



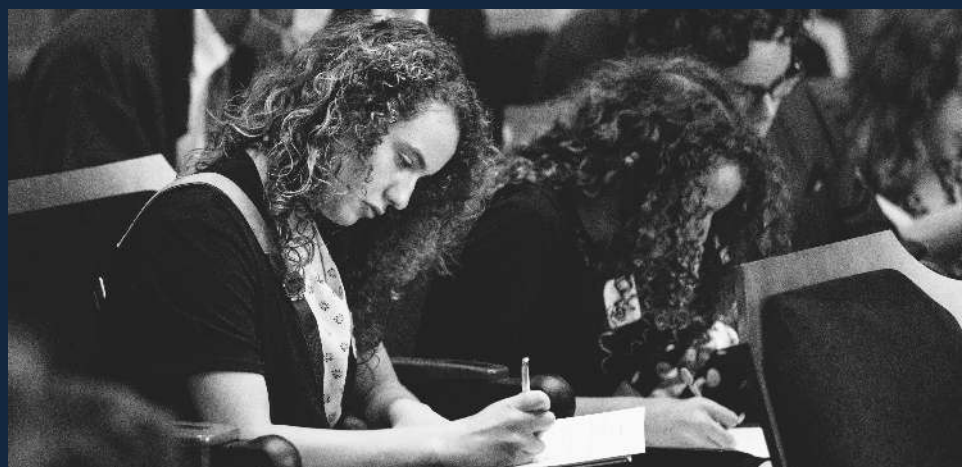
Texas
Home School
COALITION

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Impact Report 2025



*Four Decades of Changing
Culture through Legislation,
Litigation, Protection, and Service.*



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President's Perspective



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Here at THSC, we are amazed at the work the Lord has accomplished over the past 40 years. From our inception in 1986 as a political PAC committed to ensuring homeschool freedom for all Texas families, to being front & center in the 1994 Leeper decision which affirmed that freedom, to more than twenty legislative sessions that not only secured our rights to homeschool our children as we see fit, but also changed the educational culture through parent-taught driver's education, access to dual credit and UIL activities, and equal treatment by state/local service providers. All of this was thought impossible just 40 years ago!

Today, that same mission to change the landscape in Texas continues—not only at the Capitol, but in the lives of families across Texas. Whether advocating for parental rights in public policy or standing with families in moments of crisis through the Family Freedom Project's legal and intervention work, we remain committed to the first principle that every parent is free to raise their children according to their convictions.

The true beauty of these milestones is that you are the how and why behind them. You are the actual means, motive, and movement that brought about all of these freedoms. Without your engagement, prayers, and resources, none of this would be our reality. You are the heroes of the THSC story!

With that, here is our 2025 impact report and our 2026 vision for the future. And once again, you will be the how and the why! Let's continue to enjoy the journey together!



Good News for Families

2025 was a year of historic progress. Together, THSC and FFP have built a comprehensive shield of advocacy, legal defense, and community support to ensure your family remains free to raise and educate your children.



Protecting Your Rights at the Capitol

Led major legislative victories, including passing a historic constitutional amendment protecting fundamental parental rights.



Strength in Community

Connected thousands of families statewide through our annual convention, regional graduations, and leader trainings.



Legal Protection

Stood in the breach with expert legal defense, ensuring parents—not government agencies—remain the primary decision-makers.



Coaching & Equipping Families

Equipped parents at every stage of their educational journey through tailored digital resources and one-on-one coaching.

Power of Community



In 2025, THSC provided profound connection points across Texas. Through conventions, graduations, and grassroots leader summits, our statewide community celebrated student achievements, defended family freedom, and equipped front-line local leaders. Every face in this report represents a family empowered, a leader equipped, and a future secured.



The State Convention. Refreshing families and providing the resources, curriculum, and encouragement needed to thrive.

~5,000 ATTENDEES
23 SPONSORS
154 EXHIBITORS



Regional Graduations. Celebrating the culmination of the journey by honoring student achievements and parental dedication.

227 GRADS
3,000 ATTENDEES



The Leader Network. Empowering local leaders through the Leader Summit with training to support their own cities.



Capitol Days. Bringing our community directly to Austin to ensure legislators hear the unified voice of Texas families.



514 SCHOLARSHIPS
TOTALING \$607,000



6,700+ MEMBERS

Equipping the Community



A movement is only as strong as its local roots. Through front-line leadership networks, life-giving events, and targeted parent initiatives, we ensure Texas families have the resources and support to thrive.

Local Leader Support

Our Leader Network and annual Leader Summits connect, train, and equip regional homeschool leaders across Texas—providing vital tools and community coordination to support local homeschool families.

Statewide Events

From taking their very first steps in homeschooling to regional graduations and beyond, our statewide events walk beside families at every stage—providing practical encouragement, rich community, and milestone celebrations.

On Your Behalf

When a family faces government overreach or bureaucratic hurdles, they deal with immense stress while navigating a system that rarely understands their rights. Our team steps in immediately to provide a calm, authoritative presence—cutting through red tape, resolving crises, and defending a parent's right to direct their child's life and education before disputes ever reach a courtroom.



State Hurdles

Bureaucracy shouldn't stand in the way of your family. Our team directly intervenes to resolve friction at the DMV, navigate work permits, and clarify rules with state service providers.

CPS Defense

When high-stakes crises hit home, we act as a proactive shield. We step into wrongful CPS investigations to protect parental rights and resolve false allegations quickly.

200+

Interventions Resolved in 2025

42 HOURS

On average, a family calls for intervention every 42 hours.



On Your Behalf Strategic Vetting

Securing family freedom begins at the ballot box. Before a single bill is drafted in Austin, we engage directly in critical election cycles to evaluate and elevate true champions for homeschool freedom and parental rights.

1,410

Candidate Questionnaires Sent

170

Interviews Conducted

111

Requests for Endorsement
Declined

155

Candidates Endorsed

Vetting Committees & Candidate Questionnaires

We don't take candidate promises at face value. Our 9 regional Vetting Committees across Texas administer comprehensive questionnaires and conduct rigorous interviews to screen every candidate's record, philosophy, and commitment to parental rights and homeschool freedom.

Impactful Endorsements & Trusted Recommendations

Based on our thorough vetting, we issue official endorsements—and aren't afraid to decline candidates who don't align. We provide Texas families with clear, trusted guidance at the ballot box to elect proven leaders before legislative sessions begin.

At The Capitol

At the Capitol, freedom is often only one bill away from extinction. As the premier voice for Texas home educators and parental rights, our team stands firmly in the breach during legislative sessions to ensure the Lone Star State remains the freest state in the nation for families.



THSC families and advocates gathering in the Capitol rotunda during a Capitol Days event.

100% Defensive Success

Every single piece of legislation aimed at restricting homeschool freedom or eroding parental rights was successfully defeated.

2,369+ Bills Tracked

Pieces of legislation screened by our policy team and Watchmen for overreach.

181 Offices Reached

Ensuring an active presence and an open dialogue across every single Texas House and Senate district office in Austin.

The Watchmen Program

True vigilance requires presence. For the entire duration of the legislative session, our Policy Director and Watchmen were boots on the ground in Austin—acting as your eyes and ears at the Capitol.

Defending Parental Rights

We aggressively monitor and testify against legislation that threatens parents' fundamental, God-given rights to direct the care, education, and upbringing of their children.

Protecting Homeschool Freedom

Texas has the best homeschool laws in the country. That didn't just happen. Our team works around the clock to kill restrictive bills, preserving your right to teach without government intrusion.

Advocacy in Action (Capitol Days)

True lobbying doesn't just happen through professionals; it happens through active citizens. When we bring families directly into the offices of their representatives, we make the face of home education impossible for lawmakers to ignore.

At the Capitol Legislative Victories

True advocacy requires more than just a flawless defense; it requires a bold offensive strategy. Beyond blocking bad laws, our policy team and Watchmen aggressively drafted, championed, and advanced historic legislation to codify, fortify, and expand family sovereignty across the state of Texas.

The Homeschool Freedom Act

We fought to pass legislation that explicitly prohibits the TEA, SBOE, or any unelected state agency from imposing new regulations on home education—ensuring future policy changes must be passed by our elected representatives.

TEFA

(Education Savings Accounts)

We helped champion this historic program directing state funds to follow the student for optional curriculum, tutoring, therapies, and materials—with strict statutory guarantees that non-participating families face zero regulatory mandates.

Historic Parental Rights Constitutional Amendment

For over a century, Texas parental rights rested precariously on shifting case law. We led the charge to permanently secure a historic milestone—passing a constitutional amendment that enshrines a parent's fundamental right to the care, custody, and control of their children directly into the state constitution.

Expanding UIL Access

Building on past legislative wins, we expanded access by requiring school districts to actively opt out of UIL participation by a strict deadline rather than opt in—massively increasing available districts so thousands more homeschool students can compete.



Legislative Session Watchmen Cooper Chapel, Isabella Ruffo, and Benjamin McKay, with Justice James Sullivan and THSC President Nathan Macias at the Texas State Capitol.

In the Courtroom



The Family Freedom Project stands as the legal defense arm protecting THSC members and vulnerable Texas families when the law is misapplied or basic parental rights are outright ignored. In these critical moments, families can find themselves caught in a system where the state intervenes quickly and corrects its mistakes slowly.



1 in 3

Children nationwide face a CPS investigation before turning 18—this number climbs to 1 in 2 for some minorities.

2 in 3

Out of more than 10,000 Texas children removed in 2025, roughly two-thirds were permanently separated from their families.

Immediate Intervention & Supreme Court Precedent

As the nation's only organization solely dedicated to CPS defense, we deploy aggressive legal intervention at no cost to families caught in heartbreaking battles. When pivotal cases reach the Texas Supreme Court, we actively participate to set vital precedents that hold lower courts and hospital systems accountable.

Systemic Reform & Defending the Innocent

We enforce protections won at the Capitol to restrict dangerous bureaucratic overreach and protect the integrity of the family unit. Our victories extend far beyond individual cases; they establish sweeping systemic reforms that reduce unjust removals, protect due process, and force state agencies to operate strictly within the law.

In the Courtroom

The Battle for Ivy & Nico

Overturning a Rushed Medical Misjudgment to Reunite a Texas Family

In October 2024, after noticing an unusual red mark on their baby daughter Ivy's face, Rebeca and Adrien chose caution and went to the ER. Instead of investigating alternative medical explanations, the hospital rushed to an accusation of abuse. CPS immediately removed Ivy, and when her baby brother Nico was born months later, the state seized him from the hospital as well—not based on new evidence, but on pure bureaucratic inertia.



Standing in the Breach: The Family Freedom Project stepped forward to fund a powerhouse legal team including attorneys Brad Scalise, Shelly Troberman, and Chris Branson, and defense consultant Judy Powell. Together, they systematically dismantled the state's case, reviewed extensive medical records, and aggressively cross-examined hospital staff.

The Victory: On November 14, 2025—13 months after taking Ivy—the judge rejected the state's overreach and ordered Ivy and Nico returned home to their parents—reuniting a family that the system had unjustly torn apart.



In the Courtroom Defeating the “Lifetime Ban”



Eva Guzman, former Texas Supreme Court Justice

The Crisis:

In *Stary v. Ethridge*, a rogue civil trial court in Houston banned a mother from ever seeing or contacting her children again. By issuing an unprecedented "lifetime protective order" based purely on an unproven accusation, the lower court effectively terminated her parental rights, while completely bypassing the legally mandated due process required by Texas law.

The Battle (Supreme Court Intervention):

Recognizing the catastrophic precedent this set for every parent in Texas, the Family Freedom Project mobilized. Represented by attorney Chris Branson and former Texas Supreme Court Justice Eva Guzman, we filed a critical amicus brief urging the state's highest court to intervene.

The Precedent (Unanimous Victory):

The Supreme Court of Texas ruled unanimously in favor of the mother, reversing the lifetime ban and establishing that any multi-year protective order barring contact must meet the highest legal standard of clear and convincing evidence. Victory for families!

A Legacy of Freedom



The Early Battles

In the 1980s, Texas was one of the worst places in the nation to homeschool with parents facing prosecution and harassment. THSC stepped into the gap to organize a statewide political presence and protect the foundational right of parents to direct the care, control, and education of their children.

Leading the Nation

Protection was only the beginning. Since then, THSC has brought individual families together into a strong, statewide community—transforming Texas into arguably the best state in America to homeschool and uniting families under an enduring framework of liberty.

Every legislative session, school district dispute, and legal fight we take on represents a legacy of vigilance. The freedom we enjoy today in Texas was not won easily, nor can it be preserved without proactive defense. We do not look back at our history simply to celebrate past milestones; instead, we treat our hard-won liberty as the permanent foundation upon which the next generation of Texas families will build, stand, and thrive without fear of government intrusion.

1986

The year THSC was founded to lead the fight for homeschool rights

350K+

Homeschool families protected under the legal framework THSC built



Our History

Nearly four decades of historic legal precedents, legislative breakthroughs, and grassroots mobilization that permanently secured parental liberty and educational freedom across the state of Texas.

1986

THE FOUNDATION

THSC is officially established to combat aggressive state-level opposition, organizing a fragmented community into a unified, proactive political defense force for family rights.

1994

THE LEEPER WIN

The Supreme Court of Texas issues the historic, unanimous *Leeper v. Arlington ISD* decision, definitively ruling that homeschools legally qualify as private schools.

1995

STATEWIDE PROTECTION

THSC partners with the Texas Commissioner of Education to establish a universal statewide policy, forcing all 1,100+ local school districts to respect the *Leeper* precedent.

2000

SUPPORT & COMMUNITY

The THSC Association incorporates as a 501(c)(4), expanding direct legal defense, administrative support, and specialized resources to thousands of member families.

2005-2018

EXPANDING IMPACT

THSC expanded its annual conventions into massive statewide gatherings for connection and equipping. On the legislative front THSC fought to secure equal access to dual credit and higher education.

2020-2021

THE MODERN BOOM

Texas saw the largest surge in homeschooling history as the number of families nearly tripled. THSC stepped up immediately, serving as vital support to thousands entering the rapidly growing movement.

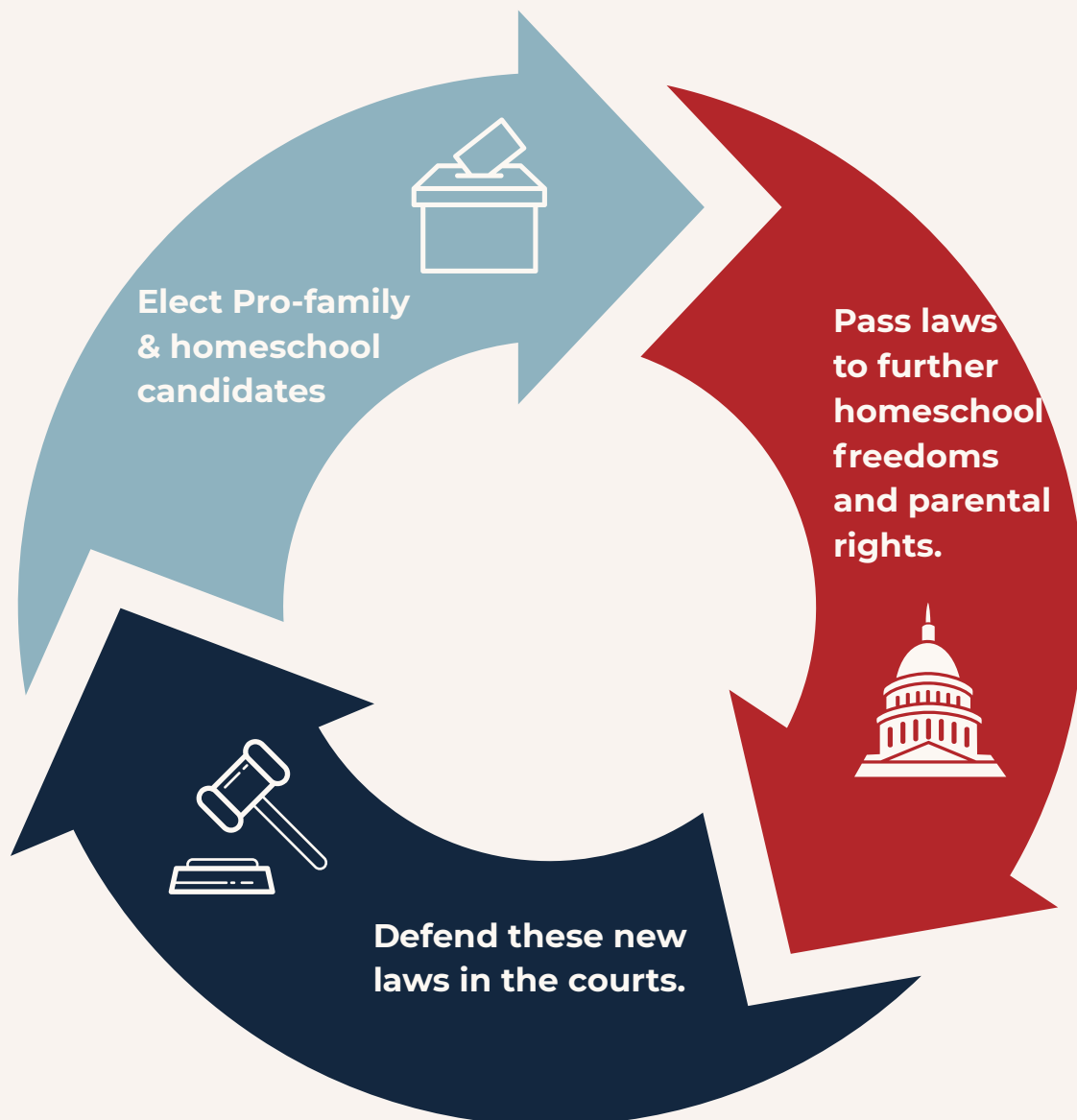
2025

THE ONGOING MISSION

Remaining on the front line in defense of family liberty. THSC and FFP continue to launch strategic initiatives to ensure the hard-won victories of our past remain secure for future generations, while advancing systemic, cultural, institutional change.

Shaping the Culture

True reform isn't a single event; it is a continuous cycle. By deploying our community to elect pro-homeschool and pro-parental rights leaders, we create the momentum needed to pass robust protective laws at the Capitol. We then secure those victories by defending these new laws in the courts against bureaucratic overreach. This three-part momentum is how we hold agencies accountable, reshape CPS reform, and permanently safeguard homeschool freedom and parental rights in Texas.



The Road Ahead

Securing a legacy of freedom requires a strategic vision for the future. As the educational landscape evolves at an unprecedented pace, THSC will continue to engage directly in critical elections, host life-giving events, and strengthen our statewide Leader Network. By launching new family and parenting initiatives, we are looking forward and training leaders to equip the next generation of Texas homeschoolers.



Vigilance & Expansion

We remain the unyielding watchdog in Austin, monitoring every legislative session to preemptively block new bureaucratic threats before they ever reach your doorstep. But protection is only half the battle; we are actively working to expand parent-led freedoms, ensuring that the legal protections won by past generations are strengthened for those to come.

Equipping the Movement

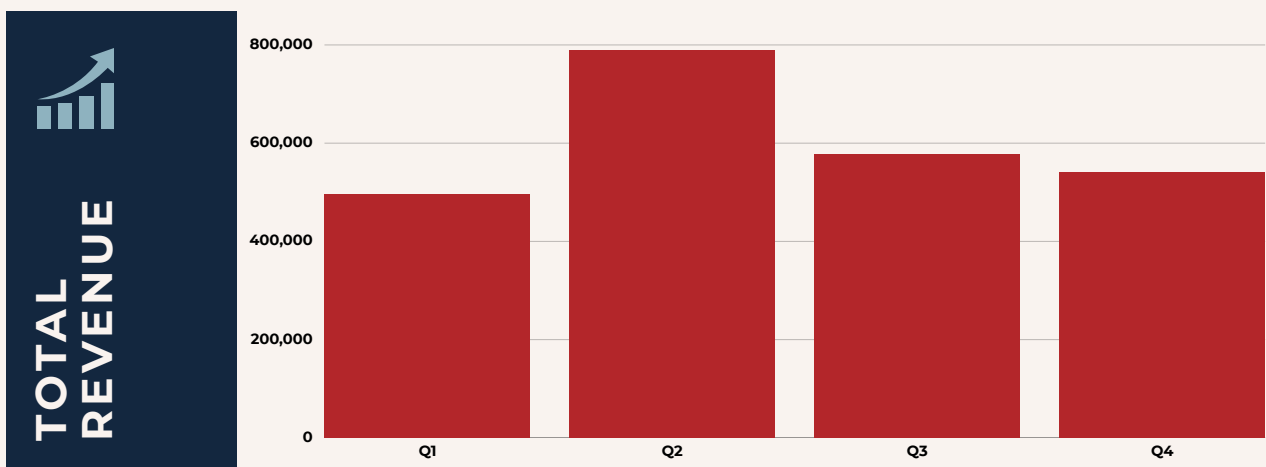
Supporting over three hundred thousand families requires scaling our support infrastructure to match the modern boom. By expanding our localized network of expert homeschool coaches, launching advanced digital tools, and maximizing grassroots mobilization, we are ensuring every Texas parent has the resources they need to educate with absolute confidence.

The Next Generation

True liberty is generational. We continue to invest in student leadership programs, internships, and scholarship opportunities to equip the young men and women who will inherit this movement. By training the next generation to understand, value, and defend their constitutional rights today, we guarantee that the future of family freedom in Texas remains secure.

Financial Highlights

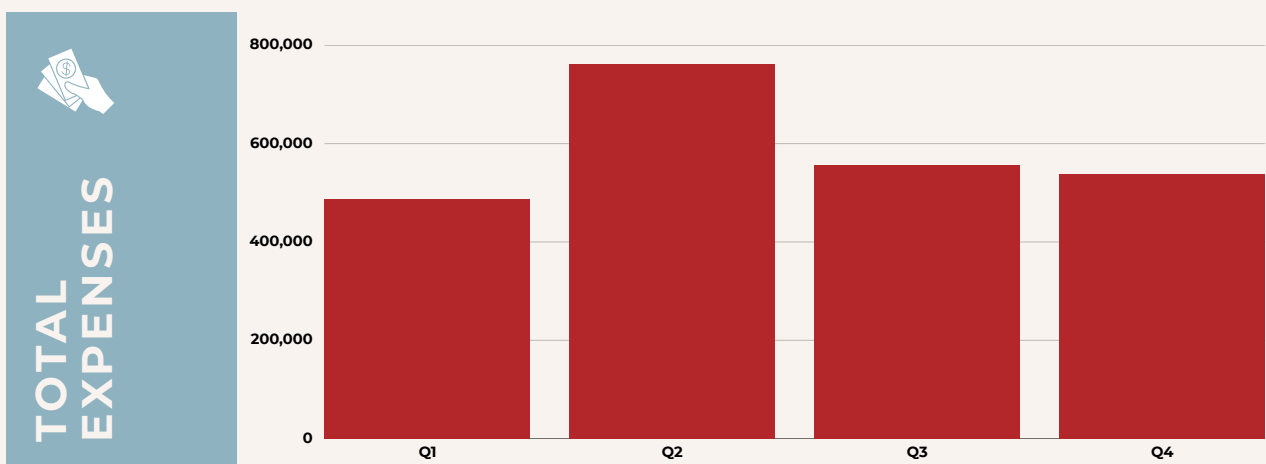
Financial stewardship at THSC and FFP is paramount to building trust and lasting systems. While rapid-response legal protection is a key pillar, your investment does far more: it fuels expert coaching, direct advocacy, inspiring conventions, and graduation ceremonies. We focused on increasing efficiency across all programs to ensure every family has the tools, community, and security they need to thrive.



Thanks to dedicated members, supporters, sponsors, and attendees, our revenue reflected a unified community that funded the front lines of educational liberty in Texas.



\$2.4M USD



Operational investments resulted in direct impact by fueling family legal defense, robust member advocacy, expert coaches, and statewide events to connect our community.

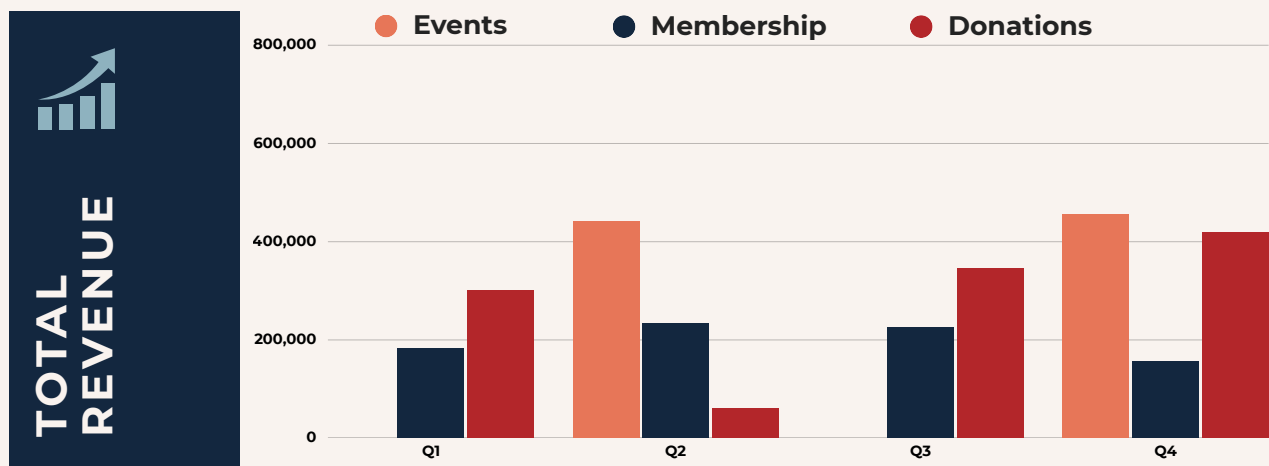


\$2.34M USD



Revenue Breakdown

Our diverse, healthy revenue streams allow us to remain agile and responsive to the needs of Texas families. From individual partners to event sponsors, every dollar fuels real-world needs.



EVENTS & SPONSORSHIPS

Driven by a dedicated network of sponsors and partners, our 2025 events served as vital revenue and connection points, bringing thousands of families together to celebrate educational liberty.

MEMBERSHIP

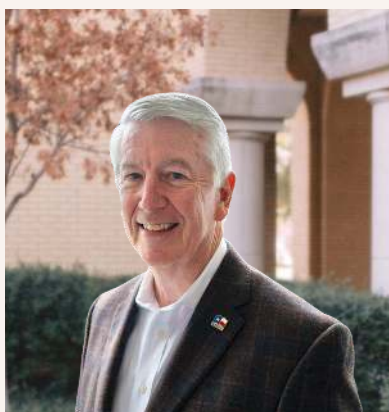
Our membership base is the operational backbone of our daily work. It provides the reliable, baseline funds needed to sustain our 24/7 legal protections and family guidance resources.

DONATIONS

True mission relies on the faithful generosity of our supporters. To build long-term resilience, 2025 marked the launch of the 1986ers—our premier monthly giving club anchoring the future of family freedom, as well as the Leeper Society for major donor gifts.

THSC Leadership

A dedicated group of professionals who drive innovation, efficiency, and growth. Their collective expertise strengthens and advances our mission every day.

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FFP Leadership

This specialized team is dedicated to fighting for child welfare reform. They step directly into high-stakes crises, and turn well-stewarded funds into legal precedents and cultural change.



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