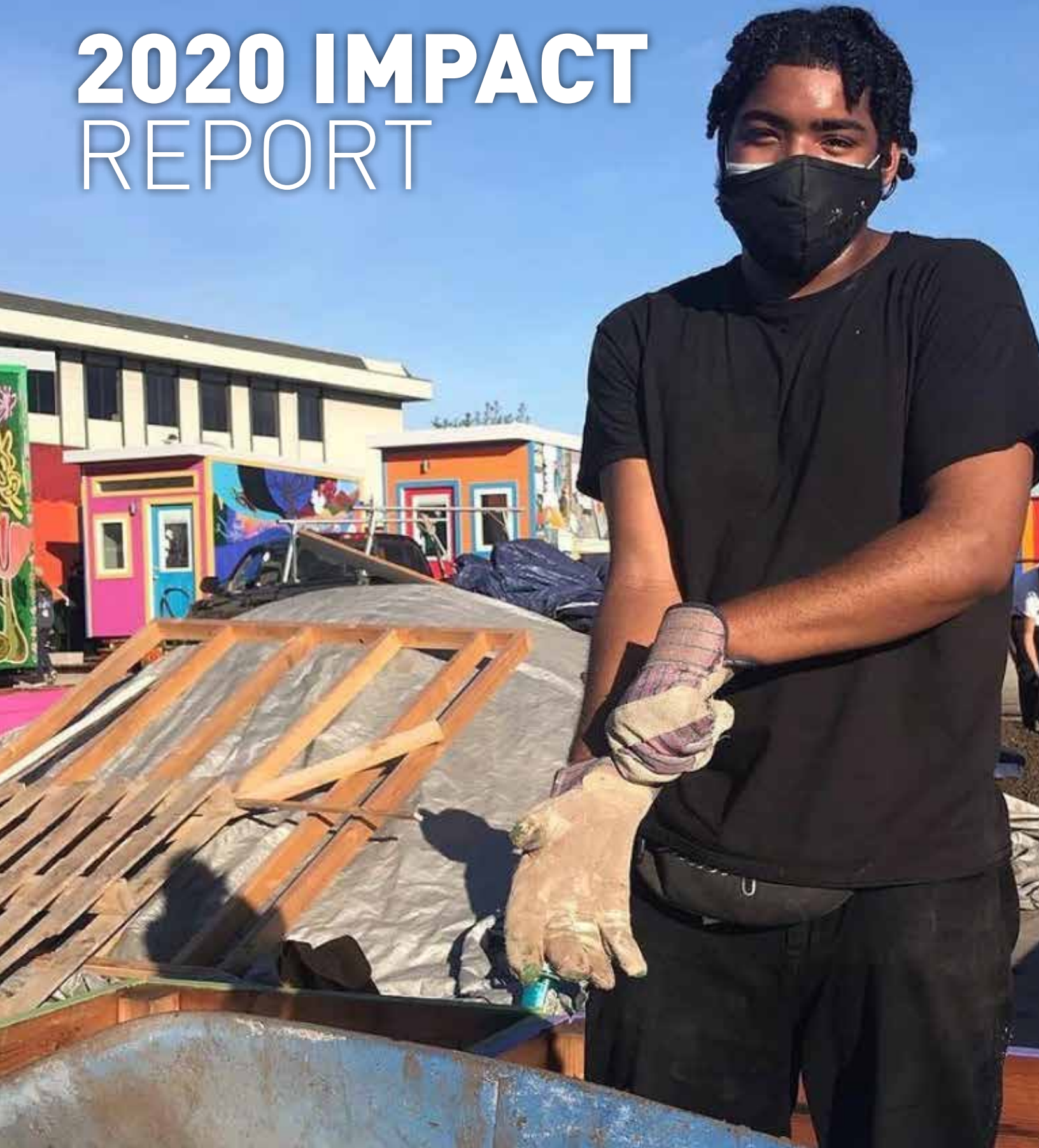




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ADVANCING PATHWAYS OUT OF POVERTY

2020 IMPACT REPORT



HAND IN HAND

OUR CONTINUED RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

"The ease with which Episcopal Impact Fund helped us with funding in the midst of a pandemic – it brings tears to my eyes. Thank you to the Impact Fund. You are a blessing."

– Sandra Scherer, Executive Director, Monument Crisis Center

In 2020, Episcopal Impact Fund responded to the limits of its capacity and beyond to the crisis caused by Covid. Read more about our Rapid Response grants on page 9.

In 2021, we know that the crisis continues. The Impact Fund has responded with a greatly increased grant budget and a new focus on housing. Housing inequity – already an emergency in the Bay Area – has been greatly exacerbated by the pandemic. We know from our grantee partners and from current social science research that **a "housing first" approach is essential to help families address the barriers to escaping poverty.**

The work we support takes many forms. Some organizations such as St. Vincent de Paul in Marin or Rebuilding Together focus on keeping families on the margins in their current homes through strategic interventions. Others such as Sister to Sister and Home & Hope provide temporary supportive housing to keep families off the street and give them the tools to acquire truly permanent housing.

Our new grantees this year work with different communities that are especially at risk – the re-entry population, youth exiting foster care and women escaping domestic violence. We are honored to support their work. **Read about our 2021 grants at episcopalimpact.org/current-grantees.**

Thank you for supporting this important and innovative work!



THANK YOU

Like many of you, Episcopal Impact Fund began 2020 with a business-as-usual mindset. Our granting budget and grant criteria were set. We had proposals in-hand and were laboring to select our grantees from among many respected and worthy applicants to fit our budget — always a painful process. **But by early March, we knew we were called to do so much more in the face of the great suffering being caused by the pandemic. We quickly changed course.**

Instead of winnowing our applicants, we blew up our granting budget and more than doubled our grants. This took a leap of faith and a choice to listen to the call that told us to do more.

What we didn't know was how generously YOU — our amazing community of supporters — would respond. We are delighted to share that the Impact Fund broke fundraising records last year, including for our virtual Night of Light. Because of YOU, we can continue to make budget-busting grants into 2021.

We know, as you do, that the pandemic is not over, especially for our neighbors living in poverty. As more adults are vaccinated and COVID-19 cases decline, the Bay Area economy will recover. However, the financial devastation experienced by low-income communities of color has been significant. These communities will not bounce back as quickly as those with more resources pre-pandemic.

We have been amazed by the creativity, ingenuity and sheer energy our grantee partners have brought to the challenges created by the pandemic. A few examples:

- Rise University Prep's director of technology fired up his motor scooter to deliver laptops and hotspots to families on the wrong side of the digital divide so children could continue to participate in Rise's life-changing academic program in the Bayview neighborhood of San Francisco.
- Bayshore Christian Academy in East Palo Alto provided relief to stressed-out families cooped up in crowded living conditions by opening their play yard to one family at a time and providing each with sporting equipment to safely enjoy time together outdoors.
- Options Recovery Services in Oakland continued to provide supportive housing to pregnant women and new mothers in recovery, keeping their home COVID-free through increased staffing, rigorous safety protocols and a new van so families could access vital services without risking public transportation.

In the pages that follow, you will read more stories of our grantees' heroic efforts and the changed lives of the people served. Never forget that this is all possible because of you! The more you give, the more Episcopal Impact Fund can do.



Jennifer Brooks,
President, Board of Directors



Kathleen Piraino,
Executive Director

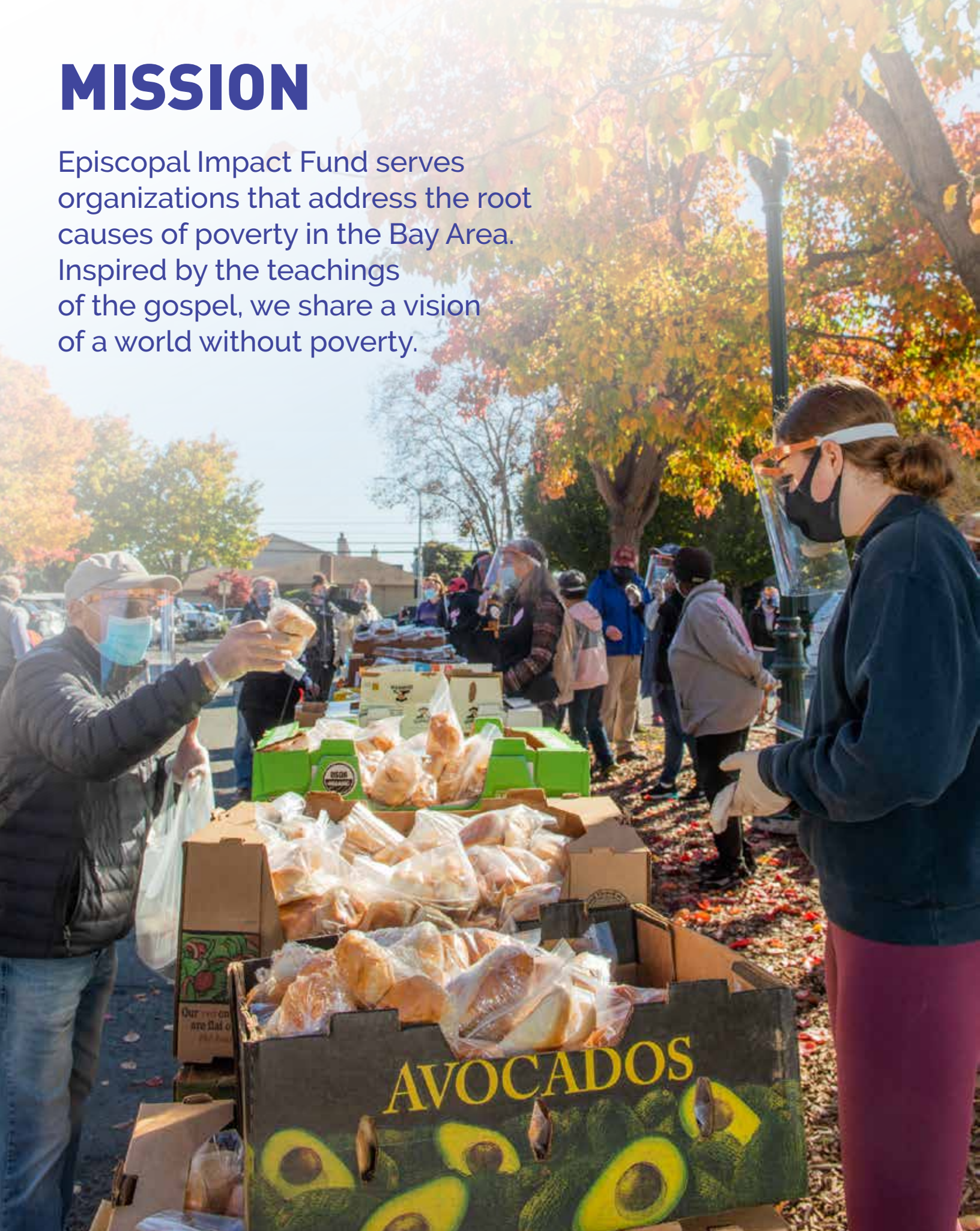


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MISSION

Episcopal Impact Fund serves organizations that address the root causes of poverty in the Bay Area. Inspired by the teachings of the gospel, we share a vision of a world without poverty.



IMPACT

100,000+

Number of People Served

\$1 MILLION+

Total Grants

133

Number of Organizations We Support





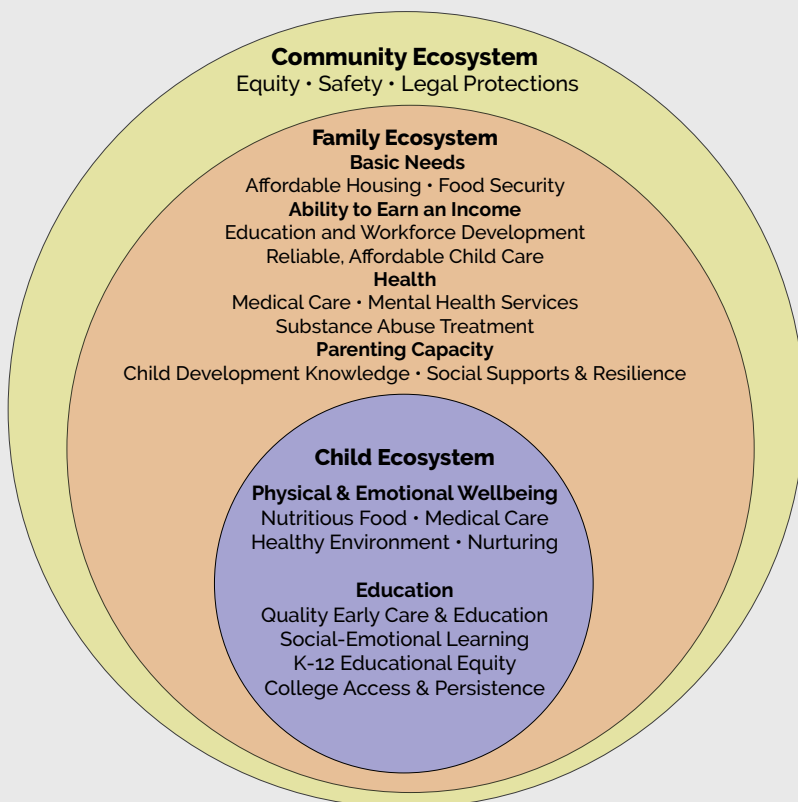
COMMUNITY

Episcopal Impact Fund is proud to support the life-changing work of nonprofits and congregations in every part of the Bay Area. Since 2019, we have focused particularly on disrupting the cycle of inter-generational poverty – the kind of poverty that keeps children from escaping the circumstances they are born into and securing a better future. We believe that no child's zip code should determine their future.

In choosing our grantees, we look for a commitment to measurable impact, continuous learning and improvement and diverse leadership. The Impact Fund is proud to support each of these powerful changemakers!

- C** Community Ecosystem
- F** Family Ecosystem
- ch** Child Ecosystem

ECOSYSTEM FOR CHANGE





Attitudinal Healing Center F ch

Attitudinal Healing Center empowers young people to be self-aware and inspired through art, creativity, and education, making positive choices to break the cycle of violence for themselves and their communities.

Bayshore Christian Ministries F ch

Bayshore Christian Ministries works to break the cycle of poverty in East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park by providing after-school and summer program to support the academic, social, and physical development of youth and to help them develop their full potential in a caring and safe structured environment.

Center for Empowering Immigrants and Refugees C F ch

CERI's Young Mothers Program addresses the complex needs of parents from highly traumatized and isolated refugee and immigrant families. The Youth Leadership Program offers a safe space for teens who are at risk for gang involvement, school dropout, substance abuse and sex trafficking.

Family Emergency Shelter Coalition C F ch

FESCO serves families experiencing homelessness by providing safe, stable temporary housing and supporting families' transition to permanent housing through job training, childcare and other necessary services.

Good Samaritan Family Resource Center C F ch

Good Sam helps vulnerable families access needed services, develop self-sufficiency, and participate fully as members of the community. The Impact Fund supports the Vision Academy and Beacon programs which provide after-school programs for at-risk youth, focusing on academics and social-emotional enrichment and well-being.

Home & Hope F ch

Home & Hope provides the safe haven of temporary housing for San Mateo county families facing homelessness while developing a customized, pragmatic plan of action to help them secure long-term housing and regain self-sufficiency.





COMMUNITY (CONTINUED)

Homeless Prenatal Program **C F ch**

Homeless Prenatal Program partners with pregnant women and their families to break the cycle of childhood poverty. HPP provides prenatal education and parenting classes to an at-risk population of very low income or homeless women, helping to improve birth outcomes, strengthening parenting skills and transforming lives.

Hope Solutions **F ch**

Hope Solutions launched the first program in Contra Costa County aimed at rapidly rehousing homeless transition age youth (18-24). Hope Solutions provides wrap-around services in conjunction with temporary housing with the goal of youth exiting to permanent housing when they achieve sufficient income and stability.

Oakland Elizabeth House **C F ch**

Oakland Elizabeth House offers temporary supportive housing to women with children who have experienced homelessness, violence and addiction. Elizabeth House supports these families in their transition to independence by empowering them with the tools to rebuild their lives, including education, employment and wellness resources.

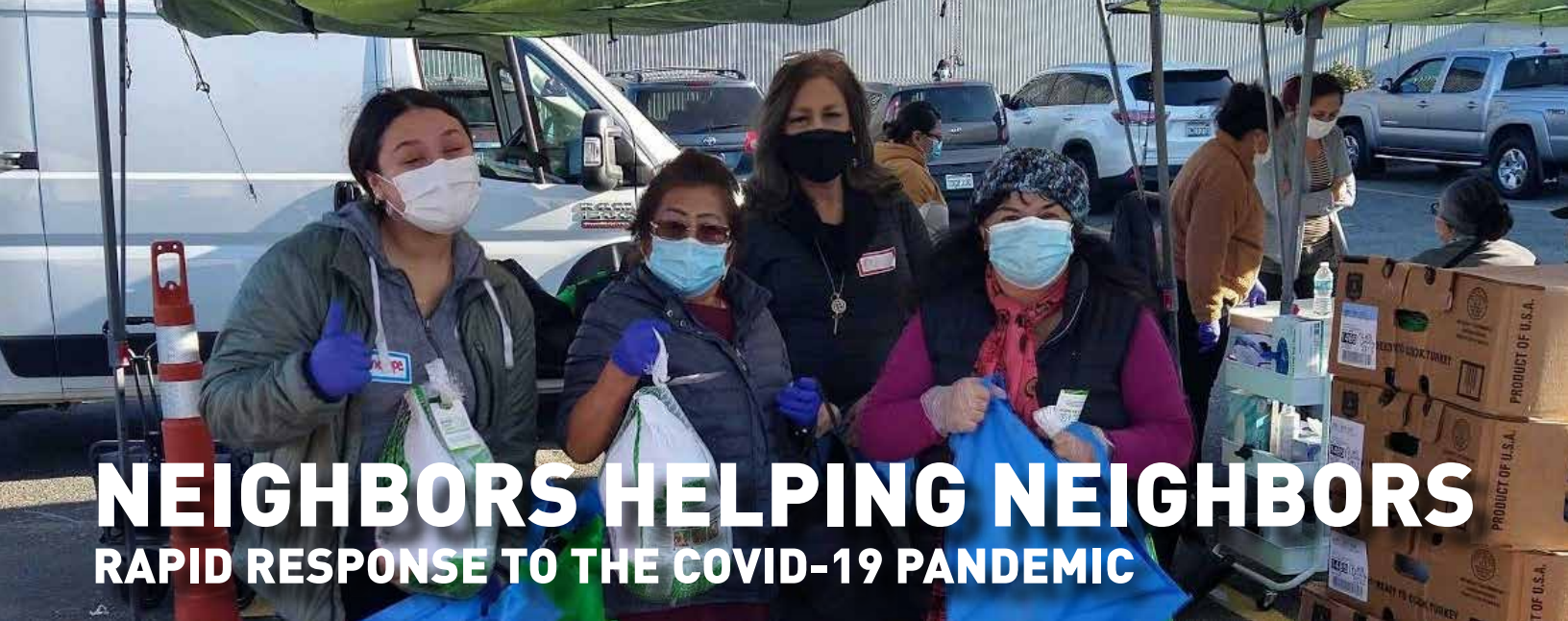
Options Recovery Programs **F ch**

Options recently opened its first home for perinatal women in recovery and their children, providing structure, support and community to women to build sober living skills and succeed in the community.

Youth Spirit Artworks **C ch**

Youth Spirit Artworks created a Tiny House Village in Oakland for homeless youth of Berkeley and Oakland as part of its "100 Homes for 100 Youth" initiative. This temporary housing includes wrap-around services to enable residents to exit to stable permanent housing.





NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

RAPID RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

"This is so wonderful and pragmatic! I have at least two parishioners who have lost work. I hope to share some of this with them."

– Fr. Paul Allick, Church of the Advent of Christ the King, San Francisco

In 2020, Episcopal Impact Fund was committed to helping our partners during their time of uncertainty and great need.

We made rapid response grants to 111 community organizations and Episcopal congregations since the pandemic forced shelter-in-place restrictions. Your donations made this possible!

We donated to the discretionary fund of all 76 congregations of the Diocese, a grassroots and efficient way of getting help to those who needed it most during the pandemic. Our congregations are deeply embedded in their communities, and neighbors turn to them for help as a last resort. The Impact Fund's grants enabled congregations to respond with generosity and compassion.

The Impact Fund also gave unrestricted grants to the Diocese's two camp and conference centers (Bishop's Ranch and St. Dorothy's Rest) and to the Chaplaincy program at San Francisco State University, to be given to individuals facing the devastating financial consequences of the pandemic.

Additionally, our unrestricted, rapid response funding included grants to these organizations located in every part of the Diocese:

Abundant Grace Coastside Worker
All Souls Episcopal Church (community feeding program)
Attitudinal Healing Center
Bayshore Christian Ministries
Berkeley Food & Housing Project
Braid Mission
Center for Empowering Refugees and Immigrants
Christ Church Alameda (homeless services)
The Community Preschool at Grace Cathedral
Episcopal Church of the Nativity,
San Rafael (Marin Interfaith Street Chaplaincy)
Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist,
San Francisco (homeless outreach coordinator)
Episcopal Community Services
Family Connections Centers
Family Emergency Shelter Coalition
Food Runners
Friends of the Urban Forest
Gilead House
Glide Memorial Foundation
Good Samaritan Family Resource Center
Home and Hope
Homeless Prenatal Program
Hope Solutions (formerly Contra Costa Interfaith Housing)
Mindful Life Project
Mission Asset Fund
Mission Bit
Monument Crisis Center
Oakland Elizabeth House
Options Recovery Services
Project Open Hand
Rise University Preparatory
Samaritan House
San Francisco Achievers
San Francisco CASA
San Francisco Night Ministry
Sojourn Chaplaincy at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital
St. John's Episcopal Church, Clayton (childcare for essential workers)
St. John's Episcopal Church, Ross (St. Vincent de Paul Free Dining Room)
St. Vincent de Paul Society, Marin
Trinity Center
The Village Project
Youth Spirit Artworks



SHARING THE LOVE

For more than 40 years, Episcopal Impact Fund has honored its heritage with additional community-focused grants based on the Episcopal values of faithfulness, inclusiveness and compassion.

Episcopal Impact Fund administers the Brotherton Fund, named after the founder of the former St. Luke's Hospital (now the Mission/Bernal Campus of CPMC). This hospital serves many low-income, uninsured and underinsured San Franciscans.

Episcopal Impact Fund is the founder and lead funder of two innovative programs at the hospital:

- The Perinatal Mental Healthcare Program provides critical psychiatric and psychological care to pregnant women and new mothers free of charge. By embedding this program within existing labor and delivery services, women are assured of receiving the care they need in a familiar and trusted setting.
- The Pediatric Mental Healthcare Program brings onsite, outpatient mental health care resources to low-income children and their families. Our grant enables these services to be offered free of charge to all patients.

On behalf of the Diocese of California, Episcopal Impact Fund administers four endowments that specifically serve elders, the incarcerated, and people in recovery. This year, our social ministry grants went to:

Art with Elders

Celebrating the wisdom, talent and creativity of older adults living in long-term care facilities through art.

Grace Cathedral Jail Ministry

Helping incarcerated people connect with God, themselves, each other and their families in ways that reflect love and generosity.

Ohlhoff Recovery Programs

Providing a continuum of effective, affordable treatment for drug and alcohol addiction.

Sojourn Chaplaincy

Bringing multi-faith spiritual care to patients and staff at San Francisco General Hospital, including the indigent and incarcerated.

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MESSAGE OF LOVE

*Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

It is no accident that we mark the Resurrection of Jesus in the Spring. Life has come again! The new life of trees and plants, the awakening life of hibernating creatures, the new life God gives us through Jesus Christ.

Many of us are feeling a new layer to the many signs of new life around us, in the world, in the Church. Because of the diligence and faithfulness of our diocese and more generally of the Bay Area, and the urgent work of scientists, we are able to hope for days when we can meet together again. Meeting at and in our churches, able to share the Sacrament of the Eucharist after so very long.

Episcopal Impact Fund shares in the joy at the moment so close at hand, and at the same time keeps its focus on those for whom there is little or no rejoicing. I hope you will join me in supporting Episcopal Impact Fund as they make the world safer and more joyful for the most vulnerable.



Our goal is the Beloved Community, where all may rejoice.

+ Marc Handley Andrus

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Marc Handley Andrus,
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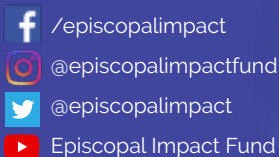
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"We can all make ourselves feel better by finding love and purpose in life. My mantra now has to be 'love in action' to help others. Love without action is irrelevant, and action without love is meaningless."

- Deepak Chopra, speaking about the lessons of 2020



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