

A MESSAGE FROM REV. BIANCA DAVIS-LOVELACE

REACH Executive Director

Wow, what a year 2020 has been for all of us! We would have never guessed that at the beginning of 2020 we would come up against a pandemic that not only threatened our health but impacted our economy. Many in our society suddenly faced losing their jobs, homes, and sense of security. REACH has witnessed first-hand how this pandemic has impacted our most vulnerable neighbors. The need was great, and the resources were few as we worked to keep our clients, staff and community safe while continuing to help people access and navigate the services they needed.

As challenging as 2020 was for REACH, it also pushed us forward in important ways. The pandemic forced us to finally

take a leap of faith and begin providing 24-hour shelter for our clients. The generosity displayed was simply beautiful to witness. Our community partners provided us with many resources during this time including temporary shelter space, food, cleaning supplies, hygiene products, monetary and in-kind donations. The community dropped off food for our clients at the REACH Meal Coalition allowing us to continue feeding some of our most vulnerable clients. Fiscal Year 2020 was a momentous year in REACH's history filled with both blessings and challenges. We are stronger as an organization because of the generosity of our amazing community partners and resilient staff. It is amazing what we can achieve when we all come together to serve our community. We thank you!!

SERVICE OUTCOMES



SHELTER/SERVICES

We provided shelter and services for 96 families, including 146 children.

We serve our neighbors

92% of the families at our shelter were from King County and 84% were from South King County.



HOUSED

We moved 53 families, including 82 children, into more stable housing.



DIVERTED

We provided financial help and other support to keep 24 families, including 50 children, out of homelessness.



COMMUNITY MEALS

We provided food, supplies, referrals, and a sense of community every single day last year.

FINANCIALS

INCOME

Churches	\$ 25,665	3%	
Corporations	\$119,847	15%	
Foundations	\$ 84,256	11%	
Government	\$381,473	49%	
Individuals	\$171,719	22%	
TOTAL	\$782,960		

EXPENSES

Center of Hope	\$351,329	57%	
Reach Meal Coalition	\$157,643	26%	
Administration	\$104,467	17%	
TOTAL	\$613,439		

Surplus revenue from 2020 allows us to expand staff at the Center of Hope (COH) and Reach Meal Coalition (RMC) to ensure safe and effective service to our clients and community. A program manager and needed staff were added at both programs this year. We will add a new case manager in 2021 to support our existing navigations services and to increase our focus on outreach and services to those who are chronically homeless.

Thanks to the support of King County, local churches, Renton Regional Community Foundation and generous anonymous private donors we raised \$302,747 in capital funding to support the relocation of COH to Lakeridge Lutheran Church. These funds will allow us to ready the space for improved 24/7 operations including more private sleeping arrangements, Covid-19 mitigation strategies including upgraded heating, ventilation and flooring, and much improved space, kitchen and offices.

CLIENT SPOTLIGHT



At the Center of Hope we focus on moving families into housing as soon as possible and our average shelter stay is around 2 months. At the Renton Meal Coalition (RMC) we provide a meal and basic resources. Most RMC clients are single folks who have been sleeping outside for a long time and are less

able to access housing services. We have wanted to provide better housing services and resources for RMC for a long time. In 2020, in response to Covid-19, a number of hotels were repurposed as safe shelter for people sleeping outside. With this option available we partnered with Catholic Community Services, to take outreach services to our meal program. As a result nine clients at RMC moved into warm rooms, with private bathrooms, and access to supportive services. We will build on this success next year, working with community partners to develop such services at RMC.

**More people
into housing
during a
challenging
year.**

PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT



**Partnering
to build
a new,
improved
home for
Center of
Hope
in 2021.**

When Covid-19 hit in 2020, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and the City of Renton provided temporary accommodations that allowed REACH to keep our families and community safe. REACH extended their services to 24/7 in these facilities that provided room for social distancing and improved ventilation. Lakeridge Lutheran Church, in collaboration with the Westhill Community, moved quickly to accelerate plans to develop a new and improved 24/7 space on their premises. The Center of Hope will move to their new location in 2021.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



**Nothing can
get in the
way of this
community's
commitment
to their
neighbors.**

The traditional options for volunteering disappeared last year, but volunteers continued to show up to help their neighbors. Towers of pizza appeared at our shelter to feed our clients. Masked volunteers handed out meals as we transitioned our meal program to "grab and go." Volunteers loaned trucks and muscle to help move from one temporary location to another. Westhill Community neighbors gave their time for community meetings and a neighborhood advisory group. We are inspired by you and are ready to double down on finding solutions to homelessness and hunger in South King County.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Our staff are committed to providing shelter and services that move our clients into stable housing as quickly as possible. Because homelessness will not be solved by shelter alone, REACH also focused on keeping people in their homes. In 2020 REACH staff disbursed

\$55,000 in rental assistance to folks in need, helping 24 local families, including 50 children, stay in their homes. A grant from Murdock Trust provided funds to hire a new Volunteer and Community Engagement Manager who is helping us build community partnerships focused on supporting strategies that prevent homelessness.

**Staff
committed
to sheltering,
stopping, and
preventing
homelessness.**

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