GRASSROOTS
Community Development

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

"COMMITTED TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR CHILDREN, NEIGHBORS AND COMMUNITIES"

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

Dear Friends and Supporters,

2024 was a whirlwind of activity for Grassroots Community Development, and I am thrilled to share the incredible results of our team's hard work with you through this annual report. Together, we've made meaningful strides in empowering families, strengthening neighborhoods, and fostering opportunities for lasting change.

These accomplishments are a testament to what's possible when a community comes together with a shared purpose. Your support—whether through volunteering, donating, or simply championing our mission—has been instrumental in making these achievements a reality.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to empowering families, revitalizing neighborhoods, and creating opportunities for everyone to succeed. Thank you for believing in Grassroots Community Development and for being part of this journey with us.

-Mike Stone, Executive Director

Parent and Child Time Together (PACTT): This program continues to help families build on their strengths, spend meaningful time with their children, connect with community resources, and grow closer together. Every session is a step toward stronger family bonds. With 95 attendees and 11 community resources, 14 action plans developed.

Parent University: Through sessions at three participating schools, we equipped parents and caregivers with essential skills, tips on navigating the education system, and resources for handling challenges like student safety, behavior, and advocacy. With 78 attendees and 31 community resources shared, this program is making a real difference.

Community Projects: It is an honor to collaborate with community partners in utilizing Waco Foundation's Immediate Impact Grants to make a meaningful difference in our neighborhoods:

- Brook Oaks: Community support and honoring our own.
- Oakwood Neighborhood: A new vision for community connections.
- Sanger Heights: Block parties that brought neighbors together.
- North Waco: Career fair connecting residents with opportunities.
- Eva Soza Dream Center: Launching the innovative "Farmacy" initiative.
- Clifton Gardens: Creating new community gardens in East Waco.

Grassroots Leadership Training (GLT): This program empowered 109 attendees across seven series to develop 17 action plans for their schools and communities. By covering topics like storytelling, communication, diversity, and action planning, GLT continues to inspire community memebrs to drive change in their neighborhoods.

We are a local non-profit that develops thriving neighborhoods through authentic relationships, strategic partnerships, financial literacy, affordable home building, and external home repairs.

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HOUSING

136 Graduates

Completed financial and homebuyer education courses, including 13 Spanish-speaking graduates

8 Families Assisted

in achieving the dream of home ownership with our assistance

28 Roofs Replaced

To keep people safe in their homes

2 New Homes

Built in the Waco Community, providing fresh opportunities for families to thrive

333 Volunteers

Joined forces to complete minor repairs on 33 homes

1141 Counseling Sessions

Were provided to guide individuals on their path to home ownership

Board of Directors

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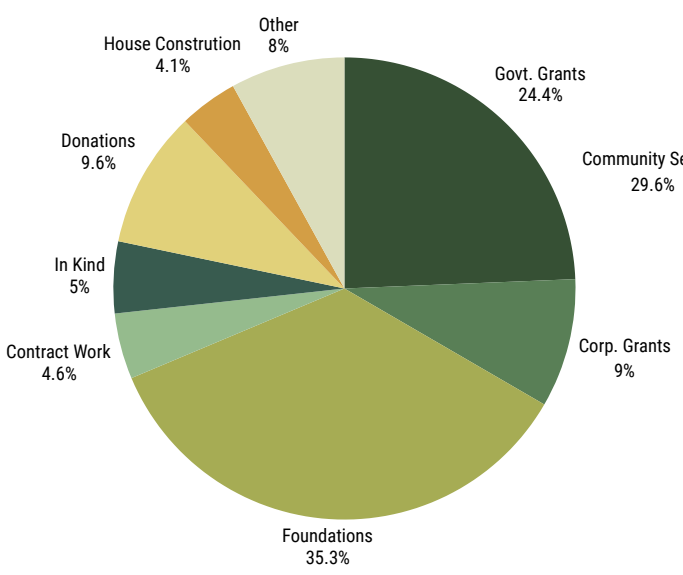
Amount Raised:
$827,261



Community Investment:
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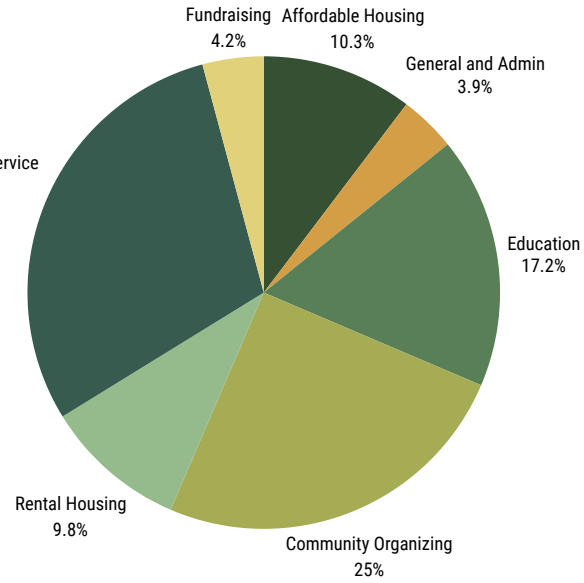

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