



TRELLIS



# Annual 2025 Report

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# Letter from the Executive Director

As we reflect on this past year, I am encouraged by the growing spirit of unity and collaboration taking shape across Orange County. Trellis exists to help cities address their spiritual, relational, and practical challenges together, and throughout 2025 we have seen this mission deepen in meaningful ways. More pastors, churches, leaders, and volunteers are joining forces to address shared needs and build shared hope for their communities.

The continued expansion of pastor prayer networks is proof of this momentum. Today, 22 of our 34 cities have pastors gathering regularly to pray for their city—an incredible foundation for ongoing partnership and transformation. We also celebrate the spread of monthly Labors of Love in three cities, mobilizing neighbors to serve one another in simple but powerful ways. More churches than ever are engaging with their local public schools, building trust, and bringing support to students, educators, and families.

This year, we launched the State of Our City – Orange County platform, offering residents and leaders accessible insight into the challenges of each city and helping mobilize people toward meaningful action. Alongside this, we convened new countywide cause networks —collaborative groups focused on addressing key issues that affect multiple cities across Orange County. These networks are already unifying efforts, sharing best practices, and accelerating impact.

Your support, prayer, and partnership fuel this work. Together, we are building collaborative ecosystems that make our cities healthier, more connected, and more hope-filled places to live. I'm grateful for what we've accomplished this year—and even more excited for what lies ahead.

**Ian Stevenson**  
*Executive Director*



# Who Trellis is

## Our Mission

To facilitate collaboration around the practical, relational, and spiritual challenges in a city by stimulating, encouraging, and supporting city catalysts and the movements they are leading.

## Our Vision

The Body of Christ is leading the way in our cities, facilitating collaboration that resolves the city's greatest challenges.

Together they will have:

- Intentional, focused, regular, and united prayer efforts
- A thriving neighboring network
- Regular and ongoing impact on the next generation
- Strategic organization and coordination that is overcoming the greater practical and societal problems in their city

We are excited to be working together in cities across Orange County, building unity and creating change. In four cities - Costa Mesa, Newport Beach, Mission Viejo, and Lake Forest - we have active programming and staff that are catalyzing the church and community to do more together. We also coach leaders and host the City on a Hill conference to spark new citywide movements. By donating, volunteering, and praying, you strengthen a united movement to love our cities well!



# Orange County HIGHLIGHTS



▶ **22 CITIES**  
IN THE COHORT

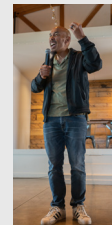
▶ **30 NETWORKS**  
FORMING

- 22 Pastors Prayer Networks
- 3 Costa Mesa Networks
- 1 Lake Forest Network
- 1 Mission Viejo Network
- 3 Cause Networks

In 2025, we launched the State of Our City – Orange County. Now, residents and leaders can use real-time data to understand their cities and take action. We're using this data to build collaborative groups that bring together people from different cities for a common purpose: tackling challenges that don't stop at city boundaries. Organizations that once worked in isolation now share what works, learning from each other's experiences, and moving faster together than any of us could alone. Together, these tools turn insight into action. The State of Our City gives us the stories and evidence we need to understand our communities deeply. The cause networks give us the collective power to act on what we learn. Now we are writing a new chapter – one where every city's success contributes to our shared prosperity, and where the good work happening in our communities is visible, celebrated, and amplified.



LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CITY



# Love Costa Mesa



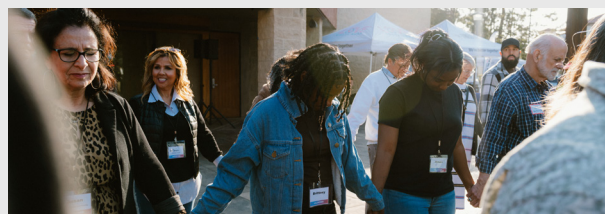
▶ **2200**  
VOLUNTEERS

▶ **78 PEOPLE**  
IN THE PRAYER COLLECTIVE

▶ **41 CHURCHES**  
COLLABORATING

▶ **63 BUSINESSES ENGAGED**  
IN COMMUNITY WORK

Our team recently confronted a hard reality: 40% of students nationwide—and 31% right here in Orange County—enter fourth grade functionally illiterate, setting off ripples that affect teen pregnancy, incarceration, and welfare dependency. Armed with Harvard research showing that the single most important factor in a child's success is having one healthy, caring adult in their life, we convened civic groups, nonprofits, churches, and school leaders about what we could do. When people heard the simple ask—commit one hour a week to read with the same two or three children—they said yes. Now, volunteers are sitting beside students, opening books together, and watching eyes light up as relationships form and reading skills grow. One hour at a time, one child at a time, a community is rewriting the future.



# Love Newport Beach



▶ **155**  
VOLUNTEERS

▶ **25 PEOPLE**  
IN THE PRAYER COLLECTIVE

▶ **4 CHURCHES**  
COLLABORATING

▶ **22 BUSINESSES ENGAGED**  
IN COMMUNITY WORK

We know people across Newport Beach are actively shaping our community, and Kathy Gilbert is an incredible example of this. We are grateful to Kathy for faithfully leading the prayer times every month at City Hall. This is essential because we know that prayer is the foundation of any city movement. And Kathy doesn't just pray for the city; she loves it well. You will regularly find her making care boxes for the police force or organizing appreciation breakfasts for first responders. City movements move at the speed of relationships. Leaders like Kathy build these relationships that unite the city in tangible ways.



# Love Mission Viejo

▶ **1,050**  
VOLUNTEERS

▶ **10 CHURCHES**  
COLLABORATING

▶ **32 BUSINESSES ENGAGED**  
IN COMMUNITY WORK



This year in Love Mission Viejo, people are changing the way they view and serve their city. We are seeing more neighbors step up and care for each other. This shift came to life when a resident nominated their elderly and disabled neighbor. This woman doesn't have family nearby to help out and was getting overwhelmed by her yard. It wasn't just overgrown; it was beginning to be a safety concern for her as she was going in and out of her house. Volunteers on Love Mission Viejo Day showed up and redid her yard with low-maintenance gravel and plants so that her yard would be functional and beautiful for her. Rather than criticize, a neighbor chose to act and created a beautiful example of love and care. All because one neighbor took the time to learn her story and ask for help.



# Love Lake Forest

▶ **65**  
VOLUNTEERS

▶ **2 BUSINESSES ENGAGED**  
IN COMMUNITY WORK

▶ **6 CHURCHES**  
COLLABORATING

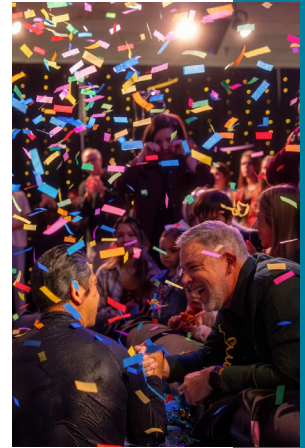
Love Lake Forest launched Labors of Love this year to rally the community together to bless neighbors in need with help around their home. At a project, we worked with a retired veteran who needed help with repainting his home. We loved working with this resident because he serves his veteran community faithfully, and it was such a gift to be able to serve him in return. Home Depot partnered to provide the materials for the project, and they brought out team members to paint. This project reminded us that even those who serve others need support. Everyone who served was filled with joy.



# 2025 Financials

## Trellis International January-December, 2025

| Distribution account                  | Total                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                         |                       |
| Individual Donors                     | 392,095.39            |
| Business                              | 76,733.60             |
| Church                                | 150,712.43            |
| City                                  | 165,632.12            |
| Grants                                | 187,375.95            |
| Other Income                          | 3,178.30              |
| In-Kind Donations                     | 107,814.04            |
| <b>Total for Income</b>               | <b>\$1,083,541.83</b> |
| <b>Gross Profit</b>                   | <b>\$1,083,541.83</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                       |                       |
| Fundraising Expenses                  |                       |
| <b>Total for Fundraising Expenses</b> | <b>\$63,589.23</b>    |
| Overhead                              |                       |
| <b>Total for Overhead</b>             | <b>\$366,618.07</b>   |
| Program Expenses                      |                       |
| <b>Total for Program Expenses</b>     | <b>\$708,932.00</b>   |
| <b>Total for Expenses</b>             | <b>\$1,139,139.30</b> |



# Foundation Partners

Basketcase Gallery  
 Brandon Ghiozzi  
 Charlene (Jean) Paisner  
 City of Costa Mesa  
 City Of Newport Beach  
 David Bates  
 Everett Ashurst

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 West Harbor Growth

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 Irvine Canaan Christian Community Church  
 Journey Church  
 Lighthouse Community Church  
 Mariners Church  
 Mesa Church  
 Mesa Verde United Methodist Church  
 Mission Hills Church  
 Mission Viejo Christian Church

New Song Worship Center Church  
 Oakhouse Church  
 Poiema Church  
 Presbyterian Church of the Master  
 Redeemer OC  
 Redemption  
 Rock Harbor Church  
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 St. Andrews Church  
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 The Crossing Church  
 The W Church  
 Viewpoint  
 Watermark OC Church



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 Roehl Law Group  
 Rogue Collective  
 Rose Equities  
 Rotary Club of Mission Viejo  
 Sessions Newport Beach  
 South Coast Behavioral Health  
 Stretch Lab  
 Supervisor Don Wagner  
 Target Mission Viejo  
 The Plot  
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 Trader Joe's Costa Mesa  
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 Trenta Pizza & Cucina  
 Vanguard University  
 Westside Store

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