



# MORE THAN A SPACE

First Glance 

## What a year it has been at First Glance!

In 2025, we celebrated **25 years** of God's faithfulness. For a quarter-century, our doors have welcomed students and families to a place of meals, programs, hope, and truly becoming family. As this milestone year comes to a close, we are looking ahead to the next 25 years with excitement. **Because you generously gave a one-time gift this year, you have already played a meaningful role in supporting students and families.** Your gift helped provide meals, mentorship, rides, and programs that remind students they are valued, cared for, and loved by Jesus. We are so grateful for your partnership in making 2025 such a remarkable year.

Looking ahead, our vision is to create new and improved spaces that help us love, mentor, and connect with even more students and families. Through our year-end campaign, **More Than a Space**, we're focusing on **updates** that will transform lives, including:

**Skate Program Expansion:** An outdoor skate park here in Kenmore where students can hang out, connect, and grow with guidance from mentors.

**The Connect:** New family-style dinner tables where young moms and families can gather, share meals, and become family.

**Launch Kenmore Homework Room:** A quiet, focused space for students to study, get tutoring, and be reminded their goals matter.

**Hip Hop Program Phase 2:** A recording studio where students can write, record, and create music that shares stories of hope and faith.

Each of these projects represents more than walls, furniture, or equipment. They represent real students and families experiencing love, community, and Jesus in meaningful ways. **Even as a one-time donor, your support matters and directly impacts lives.**

As 2025 comes to a close, we hope you will consider **joining us again with a year-end gift.** Every dollar goes directly toward providing spaces and experiences where students are seen, encouraged, and introduced to the love of Christ. Your continued generosity helps us finish the year strong and step boldly into all that God has next.

On the back of this letter, you can learn more about Who We Are, see a Year Recap of all that God has done in 2025, and find ways to Get Involved. Your support makes these moments possible and allows us to continue impacting lives for years to come.

With gratitude,  
Jessica Swiger  
Executive Director

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# Year-End Gift

**Yes, I want to give my Year-End Gift Today**

- Yes, I want to give my Year-End Gift Today!
- I would like to be contacted about starting monthly giving.
- I RSVPed to Come and See at First Glance!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

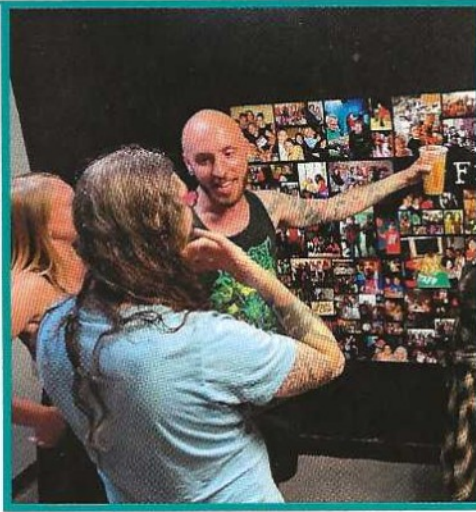


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ALL GIFTS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE AS ALLOWED BY LAW.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMMITMENT IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED.

PLEASE NOTE GIFTS ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR WHICH ENDS DEC 31.



# WHO WE ARE

*Do you know where the name "First Glance" comes from?*

Since 2000, more than 10,000 students have walked through our doors. From the very beginning, we have existed to give every student their **"first glance"** of Jesus—a glimpse of His love the moment they step into our building. Our prayer is that this would leave an eternal impact. **That students would meet Jesus through real, intentional relationships, in safe and non-threatening spaces, and through programs where they feel truly seen, valued, and loved.**

# LOOKING BACK ON 2025

*This year was truly one for the books.*

2025 was a remarkable year at First Glance! We celebrated **25 years** of God's faithfulness with a **reunion** of over **375** past and current students, and volunteers, a time to reconnect, share stories, and make lasting memories. Our **14th Annual Auction** at House 330 brought in record support, giving us momentum to **launch More Than a Space**, transforming our programs and spaces. This year also included staff transitions, welcoming new team members who brought creativity, and fresh ideas to every program. **Together, we connected with hundreds of students, moms, dads, and children, offering encouragement, guidance, and hope.** Highlights included field trips that inspired, educated, and created special moments of connection, partnering with Akron Public Schools through Launch Kenmore, and we hosted the Miller South Art Show, showcasing the talent and creativity of our local youth. **We served countless meals, provided rides, and cheered on students every step of the way.** We are especially grateful to see the **generational impact** of this ministry, as many former students now bring their own children to participate in programs, continuing a legacy of mentorship, family, and community. **Most importantly, 2025 was a year of seeing the Gospel shared** in real ways, with students and families experiencing God's love through relationships, meals, mentorship, and consistent programming. Every gift, every volunteer, and every moment made this year extraordinary, and we are deeply thankful for your partnership as we look ahead with **fresh vision and goals for 2026.**

# HOW TO GET INVOLVED

## GIVE

Give today to help us reach our year-end goal and fund More Than a Space by December 31. Your gift transforms lives.



## COME AND SEE

See the space, meet the team, and catch the vision. RSVP today to tour our building and experience firsthand the impact your support makes.



## VOLUNTEER

Volunteer weekly, monthly, or for special events. Your time and talents directly contribute to lives being transformed.



*As we close out this milestone year,  
we invite you to join in the work God is doing at First Glance!*