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## HOME&SST Annual Report — 2025

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### Our Mission

HOME&SST exists to **support Marines, Soldiers, Sailors, Veterans, and their families** through morale-boosting programs, essential assistance, and community partnerships that honor their service and sacrifice.

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### Letter From the Founder

2025 was a year of growth, impact, and renewed commitment. What began as a simple effort to support deployed Marines has grown into a community-powered mission that reaches service members and Veterans across the country.

Thanks to our volunteers, donors, and partners, HOME&SST expanded its outreach, strengthened its programs, and laid the groundwork for our formal 501(c)(3) structure.

We are proud of what we accomplished — and even more excited for what comes next.

— **Albert “Al” Hess**, Founder

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### 2025 Impact Highlights

#### Morale & Care Support

- Delivered **over 1,200 homemade biscotti cookies, Donuts and Coffee** to active-duty Marines, Sailors and Veterans

#### Community Engagement

- Partnered with local businesses and community groups to expand outreach
- Attended military and Veteran conventions to build awareness
- Help Veteran-friendly organizations with Memorial Day Preparations

## Family Assistance

- Connected families with resources for support, benefits, and community programs
- Offered guidance to Veterans navigating **VA disability compensation**

## Organizational Growth

- Drafted bylaws, governance structure, and compliance framework
  - Began formal 501(c)(3) preparation
  - Expanded volunteer base and community partnerships
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## Financial Overview (2025)

*HOME&SST is committed to transparency and responsible stewardship.*

### Revenue \$1,392

- Individual Donations: **43% \$792.00**
- In-kind Contributions (goods/services): **57% \$600.00**

### Expenses

- Program Services (care packages, support activities): **81% \$1,127.00**
  - Outreach & Community Engagement: **7% \$101.00**
  - Administrative & Compliance Preparation (Travel only): **15% \$208.00**
  - Items (Travel Containers): **4% \$57.00**
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## Programs & Services

### Morale Support Program

Providing comfort items, baked goods, and care packages to deployed and stateside service members.

### Veteran & Family Assistance

Helping Veterans and families access resources, benefits, and community support.

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## Community Partnerships

Working with local businesses, civic groups, and supporters to expand our reach.

## Education & Advocacy

Sharing information about military life, Veteran needs, and support opportunities.

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## Looking Ahead to 2026

HOME&SST is preparing for its next major steps:

- Complete and submit **IRS Form 1023** for 501(c)(3) status
- Launch a **Volunteer Corps** for events and outreach
- Expand care-package operations
- Build a **Military Family Support Network**
- Secure funding to hire part-time administrative support
- Strengthen partnerships with Military bases, VFWs, American Legions, and community groups
- Develop a digital communication system social media and Web Site HOMESST.org

## How You Can Help

Your support directly strengthens our mission.

- **Donate**
- **Volunteer**
- **Partner With Us**
- **Sponsor a Care Package**

## Contact

HOME&SST — Helping Out Marines Everywhere & Soldiers and Sailors Too Serving military families with honor, respect, and heart.

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