



2026

IMPACT REPORT



Beichler Family
Project in 2023





FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As I look back on the first half of 2026, I'm filled with gratitude and excitement. Our staff and board continue to remind each other of the front row seat we have to see the stories God is writing every day through Both Hands.

*Last year, our word was **Focus**, a reminder to stay true to the mission God has given us, even as He continues to grow this ministry. This year, our word has been **Educate**. Our desire is to help more families, agencies, churches, supporters, and partners better understand how Both Hands works so that together we can serve even more.*

We've also looked inward to better educate ourselves on the state of adoption and how we can best serve our families. As a result, we are seeing momentum that has exceeded even our record-breaking pace from last year. More families are being equipped, more widows are being

served, and more children are being placed into forever families. Along with one of the most incredible Vision Projects we've ever experienced, it's been a remarkable reminder of what God can do through His people.

*As we look ahead to next year, I can't help but feel expectant. None of this would be possible without your faithfulness. Whether you have prayed, given, volunteered, or shared our mission with others, **you are part of every story represented in these pages.***

Thank you for serving alongside us. We can't wait to see what God has in store next.

Until All are Home,



Jared DeLong

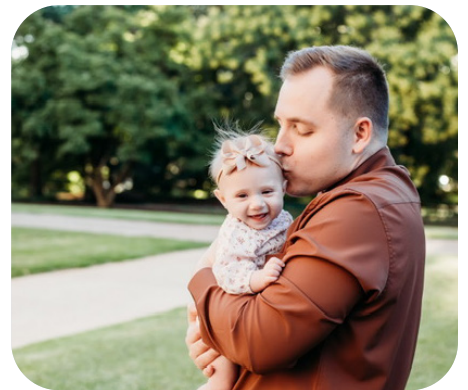
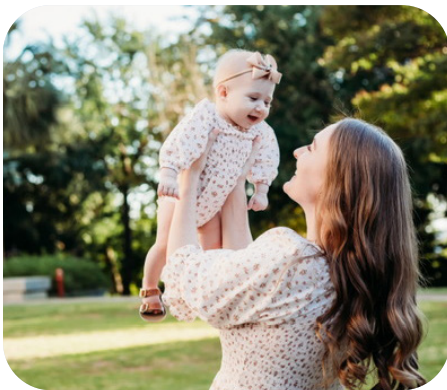
THE ARENDALES

We'd love to introduce you to one of the newest members of the Both Hands family. Meet Kennedy Arendale! Colby and Kaitlyn's road to parenthood wasn't the one they expected. After completing a Both Hands project in the fall of 2025 and preparing to welcome twins into their family, the adoption match ultimately did not result in a placement.

Yet even in the disappointment, God never stopped writing their story.

As they continued to trust Him in the waiting, He surrounded them with a community that encouraged, prayed, gave generously, and faithfully walked beside them. Through their Both Hands project, **friends and family raised more than \$35,000** to help remove the financial burden of adoption. Then, in His perfect timing, God led them to their beautiful daughter, Kennedy. Looking back on their Both Hands experience, Colby and Kaitlyn shared:

"One of the coolest parts of our project was getting to see how everyone came together for us on project day, and getting to love and serve our widow. If you are thinking about doing a Both Hands Project, go for it!! The experience is one you will love and cherish forever!"



A STORY 30 YEARS IN THE MAKING

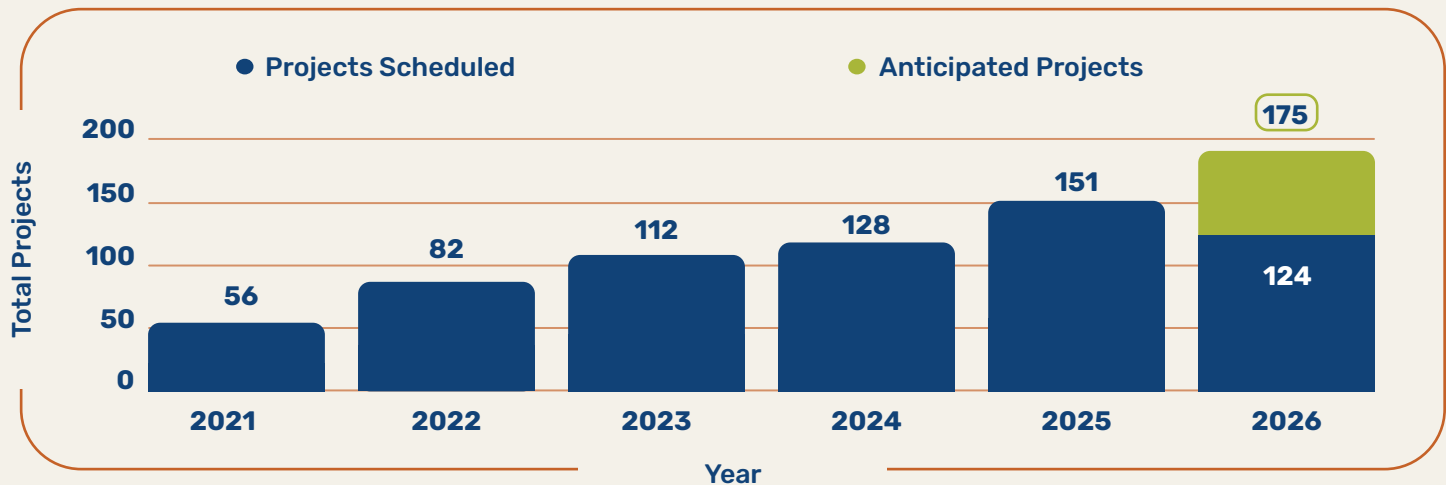
JT recently sat down at the firepit to share an incredible story more than three decades in the making. What began with one young woman's unexpected pregnancy came full circle in a way that only God could orchestrate. It's a powerful reminder that our simple acts of faithfulness today can become part of a much bigger story tomorrow.



Scan the QR to watch the firepit video:



2026 PROGRAM IMPACT



PROJECT GROWTH

We're over halfway through the year, and the momentum is undeniable. Based on our current pace and projections, **we're on track to complete 175 Both Hands projects by the end of 2026**, making this potentially our biggest year yet. Every project means more widows served and more families supported in their adoption journey.

THIS YEAR'S STATS



78

Children One Step Closer to Home



121

Widows Served



2,120

Volunteers

PROJECT STATS & FUNDS RAISED

\$1.8M

Total raised through projects so far in 2026

88

Matching grants awarded

\$280K

Total awarded in matching grants

2025

JULY

\$1,235,920

TOTAL

\$3,245,649

2026

JULY

\$1,819,317

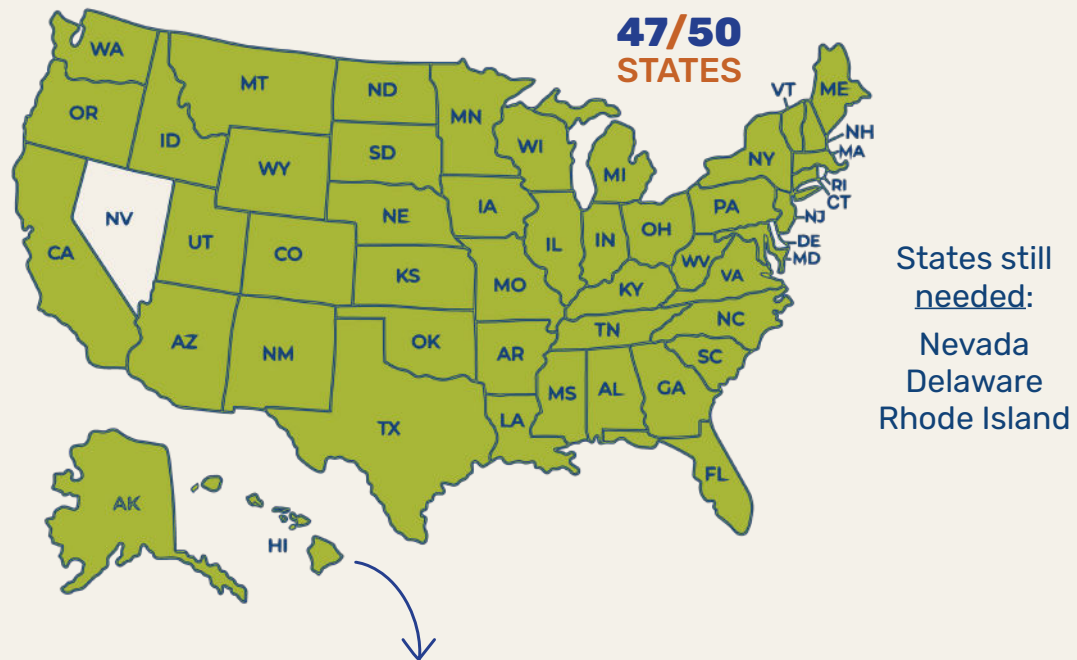
PROJECTED

\$4,172,297

Every dollar disbursed represents something worth celebrating: a child coming home. Once an adoption is complete, Both Hands disburses the funds raised through the family's project to help cover adoption expenses. Through this point in 2026, we've disbursed a record-breaking **\$1,489,546**, helping more families welcome children home than ever before.

BOTH HANDS IN HAWAII

This summer, Both Hands reached an exciting milestone by launching our first-ever project in Hawaii, bringing us to 47 of all 50 states served. The Elliott family served widow Ms. Gloria in Honolulu while raising funds to help bring Baby Elliott home through adoption. We're grateful to see the Both Hands mission continue reaching more families and communities across the country.



First ever Hawaii Project completed this year!

EXPANDING OUR REACH

This year we've continued investing in adoptive families through webinars, conference speaking, agency partnerships, and practical resources covering topics like the Adoption Tax Credit, legacy planning, and encouragement for adoptive moms and dads. Watch our previous webinars at: bothhands.org/category/webinars

14 Conferences
Attended

6 Webinars
Hosted

345K Website
Views

WIDOW CARE CONTINUES TO GROW

Both Hands' Widow Care Program continues to expand its reach across Tennessee. So far in 2026, we've provided professional organization, skilled labor, and direct financial assistance to widows outside of a typical Both Hands project. 18 widows have already been served this year, while 49 additional Tennessee widows are currently in our pipeline.

CELEBRATING GOD'S PROVISION

Every season of growth is a reminder of God's faithful provision. This year, He has expanded our team with gifted staff members and committed board leaders who share a passion for serving adoptive families and widows. We're thankful for each of them and look forward to the impact they'll make as we continue pursuing our mission together.



Crystal Libby
Executive Assistant



Jenna Pedicini
Graphic Design &
Socials Coordinator



Katie Brunette
Donor Stewardship
Manager



Katie Soqui
Sr. Communications
Manager



Steve Lange
Board Member



Nancy Osman
Board Member

SHARING THE BOTH HANDS STORY

This year, Both Hands was honored to receive the Campaign Innovation Award at the 2026 Virtuous Nonprofit Summit, recognizing the storytelling behind our year-end campaign. That campaign included an Office-style mockumentary celebrating several million-dollar fundraising milestones in true Both Hands fashion. Thank you for always embracing our creative (and sometimes crazy) ways of celebrating God's provision. Your support makes every milestone and every story possible.



Watch The Office
video here!





A DAY TO REMEMBER: TY² VISION PROJECT 2026

This year's Vision Project was nothing short of a miracle in motion with over 400 volunteers serving 23 widows all in one day! From the morning worship at registration to the hundreds of hands working simultaneously across the Middle Tennessee area, the energy was palpable.

But beyond the numbers—the mulch moved, the trees trimmed, and the paint applied—this day was defined by the presence of God. We saw communities rally around families, we saw neighbors serving widows with love and joy, and we witnessed firsthand the “God stories” that happen when His people simply say “yes.”

“It has been almost 6 years since Justin died and to still feel seen, and recognized! I just want more people to see and know what y’all are doing. It’s just a wonderful part of God’s story that I’m so grateful to be a part of.” – Ms. Katie, widow served.

Whether it was the seasoned veteran of a dozen projects or a first-time volunteer from a local church, the verdict was the same: This isn’t just a service day. It’s a movement. Thank you for making this our biggest, most impactful Vision Project yet.

Be a part of our team next year by signing up here: bothhands.org/vision-signup-2027



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

PRAY

We believe that prayer is the first step in every project. Join us in asking God to open doors for new projects and to soften hearts for the widows and families we serve.

PLAN A PROJECT

Life-change happens in the hands-on work. Whether you are a widow in need, a family ready to fund your adoption, or a volunteer ready to serve, the journey begins here.

You can apply to do a Both Hands project today at: bothhands.org/apply



BECOME AN AGENT FOR IMPACT!

Our monthly supporters build the foundation that allows us to plan for the future. Join our community of Agents for Impact to provide reliable, consistent funding for our ministry so 100% of project funds go directly to adoptive families and orphan care ministries. Sign up to give monthly at: bothhands.org/recurring

FROM OUR FOUNDER

As I think about all you've seen in these pages, one truth continues to stand out: God is faithful.

For over 18 years, we've had the privilege of watching Him provide in ways we never could have imagined. He has brought children into loving families, surrounded widows with caring communities, and used ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things for His Kingdom. Every story reminds me that this has never been about what Both Hands can do. It's about what God does when His people simply say "yes."

Thank you for being one of those people.

Whether you've prayed, volunteered, given financially, or encouraged a family along the way, you have been part of something much bigger than yourself. Because of your faithfulness, more

families have hope, more widows have been served, and more children are one step closer to the forever families God has prepared for them.

As we look ahead I'm filled with anticipation for what God will do next. Thank you for serving alongside us. Let's continue trusting Him to write even more incredible stories in the days ahead.

JT Olson

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "JT Olson".





HONORING
Jeff Hartline

In June 2025, our Both Hands family lost a dear friend and faithful board member, Jeff Hartline. As we reflect on the past year, we remain deeply grateful for the lasting impact of his life and legacy.

Jeff's journey with Both Hands began more than a decade ago when his daughter, Megan, and son-in-law, Hayes, completed a Both Hands project to help bring home their daughter, Liberty Jane, Jeff and Melodie's granddaughter. That experience sparked a deep connection to the ministry, and Jeff quickly became one of our most passionate advocates.

As a board member, Jeff served with humility, wisdom, and unwavering faith, always encouraging others to care for orphans and widows. When he believed in something, he didn't simply support it. He rolled up his sleeves, invested his time, and invited others to join him in making a difference.

Though Jeff is no longer with us, his influence continues to be felt through the ministry he helped strengthen and the countless lives he impacted. We remain grateful for his friendship, leadership, and faithful example.

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"

Matthew 25:23





"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress."

James 1:27