GRASSROOTS
Community Development

2020 Annual Report

Adaptability. This is the word that best describes 2020 for our organization. We have had to brainstorm and get creative as we have navigated how to operate our existing programs during COVID and start new programs to address immediate needs created by the pandemic. I am so proud of the way our staff rose to the challenge.

Our community organizers walked alongside families navigating virtual learning for their children and figured out how to host community meetings via phones and computers. Our housing counselors adapted to counseling via email and phone calls instead of face to face, and our financial literacy and homebuyer education classes shifted completely to a virtual webinar. Our housing counselors also participated as Financial Navigators, assisting families in finding the resources they needed. We also responded to the immediate needs of families at schools we serve through the Family Resource Pantry, which was one of the largest efforts we supported this year.

I hope you enjoy learning more about our work and seeing the results of our labor in this annual report.

Mike Stone, Executive Director

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

Community-led Action Plans

In 2020, Grassroots Community Organizers supported **9 community-led action plans** in North, South, and East Waco.

Move East Waco (MEW)

The leaders of MEW responded to the challenges of 2020 by shifting their fitness and wellness program from in-person events to virtual Facebook videos. Since October, MEW has hosted **24 free virtual workouts** and expanded its reach to the greater Waco community.

Family Resource Pantry (FRP)

The FRP is a partnership between Grassroots, other organizations, schools, and churches to meet the immediate needs of families. Each week, **15-25 volunteers** packed and delivered essential items directly to families' homes. From April to September, the FRP made **1,104 deliveries** that reached over **450 families.** Additionally, for Christmas break, the FRP provided **170 families** with essential items.

Over 21 **organizations worked together** this year to support community-led change.

Staff

Darrell Abercrombie, Josh Caballero, Elise Jones, Jocelyn Williams, Elizabeth Nemec, M.L. Dickey and Mike Stone

Housing

In response to COVID-19, we shifted our financial literacy classes to a virtual platform allowing **115 people to graduate** from the course.

Darrell continued to walk with clients through the homebuying process, assisting **11 families in becoming homeowners.**

Construction and repairs continued as well this year as Grassroots **built 3 new homes, re-roofed 19 homes, and repaired 11 homes and ramps.**

Board of Directors

John Babers, Daysi Barrera, Rev. Tara Briscoe, Ken Cooper, Billy Davis, Tim Holtkamp, Michael Jeter, Johnny Mankin and Rev. Rachel Swain

Thank You!

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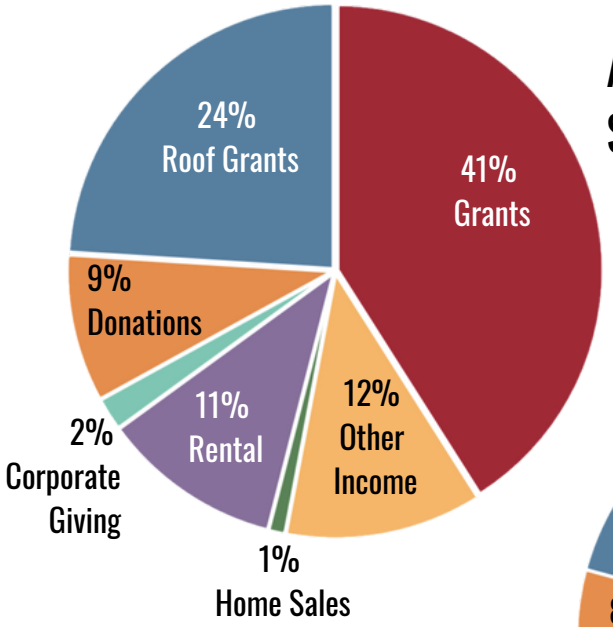

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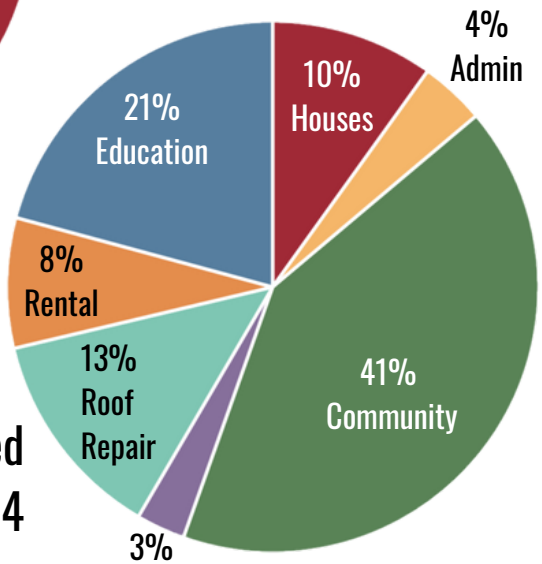

Amount Invested
$536,154

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