



2025 Annual Report

Workforce Training. Community. Reconstruction.



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Executive Director's Letter

In 2025, PProTechos took firm steps toward a safer and more resilient Puerto Rico. It was a year marked by significant progress: more families with secure roofs over their heads, a greater capacity to serve, and a more active community network in the island's most vulnerable areas.

We supported families with critical housing needs and strengthened our hands-on carpentry training, expanding opportunities for more participants to contribute to the well-being of their communities. At the same time, we reinforced multi-sector partnerships that broadened our reach and supported lasting solutions for Puerto Rico.

This growth has been possible thanks to the commitment of our collaborators, the PProTechos team, apprentices, volunteers, donors, and partners who believe in our mission. Each one has left their mark on the collective work we do.

To all of you, thank you for your continued support and for trusting in our ability to offer concrete and humane solutions where they are most needed.

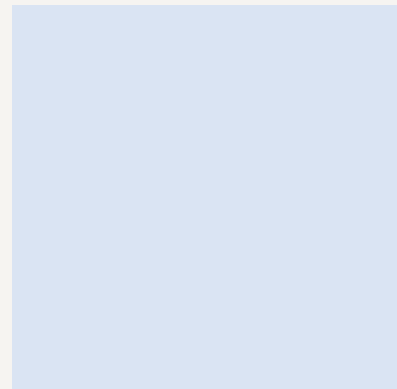
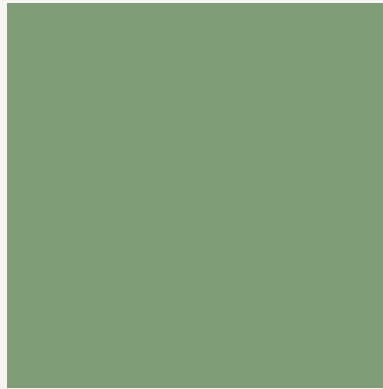
Let's continue building together.



Luis R. Marrero

Executive Director
PProTechos





About Us

PRoTechos is a community-based nonprofit organization (1101.01 and U.S. 501(c)(3)) dedicated to improving the quality of life in vulnerable communities across Puerto Rico through carpentry training, safe roof reconstruction, and the strengthening of community networks.

MISSION

We empower underserved communities through carpentry training and durable roof reconstruction, fostering safety, self-reliance, and long-term community development.

VISION

A Puerto Rico where all families live in safe, dignified homes and every community has the power to build its own well-being.

Our Team



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Impact Model

Our model integrates training, reconstruction, and community collaboration to address housing and development needs across Puerto Rico. Through these three pillars, we deliver practical solutions, meaningful opportunities, and lasting impact.



Workforce Training

We develop carpentry skills through hands-on, real-world projects, creating employment opportunities and strengthening local technical capacity.



Reconstruction

We repair roofs and homes affected by hurricanes, storms, and structural deterioration, using climate-appropriate solutions designed to ensure long-term stability and safety.



Community Network

We connect apprentices, organizations, volunteers, and community leaders through a multi-sector network that creates job opportunities, supports community projects, and expands our impact.

Historical Results

Since our founding in 2017, PProTechos has made significant progress in reconstruction, training, and community strengthening across the island, **impacting more than 900 people.**

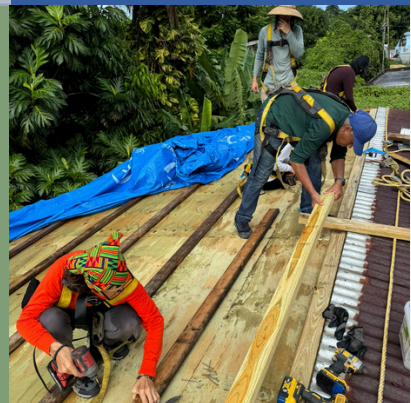
\$5M+
approximate
investment



22
municipalities
served



221
cases worked



350+
referred
cases

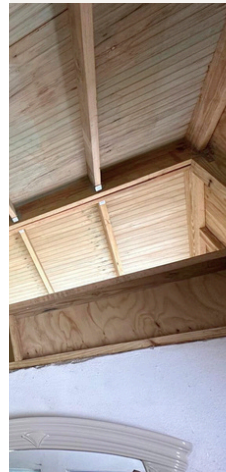


190+
apprentices
graduated

Key Achievements

This year we made progress in institutional capacity, collaboration, and community development. These are some of the most notable achievements:

- We strengthened strategic alliances that broadened our community reach.
- We expanded the Job Training Program to include youth participation.
- We launched the PRoTechos Carpenters Network for community response and professional development.
- We held two community fairs as spaces for education, resources, and dialogue.
- We received public recognition for our social impact.
- We expanded our community network with partners, volunteers, and organizations.





Social Impact 2025

- **23** roofs rebuilt
- **300** event participants
- **6** community spaces improved
- **49** cases referred
- **8** municipalities served
- **21** communities served



Events 2025

4TH FESTIVAL PROTECHOS CASA KLUMB, RÍO PIEDRAS

Our fourth community festival included woodworking and traditional arts workshops, historical tours about the work of Henry Klumb, educational plant tours, Puerto Rican plena music, and artistic performances. It also featured local artisans, food vendors, and activities for the whole family.



4TH FESTIVAL PROTECHOS
Sábado 1 de febrero 2025 12-8pm

PROTECHOS
Casa Klumb, Río Piedras
Ave. Ramón B. López esquina De Diego
wfi@protechos.org | 787-946-3163
***Trae tu propia silla y botella/vaso reusable.

1pm Recorrido Histórico de Casa Klumb
2pm Taller de Carpintería
3pm Taller de Canastas: enrollado
4pm Recorrido de Plantas
5pm Bomba y Plena
7pm Música del S. Vidal Quintero

ENTRADA GRATIS

¿QUÉ QUIERAS VER EN TU COMUNIDAD?
¡COMIDA ARTESANAL Y MÁS!



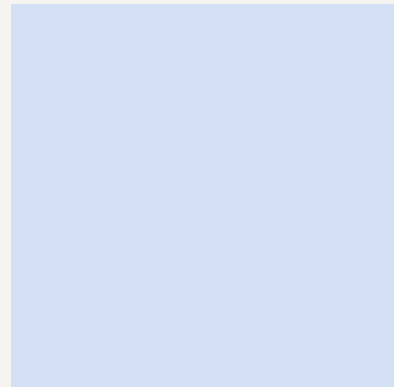
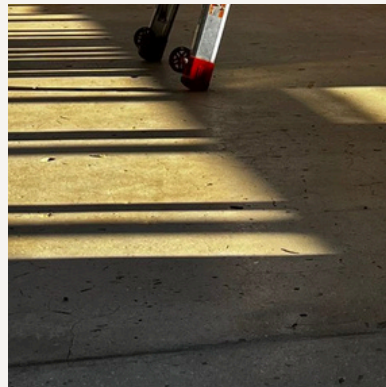
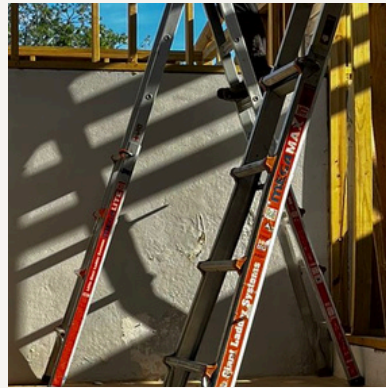
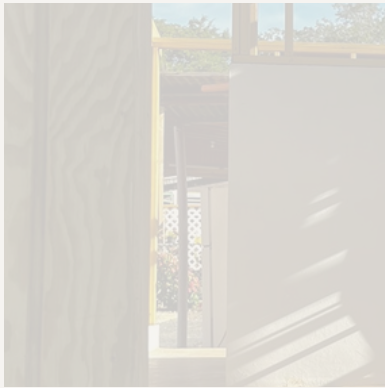
Events 2025

“EL JUNTE DE APRENDICES”
CASA KLUMB, RÍO PIEDRAS

In October, we brought together participants from all 16 cohorts of the Workforce Training Program to share experiences, take part in educational workshops, and connect with professional development opportunities. The event included a job fair, a discussion on affordable housing strategies, local artisans, food, and live music.

This gathering marked the launch of the **PRoTechos Carpenters Network**, designed to integrate graduating apprentices into community brigades and projects, support their professional growth, and strengthen their role as leaders in their communities.





Reconstruction Projects 2025



María S.

Hormigueros

Maria lives with her husband and daughter, whom she cares for full-time and who has a severe intellectual disability. After several hurricanes, her family faced increasingly precarious housing conditions, jeopardizing their safety and well-being.

PRoTechos identified the family living in a house raised on stilts, constructed with mixed materials and with significant structural damage. During Hurricane Ernesto, part of the roof collapsed, accelerating the overall deterioration of the home.

With donated materials and the support of community partners, the PRoTechos team organized the complete reconstruction of the house, starting with the raised foundation and culminating in the installation of a new galvalume roof, ensuring a safer and more resilient structure.



KEY DATA

- **Residents:** 3 (1 elderly adult with severe cognitive impairment)
- **Partnership:** Municipality of Hormigueros; Senator Migdalia González (materials and electrical work)
- **Type of intervention:** Demolition and complete reconstruction of a house





Esther C.

San Juan

"For the first time in over 10 years, we can sleep peacefully when it rains."

For decades, Esther Colón Rodríguez and her mother lived under a severely compromised roof. Constant leaks and the lack of proper repairs forced them to rely on tarps and temporary solutions to keep water out of their home.

During a 2025 assessment, the PProTechos team identified active leaks, deteriorated wood, and collapsed sections that posed significant risk.

In collaboration with Techos Pa' Mi Gente and with the support of volunteers, a full roof reconstruction was completed. The project included the complete replacement of beams and panels, the rehabilitation of moisture-damaged walls, and the installation of a new galvalume roofing system designed for long-term durability and strength.

Today, Esther and her mother live in a safe, stable home, with the peace of mind of knowing it is prepared to withstand future storms.



KEY DATA

- **Residents:** 2 (includes an elderly adult with severe cognitive impairment)
- **Partnership:** Techos Pa' Mi Gente (materials and electrical work)
- **Type of intervention:** Complete roof demolition and reconstruction



Rosa H.

Guayanilla

"By donating their labor to renovate the roof of my home, they not only renovated my house, but also my hope and my spirit."

Rosa lives with a genetic condition that causes progressive vision loss. Since learning of her case, PRoTechos identified a home with severe leaks and deteriorated structural woodwork, worsened after Hurricane Maria.

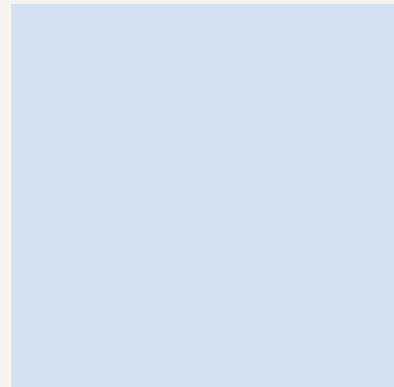
After our initial assessment, we provided Rosa with an estimate of the materials needed to rebuild the roof, walls, and floor. From that moment on, Rosa took an active role in the process: she negotiated directly with the Municipality of Guayanilla and managed to obtain some of the necessary materials.

When municipal resources ran out, Rosa didn't stop. She continued the process on her own, working as a consultant and selling cakes to raise the necessary funds to complete the rehabilitation of her home. Her story reflects resilience, self-management, and determination. Rosa doesn't wait for solutions to arrive: she creates them.

KEY DATA

- **Residents:** 2 (1 adult with progressive vision loss)
- **Partnership:** Municipality of Guayanilla and beneficiary (materials and electrical work)
- **Type of intervention:** Complete demolition and reconstruction of walls and roof





Community Projects 2025

Amalia Marín Elementary School

Rio Piedras

“A huge thank you to PProTechos for making the new deck and roof at Amalia Marín School a reality. This renovated space provides safety, inspiration, and joy to our students.”

PProTechos rehabilitated a key area of Amalia Marín Elementary School by constructing a new deck and a secure roof. Apprentices from the 15th and 16th grades of the Workforce Training Program participated in this effort, applying their skills to a real-world community impact project.

The result is a renovated space that serves students, teachers, and the school community.



Cano Nursery

Buen Consejo, Río Piedras

PRoTechos coordinated with community leaders in the area of our administrative center in Río Piedras to identify this project. A group of new apprentices participated in the construction of a structure for the “Vivero Cano” community garden. This space allows the community to hold educational talks and events that strengthen community unity, in addition to providing a shaded area for nursery work.



Finca Echando Raíces

San Germán



PRoTechos supports local farmers and those who build solutions from within their own communities.

When Finca Echando Raíces needed to relocate part of its agricultural project, PRoTechos collaborated on the construction of a multifunctional roof that now serves as a storage space and a rainwater harvesting system. This infrastructure allowed the farm to continue its expansion and strengthen its daily operations.

A key element of this project is that its owner was an apprentice in the Southwest Job Training Program, reflecting how the knowledge acquired through the program translates into concrete projects that directly benefit the community.

Finca Echando Raíces' mission focuses on creating local partnerships, fostering biodiversity, and regenerating the soil through an agroforestry system that contributes to food security and the country's sustainable development.

Mini Gym

Puente Blanco, Cataño



Our partners at Caras Con Causa asked us to help waterproof the roof of the neighborhood community gym. Working alongside our team of apprentices, we installed a single-pitched wooden structure over the existing concrete roof.

As a result, residents now have a safe, functional space to exercise within their community.

Community Network

Our work is sustained by a diverse network of organizations, municipalities, schools, and community partners who share our commitment to community development and resilience.

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND NGOS

El Ancón
 Arte para Unir
 Asociación Comunitaria de Sabana Eneas
 Barrio Eléctrico
 Brigada Solidaria del Oeste
 CAUCE
 Caras Con Causa
 CRH (Centro para Rehabilitación de Hábitat)
 La Colmena Cimarrona
 Corredor del Yaguazo
 DZINE
 Fundación SCEPA
 La Maraña
 Mi Patria
 Migrant Clinicians Network
 PR Te Amo
 Oficina del Procurador del Veterano
 Purple Heart Homes
 Salvation Army
 Santuario San Francisco de Asís
 Team Rubicon
 Techos pa' mi Gente
 ToolBank

SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES

UPRRP – Faculty of Architecture
 UPR, Mayaguez - PAGA-TAP
 Republic of Colombia School, Rio Piedras
 Amalia Marín Elementary School, Rio Piedras
 CreArte School, Rio Piedras

MUNICIPALITIES AND AGENCIES

Hormigueros
 Toa Baja
 Añasco
 Cabo Rojo
 Cataño
 Yauco
 Maricao
 San Germán
 ASSMCA (Programa RESCATE)
 ODSEC

FOUNDATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Antilles Foundation
 Integro Foundation
 Yrene Ramírez Foundation
 Enterprise
 McConnell Valdés
 Mano Amiga
 Eco-Exploratorio
 FirstBank
 Simpson Strong-Tie
 Maderera Donestevez

Economic Impact 2025

Every dollar invested by PProTechos in 2025 had a direct impact on the local economy, supporting labor, materials, and essential services for community reconstruction.

This investment enabled:

- Boosting the local economy through the purchase of materials, the contracting of technical services, and the implementation of projects in the communities served.
- Generating income for instructors and technical staff who led and implemented real-world reconstruction and job training projects.
- Strengthening the practical training of apprentices, providing them with experience on real projects, developing technical skills, and preparing them for future employment opportunities.
- Maintaining the investment within Puerto Rico, contributing to long-term community economic development.



Looking Towards 2026

Next year, PRoTechos will focus on strengthening its structure, expanding collaborations, and creating more learning and service opportunities that directly address the needs of our communities.

With this vision, we aim to:

- Strengthen our internal processes and optimize organizational management to support sustainable growth.
- Consolidate and expand collaborative agreements with municipalities, community organizations, and multi-sector partners to broaden our reach and impact.
- Expand educational and vocational initiatives for youth and adults, integrating hands-on training with real-world reconstruction and community service experiences.
- Continue developing community spaces that foster dialogue, collaboration, and access to resources, including community fairs and educational partnerships.



Thank you for building together with PRoTechos

None of what we achieved in 2025 would have been possible without the people and organizations that sustain this work every day.

Thank you to our team—including foremen, carpenters, technical staff, and instructors—for their commitment to each project, often under demanding conditions.

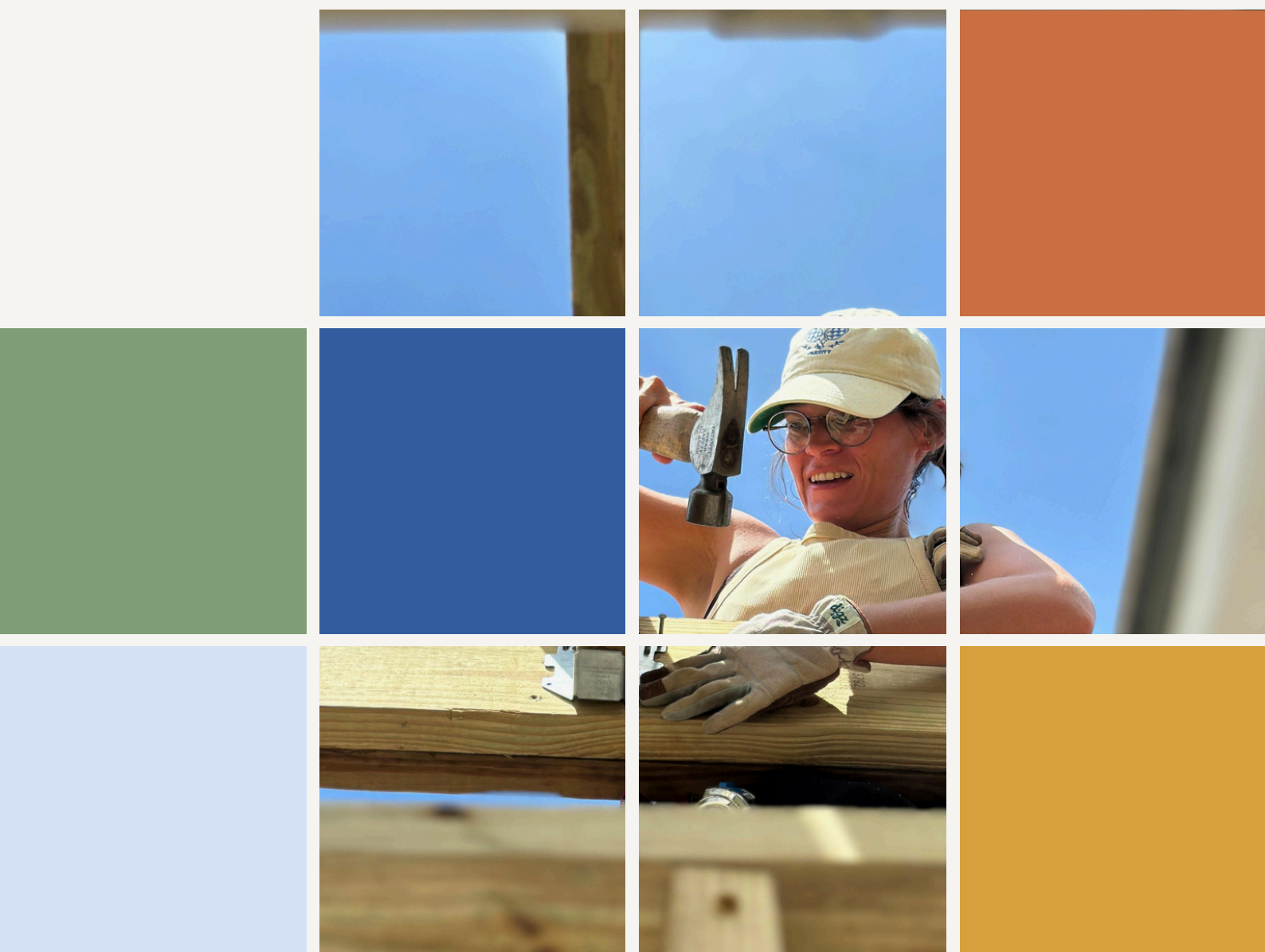
Thank you to the apprentices who learned the trade while serving their communities.

Thank you to the volunteers, community partners, donors, and collaborators who believed in our mission and contributed their time, resources, and expertise.

Your support allowed us to assist more families, strengthen local capacities, and advance concrete solutions for communities with real housing needs.

We enter the new year with the same conviction: that every family deserves a safe home and that collective work remains our greatest strength.






How to support our work



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