



SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT

**Economic and
Social Impact**



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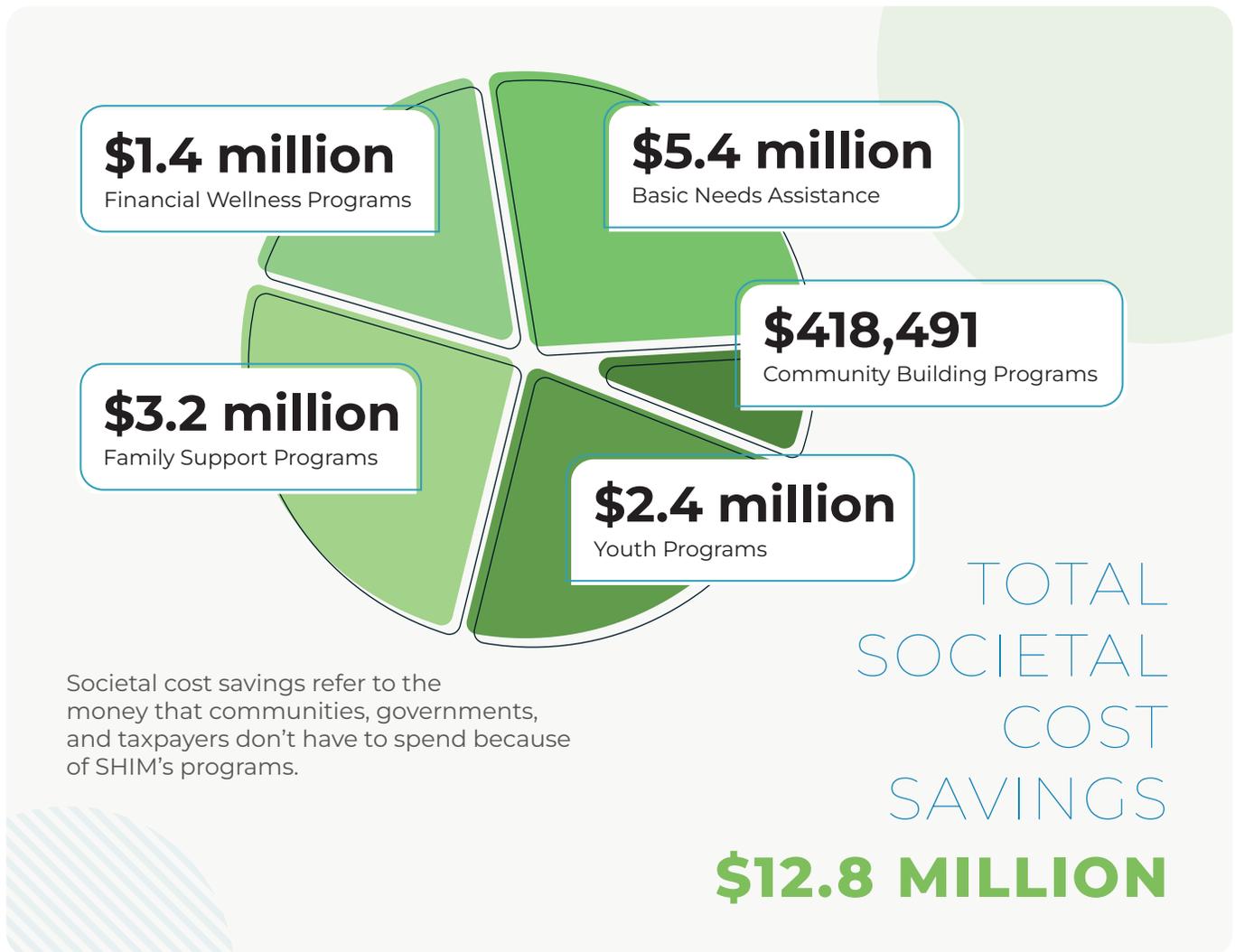
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Economic and Community Impacts At-A-Glance

COMMUNITY IMPACTS OF SHIM PROGRAMMING

Total Cost Savings of South Hills Interfaith Movement Programs



For every \$1 spent by SHIM, \$3 in cost savings is generated for Allegheny County.¹

¹ This number is based on the total cost-savings divided by direct spending in Allegheny County.

ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF SHIM OPERATIONS

In addition to cost savings, SHIM's operations in FY25 generated the following impact:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Impact



TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$10.0 million

\$4.8 million direct + \$5.2 million indirect/induced

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT

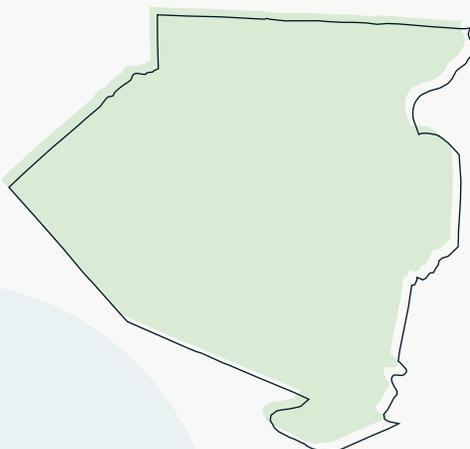
127 jobs supported

59 direct jobs + 68 indirect/induced jobs

TOTAL TAX IMPACT

\$293,830 generated in state taxes

Allegheny County Impact



TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$8.5 million

\$4.1 million direct + \$4.4 million indirect/induced

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT

108 jobs supported

50 direct jobs + 58 indirect/induced jobs

TOTAL TAX IMPACT

\$249,747 generated in local taxes

Note: Allegheny County impacts are included in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania numbers and are not additive.



INTRODUCTION

Tripp Umbach,² the national leader in conducting economic impact studies for leading universities, health systems, biomedical partnerships, and economic development organizations was retained by South Hills Interfaith Movement (SHIM) to conduct an updated economic impact assessment. This report documents SHIM's economic and social contributions in Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25), which covers the period from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

The following report highlights SHIM's economic and social impact on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Allegheny County.³ Tripp Umbach collected data from SHIM to assess the economic, employment, and government revenue impacts of SHIM's operations and services within the targeted areas. The total financial and fiscal contributions that SHIM makes to the region's vitality encompass the following key components:⁴

- Business volume impacts (capital expenditures, operational expenditures, and pay and benefits)
- Direct and indirect employment impacts of SHIM
- Government revenue impacts of SHIM

The economic impact analysis measures the effects of direct and indirect/induced business volume and government revenue on SHIM's operations. Tripp Umbach utilized IMPLAN software to calculate the operational impacts of SHIM.⁵

² Since 1990, Tripp Umbach has completed approximately 1,000 custom economic impact studies in all regions of the United States and internationally.

³ All data presented in this report includes the total economic impact (direct, indirect, and induced) within the specified geographies.

⁴ The specified geographies within the report include Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Allegheny County.

⁵ See Appendix A.



SHIM programs and services have a meaningful, widespread impact, delivering substantial benefits to individuals and communities across the region. This report not only examines the economic impact but also the positive community and social outcomes produced by SHIM's comprehensive continuum of services.

Based on Tripp Umbach's experience, the impacts of SHIM's programs align with peer organizations. SHIM excels in the sheer volume of people it serves and the depth of services and programs it provides. Additionally, while the economic value has been quantified as much as possible, the true value of SHIM also encompasses the quality-of-life benefits associated with lowering the stress levels of community members, who can rely on SHIM's longstanding commitment to individuals in the broader community.

ABOUT SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT

Founded in 1968 by a priest, a rabbi, and a minister, South Hills Interfaith Movement (SHIM) has a long history of bringing people of different faiths together to serve their community. Since its inception, SHIM has provided food, clothing, and essential services to individuals and families in need across Pittsburgh's southern suburban neighborhoods. In response to rising levels of suburban poverty, SHIM has expanded its reach and programs to support more neighbors facing economic hardship. Through the collective efforts of dedicated volunteers, donors, and community partners, SHIM works to reduce the effects of underserved and under-resourced individuals among hardworking individuals and families with limited income, unemployed, single parents, seniors, women, and a population of refugee and immigrant families. United by compassion and collaboration, SHIM continues to build a stronger, more equitable South Hills community for all.

SHIM VISION

An inclusive community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

SHIM MISSION

SHIM mobilizes community resources and implements sustainable programs that compassionately help our neighbors meet basic needs, achieve self-sufficiency, and build community.

VALUES



**EQUITY AND
INCLUSION**



**A HAND UP,
NOT A HANDOUT**



**OUR PEOPLE ARE
OUR PRIORITY**



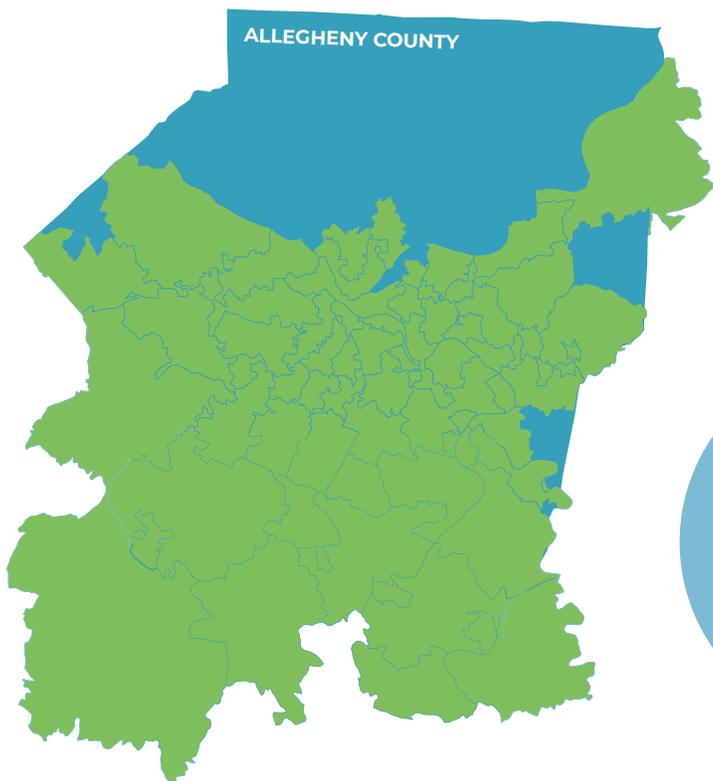
**BUILDING
COMMUNITY**



**PARTNERING FOR
POWER**



WHO WE SERVE



COMMUNITY IMPACTS OF SHIM PROGRAMMING

Building a Stronger South Hills

SHIM plays a critical role in strengthening the South Hills community by addressing immediate needs, supporting families, and fostering long-term well-being. Across their diverse program areas – including Basic Needs Assistance, Financial Wellness, Youth Programs, Family Support, and Community Building – SHIM delivers services that generate both tangible and intangible benefits for residents. In FY25, SHIM’s programs collectively provided an estimated **\$12.8 million** in cost savings and community impact, demonstrating the organization’s significant economic and social contributions to the region.⁶ In FY25, for every \$1 spent by SHIM, \$3 in cost savings is generated for Allegheny County. This number is based on the total cost savings divided by direct spending in Allegheny County. Societal cost savings refer to the money that communities, governments, and taxpayers don’t have to spend because SHIM’s programs improve outcomes – such as better health, education, or employment. Therefore, cost-savings presented in this report represent “avoided costs” to the general society attributable to SHIM’s programs.

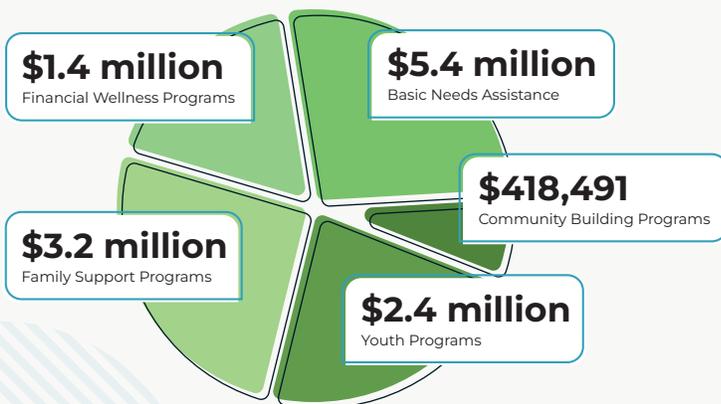
Through its Basic Needs Assistance programs, SHIM helps families, seniors, and refugees overcome economic hardship by providing food pantries, clothing distribution, school supply programs, and other essential services. Financial Wellness Programs help families achieve stability and independence through emergency hardship grants, utility and transportation support, and one-on-one economic mobility mentoring. SHIM’s Youth Programs – including early childhood, after-school, youth mentoring, and summer camp – equip children and teens with the skills, support, and experiences they need to thrive academically, socially, and personally. Family Support programs, such as home visits, Hello Baby, fatherhood groups, and more, help strengthen relationships and promote resilience among parents and family members. SHIM also fosters community connection through its Community Building programs, including volunteer opportunities, community gardens, and donation drives, bringing together residents and volunteers to build a stronger, more engaged community.

⁶ It is important to note that the community impacts/cost savings are separate of the economic impacts of SHIM’s operations.



By addressing both immediate needs and long-term development, SHIM not only provides direct support to thousands of residents each year but also generates substantial economic and social value, creating a more resilient and connected South Hills.

Total Societal Cost Savings of South Hills Interfaith Movement Programs



TOTAL
SOCIETAL
COST
SAVINGS

\$12.8 MILLION

Basic Needs Assistance

SHIM plays a vital role in helping community members throughout Pennsylvania meet their most basic needs. SHIM collaborates with volunteers, donors, and partners to address suburban poverty among families, seniors, and refugees. SHIM provides essential services to ease economic hardship and help families achieve self-sufficiency. Operating in Bethel Park, Baldwin, and Whitehall Borough, SHIM offers wraparound support through food pantries, the Clothing Closet, school supplies, utility assistance, financial aid, employment help through referrals or partnerships, and self-sufficiency programs. By addressing these fundamental needs, SHIM lays the foundation for self-sufficiency and promotes a more resilient, compassionate community across the South Hills of Pennsylvania.

SHIM contributed nearly \$1 million in Basic Needs Assistance in FY25. Based on Tripp Umbach's national multiplier benchmark of 5.6, the total economic value generated for the community from this investment is estimated at **\$5.4 million.**

What Participants Say: The Real Impact of Food Assistance



Food Pantries

SHIM's three food pantries serve as a cornerstone of its Basic Needs Assistance programs, providing reliable access to nutritious food for individuals and families facing food insecurity in the South Hills. SHIM food pantries occur six times per month at three locations (72 pantry distributions), offering fresh produce, pantry staples, and essential household items in a welcoming, supportive environment. Supported by generous community donations and dedicated volunteers, SHIM's food pantries distribute thousands of pounds of food each year, ensuring that no neighbor has to choose between feeding their family and meeting other basic expenses. In FY25, SHIM served **7,905 people** through its food pantries. Through these efforts, SHIM continues to nourish both bodies and hope throughout Allegheny County.

Clothing Closet

SHIM's Clothing Closet offers free clothing and essential household items to neighbors in need throughout the South Hills community. Open weekly on Mondays at South Hills Church of the Nazarene, the program serves individuals and families of all ages, from infants to adults. The Clothing Closet provides a welcoming environment where community members can access what they need with dignity, and it also offers neighbors an opportunity to support one another through donations of gently used items during operating hours. In FY25, the Clothing Closet operated for **48 days** and distributed **14,124 items**.

Back to School

SHIM's Back to School program is designed to support students in the South Hills as they return to the classroom with confidence and the tools they need to succeed. Each year, SHIM accepts donations of new school supplies and monetary gifts to ensure children from kindergarten to high school are equipped for school. In FY25, the program supported more than **1,300 students** through **three distribution days** held in August at SHIM's Bethel Park center and Family Center. These events enable families to shop for supplies at no cost, alleviating the financial burden of the back-to-school season.





Financial Wellness Programs

SHIM offers a comprehensive set of financial wellness programs designed to help individuals not just cope with immediate crises but build toward long-term stability and independence. Through services such as emergency hardship grants, utility and transportation assistance partnerships, and one-on-one economic mobility mentoring, SHIM supports clients in solving problems, setting future goals, and improving their financial well-being.

SHIM contributed approximately \$600,000 for Financial Wellness programs in FY25. According to national multipliers related to spending on financial programs and outcomes, and drawing on a study focused on the value of direct financial assistance, Tripp Umbach applied a 2.5 multiplier to estimate cost savings, resulting in a cost-savings of **\$1.4 million**.⁷

⁷ [Notre Dame's Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities](#)



Utility Assistance

SHIM's Utility Assistance Program helps families in the South Hills maintain essential services, including electricity, heating, and water. In FY25, SHIM provided utility assistance to approximately **150 households**, totaling **\$71,146**. This support amounted to an average of **\$1,422 per household**, helping families maintain essential services and easing financial stress.

Emergency Hardship Grants

SHIM's Emergency Hardship Grant Program helps provide financial support to individuals and families facing unexpected crises. In FY25, **181 clients** received **\$110,527 in crisis grants** through SHIM's Emergency Hardship Program. On average, each client received **\$610.65**, providing critical financial support during times of urgent need. By covering urgent expenses such as rent, utilities, or other essential needs, the program helps stabilize households and prevents short-term emergencies from becoming long-term hardships.

Transportation Aid

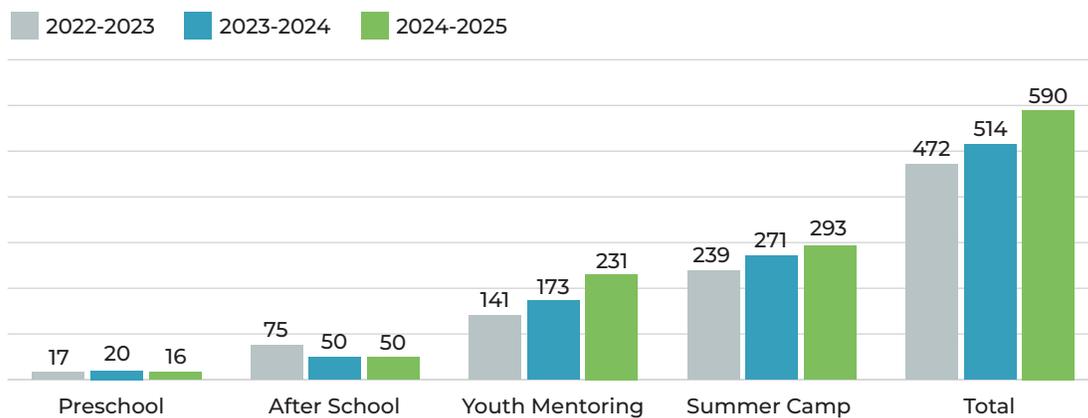
In FY25, approximately **10 families** received van rides from the Transportation Assistance Program (TAP), **totaling \$18,000** in transportation assistance to help participants overcome transportation barriers. TAP supports and stabilizes a person's job and, in some cases, their education and training goals. By reducing transportation challenges, SHIM enables families to stay connected to critical resources, supporting overall well-being and cultivating stronger, more resilient households.

Youth Programs

SHIM offers a range of youth programs designed to help children and teens in the South Hills thrive academically, socially, and personally. These programs offer long-term cost savings in areas such as reduced incarceration rates and decreased reliance on the social safety net for students who do not complete high school and subsequently enter postsecondary education.

SHIM's youth programs have experienced steady growth over recent years. Between 2022-2023 and 2024-2025, overall youth participation increased by more than 25% from 472 to 590 students. The most significant expansion occurred in the Youth Mentoring program, which grew from 141 students in 2022-2023 to 231 students in 2024-2025 (approximately a 64% increase), reflecting rising engagement and demand for mentorship opportunities. Summer Camp enrollment also climbed notably, from 239 to 293 students. While Preschool and After School numbers remained steady, this overall upward trend highlights SHIM's expanding reach and growing impact in supporting youth development across the South Hills.

SHIM Youth Program Growth



SHIM provided approximately \$800,000 to Youth Programs in FY25. Based on a study from North Carolina State University, for every \$1 invested in after-school youth programs, a return of \$3 is estimated through increased children's earning potential, improved academic performance, and reduced crime.⁸ Tripp Umbach estimates that SHIM's Youth Programs produced a total economic value of **\$2.4 million** in FY25.

⁸ [North Carolina State University and A&T State University](#)



Early Childhood Program

SHIM's Early Childhood Program (ECP) provides supportive, educational services that help young children build the skills they need to succeed in school and beyond. Through engaging programs, the program prepares children to enter kindergarten ready to thrive academically, socially, and developmentally. ECP's child-centered approach allows flexibility in classroom activities, recognizing that each child enters the program at a different stage of development with unique strengths and challenges. In FY25, the program operated for 38 weeks (168 days) during the school year and an additional four weeks (20 days) over the summer, providing consistent support and structure for participating children. The program served **18 preschool students** in FY25 and has demonstrated strong outcomes, including individualized learning, social and emotional development, and equitable access to quality early education, among others.

After School Program

SHIM's After School Program provides a safe and supportive environment where students can complete homework, engage in academic enrichment, and interact with peers from diverse backgrounds, including children from other countries. The program combines attentive supervision with stimulating activities designed to stimulate curiosity and a love of learning. In FY25, operating for 34 weeks (120 days), the program served **48 elementary students**, ensuring individualized attention and meaningful engagement. Recognized for its quality and impact, SHIM's After School and Youth Mentoring Programs were honored with the 2018 APOST Quality Award, reflecting the organization's commitment to high standards in youth development.

What Participants Say: After School That Makes a Difference



Youth Mentoring Program

SHIM's Youth Mentoring Program provides a welcoming and supportive environment for middle and high school students, particularly those from refugee and immigrant families, helping them achieve academic success and prepare for life beyond high school. Through activities such as homework support, mentoring groups, field trips, college visits, and FAFSA assistance, students build the skills and confidence needed for post-secondary education, trade programs, or the workforce. Participants also explore healthcare careers in medical classes and develop wellness and teamwork skills in the Running Club. The program operated year-round in FY25, spanning approximately 250 days (excluding weekend field trips), and **served 170 students**. Notably, 100% of Youth Mentoring seniors graduated from high school. Average attendance in SHIM's youth mentoring program grew from 32 to 47 students per session, a 47% increase in FY25. In recognition of its impact, SHIM's Youth Mentoring Program received the 2019 Excellence in Mentoring Award from The Mentoring Partnership of Southwestern PA.

What Participants Say: Mentorship That Builds Confidence and Connection





Summer Camp

Each summer, SHIM offers an eight-week (38-day) Summer Camp to provide a safe and supportive environment where children can continue learning, stay engaged, and build meaningful relationships. In FY25, the summer camp welcomed a record **349 participants**, providing crucial support during the summer months and helping students transition smoothly into the new school year.

What Participants Say: Summer Camp by the Numbers

99%

Have food to eat at camp

99%

Feel safe at camp

98%

It's easy to talk to counselors

97%

Can ask for help if they need it





Family Support

SHIM's Family Support Programs are designed to strengthen and empower families across the South Hills community, particularly those from refugee and immigrant backgrounds. These programs offer a range of services, including home visits for families with young children, child development screenings, and parenting education. With the recent opening of the South Hills Family Center in West Mifflin, SHIM has expanded its capacity to serve families, offering a welcoming space for support groups, family engagement activities, and more. These comprehensive services aim to reduce isolation, build resilience, and create a sense of belonging for all families in the South Hills area.

SHIM contributed approximately \$1.3 million toward Family Support programs in FY25. Based on conservative national multipliers and supported by Tripp Umbach's extensive experience and review of comparable program evaluations, a 2.5 multiplier was applied, generating an estimated **\$3.2 million** in societal cost savings for the community.

Immigrant Services and Connections

SHIM's Immigrant Services and Connections (ISAC) program supports refugee and immigrant families in navigating the challenges of resettlement and building a stable life in the South Hills community. ISAC assists with housing, healthcare, education, and legal resources, helping families access the services they need to thrive. The program also offers guidance on cultural integration, community connections, and practical skills for daily living, building self-sufficiency and confidence. By connecting families with critical resources and support networks, ISAC plays a vital role in reducing barriers, promoting equity, and empowering immigrant and refugee families to succeed in their new communities. In FY25, **53 unique individuals** were served through the ISAC program.

Diaper Distribution Program

SHIM's Diaper Distribution Program, which is over and above diapers that are distributed through the food pantry, helps families in the South Hills meet one of the most basic and essential needs when it comes to being a parent – access to clean diapers. Through partnerships with the Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank and community donations, SHIM can provide free diapers, wipes, and other infant care items to parents who may struggle to afford them. In FY25, SHIM made **732 diaper distributions**, serving an average of **61 people each month**. With diapers costing roughly \$50 per pack of 200, this program generated an estimated **\$36,600 in cost savings** for families. By easing this financial burden, the program supports children's health and reduces caregivers' stress.

Hello Baby

SHIM's Hello Baby program offers individualized support to families with newborns, helping parents navigate the joys and challenges of early childhood. Designed to promote stability and healthy development from the start, the program provides home visits, developmental screenings, and connections to essential resources. In FY25, SHIM staff connected with **200 people** to offer family support center services, including social interaction and recreational activities, educational programming, access to essential items like diapers, formulas, car seats, and cribs. SHIM's staff also sign these individuals up for Year of Cheer with Bev's Babies/Beverly's PGH which provides critical baby care items four times a year.

Fatherhood Group

SHIM's Fatherhood Group program empowers fathers to strengthen their parenting skills, build confidence, and deepen their relationships with their children. Through group discussions, peer support, and hands-on activities, fathers learn strategies for positive parenting, effective communication, and emotional well-being. In FY25, **16 fathers** participated in the program, connecting and gaining tools to better support their families.

Transportation Program

SHIM's Transportation Program helps families in the South Hills by providing free, safe, and reliable transportation to the family center for parenting classes, group sessions, play groups, and more. In FY25, the program assisted **approximately 10 families per month**, helping them maintain critical connections to community resources.

Nurturing Parenting Classes

SHIM's Nurturing Parenting classes support families by providing guidance and practical skills for effective parenting. Held once a week, the program focuses on strengthening nurturing abilities and advancing family well-being. In FY25, **117 classes** were offered, serving **43 participants**. Classes work to build positive self-worth, empathy, and empowerment in both the parents and children, while also teaching structure, discipline, and the importance of laughter and play in family life.

Women and Family Support Groups

Women and Family Support Groups offered by SHIM provide a welcoming space for women and family members to connect, share experiences, and gain practical guidance for navigating family life. In FY25, **61 sessions** were held, serving **20 participants**, offering consistent support and opportunities for growth. Through group discussions and peer support, participants develop strategies to cope with stress, improve communication, and strengthen family bonds. By addressing both emotional and practical needs, these support groups help families build resilience, confidence, and stronger, healthier connections at home.

Walk-in Support

The front office at SHIM's South Hills Family Center assists community members with a range of tasks, including reading mail, completing forms, and sending faxes. This program welcomed an average of **20 walk-ins per month, totaling 240 total visits** in FY25.

Home Visits

The SHIM Family Center is free to all families with children up to age five residing in SHIM's service area, providing home visits, child development screenings, and group activities designed to support families in need. In FY25, **136 families** participated in the home visit program.





Community Building Programs

SHIM's Community Building programs are designed to facilitate connection, collaboration, and shared purpose across the South Hills region. Initiatives such as the Volunteer Program and Community Gardens bring together individuals from diverse backgrounds to work toward common goals, while interfaith activities promote understanding and unity across faith communities. SHIM brings neighbors together, combating social isolation and enhancing the health and overall well-being of residents throughout the South Hills community.

SHIM contributed approximately \$140,000 toward Community Building programs in FY25. Based on research by the Public Health Institute, Tripp Umbach applied a conservative multiplier of 3 to determine the cost savings of SHIM's Community Building programs, resulting in an estimated **\$418,491** in total economic value for the community.

⁹ [Public Health Institute](#)

Volunteer Program

SHIM's Volunteer Program connects community members with meaningful service opportunities that make a real impact across the South Hills. The program continually expands volunteer roles to meet evolving community needs, offering multiple ways for individuals to contribute their time and talents.

309 volunteers
15,302 hours
\$532,365 in value

By encouraging diverse experiences among individuals and strengthening community partnerships, the Volunteer Program not only supports SHIM's mission but also helps build a stronger, more connected community. In FY25, **309 volunteers** contributed **15,302 hours**, valued at **\$532,356**.

Donation Drives

SHIM's donation drives play a crucial role in supporting families across the South Hills by providing essential items and resources to those in need. In FY25, the organization collected **806 in-kind gifts**, totaling 198,165 pounds of goods, including clothing, household items, and personal care products. These drives not only help meet immediate needs but also foster a sense of community and generosity, ensuring families have access to the resources they need for stability and well-being.

Community Gardens

SHIM's Community Gardens congregates community members together to grow fresh fruits and vegetables for SHIM's three food pantries. With the help of volunteers, SHIM's **14 community gardens** harvest more than **17,000 pounds** of produce each season, directly benefiting families in the South Hills – 35% of whom are children. The value of the produce is estimated at **\$34,000**, providing both nutritional and financial support to families.¹⁰

Beyond providing healthy food, the gardens serve as a hands-on learning space for children in SHIM's Youth Programs. Young participants can plant seeds, explore soil health, learn about water conservation, and harvest vegetables to make their own nutritious snacks. These gardens inspire an early appreciation for healthy eating while engaging community members in community service.

¹⁰ Tripp Umbach estimates \$2 per pound based on data from the USDA.



ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF SHIM OPERATIONS

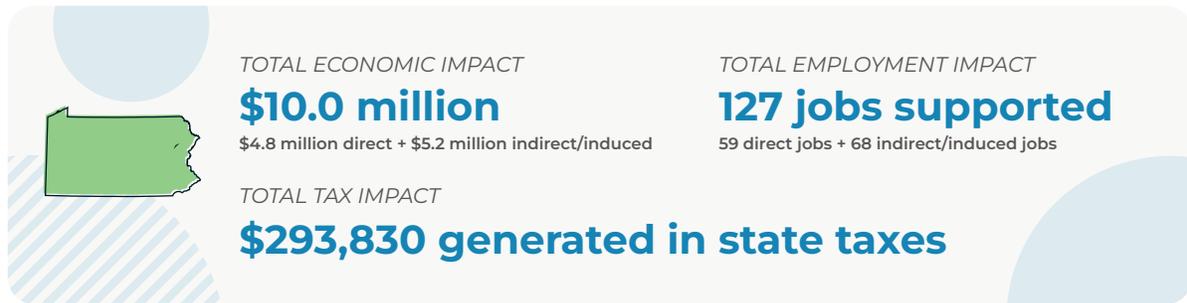
Stronger Community, Stronger Economy

To quantify the economic impacts of SHIM, Tripp Umbach conducted an IMPLAN-based economic impact analysis. IMPLAN measures how SHIM's operations and spending generate direct, indirect, and induced effects across Allegheny County and Pennsylvania – capturing the ripple effects through suppliers, households, and government revenues based on SHIM data and secondary research. The results highlight SHIM's wide-reaching influence through business activity, job creation, and tax revenue generation, underscoring its critical role in strengthening the local and state economies. See Appendix A for more information on methodology.



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

In FY25, SHIM generated a total economic impact of **\$10.0 million** across Pennsylvania. Of this, \$4.8 million represents direct spending by SHIM, while \$5.2 million comes from indirect/induced effects. Tripp Umbach estimated **127 jobs** were supported statewide. This total includes 59 direct jobs and 68 indirect jobs. SHIM contributed an estimated **\$293,830** in state tax revenues.



Allegheny County

In FY25, SHIM generated a total economic impact of **\$8.5 million** across Allegheny County. Of this total, \$4.1 million reflects direct spending by SHIM, while \$4.4 million stems from indirect and induced effects. Tripp Umbach estimates that SHIM's operations supported **108 jobs** countywide, including 50 direct jobs and 58 indirect or induced jobs. In addition, SHIM's activities contributed approximately **\$249,747** in local tax revenues. It is important to note that all county impacts are not additive to the Commonwealth impact, as these numbers are embedded into the Commonwealth impact.



Return on Investment

In FY25, SHIM received \$1,130,089 from Allegheny County. With the total economic impact of SHIM's operations totaling \$8.5 million on the county, the return on investment (ROI) of county funds equals **\$7.52 for every \$1 invested**. This ROI does not include cost savings to the county resulting from SHIM's programming.

BUILDING A GREATER FUTURE FOR THE SOUTH HILLS

Rooted in Community, Growing Toward the Future

SHIM is a cornerstone of support, stability, and opportunity for the South Hills community. Through its comprehensive programs – spanning from Basic Needs Assistance, Financial Wellness, Youth Programs, Family Support, and Community Building – SHIM addresses both immediate challenges and long-term development, ensuring families, children, and residents have the tools, resources, and guidance they need to thrive. In FY25, SHIM's programs generated an estimated **\$12.8 million** in community impact and cost savings, demonstrating significant contributions.

In addition to these programming impacts, SHIM's operations contributed substantially to the local and state economies. Across Pennsylvania, SHIM generated a total economic impact of **\$10.0 million**, supporting **127 jobs** and contributing an estimated **\$293,830** in state tax revenues. Within Allegheny County, SHIM's operations produced an **\$8.5 million** economic impact, supported 108 jobs, and contributed approximately **\$249,747** in local tax revenues. This impact highlights the importance of SHIM's work, as they not only directly improve others' well-being but also strengthen the broader regional economy.

The continued growth and expansion of SHIM's programs will be critical in meeting the evolving needs of the South Hills community. Investing in SHIM's programs creates both social and economic value, ensuring a stronger, healthier, and more connected South Hills region for years to come.





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APPENDIX A: METHODOLOGY

Tripp Umbach utilized the IMPLAN (input-output modeling software) methodology. IMPLAN is designed to perform economic impact analyses, which help evaluate the financial contribution of a sector of the economy. The following section explains the economic impacts of the South Hills Interfaith Movement on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Allegheny County, as well as the program's societal impact on residents. The impacts were calculated using data from the South Hills Interfaith Movement and secondary research.

The analysis presents three types of impact:

- 1. Direct:** These contributions include direct value added by a sector. They include employee compensation, returns to investors, property income, and government payments.
- 2. Indirect:** These contributions result from payments to industries that support and supply a sector. Payments to suppliers lead to payments to other suppliers, who pay other suppliers, and so on, in a ripple effect that ends with leakage out of the region. This leakage occurs mainly through the purchase of imported goods. These payments to suppliers are transferred to employees, investors, and the government, much as with direct contributions.
- 3. Induced:** The sector's economic contributions do not end when it prints paychecks for employees, pays suppliers, distributes dividends to its shareholders, or remits taxes to the government. Household and government spending filter that money back into the economy, thus significantly increasing the industry's contribution.



APPENDIX B: DEFINITION OF TERMS

Study Year	Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25): July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025
Total Economic Impact	The total economic impact of an organization includes the direct and indirect effects it generates on the economy.
Direct Economic Impact	Direct impact includes organizational, employee, and visitor spending on the organization.
Indirect Economic Impact	Indirect impact includes re-spending by vendors/ suppliers and households within the local economy.
Multiplier Effect	The multiplier effect is the additional economic impact generated by an organization's direct financial impact. Local companies that provide goods and services to an institution increase their purchasing power, creating a multiplier effect.
Direct Tax Payments	An organization makes direct tax payments to a unit of government.
Indirect Tax Payments	Governmental units collect government revenue in addition to that paid directly by an organization, including taxes paid by the organization's employees, visitors, and vendors who sell products to the organization.
Direct Employment	Total number of employees at the organization based on the total jobs
Indirect Employment	Indirect employment is the additional jobs created by an organization's economic impact. Local companies that provide goods and services to an organization increase their employees as purchasing increases, thus creating an employment multiplier.

APPENDIX C: ABOUT TRIPP UMBACH

Founded in 1990, Tripp Umbach is among the most established and respected private consulting firms in the United States. Tripp Umbach has a rich history rooted in advanced quantitative methods, community assessment, economic impact assessment, and economic development. Tripp Umbach was founded in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri.

Beginning with completing the nation's first higher education economic impact study for Washington & Jefferson College in 1990, Tripp Umbach has become the gold standard for college and university impact studies. The firm has completed studies for hundreds of leading universities throughout the United States and globally. The firm is also credited with pioneering Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNAs) for hospitals and health systems. In 1991, the firm completed the nation's first CHNA for Butler Memorial Hospital. This project, a VHA pilot program, led to Tripp Umbach's leadership of more than 500 community assessments in nearly every state in the nation and in Trinidad and Tobago. Tripp Umbach completed the first national economic impact study of all U.S. allopathic medical schools for the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) in 1995. Since then, Tripp Umbach has completed more than 1,000 economic impact studies for organizations such as the American Hospital Association (AHA), the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, and the National Park Service.

Beginning in the early 2000s, Tripp Umbach conducted feasibility studies and implementation plans for a new generation of U.S. medical schools. Today, Tripp Umbach has completed projects for approximately 50 newly established or expanded medical schools and health science centers and is the national leader in consulting for academic medical centers. Tripp Umbach is a force in economic and community development, working in partnership with healthcare, education, government, and corporate clients to improve communities' economic, social, and physical well-being worldwide. With more than 1,000 clients throughout the United States and globally, Tripp Umbach is a leading provider of community health needs assessments, economic impact studies, feasibility studies, economic development, and strategic planning, all with the philosophy of turning ideas into action to improve the world.

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