GRASSROOTS
Community Development

2019 Annual Report

Mission

Committed to a brighter future for children, neighbors, and communities.

It is exciting to look back over the last year at all the activity and good work that has been accomplished. We continue to build homes and help families become homeowners. The impact of home ownership is positive for both the family moving into the home and our neighborhoods. However, as you can see from the first day of school picture to the left, our community development efforts are more than just brick and mortar. They also have to do with the people living in our active communities and schools.

Our community organizing team has been very busy teaching Grassroots Leadership Training sessions and supporting graduates of the program in planning and executing their action plans. In one of the many communities we serve, the Brook Oaks Neighborhood Association has provided food and volunteers to support family engagement events at Brook Avenue Elementary and West Avenue Elementary. In another community, a group of community members have led Move East Waco, a fitness initiative that focuses on healthy living. In one of our schools, Alta Vista, a group of school staff and parents are redesigning how the school does family orientations and student-led conferences. As you can see, we have many different efforts under way. I hope you enjoy seeing our results and learning more about our work in this annual report.

Mike Stone, Executive Director

Our Impact

19 Neighborhood Leaders
Trained in our Grassroots Leadership Training

74 People
Bringing about community-led change

9 community-led action plans in North, South, and East Waco

27 Partner Organizations
Supporting community-led change

77%
Increase in awareness of neighborhood assets from Grassroots Leadership Training participants

4 Leadership Training Series
Facilitated by our staff

Board of Directors

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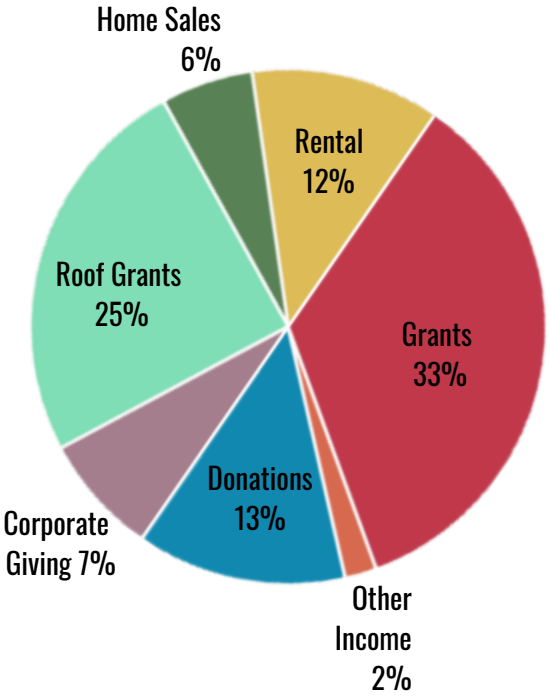
Our programs would not be possible without our donors and volunteers. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Together we can ensure a brighter future for children, neighbors, and communities.

Amount Raised
$553,512



Amount Invested
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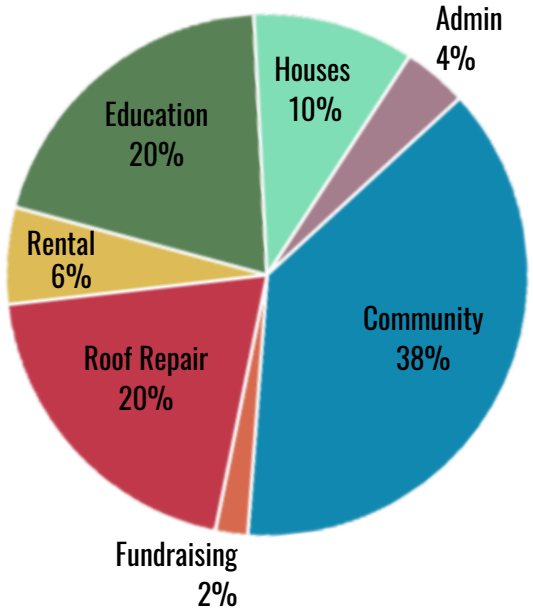

Our 2019 Results

427 People
Served by our housing counselor

128 Graduates
From our financial literacy education

32 Roofs
Repaired to keep people in their homes

16 Families
Became homeowners

3 New Homes
Built in our Waco community

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