

Community Impact 2025 Annual Impact Report

In 2025, a portion of my work was intentionally dedicated to community-focused initiatives designed to expand access to professional portrait experiences, mentorship opportunities, and therapeutic support for individuals navigating grief and personal transition.

A Foundation of Purpose

These initiatives prioritize accessibility, dignity, and representation, creating environments where individuals and families can feel seen, supported, and respected. By periodically closing the studio for community initiatives and offering pro bono programs, I am able to create space for experiences that emphasize patience, reflection, and human connection.

This work reflects a broader belief that visibility, identity exploration, and compassionate support can positively influence confidence, healing, and belonging within our communities.

2025 Annual Impact Highlights

STUDIO CLOSURE COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

House of Hope for Autism

Two full studio closures dedicated to sensory-considerate portrait experiences in partnership with House of Hope for Autism, creating a supportive environment for families of children on the autism spectrum.

Six Stones

Two additional full studio closure days donated to Six Stones, providing portrait services and visual storytelling support for families and individuals served through their outreach programs.

These dedicated days allowed families to experience professional portrait sessions in environments designed with patience, flexibility, and understanding.

Families Served

60

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Received pro bono portrait sessions through community initiatives and sensory-considerate studio days.

These sessions provided families with professional imagery that reflects dignity, connection, and joy.

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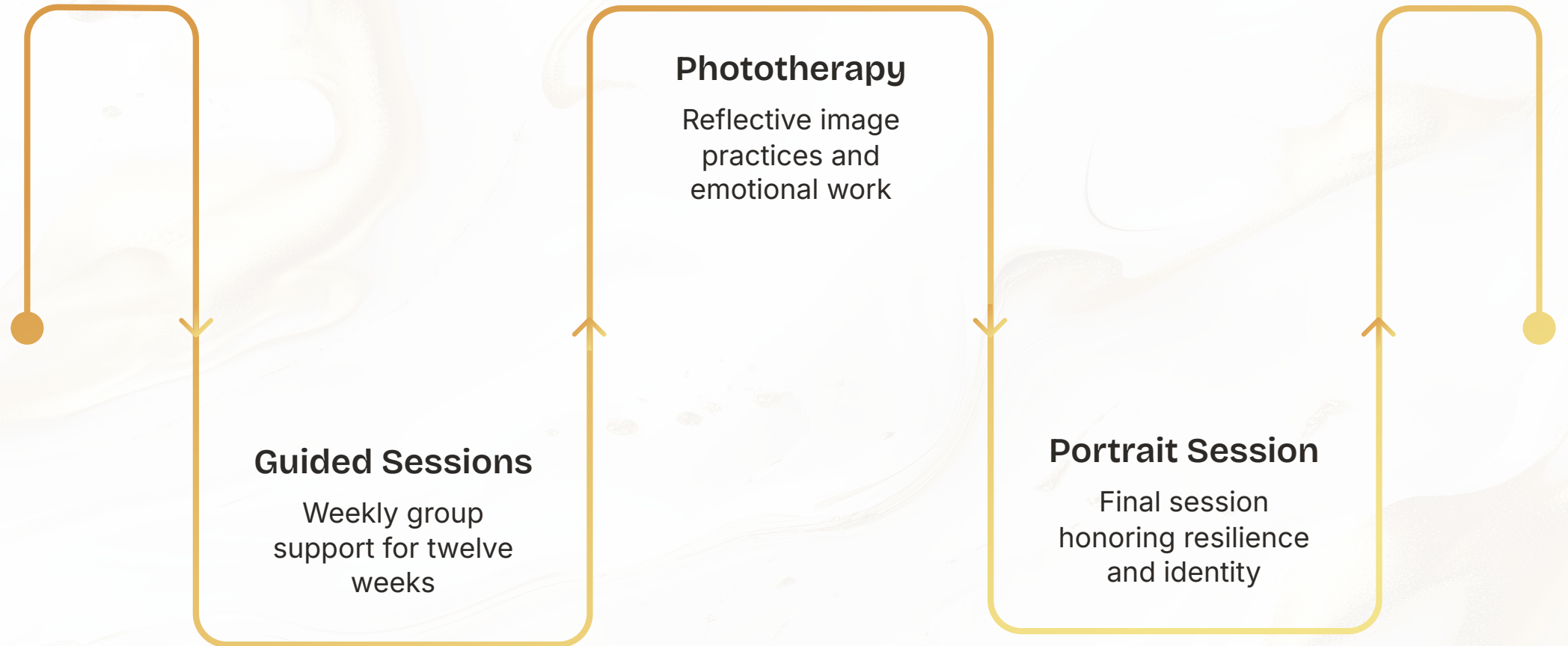
Studio Closure Days

Full studio closure days dedicated entirely to community portrait initiatives.

Grief Support Initiative

In 2025, a three-month pro bono grief support program was offered incorporating therapeutic dialogue and reflective phototherapy practices.

How the Grief Support Program Worked



This initiative combined counseling-informed dialogue with reflective imagery to support individuals navigating significant loss.

Grief Support Program Details

Participants met once per week for guided sessions over a twelve-week period, focusing on processing grief, identity shifts, and emotional reflection.

The experience concluded with a portrait session designed to honor the participant's journey and provide a visual marker of resilience and healing.

Estimated Donated Value

\$1,890

Estimated donated value of grief support sessions and concluding portrait experience.

Community Service Contributions



200+ Hours

Donated to portrait service delivery, editing, preparation, and coordination for community portrait initiatives.



45 Hours

Mentoring emerging college creatives through a six-week summer mentorship program designed to support the next generation of photographers and visual storytellers.



36 Hours

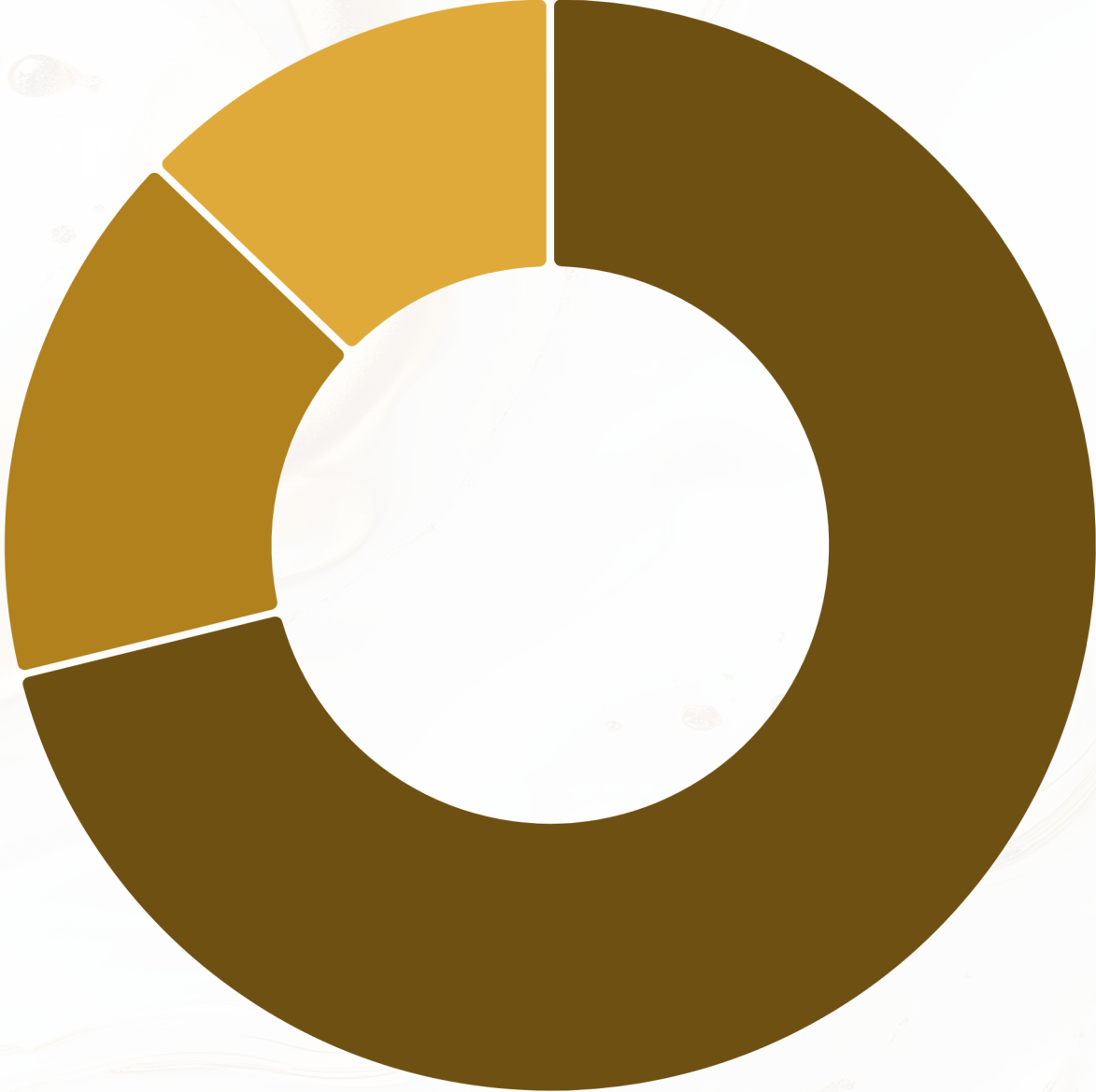
Dedicated to pro bono grief support sessions incorporating reflective phototherapy practices.



Workshops & Speaking

Workshops and speaking engagements delivered to schools and leadership communities focused on identity, visibility, and professional growth.

Breakdown of Community Service Hours



- Community Portrait Initiatives · 71.17%
- Mentorship Program · 16.01%
- Grief Support Program · 12.81%

A total of **280+ hours** were donated across three core community programs in 2025, each serving a distinct and meaningful purpose within the community.

Community Portrait Initiatives: 200+ Hours

This includes the full scope of work required to deliver the four studio closure initiatives. Activities included:

01

Program Planning & Partner Coordination

Coordination with House of Hope for Autism and Six Stones.

02

Scheduling & Studio Preparation

Scheduling participating families and preparing studio space for sensory-considerate environments.

03

Photography & Editing

Photographing families during dedicated studio closure days, followed by image selection, editing, and gallery preparation.

04

Delivery & Follow-Up

Final image delivery and follow-up communication with all participating families.

Mentorship Program: 45 Hours

A structured six-week mentorship program supporting four college students.

Portfolio Review

Portfolio review and creative guidance tailored to each student's work and goals.

Professional Development

Professional development conversations to help students navigate the creative industry.

Visual Storytelling

Instruction in visual storytelling and studio practices to build foundational skills.

Grief Support Program: 36 Hours



Weekly Grief Support Sessions

Weekly grief support sessions over a three-month period, meeting once per week for twelve weeks.



Reflective Dialogue

Reflective dialogue incorporating phototherapy practices to support emotional processing and identity exploration.



Final Portrait Session

A final portrait session documenting resilience and healing, providing a visual marker of the participant's journey.

2025 Impact Summary

280+

Total Community Service Hours

Total hours donated across all community programs for the year.

\$43,290+

Estimated Pro Bono Value

Estimated value of all pro bono services delivered in 2025.

60

Families Served

Families who received professional portrait sessions through community initiatives.

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Students Mentored

College students supported through the structured summer mentorship program.

By the Numbers

\$43,290+

Estimated Value of Pro Bono Services

280+

Total Community Service Hours (Year)

What This Represents

These numbers represent real families, real students, and real individuals who received professional-quality experiences — regardless of their ability to pay.

Every hour and every dollar reflects a commitment to making portraiture, mentorship, and therapeutic support accessible to those who need it most.

Mentorship & Creative Development

Supporting emerging creatives remained an important part of this year's impact. Through a structured summer mentorship program, four college students received guidance in creative development, professional practices, and visual storytelling.

These mentorship opportunities are designed to help students build confidence, refine their skills, and explore pathways within the creative industry.

Partner Organizations

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Six Stones

Two full studio closure days providing portrait services and visual storytelling support for families and individuals served through their outreach programs.

Looking Ahead

Community engagement continues to be an important part of my work and mission. These initiatives allow portraiture and reflective dialogue to serve not only as creative practices, but also as tools for connection, healing, and empowerment.

Future Initiatives

Future initiatives will continue to focus on:



Mentorship

Expanding mentorship opportunities for emerging college creatives in photography and visual storytelling.



Accessibility

Continuing to open the studio for community initiatives that prioritize accessibility and dignity.



Therapeutic Reflection

Offering therapeutic reflection and grief support programs incorporating phototherapy practices.



Community Portrait Programs

Expanding community-based portrait programs that expand opportunities for individuals and families to see themselves represented with dignity and confidence.

Thank You

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Community Service

60 Families

Served Pro Bono

\$43,290+

Estimated Value

4 Students

Mentored