

### FROM THE TEAM

# **Two Uplifting Stories to Inspire You**

It all starts with an idea.

Tandem is privileged to team up with clients who are invested in building better communities. Today, we invite you to take a few minutes to learn about two organizations working to make their corners of the world a better place. Each touches many lives every day — but for both of them, it all started with one person who simply saw a need, and decided to do something about it. Read on to learn how these vital organizations got their start, and how Tandem helped them expand their footprint (or in one case, pawprint) to scale up their impact.





#### **Threshold Community Program**

Building a comprehensive therapeutic community for adolescents, teens, and adults was deeply personal work for Dave Nelson: it's exactly the kind of support his now-grown son, who is on the autism spectrum, would've benefitted from as a kid. Nelson saw an unmet need for a school and community that focused not just on skills like reading and math, but also emotional regulation and social communication. In 2005, Nelson established Threshold Community

#### **Furkids**

Sometimes, fate comes knocking on your door — or in the case of Samantha Shelton, walking through your backyard. The morning she spotted a homeless cat and three kittens wandering on her property was the morning that changed everything for her: Shelton called animal control, only to learn that the cats would be euthanized if she took them to the shelter. While buying food for the cats at PetSmart, she connected with the manager of the adoption room and soon



# On the street

Hunger affects **millions** of people across the United States, impacting their health, well-being, and ability to thrive. Here are some facts about hunger, and the vital work done to combat food insecurity.



#### 49 Million

In 2022, **49 million** people turned to food assistance programs for extra help. These programs, including food banks and pantries, provide affordable, nutritious food to those in need.

Hunger is closer than we think, affecting our neighbors, friends, and fellow citizens.

Donating to Street Charity ensures that food reaches every table and that no one goes to bed hungry. Thank you for joining us in the fight against hunger!

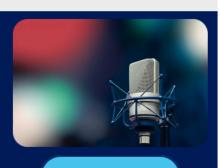
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# In Case You Missed it!

### **Listen Now!**

You don't want to miss this Podcast with Nikkee Rhody CEO of Central Payments, and Eric Cotton.

We talk about the connection between Central payments and Street Charity.



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