



MAIN STREET MINISTRIES

Impact Report

2022-2023

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Over 3,000 individuals have visited Main Street Ministries in the last twelve months looking for hope, resources, and a path forward. Dedicated volunteers, caring staff, and the programs we offer have become a light in the darkness for Houstonians over the last 40 years.

Main Street Ministries is focused on building a path out of poverty for every individual we serve, but we cannot do it alone. We illuminate the path with guidance, support, and local resources available. In this report, we share the impact you have had by sharing your light through Main Street Ministries, as well as offer three inspiring stories of when light was found in the darkness, through our free programming.

We are thankful for each volunteer, donor and champion that chooses to be a light for others in this world. Thank you for continuing to share God's love and grace in our community; we can't do it without you!

With Gratitude,

B. Allen

Barbara Allen, Executive Director

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

3,145

Operation ID
Participants

21

Life Empowerment
Workshops

7,717

Volunteer
Hours

169

Life Empowerment
Participants

Building paths out of poverty empowered by the *love* of Jesus.



Life Empowerment

169

Total Participants Served

594

Family Members Impacted

21

Workshops Offered

424

Classroom Hours Delivered

Highlights of the Year:

- Moved past the pilot phase of Hacia Adelante (Getting Ahead in Spanish) and graduated 4 cohorts.
- Launched a new pilot called "Money Matters" to bring Getting Ahead to the workplace environment.
- 5 graduates chose to support future workshops as coaches and facilitators.
- Offered the first in-person workshops since transitioning to virtual formats during the pandemic.

"Getting Ahead ... provided a safe space for self-evaluation and an encouraging environment to develop skills that will continue to promote growth."

Life Empowerment Facilitator Account:

Nicole came to Getting Ahead on fire for change and motivated to establish a better future for her young daughter. She had secured a stable job, but the pay was low and hours long. Even though she was struggling financially with heavy debt, she confessed that she didn't realize the seriousness of her poverty until we talked about federal poverty guidelines, and she calculated her debt-to-income ratio. During one of our meetings, Nicole realized that the way she handled money was tied to past expressions of love and acceptance. By the end of the course, she was committed to working with a financial counselor to set up a workable budget.

Nicole also found the module that covered active listening and asking clarifying questions to be particularly helpful. She applied her new skills at work. By the time our five months together ended, she earned a promotion and a raise. Getting Ahead didn't solve all of Nicole's problems, but it provided a safe space for self-evaluation and an encouraging environment to develop skills that will continue to promote growth.

Melissa

Melissa, Getting Ahead Facilitator

Operation ID

3,145

Unduplicated
Houstonians Served

956

IDs
Sponsored

1,186

Birth Certificates
Distributed

1,960

Resource Navigation
Services Provided

64

Partner Agencies
Supported

Highlights of the Year:

- Further developed remote services for partner agencies that serve Houston's most vulnerable populations, including people impacted by domestic violence, human trafficking, and mental health issues.
- Offered Independent Living Workshops to Operation ID alumni.
- Partnered with Wheatley High School to assist 85 seniors in acquiring TX IDs, driver licenses, and birth certificates.

Something as simple as an ID can serve as a beacon of hope for someone on their path towards stability.

Operation ID Volunteer Account:

I like to spend a lot of my free time volunteering at Operation ID. Often we are compelled to give a client some extra help. In April, I volunteered with Operation ID at a community event where we provided resource navigation services. That day I met Alexis. She was 17 and six-months pregnant. She also had the responsibility for her four siblings, ages two, eight, nine and eleven, while their mother was in prison. I could feel this heavy burden that Alexis shared with me, and I wanted to see what help we could offer her. Operation ID was able to get her birth certificate, proof of her social security number and the funds to pay for her Texas ID so she could take some classes that would help her. While an ID didn't solve all her problems, it gave Alexis the ability to take some steps forward.

Diane

Diane, Operation ID Volunteer



Together we remove barriers,
empower change, affirm value
& purpose, and create
community.

VOLUNTEERS AT MAIN STREET

7,717

Hours Completed

259

Individuals Volunteered

\$245,400

Monetary Value of
Time Given

*Our dedicated
volunteers bring
renewed hope and
faith by sharing
Christ's love and light
to those we serve.*

How does volunteering shine light in the life of the volunteer?

For the most part, my career has been filled with accomplishments, successes, opportunities, lots of learning and great people. Nevertheless, work has always been a necessity, a means to an end, the route to providing for me and my family.

As a volunteer for Main Street Ministries, I have, without expecting it, found the answer to the question I have asked myself for many years -- What is my purpose? Why am I here? I am here to stand in for God in the world and to carry out any work he calls me to do and to do it for His glory. That work is whatever I am led to do at Main Street Ministries. I experience such deep satisfaction knowing I am connected here, through the grace of God. I can certainly say that I am proud of the work I do, the person I am and the difference I make.

Gweth

Gweth, Operation ID
Administrative Lead Volunteer



GET INVOLVED

There are several ways to impact the community with Main Street Ministries. However you choose to share your time or treasures, we are grateful!



Volunteer

Become a volunteer, share your light with your talent and time.



Support

Financially support the ministry's growth and impact.



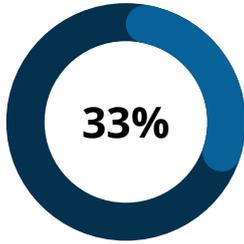
Pray

Join our team of prayer warriors, who pray for those who are in darkness.

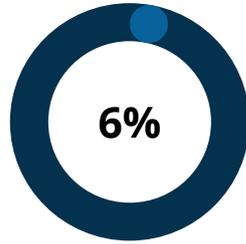
EACH OF YOU SHOULD USE WHATEVER GIFT YOU HAVE RECEIVED TO SERVE OTHERS, AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS. 1 PETER 4:10

FUNDS RAISED

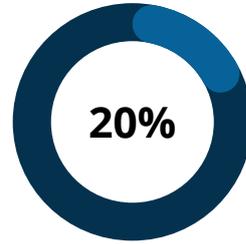
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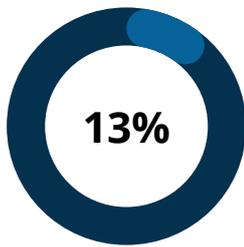
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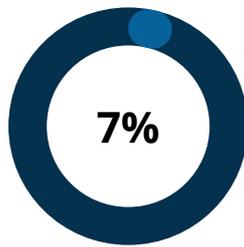
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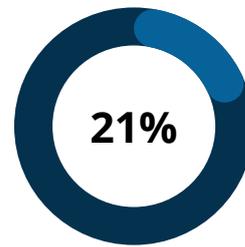
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Government
Grants

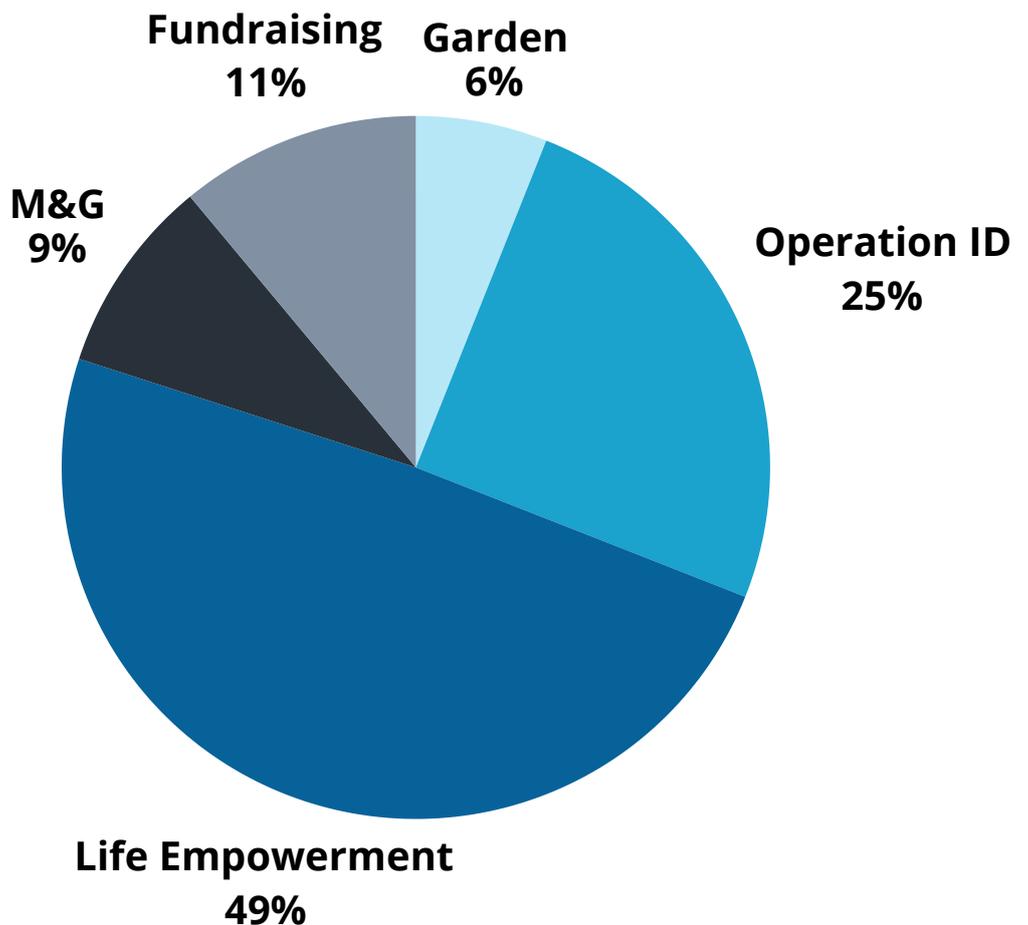


Foundations



In-Kind
Facility

EXPENSES





We are focused on building a path out of poverty for every individual we serve, but we cannot do it alone.

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Thank you for your generous *support.*



CONTINUE YOUR IMPACT

Donate Today

Generous donors impacted 3,314 individuals this year and the benefits rippled out to so many others. We are beyond grateful for their generosity and are humbled by their commitment to share their light! Giving today will help Main Street Ministries continue to assist individuals build a sustainable path forward empowered by the love of Jesus.

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HAVE YOUR GIFT GO EVEN FURTHER.

A recurring gift helps Main Street Ministries plan the year more efficiently and effectively.

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VOLUNTEER
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE

SHINE YOUR LIGHT AS A VOLUNTEER
TODAY!

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Time

Talent

Treasure

