

ASPIRING FUTURES USA ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Together for Change

Every story shared is a life touched. This year, your support made all the difference.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

UZMA QURESHI
FOUNDER & PRESIDENT
ASPIRING FUTURES
USA



What a vibrant year it has been, brimming with growth, resilience, and remarkable milestones! Every family we supported, every student we mentored, and every young woman taking bold steps toward her dreams has made 2025 a year to remember.

Aspiring Futures is built on a simple belief: when you invest in a child, you transform a generation. Your support allows us to provide free education, mentorship, shelter, and emotional care to students who deserve every opportunity to succeed. Because of donors like you, children who once had limited access to education are now learning, growing, and dreaming again.

With your support, we helped families stay stable, children continue their education, and mentees achieve milestones that once seemed out of reach. This year proved that even in the face of challenges, hope, determination, and community can create extraordinary change.

Thank you for standing with us and being part of their journey. We look forward to growing with you in 2026.

OUR PROGRAMS

FAMILY ASSISTANCE



We provide monthly financial support to families of students living in poverty, covering essentials such as rent, food, transportation, and urgent medical needs. When families struggle financially, education is often the first sacrifice. This ensures that children remain enrolled, attend school consistently, and focus on their learning.

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SCHOLARSHIP

We provide comprehensive educational support to low-income students in Grades 8 and 9, helping them stay in school during this critical stage. By supporting students at a time when uncertainty often leads to dropouts, we ensure they can focus on their studies and prepare for future opportunities.



COLLEGE STUDENTS

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Empowering students to continue their education beyond high school, Aspiring Futures covers their expenses, helping them succeed. Many are the first in their families to attend college, and our support continues as they embark on their next chapter.



SHELTER HOMES

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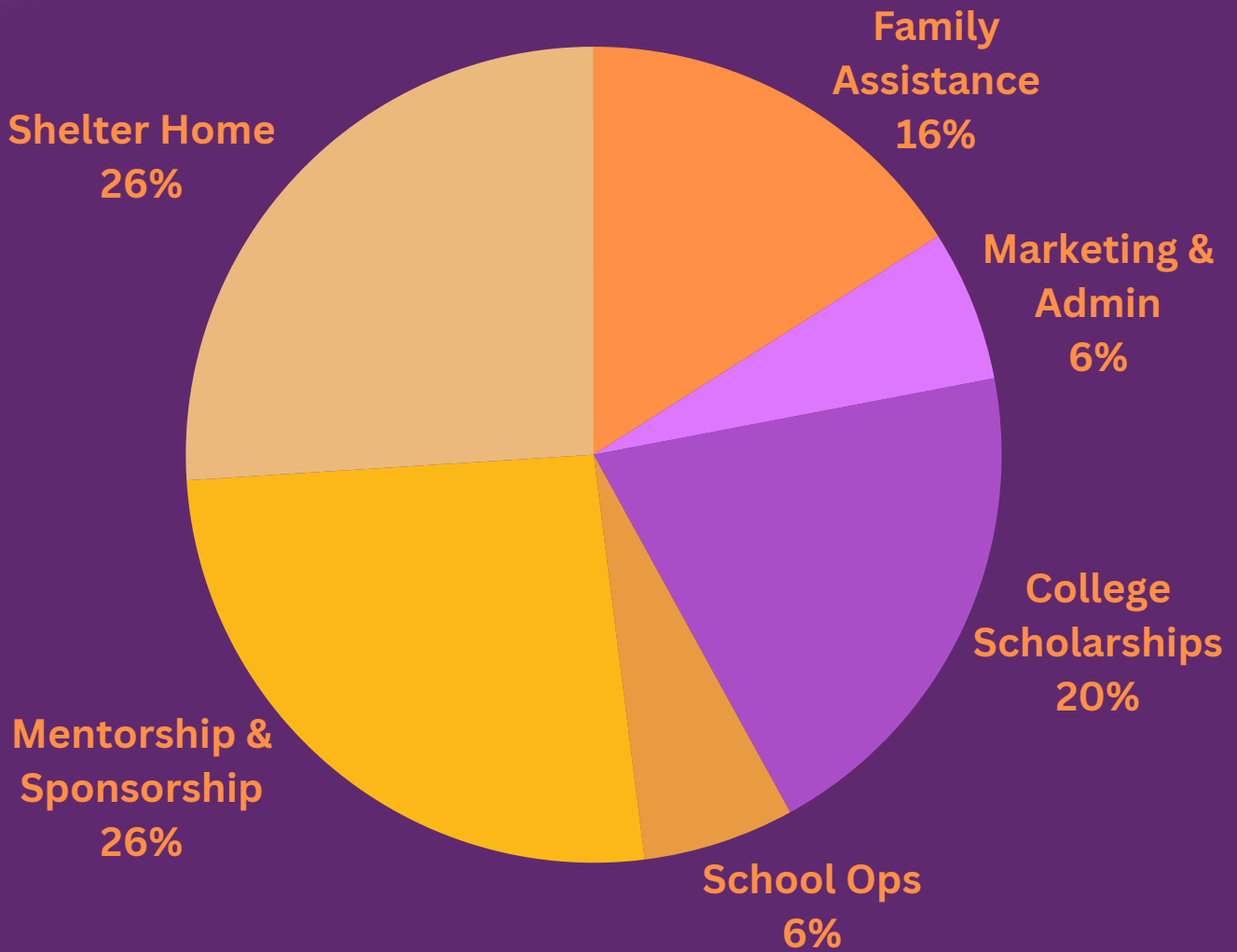
Our shelter homes provide a safe and supportive environment for children who are orphaned, abandoned, or living in unsafe conditions. Beyond offering security, they serve as a nurturing space that empowers children, helping them rebuild trust, gain confidence, and achieve academic success.



MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Over 50 youth volunteers from the U.S. and Canada lead weekly one-on-one mentorship sessions for underserved students in Grades 8–10 in Pakistan and Palestine, helping youth from shelter homes or low-income families build confidence, communication skills and a stronger sense of identity.

FUNDS ALLOCATION



IMPACT OVERVIEW

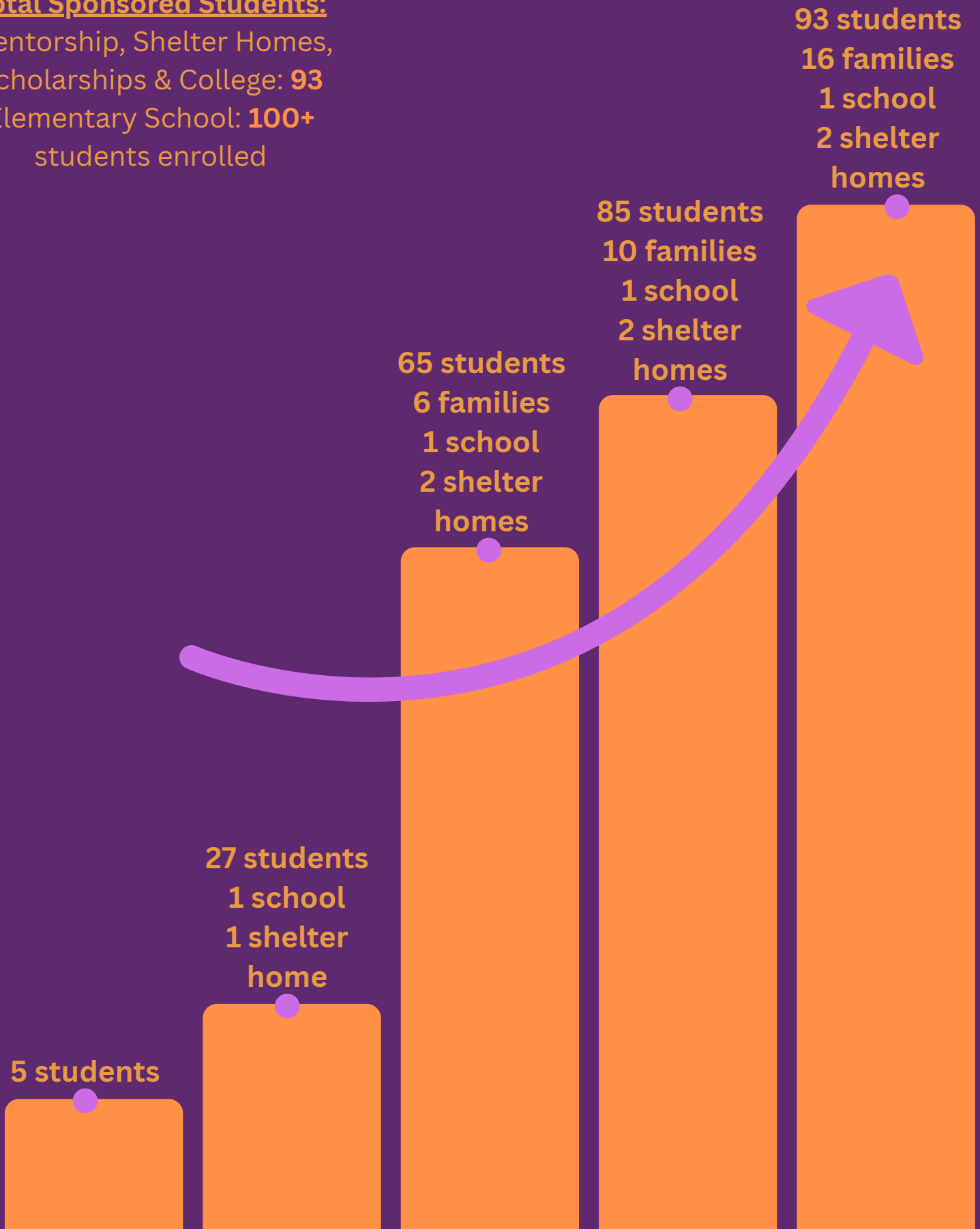
Since 2021, Aspiring Futures has continued to broaden its reach and strengthen its impact with every passing year. Our annual student intake has grown from just 5 students at inception to 56 students across multiple programs in 2025.

The Family Assistance Program, launched in 2023, has seen a remarkable ~167% increase in number of families supported by 2025, thus, reinforcing the critical need to support families so children can stay in school. The school adopted by Aspiring Futures USA has also expanded, now serving 117 students from pre-school through grade 3. In addition, our shelter homes have experienced significant growth, with 37 students enrolled in 2025 compared to 12 in 2022.

GROWTH SINCE INCEPTION

Total Sponsored Students:

Mentorship, Shelter Homes,
Scholarships & College: **93**
Elementary School: **100+**
students enrolled



PAKISTAN VISIT

In February 2025, Uzma Qureshi, President of Aspiring Futures USA, visited Pakistan, where she and Rubina Faryal Asif, President of AFWO, met with children and families to understand their needs and assess opportunities for further support. The visit was marked by a warm welcome, with children sharing their progress, concerns, and handmade thank-you cards.



KORANGI BRANCH



In March 2025, Aspiring Futures established a school branch in the Korangi area of Karachi, offering early childhood education from Nursery to Grade 3. This initiative strengthens foundational literacy, numeracy, and social skills, setting students on a path toward long-term academic success from an early age.

IFTAR 2025

On March 19, 2025, Aspiring Futures hosted an iftar to update donors on the impact of their support. Volunteers also organized a matcha stall at Maryam Islamic Centre to raise funds for education in Pakistan, offering a variety of matcha-based drinks and treats. Attended by over 100 guests, these efforts brought the local Muslim community together around a shared commitment to promoting education.



CYCLE FOR CHANGE

In July 2025, young girls from Aspiring Futures participated in “Cycle for Change,” a bicycle ride organized with Al Furqan Welfare Organization to raise awareness and funds for girls’ education. The event redefined social norms, promoted empowerment, and highlighted the importance of creating space and opportunity for girls to lead their own futures.



INDEPENDENCE DAY FUNDRAISING



On 14 August, as Pakistan celebrated its Independence Day, Aspiring Futures brought the spirit of freedom to life at the Festival of Freedom in Houston. Our youth volunteers represented the organization with a booth highlighting our programs and impact, drawing visitors inspired by their energy, confidence, and commitment to change.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In September 2025, students were onboarded into Aspiring Futures’ new scholarship program, following July entrance tests in Karachi and Lahore that identified talented students from major cities and interior Punjab. This marked the first expansion beyond Karachi, creating a national presence and opened a pathway for talented students to pursue their education.



DIGITAL LEARNING AT SHELTER HOME

In October, we upgraded the learning space at our shelter home with a new digital screen, enhancing education and mentorship programs. Students gained access to interactive lessons and visual materials, while mentorship sessions became more engaging and effective. This upgrade reflects our commitment to providing high-quality learning experiences for all students.



STARS IN OUR CLASSROOMS



Before the 2025 Annual Gala, our schools welcomed Pakistan's beloved stars, Ayeza Khan and Danish Taimoor, for an inspiring visit. They interacted with students, explored classrooms, and praised them on their confidence and curiosity, encouraging them to pursue their dreams. Their presence brought excitement and left a lasting impact on the school community.

MENTOR BONDING

On November 1st, mentors and select board members came together for a special evening to connect, recharge, and celebrate their dedication. Held at a ranch, the gathering included team activities, shared mentorship stories, and a warm dinner. The event offered a relaxing and meaningful break while strengthening bonds and recognizing the commitment that makes our mentorship program so impactful.



PUNJAB COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP

From 15th to 20th November, our President, Uzma Qureshi, visited Lahore to meet with local partners, educators, and stakeholders, while successfully formalizing Punjab College as an academic partner. This strategic expansion further reinforces our mission to reach underserved regions, strengthen educational opportunities, and empower talented students to achieve their full potential.



RECHARGING FOR SUCCESS



On 29th November, Aspiring Futures organized a beach outing for shelter home students, offering a restorative break during a busy academic period. The activity strengthened peer connections, supported emotional resilience, and helped students recharge ahead of their December exams, reflecting our holistic approach to education and well-being.

BEYOND COLLEGE

November was a much-anticipated month as our students shared the fruits of their hard work.

Hira Khan cleared her MCAT, Wahiba began her Computer Science degree at Mohammad Ali Jinnah University, and Aqsa and Hajra started their Chartered Accountancy training.

These prestigious milestones showcase our students' readiness to excel when given emotional and financial support.



ANNUAL GALA 2025



In 2025, Aspiring Futures hosted its most successful Annual Gala to date, bringing together 360+ guests, donors, and community leaders. The evening raised awareness for underprivileged children in Pakistan and highlighted the impact of our programs.

The gala featured inspiring storytelling, fundraising, and a community dinner, with special guests Ayeza Khan and Danish Taimoor, and was beautifully hosted by Dua Malik.

With the support of our donors and partners, this became the highest-fundraising gala in Aspiring Futures' history, enabling us to expand our impact in the year ahead.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

In 2025, Aspiring Futures proudly launched its Youth Leadership Team to lead the planning and execution of the Annual Gala. This youth-led initiative brought fresh ideas, energy, and innovation to every stage of the event.

Led by Ali Syed and supported by a dedicated executive team, the group demonstrated the power of youth leadership in delivering high-impact community initiatives.

Through this experience, team members strengthened their leadership, teamwork, and organizational skills reinforcing our commitment to empowering young change makers and investing in future leaders.



Ali Syed
President



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THANK YOU

Thank you for making 2025 an extraordinary year for Aspiring Futures.

Your generosity, compassion, and belief in our mission have transformed the lives of countless children and families, helping them access education, opportunities, and hope for a brighter future.

We are grateful to have you as part of our journey, and we hope to cherish this meaningful bond for many years to come.



Join us in shaping the next chapter of our journey and creating lasting impact:

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