financial Assistance
- Employment Assistance
- Peer Support/Life skills
- Much more!