



# HELMKAMP CARES FOUNDATION

*Caring for Our Community*



# ANNUAL REPORT



# 2025

# CHARITIES SUPPORTED IN 2025

## COMMITTEE-APPROVED SELECTIONS

- Alzheimer's Association, Greater St. Louis
- American Cancer Society, Metro-East IL
- Belleville Area Humane Society
- Big Brothers Big Sisters, Southwestern IL
- Boys & Girls Club of Alton
- Boys & Girls Club of Bethalto
- Captain Jake Ringering Memorial
- Caritas Family Solutions
- Community Hope Center
- EAWR Girls Basketball
- Eden's Glory
- Edwardsville Neighbors
- Engineers Without Borders
- Found a Hound Rescue
- Impact Center for Independent Living
- JCH Foundation
- Kidstruction
- Madison County Child Advocacy Center
- Madison County Regional Office of Education
- Metro East Humane Society
- National Children's Cancer Society
- One Life
- OSF St. Anthony's Hospital
- Our Lady Queen of Peace
- Partners for Pets / Federico Golf Classic
- Pink Ribbon Good, with Bommarito Construction
- Refuge 4 Kids
- Riverbend Family Ministries
- Riverbend Head Start & Family Services
- Ronald McDonald House
- Shriner's Children's Hospital
- SIUE Scholarship Partner Program
- Sleep In Heavenly Peace
- Team Tate
- The December 5<sup>th</sup> Fund
- The Restore Network
- Village of East Alton Back-to-School Event

## COMMITTEE-APPROVED SELECTIONS (cont.)

- Whiteside Education Foundation
- William BeDell Achievement & Resource Center
- Wood River Police Association
- Wood River Public Library

## EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SELECTIONS

- Alhambra Morning Glories
- Alzheimer's Association, Greater St. Louis
- El Salvador Missions\*
- Endangered Wolf Center\*
- Five Acres Animal Shelter
- Illinois Conservation Foundation
- Kidstruction\*
- Riverbend Head Start & Family Services
- Senior Services Plus
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Suicide Awareness Voices
- Team Tate\*

\*Indicates organization was donated to by multiple employees who used their annual benefit.

## EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY SELECTIONS

- Burns Recovered
- Community Hope Center
- Eden's Glory
- Paralyzed Veterans of America, Gateway Chapter

## CUSTOMER HOLIDAY SELECTIONS

- Catholic Charities of the STL Diocese
- Community Hope Center
- Hope City Church
- Little Bit Foundation
- Shipman Firefighter Association
- St. Louis Senior Dog Project Rescue

**\$137K**

in charitable giving  
in 2025

**57**

organizations  
supported

**43%**

of Helmkamp employees used their annual  
\$250 charitable donation from the company

**WOW!**

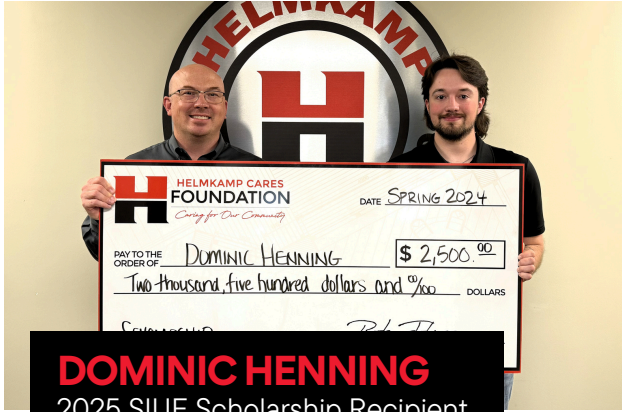
Since Helmkamp Cares was founded  
in 2019, we have donated

**\$949,750**

back to our local  
communities!

# SIUE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The annual Helmkamp Scholarship Fund at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) is designated to support (2) students at \$2,500 each majoring in Construction Management who are in good academic standing and can provide an example of how he/she has volunteered in their community. Preference is given to students in the most financial need. **Congrats to our 2025 recipients!**



**DOMINIC HENNING**  
2025 SIUE Scholarship Recipient



**LEVI WEAK**  
2025 SIUE Scholarship Recipient

## WE'RE ALL "FORE" GOLF FUNDRAISERS!



**OSF ST. ANTHONY'S**  
Benefitting their Cancer Center



**JCH FOUNDATION**  
Supporting Jerseyville Community Hospital



**RIVERBEND FAMILY MINISTRIES**  
Supporting 9 RFM Agencies

# FIGHTING CANCER TOGETHER

## ST. LOUIS CONSTRUCTION PINK OUT FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Support of the 2025 Construction Pink Out provided:

- 2,750 healthy meals
- 400 rides to treatment
- 25 non-toxic cleaning kits including a lightweight vacuum to those post-surgery
- and 250 peer support opportunities

to women battling breast cancer in the St. Louis area.



## RALLYING AROUND THE CAUSE AT THE TABLE

There is no one who has been exempt from some type of cancer impacting the life of a friend or family member. The ACS Farm to Table event is always one we're proud to show up at and support in our local community.



# 2025 MATCHING PROGRAMS

## HONORING THE LEGACY OF FORMER OWNER, JACK HELMKAMP

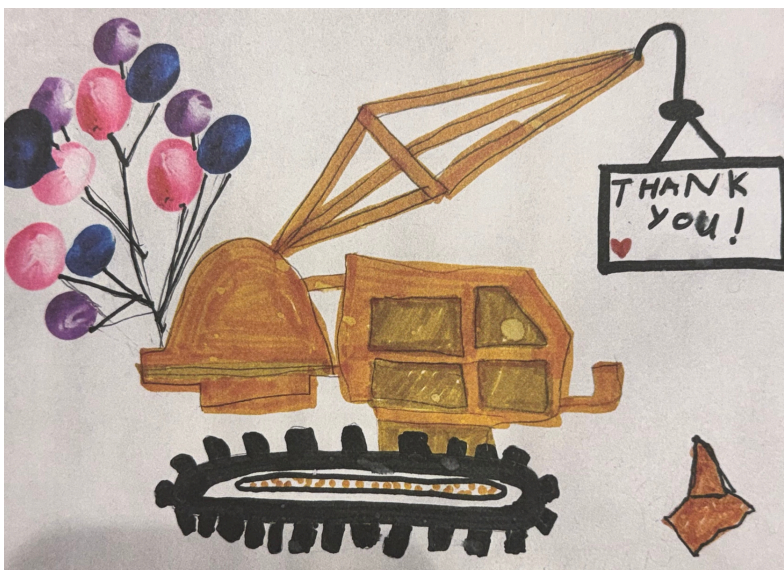
In July 2025, John “Jack” Gilbert Helmkamp, Jr., one of Helmkamp Construction’s past owners and son of our founder, Gilbert Helmkamp, lost his battle with Alzheimer’s disease. Jack joined Helmkamp after graduating at Perdue University in 1971 and left to pursue a career in the banking industry in the late 1980s. Jack’s contributions to Helmkamp’s legacy and his incredible impact on the Riverbend community will never be forgotten. This loss also reminded us why we’ve supported the Alzheimer’s Association for so many years—and continue to do so. While implementing a new matching program this year with our clients & industry partners, it was only fitting for us to select the Alzheimer’s Association of Greater Missouri as the 2025 recipient to help find a cure in Jack’s honor.

*New Program* resulted in  
**\$14,500**  
of added support to fight Alzheimer’s & dementia related diseases



## BUILDING HOPE DURING KIDSTRUCTION WEEK

Helmkamp Construction has participated in St. Louis Children’s Hospital’s Kidstruction Week since its inception in 2011 and matches up to the first \$1,000 in employee donations. In 2025, between payroll-deducted giving & employees allocating their annual giving benefit towards this cause, **we had our biggest year to date** of supporting kids who need the best care available! *Way to go, Helmkamp team!*



“Thank you to the construction industry’s commitment to making a difference for children and families who turn to Children’s Hospital for hope, healing, and answers. Your unwavering support of Kidstruction Week contributes to the Area of Greatest Need Fund which allows us to advance critical research and provide family-centered care.”

- St. Louis Children’s Hospital

# MAXIMUM IMPACT DONATIONS



## BIG BROTHERS, BIG SISTERS OF SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS

### 2025 MAXIMUM IMPACT DONATION RECIPIENT

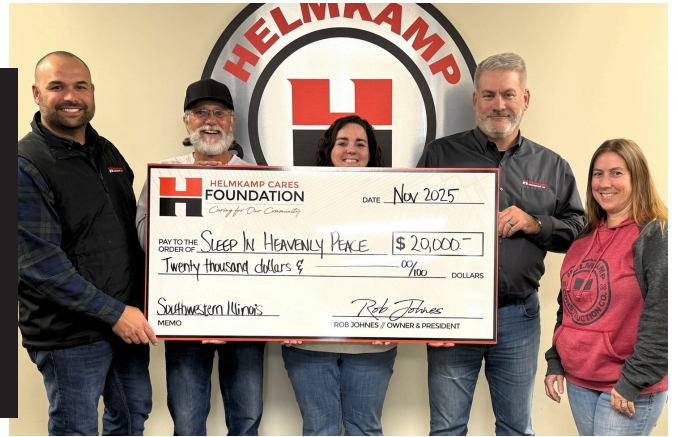
**About BBBS:** Since 1980, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois has seen the remarkable impact of one-to-one mentoring on the lives of children. They work to foster long-standing relationships with mentors and children by providing ongoing support that transforms lives for the better.



## SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

### 2025 MAXIMUM IMPACT DONATION RECIPIENT

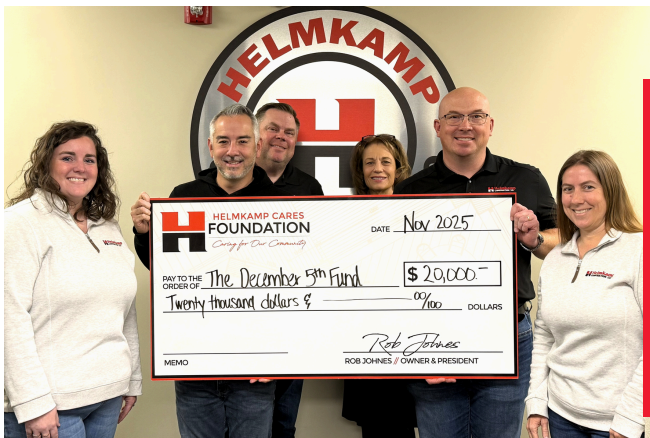
**About SHP:** SHP builds & delivers beds to children in need, providing safe, comfortable bedding for kids often sleeping on couches or floors. SHP relies on volunteers & donations for materials (wood, bedding, pillows) to construct twin bunk beds for children aged 3-17, bringing them essential support for their well-being and development.



## THE DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> FUND

### 2025 MAXIMUM IMPACT DONATION RECIPIENT

**About D5F:** D5F's mission is to give a day without worry to families whose loved one is afflicted with metastatic cancer and is currently undergoing active treatment. Through their Great Day & Helping Hands programs, they create once-in-a-lifetime memories for these families and provide ongoing support as they continue through treatment.



**“Receiving a \$20,000 grant from the Helmkamp Cares Foundation is an incredible honor for our organization. This support comes from a company that leads by example. Your investment helps us reach families who are carrying the heavy weight of cancer and gives them a day filled with relief, comfort, and the kind of moments they will carry with them for years.”** - Thomas Wiley, Executive Director & Founder of the December 5<sup>th</sup> Fund

# A LITTLE EXTRA HOLIDAY GIVING



✳ Organizations selected by our clients at the 2025 Holiday Luncheon included:

- Catholic Charities STL Archdiocese
- Community Hope Center
- Hope City Church
- Little Bit Foundation
- Shipman Firefighter Association
- STL Senior Dog Project Rescue

**“The Helmkamp holiday luncheon was wonderful and what an honor it is to be part of your charitable donation program. I live in a small community where our fire department & rescue are all volunteers and most of their funding comes from fundraisers, donations, etc. so I would like this donation to go to our local first responders.”** - Sherrie Durbin, OSF

**\$10,000 AT THE CLIENT HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**

**Giving at our Client Holiday Luncheon:** The client holiday luncheon is a well-known annual event that brings Helmkamp customers and industry partners together in thanks and celebration of our relationship and work performed. The event happens to land on Giving Tuesday so in 2021, Helmkamp started the well-received tradition of awarding donations as attendance prizes to charities selected by our customers.



✳ Organizations selected by the Helmkamp Cares Foundation committee included:

- Burns Recovered Children’s Burn Camp
- Community Hope Center
- Eden’s Glory
- Paralyzed Veterans of America



In addition to monetary donations, 2025 marked the **5<sup>th</sup> year** Helmkamp collected new, unwrapped toys at both client and employee events for the **Marine Corp’s TOYS FOR TOTS** program. *Thank you to all who help us give to kids at Christmas!*

**\$10,000 AT THE EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**

**Giving at our Employee Christmas Party:** Helmkamp CEO, Rob Johnes, has said many times that if everyone goes home safe at the end of every day and we’re able to give back to the community, that’s what he considers success! So we celebrate the end of each year with our employees and their guests engaging in fun activities that help decide how \$10,000 is split across a group of committee-selected charities.

## COMING UP IN 2026...

*Gave the Date!*

Helmkamp Volunteer Build Day:

**Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**5:00 - 8:00 pm**

Sleep In Heavenly Peace  
10 Crossroads Ct., Alton, IL 62002



**NO KID SLEEPS  
ON THE FLOOR  
IN OUR TOWN!**

### 2026 Helmkamp Cares Committee Members

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**Alyssa Spa**, *Project Coordinator*

**Andy Carroll**, *Senior Superintendent*

**Austin Cichon**, *Safety Director*

**Austin Reams**, *Project Manager*

**Beth Abernathy**, *Accounting*

**BJ Williams**, *Senior Superintendent*

**Brandon Lange**, *Project Manager*

**Rick Walkenhorst**, *Superintendent II*

**Ryan Clay**, *Senior Project Manager*