



THE MATTHEWS HOUSE



2026 YEAR-END CAMPAIGN BOOKLET



THE NEXT STOP

EVERY STOP HAS A STORY



THE STORYTELLING ISSUE



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INTRODUCTION

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There are moments in our lives that become significant stops along the way; moments that change us, shape us, break us and sometimes, save us.

Some stops we choose. Others arrive before we're ready. Some come with people who stay beside us for years, while others introduce us to someone who changes our direction entirely in the blink of an eye and in ways we never expected.

For more than 20 years, The Matthews House has had the privilege of being a part of thousands of those journeys.

But the story of The Matthews House has never really been about the organization. It is about the people.

The young person who walked through our doors looking for a safe place to land. The parent who found connection and realized they didn't have to navigate parenting alone. The staff member who chose to build a career around showing up for others. The volunteer who gave their time and discovered they received just as much in return. The donor who saw the need and gave. The Board member who brought their own experiences that helped shape where we could go next.

There's something we hear again and again from the people who support this work: "I wish there had been a Matthews House when I was growing up."

Some of the people who give their time, leadership, resources, and hearts to this work know firsthand what it's like to travel a hard stretch alone and be in need of a safe place, an opportunity or a connection.

Others simply know how much it mattered to have someone in their corner, and they can't imagine facing life's biggest transitions without that. Either way, they share one belief: no one should have to travel alone. And now, they're choosing to walk beside someone else on their journey.

That is what this year's campaign is about.



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EVERY STOP HAS A STORY. WHERE WILL THE NEXT STOP BE?

Over the coming weeks, you'll hear directly from participants, staff, volunteers, Board members, and others who have helped shape The Matthews House, and whose own lives have been shaped along the way.

Some stories will take us back to childhood. Some will begin with a person's first connection to our organization. Others will show where that person is today, and how they are choosing to walk beside someone else now.

Each journey is different, and each stop matters.

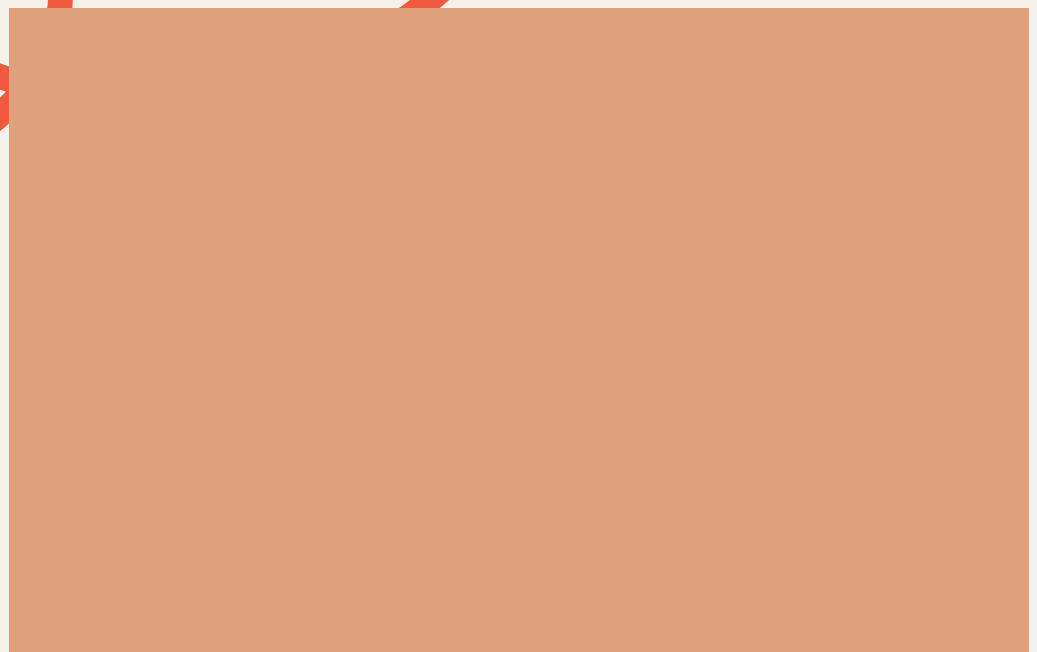
Together, they remind us that our stories don't end with where we've been. The road we've traveled helps shape the road we choose next, for ourselves and, sometimes, for someone else.

Thank you for being part of our story, and for helping make the next stop possible for so many young people and their families in Northern Colorado.

Nicole Armstrong,
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LET THE JOURNEY BEGIN...

WHERE KAREM'S JOURNEY STARTED...



**WHERE
ZAKKAI'S
JOURNEY
STARTED...**



**WHAT'S THE
NEXT STOP FOR
KAREM & ZAKKAI?**

**STAY TUNED IN THE
COMING WEEKS TO HEAR!**

