



2025 Impact Report



“Because of Oakridge, my children sleep in a warm, safe home. My husband and I can focus on building a future. They didn't just give us help, they gave us stability, dignity, and a peace of mind. Oakridge protected my family's future when we needed it. They changed our lives.”

– Dalia Elnour



Where children achieve. Families thrive. Prosperity is created.

Oakridge Neighborhood is committed to empowering economic growth for Central Iowans by providing solutions to challenges families face. By creating pathways to prosperity through stable, affordable housing coupled with impactful family-centered social services open to all, we are building a stronger Central Iowa service delivery ecosystem working to stabilize our community and advance individual opportunity. Since our establishment in 1969, we've been instrumental in helping thousands of families achieve stability, economic independence, and long-term success.



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SKYLAR'S
STORY

Skylar Mayberry- Mayes, PhD

"What no one knew at the time I joined the board was that I had a special connection to Oakridge Neighborhood. When I was in fifth grade, my family moved to Des Moines, and Oakridge Neighborhood was my home. Those years had a significant influence on me."



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DALIA'S
STORY

Dalia Elnour

Dalia, her husband, and six children moved to the United States just over a year ago after fleeing war-torn Sudan. They connected with Oakridge Neighborhood, where they found stable housing and significant assistance with everything from their job search to driver's education and enrolling their children in school.



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ZAMI'S
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Zamiratu Dainkeh

"A neighbor introduced us to Oakridge Neighborhood's afterschool program, and that changed everything. It gave me sense of community, and provided academic support. I discovered a world of enrichment and leadership opportunities ...Today I'm a college sophomore at Drake University's Bright College, attending with a full scholarship."



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LILIANNA'S
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Lilianna Bernstein

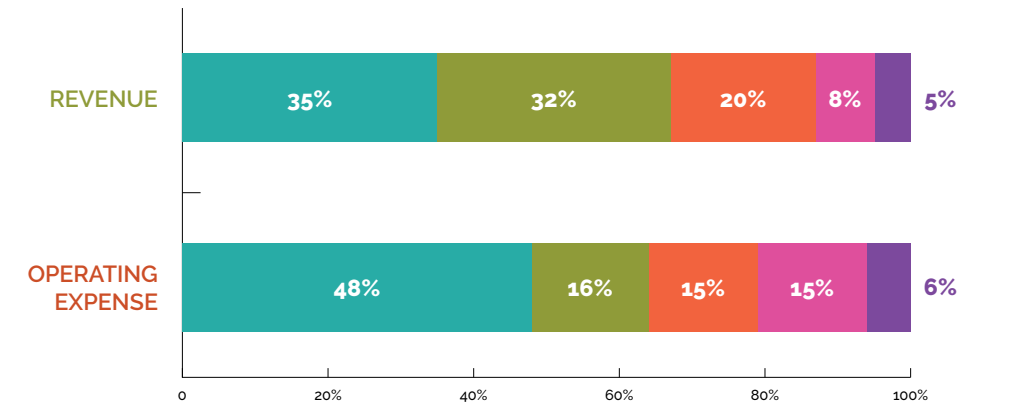
"Oak Academy is a hidden gem. I'm so passionate about it that I tell every friend I have who is looking for childcare to consider it. It makes me truly proud to tell people that we are an Oak Academy family!"

At a Glance

- **70%** of Oakridge Neighborhood residents utilize our onsite social services.
- We serve Central lowans from **3 counties**.
- Our Career Services provide an estimated **\$9 million** adult wage impact.

2025 Financials

REVENUE	Total	%
Grants, Subsidies, Contributions	\$ 2,602,000	35%
Government Housing Contracts	2,443,000	32%
Rental Income	1,534,000	20%
Program Fees & Tuition	603,000	8%
Other Income	350,000	5%
Total Revenue	\$ 7,532,000	



OPERATING EXPENSE	Total	%
Housing & Properties	\$ 3,536,000	48%
Early Childhood	1,209,000	16%
Youth Education	1,106,000	15%
Admin & Development	1,104,000	15%
Family & Workforce	454,000	6%
Total Expense	\$ 7,409,000	

2025 Impact

HOUSING

Oakridge Neighborhood is Iowa's largest affordable housing community, unique for its onsite social services provided to residents and open to all in Central Iowa. Our 300 townhomes and 39 senior living apartments sit on 17 acres in the heart of downtown Des Moines and were home to 749 people at the close of 2025.



910
total residents
served



63% female
37% male



2.13
average
family size



49%
under the
age of 18



14%
age 60+



From **21** countries
17 languages



\$23,724
average household
income



100% of
households very low
or extremely low
income at move-in

FAMILY & WORKFORCE

We provide the foundation for welcoming new residents, stabilizing families and advancing long-term economic mobility through innovative programs and critical resources:

- **Career Services**, including job preparation, placement and retention
- **Supportive Training and Services**, including financial education, pathway to homeownership, English language classes and citizenship education
- **Transportation Solutions**, including adult driver's education, job rides and Wheels of HOPE vehicle attainment
- **Case Management Services**



6,361 served
2,841 unique
accessing multiple
services



57% residents
43% non-Oakridge
residents
26 zip codes served



249 job placements
410 employment ready
Estimated **\$9 million**
wage impact



17 home-based
childcare businesses
through Prepared
to Care



26 obtained
driver's licenses
80 benefited
from job rides



8 families
purchased homes
36 homeownership
pathways



312 completed
financial
education



14 languages spoken
by staff with lived
experience similar
to clients

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YOUTH EDUCATION & ENGAGEMENT

We are a designated 21st Century Learning Center focused on academic growth and enrichment for Central Iowa youth year-round through robust afterschool programming 15+ hours a week during the academic year and 10 hours daily for 9 weeks in the summer. In addition, our Teen Tech Center provides cutting-edge technology, mentorship, career development, and entrepreneurial opportunities.



378 youth
K-12 served



100% of students from households with income defined as "very low"



70% high school graduates attending college



57 community partnerships
enhanced programming



Additional **38 youth** ages 14-24 in Oak Futures Employment Program
100% successfully completed program and placed in employment



Oak Studio Teen Tech Center at Mainframe served an additional **379 underserved youth** from throughout the metro
18 youth selected for competitive 9-month Career Pathways Program and internships

OAK ACADEMY EARLY LEARNING & PRESCHOOL

Our top-rated education center provides comprehensive early childhood education for infants and young children ages six weeks to Pre-K. One of the few childcare centers in Central Iowa to earn Level 5 on Iowa's Quality Rating System, Oak Academy successfully completed reaccreditation with the National Association for Education of Young Children in 2025, setting the highest standard for early childhood education.



Served **187 children** throughout 2025



25% Oakridge residents
75% from broader community



100% received vision, dental, hearing and developmental screenings; additional services provided onsite if needed



80% from families with very low or extremely low incomes
70% from single-parent households



55% children of refugees or immigrants
50% from English Language Learner families



State-certified, fully credentialed and degreed teaching staff with **30+ hours** of continuing education annually



Open **11 hours** every weekday, serving **2 meals** and **2 snacks** from on-site kitchen



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Oakridge Neighborhood was built by people who believed in something bigger than themselves, and remains strong because of the dedication of those who put their dollars to work building a stronger Central Iowa ecosystem and economy. Every dollar contributed supports high-impact initiatives rooted in Oakridge Neighborhood's mission and the understanding that when our entire community is poised to succeed, we all succeed.



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