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ANNUAL REPORT
Grateful Gatherings



Our Mission

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Our mission is to improve lives by providing new and gently used furniture and household goods to low-income families transitioning out of homelessness, crisis, and poverty.

When we first meet with a family, they have almost nothing in their new home. The family is often sleeping on the floor or on an air mattress with no place to eat or even do their homework. With your help we transform empty spaces into comfortable, safe and equipped homes. Your support is life-changing for each family helped. Thank you!



A Year Like No Other

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Hello Grateful Gatherings Family,

We want to start 2021 off with a HUGE THANK YOU! We are incredibly grateful for you and your support last year!

There was no crystal ball or game plan for 2020, but we were able to pivot immediately and continue to help families move from homelessness because of you. Indeed, the pandemic changed our operations, but we direct-shipped, moved families in with the help of some masked heroes, and ultimately, put children into beds and comfort into homes.

Your incredible support allowed us to help 32% more families, and more homes were created than any other year to date!

Thank you to all of our donors, volunteers, agencies, and partners. You are the backbone of our organization, and we are so proud to serve with you!

Gratefully,

Donna Wright Somerville
Executive Director

Chris Flitter
Director of Programs

Board of Directors:

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Board President

Andrea Ruane
Board Treasurer

Katie Sunderland
Board Secretary

Amanda Chipman

David Commins

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Your Impact

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More Families Helped!



51 Homes Created



Of Families Helped Remain Safe In Their Homes



20+ Agency Partners

81 People Helped with Food & Essentials during COVID-19 Quarantine



50 Family's Holiday Wishes Came True

Who You've Helped

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168

Men, Women
And Children In
Families



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Foster Youth
*including helping a home
with 6 girls ages 12 to 17*



3 Young
Adult Males



2

Veterans



4

Seniors



Children Helped

5 Infants



15 Toddlers



11 Preschoolers



49 Elementary School Students



14 Middle School
Students



23 High School
Students



Areas Served



Corporate Partners

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“When the school shut down, if it hadn’t been for Grateful Gatherings I do not know where we would be or what would have happened. I worked really hard and I will continue to try to keep her safe and sheltered.

Coming home after Grateful Gatherings was here it was like not even the same apartment. Before it was empty, it was cold, it was scattered and nobody really wanted to be here. Afterward it was like a home overnight, like instantly, it was a functioning home. It was so beyond my wildest dreams.

The girls that did her [my daughters] room and her part, they were so thoughtful. Needing something simple like glass cleaner or detergent or something little and being able to open the cupboard and it being there. I could focus on everything else that was going on and I didn’t have to worry about these little tiny details that you guys had thought of already for me.

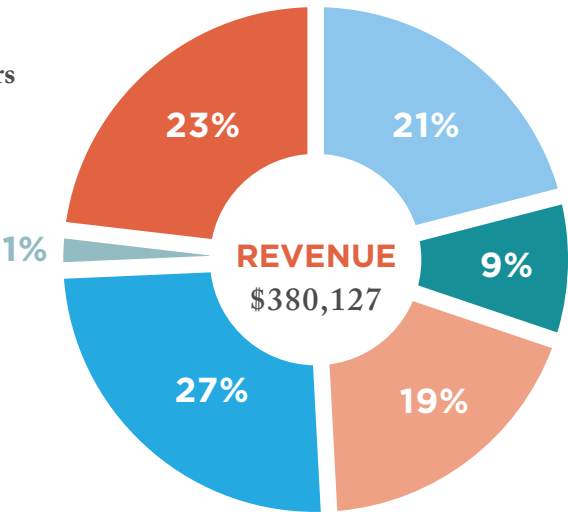
We didn’t have to look back. The things that happened happened, but we just kept moving forward and I hope that is what sticks with her when she looks back at it as an adult. Grateful Gatherings turned this into a home where we can be happy. Where we can grow together, where we felt safe. That is such a super special gift that can’t be repaid.”

- Tomeka

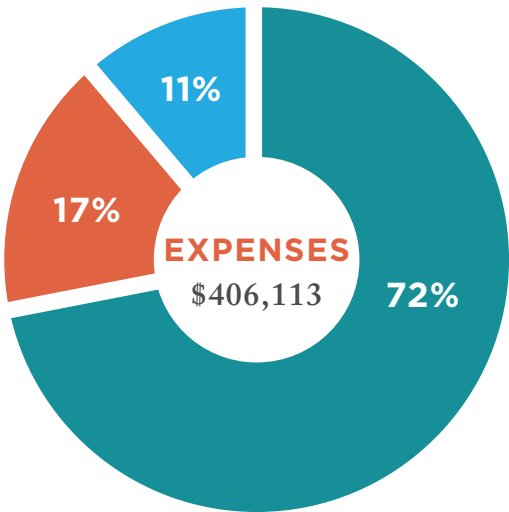


Our Financials

- Outdoor for Others Fundraiser
- Corporate & Matching
- Foundations
- Individuals
- Other Income
- In-Kind



- Program Expenses
- Administration Expenses
- Fundraising Expenses



Our Volunteers

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Our volunteers have always stepped up and given way beyond what we would hope, but this year with all the changes and crises, they inspired us by how they continued to care for our families way beyond just gatherings.

In March when the shelter-in-place began we had to pause our ‘gathering days’ due to safety. We started shipping furniture and essentials directly to families. A board member called the families we had helped over the past few years to find out how we could support them. Our amazing volunteers began picking up and delivering food boxes and other emergency needs like cleaning supplies to the families who were in crisis. Some volunteers connected with families and dropped off activities for the kids and other helpful items. One volunteer created and ran a virtual arts & craft camp for the kids who were homebound, utilizing local high school students as the “Camp Counselors.”

By summer we created a hybrid version of our “gathering day”. We combined some direct deliveries with collecting smaller furnishings and home items from donors at a safe drop-off spot. We then had a very small team of volunteers meet at the family’s home to set up and organize the home, following new safety protocols.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you! Thank you for helping our Grateful Gathering families even as each of you was also dealing with the impact of the pandemic in your own families.

We will never forget how quickly you all came to us when the shelter in place began asking, “What about our families? What can we do to help them?”. YOU are the reason we were able to make the difference we did in 2020.



Thank you for transforming lives!



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