MAYOR BRETT P. SMILEY
CITY OF PROVIDENCE

December 17, 2025

Honorable Rachel Miller, Council President
Providence City Hall
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Council President Miller,

I am pleased to present the 2024–2025 Annual Report on community contributions as outlined in the 2023 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Brown University, Providence College, the Rhode Island School of Design, and Johnson & Wales University. This report provides detailed insights into the support provided over the last fiscal year by Providence's four private higher education institutions—Brown University, the Rhode Island School of Design, Providence College, and Johnson & Wales University—through their community contributions that benefit our city and its residents. These contributions are made in addition to each institution's separate voluntary payments specified in the City's PILOT agreement.

Please contact me with any questions,

Sincerely,

Courtney Hawkins
Chief Operating Officer
City of Providence

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WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.
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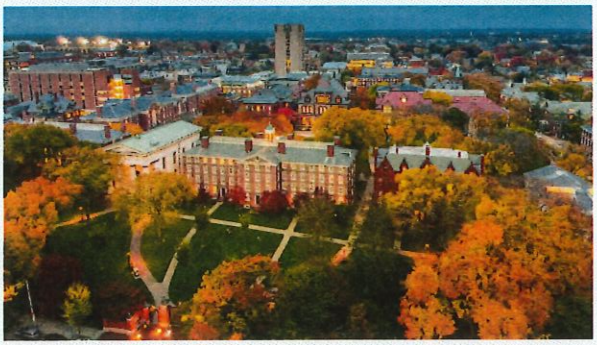
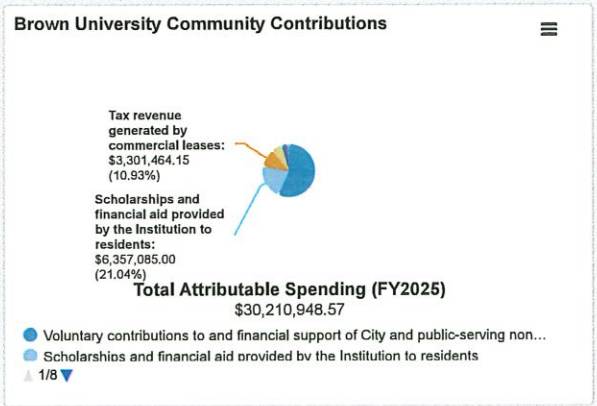
Community Contribution Programs 2025

Welcome to the City of Providence Community Contributions page. Here, you'll find detailed insights into the support provided by Providence's four private higher learning institutions — Brown University, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence College, and Johnson & Wales University — through community contributions that support our city and its residents. Those contributions come in addition to the separate direct voluntary payments from each school outlined in the City's Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement. This site offers transparency with accessible data on the financial impact these contributions have had on the city over the last fiscal year, showcasing one way the institutions demonstrate their commitment to strengthening the Providence community and advancing its development.

BROWN
UNIVERSITY

As part of an ongoing commitment to supporting Providence's growth and vitality, Brown University augments its voluntary payments to the city with community contributions that match or exceed its annual payments. Through these contributions, Brown makes a positive and meaningful impact on its home city, supporting priorities such as K-12 education, health, economic development and scholarships for local residents.





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Brown - Other reported benefits not included in Community Contribution Totals

Brown Other Reported Benefits

Program Name	University Department/Affiliate	Program Description	Individuals Served	Community Partner(s)	Cash/In-Kind	Attributable Spending	Fiscal Year
Annual Payroll of Staff Living in Providence	University Human Resources (UHR)	Brown University is one of Rhode Island's largest employers, with the majority of its faculty and staff residing in the state and many living within Providence. Annual payroll represents a significant investment in the local economy, as wages and benefits earned by Brown employees circulate through neighborhoods, supporting housing, schools, small businesses, and community services across Rhode Island. *Please note that this amount is not reflected in the total contribution.	1821		Cash	$179,525,045	2025

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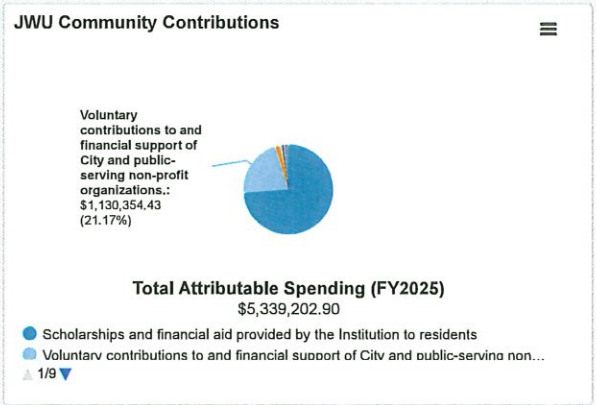
Hotel Nights Generated by Brown University Visitors in Providence	University Human Resources (UHR)	Supported Providence's hospitality sector by directly booking hotel nights for visitors in the City of Providence. This generated significant overnight stays through major events such as conferences, commencement, and alumni reunions. *Please note that this amount is not reflected in the total contribution.			Cash	$1,317,939	2025
Local Purchasing	Various Departments across Brown University	Investments through the purchasing from Providence-based businesses. From catering and office supplies to specialized services, these partnerships help strengthen neighborhood economies, create jobs, and support the long-term sustainability of busiensses integral to the city's cultural and economic vitality. *Please note that this amount is not reflected in the total contribution.			Cash	$186,420,780	2025
Tuition Aid Program (TAP)	University Human Resources (UHR)	Brown University offers eligible faculty and staff the Tuition Aid Program (TAP) to provide assistance in paying costs of undergraduate degree tuition for their eligible dependent child(ren) enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at an accredited Providence-based institutions (Community College of Rhode Island, College Unbound, Johnson and Wales University, Providence College, Rhode Island College and Rhode Island School of Design) on a full-time basis. *Please note that this amount is no [truncated]			Cash	$283,802	2025
						$367,547,566	

JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY

Since its founding in 1914, Johnson & Wales University has been a good neighbor and community partner in Providence. JWU's students, faculty, staff, and alumni contribute to the vibrancy of the capital city. From providing financial aid to students from Providence to sharing its facilities and offering hundreds of hours of community service annually, there are so many ways JWU gives back to the city.



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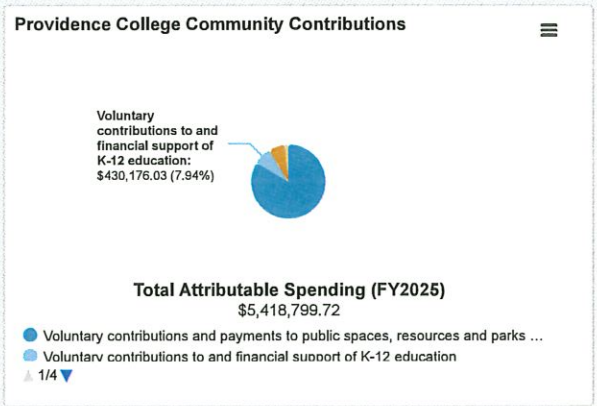
JWU Economic Impact	Finance	Since its founding in 1914, Johnson & Wales University has been a proud community member of the City of Providence. With more than 4,200 on-ground students and 1,774 employees – 244 who are residents of Providence – JWU is a major employer and contributor to the vibrancy of the city. The most recent available (2021) Rhode Island Economic Impact Study conducted by AICU-RI determined that JWU's economic impact statewide was $686,158,240 (Total Direct Spending: $453,208,877 plus Induced Spe [truncated]			Cash	$686,158,240	2025
Annual Payroll for Providence Residents	Human Resources	JWU has been a long-time RI employer, providing compensation and benefits to the 244 Providence Campus employees (14%) who work and live in the City.	244	Residents of the City of Providence	Cash	$10,221,228	2025
						$696,379,468	

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

Service to our neighboring communities and to the city of Providence as a whole is part of the fabric of Providence College. It is an integral element of our culture, of who we are as an institution, and what we teach our students. We work diligently to be a good community partner and we seek constant improvement as we move forward.



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Program Name	University Department/Affiliate	Program Description	Individuals Served	Community Partner(s)	Cash/In-Kind	Attributable Spending	Fiscal Year
American Heart Association	Athletics	Southern New England Heart Walk	500	American Heart Association	In-Kind	$835	2025
Basketball Clinic at Corliss Park	Athletics, Public Affairs	Junior Friars	125	Providence Recreation Department, Providence Parks	In-Kind	$209	2025
Beautiful Day	Feinstein Institute of Public Service	Community Work Study	50	Beautiful Day	In-Kind	$1,653	2025
Best Buddies Friendship Walk	Athletics			Best Buddies	In-Kind	$2,714	2025
Campus Ministry Leadership Training	Campus Ministry	Campus Ministry Leadership Training	200	St. Edwards Food Pantry, Mother of Life Center, Emmanuel House	In-Kind	$2,505	2025
Community Garden Volunteering	Public Affairs	Spread loom, plant trees, organize the shed, etc.	20	Wanskuck Library	In-Kind	$939	2025

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Community Work Study	Feinstein Institute of Public Service	Student Volunteer at local organizations	300	Beautiful Day, Brown University Health, Charette High School, Inspiring Minds, Izzy Foundation, Mentor RI, Mt. Pleasant Library, Nowell Academy, Onward We Learn, PASA, Providence Children's Museum, Providence Promise, Refugee Dream Center, Rhode Island Free Clinic, Roger Williams Park Conservancy, Smith Hill Community Development Cooperation, Smith Hill Library, Wanskuck Library, Women's Refugee Care, Young Voices of RI	In-Kind	$172,872	2025
Davinci Center	Athletics	Athletes Adopt-a-family	200	Davinci Center	In-Kind	$19,239	2025
Esperanza International	Feinstein Institute of Public Service	Global Border Crossing	100		In-Kind	$13,568	2025
FaithWorks	Campus Ministry	Summer volunteer program with students	100	Smith Hill Early Child Development Center	In-Kind	$4,871	2025
FaithWorks	Campus Ministry	Summer volunteer program with students - clean up	100	St. Patrick's Cemetery	In-Kind	$5,601	2025
FaithWorks	Campus Ministry	Student Volunteers	60	Mother of Life Pregnancy Center	In-Kind	$4,627	2025
FaithWorks Pre-orientation	Campus Ministry	Summer volunteer program with students	100	Emmanuel House	In-Kind	$4,384	2025
Feinstein Community Fellows	Feinstein Institute of Public Service	Student Volunteer at local organizations	200	Brown University Health, Mentor RI, New Urban Arts, Onward We learn, Sophia Academy	In-Kind	$11,985	2025
Friars United	Athletics	Friars United Easter and Thanksgiving Meal	50	Mary House Food Pantry	In-Kind	$1,566	2025
Get in the Game Swab Event	Student Engagement	Student Volunteer Event	50	NMDP/RI Blood Center	In-Kind	$1,809	2025
Girls on the Run RI	Athletics	Athletes service at 5K event and making signs for participants	100	Girls on the Run RI	In-Kind	$23,014	2025
Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Survivor Water Fire Event	Athletics	Event Volunteer	150	Water fire Providence, The Gloria Gemma Foundation	In-Kind	$1,531	2025
Hasbro Children's Hospital	Athletics	Athletes volunteer, visit hospital patients, and make cards	100		In-Kind	$104	2025

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Men's Basketball Games	Athletics	Total visitor spending associated with PC athletic events per the economic study compiled by EConsult Solutions, Inc., based in Philadelphia, PA in May 2024 - Non-Conference Games	185010	The AMP, City of Providence, Local Businesses	Cash	$22,231,579	2025
Men's basketball volunteering at local rec center	Athletics	Athletes Volunteering	125	John H. Rollins Recreation Center	In-Kind	$278	2025
MLK Day of Service	Campus Ministry	Day of Service	50	Crossroads RI	In-Kind	$14,333	2025
National Girls & Women in Sports Day	Athletics	Student athletes volunteered with girls attending the WBB game by making posters pre-game in honor of NGWSD.	30	Local Youth	In-Kind	$435	2025
Prize pack donations	Athletics	37 prize packs valued at $175 each	37	Various Providence non-profits	In-Kind	$6,475	2025
Providence Animal Rescue League	Student Engagement	Student Volunteers	10	Providence Animal Rescue League	In-Kind	$835	2025
Providence Recreation Department	Athletics	Gift 100 tickets to Women's Basketball Game (valued at $17 each)	100	Providence Rec Centers - all eleven	In-Kind	$1,700	2025
Pumpkinfest	Public Affairs	Fall event on campus for local school children/community	50	Elmhurst, Smith Hill, Wanskuck Neighborhoods	In-Kind	$6,280	2025
Pumpkinfest	Public Affairs, Student Congress	Supplies, water, pumpkins, etc.	50	Elmhurst, Smith Hill, Wanskuck Neighborhoods	In-Kind	$1,268	2025
RI State Civic Leadership Summit Sponsorship	Business School	RI State Civic Leadership Summit	100	RI Department of State	In-Kind	$278	2025
S. Patrick's Church	Campus Ministry	Student Volunteers	50	St. Patrick's Church/Mary House	In-Kind	$1,305	2025
Smith Hill Advocacy and Research Partners (SHARP)	Feinstein	Thanksgiving Drive	600	SHARP, Councilwoman Graves	In-Kind	$3,340	2025
Smith Hill Annex	Business Services	Rental of space for College/Community collaboration and meetings for local non-profit and community groups	1000	Smith Hill Advocacy research Partners (SHARP), Smith Hill Partners Initiative (SHPI), a number of other local community non-profit organizations	Cash	$21,000	2025
Southern New England Heart Walk	Athletics	Volunteer assistance	250	American Heart Association - Rhode Island College	In-Kind	$835	2025
Spring into Friartown	Public Affairs	Spring event on campus for local school children/community	100	Elmhurst, Smith Hill, Wanskuck Neighborhoods	In-Kind	$1,776	2025

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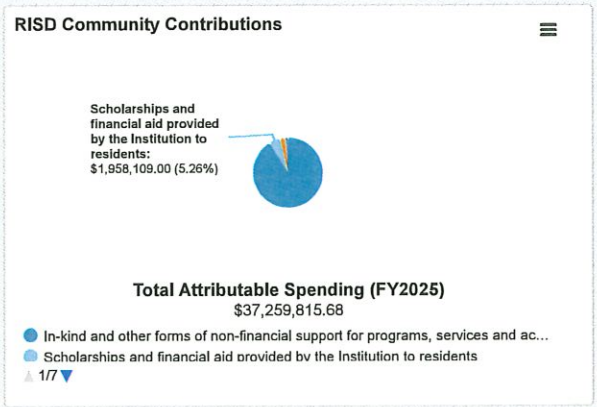
St. Edward's Food & Wellness Center	Chaplain & Campus Ministry	Volunteering	100	St. Edward's Food & Wellness Center	In-Kind	$7,337	2025
St. Raymond's Church Food Distribution Center	Student Engagement	Student Volunteers	50	St. Raymond's Church Food Distribution Center	In-Kind	$139	2025
Swim Across America	Athletics	Swim Event	100		In-Kind	$13,586	2025
Urban Action	Student Engagement	Classroom Set up and cleaning	40	Robert F Kennedy Elementary	In-Kind	$5,479	2025
Veteran's Thank You Cards	Campus Ministry	Hand writing over 100 cards for veterans in gratitude for service.	100	VFW Providence	In-Kind	$696	2025
Youth Basketball Clinic	Athletics	Free hockey clinic for local youth	20	Local Youth	In-Kind	$348	2025
Youth Hockey Clinic	Athletics	Free hockey clinic for local youth	125	Local Youth	In-Kind	$1,809	2025
Providence College Payroll	Human Resources	Income for PC employees who reside in Providence	432	City of Providence	Cash	$28,342,358	2025
						$50,937,492	

Founded in 1877 with the intent of fostering the next generation of artists, designers, and creative thinkers, Rhode Island School of Design remains steadfast in its mission today. Through our educational programs, partnerships, investments and alumni endeavors, the RISD community contributes to Providence's position as a culturally vibrant and civically engaged "Creative Capital." And as institutions of international prominence, both RISD and the RISD Museum draw talent and admirers of art and culture from around the world to Providence.



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Program Name	University Department/Affiliate	Program Description	Individuals Served	Community Partner(s)	Cash/In-Kind	Attributable Spending	Fiscal Year
Licenses and permits	Finance and Administration	Payments made			Cash	$34,667	2025
Police and Fire details	Public Safety	Payments made			Cash	$18,803	2025
Sewer fees	Finance and Administration	Payments made			Cash	$298,270	2025
Firebox Connection	Finance and Administration				Cash	$26,000	2025
Providence Water Supply Board	Finance and Administration	Payments made			Cash	$224,823	2025
						$602,563	

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