

2021 IMPACT REPORT



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ADVANCING PATHWAYS OUT OF POVERTY



THANK YOU

Working to create the Impact Report is one of my favorite parts of the Episcopal Impact Fund year. It's a chance to re-read the stories of hope and change our wonderful grantees send us each year and to enjoy the pictures of the beautiful children and families they serve. I look at the name of every donor on our acknowledgement pages with gratitude that they have made our work and the work of our grantees possible.



KATHLEEN PIRAINO

I love that our entire team is involved — Ann as our project manager and chief content provider, Kieran bringing her expertise to the design and layout and, of course, Shari and Simba to keep our numbers straight. I also look forward to reading the beautiful message Bishop Marc writes to our entire community each year. We are a small but mighty team!

This year is bittersweet of course, as I sit down to review my last full year as Executive Director of Episcopal Impact Fund. I am so proud of the work of the team and especially of the work of our grantees. And I'm grateful that in the continued uncertainty of COVID, geopolitical crises and financial worries, our donors continue to give so generously.

I am also confident that Episcopal Impact Fund's new executive director, Christina Alvarez, is just the right leader for the next stage of the Impact Fund. I can't wait to see where she takes us!

Kathleen Piraino

Kathleen Piraino
Executive Director



HAND IN HAND

I am honored to join Episcopal Impact Fund as the new Executive Director at a critically important time for the San Francisco Bay Area. I am grateful for this opportunity to support nonprofit organizations throughout the region that promote housing and economic stability for vulnerable families and youth and address the region's lack of housing affordability.



CHRISTINA ALVAREZ

In 2022, we will launch a strategic planning process that will shape the next chapter of the Impact Fund's grantmaking and strategic efforts. As an Episcopal Impact Fund supporter, I encourage you to join us as we expand our impact in the community.

It is an inspiration to be a part of an organization centered in its values of compassion, dignity, inclusivity, and collaboration. I look forward to partnering closely with the Board of Directors and the greater Episcopal Impact Fund community in our efforts to advance solutions to the root causes of poverty in our region.

With gratitude,



Christina Alvarez
Incoming Executive Director

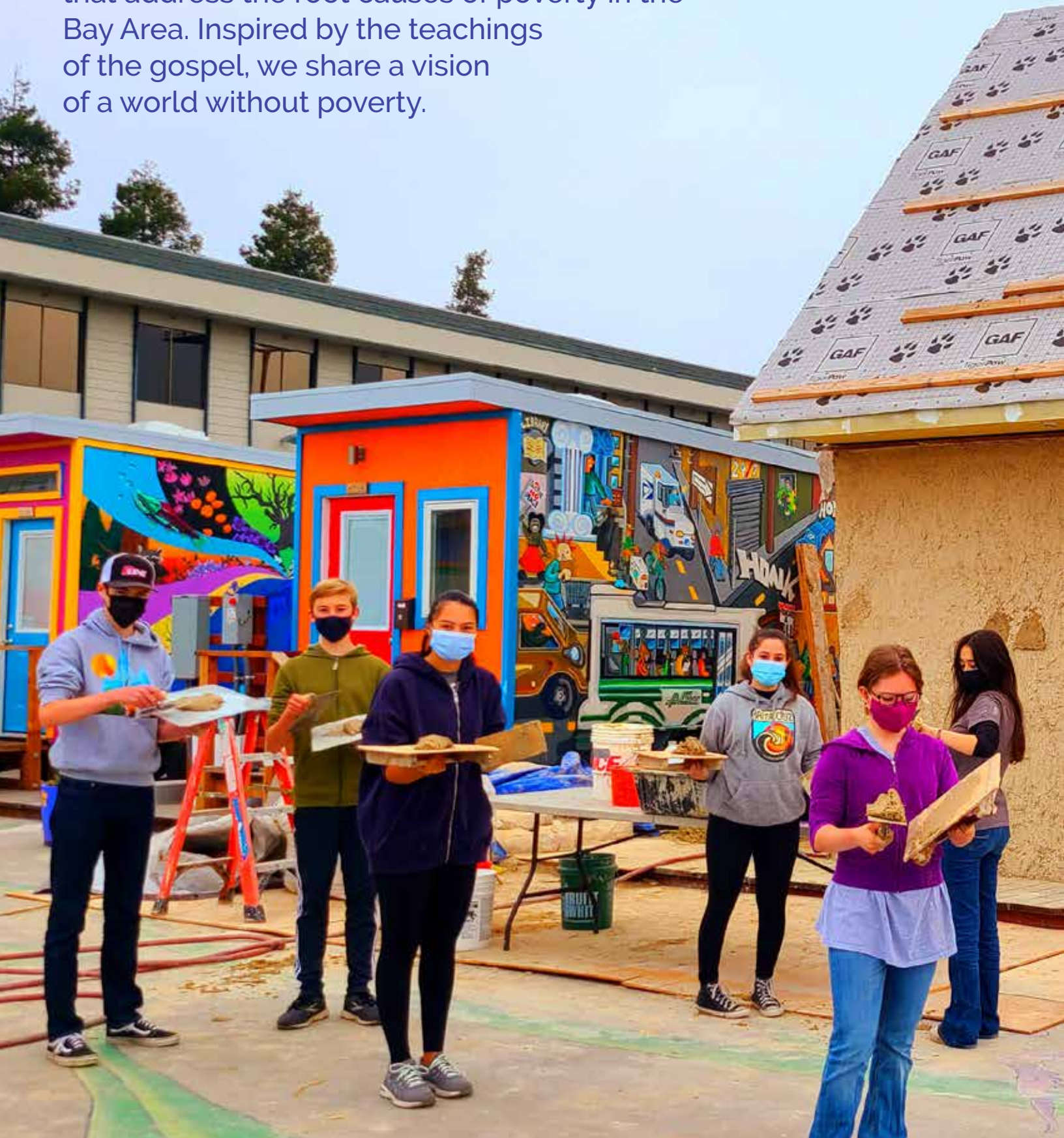


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MISSION

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

\$755,000+

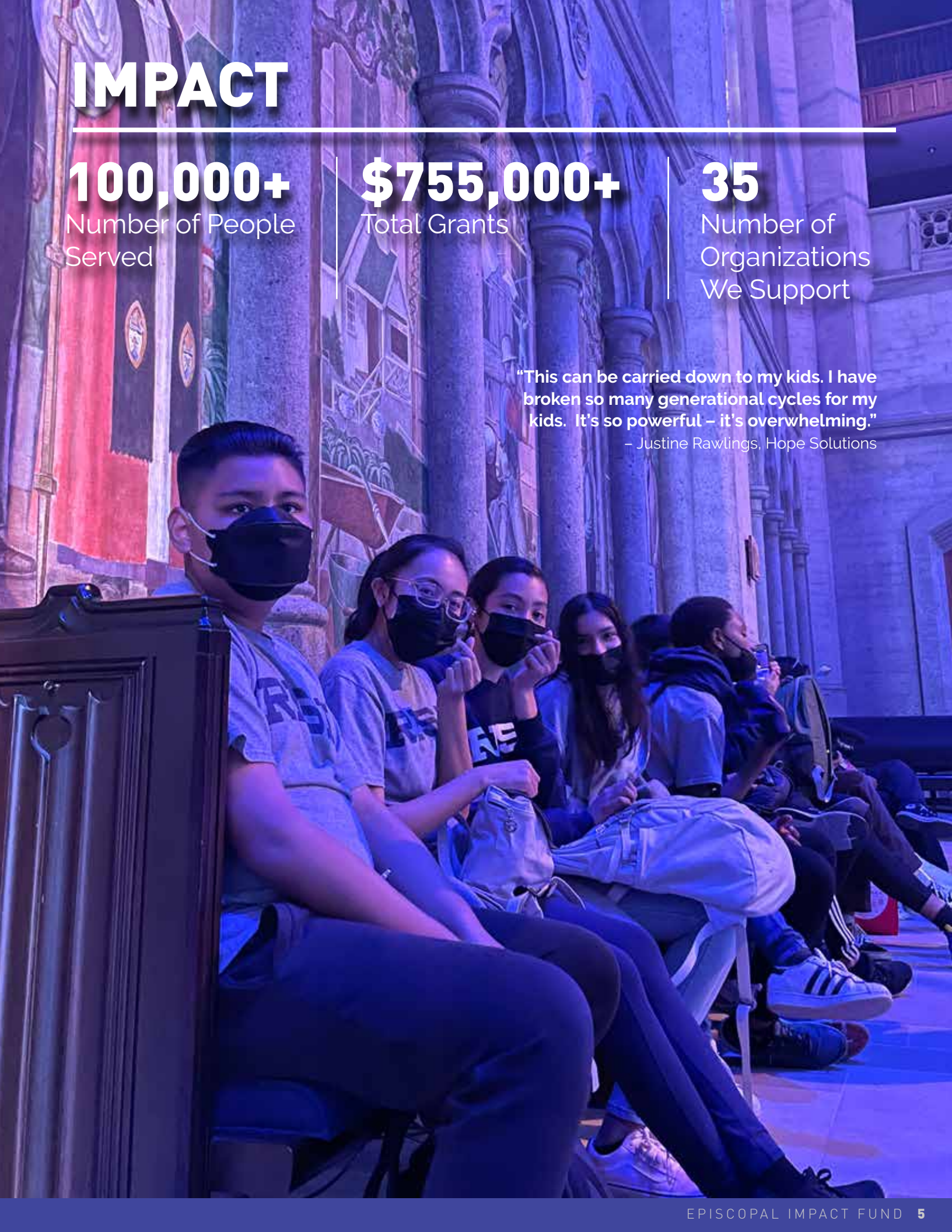
Total Grants

35

Number of Organizations We Support

"This can be carried down to my kids. I have broken so many generational cycles for my kids. It's so powerful – it's overwhelming."

– Justine Rawlings, Hope Solutions





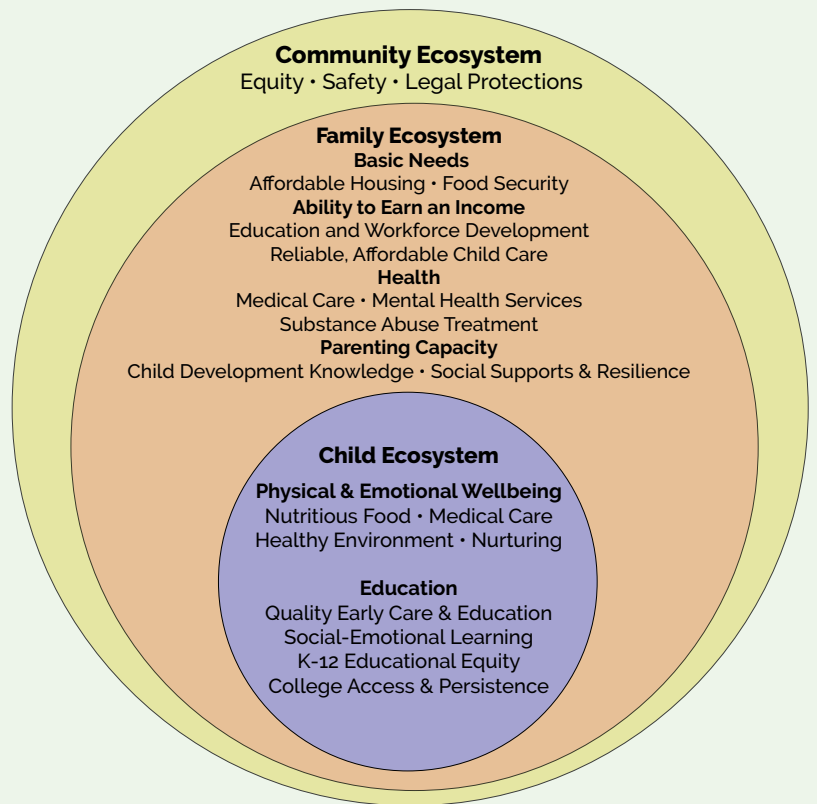
COMMUNITY

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 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. No child’s zip code should determine their future.

In choosing our grantees each year, 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 Connection **F ch**

Attitudinal Healing Connection empowers young people in Oakland and San Francisco to be self-aware and inspired through art, creativity, and education, helping them make positive choices to break the cycle of violence for themselves and their communities.

Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS) **C F**

BOSS helps homeless, poor, and disabled people achieve health and self-sufficiency, and to fight against the root causes of poverty and homelessness in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

First Place for Youth **C ch**

First Place helps foster youth in San Francisco, Alameda and Contra Costa counties build the skills necessary to make a successful transition to self-sufficiency and responsible adulthood.

Hope Horizon **F ch**

Hope Horizon, formerly Bayshore Christian Ministries, works to break the cycle of poverty in East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park by providing after-school and summer programs to support the academic, social, and physical development of youth.

Family Connections Centers **C F ch**

Family Connections Centers supports the development of strong, healthy families and thriving communities through community-based, culturally humble, multilingual programming that adapts to the needs of families in San Francisco.

Family Emergency Shelter Coalition (FESCO) **C F ch**

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

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.

Hope Solutions **F ch**

Hope Solutions, formerly Contra Costa Interfaith Housing, heals the effects of poverty and homelessness by providing permanent housing solutions and vital support services to highly vulnerable families and individuals in Contra Costa County.





COMMUNITY (CONTINUED)

Options Recovery Programs **F ch**

Since 2018, Options has provided a residential program for pregnant women and new mothers in recovery in Alameda County, providing structure, support and community to help them build sober living skills and succeed in the community.

Rebuilding Together SF **C F**

Rebuilding Together preserves affordable housing in San Francisco by addressing home safety repairs, deferred maintenance, and code violations for low-income residents. Rebuilding Together stabilizes residents and prevents displacement of San Francisco's most vulnerable populations.

Rise University Preparatory **C F ch**

Located in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood, Rise Prep will graduate its first senior class in 2024 with a goal of 100% matriculation to four-year colleges. Rise's innovative approach to learning and human development inspires student and family flourishing, embracing a full identity as children of God.

Sister to Sister 2 / Serenity House **C F**

Serenity House in West Oakland provides housing, substance use treatment, and wrap-around support services for women. Their highly individualized services include one-on-one counseling, healing groups, case-management, benefits advocacy, workforce development, and family reunification support.

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Marin **C F ch**

St. Vincent de Paul provides compassionate care and critical services to Marin County residents who are struggling to make ends meet, with a goal of ending homelessness, hunger and isolation.

The Village Project **C ch**

Because it takes a village to raise a child, the Village Project provides a safe haven for academic, cultural and enrichment activities for underserved San Francisco youth and their families.

Youth Spirit Artworks **C ch**

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

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

CONGREGATIONAL SPOTLIGHT: Christ Episcopal Church, Alameda

“In addition to a homeless shelter and various meal programs, the Homeless Shower Program will offer some dignity and sanitation to our homeless brothers and sisters.”

– Rev. Stephen McHale, Rector of Christ Church



Due to safety concerns regarding COVID-19, Christ Church was forced to cancel the homeless warming shelter they've offered for three years. But their commitment to their homeless brothers and sisters never waned, so in collaboration with the City of Alameda Community Development Department and with the support of Episcopal Impact Fund, the congregation created a new program providing showers to their unhoused neighbors. The program began operating weekly as COVID restrictions lifted. It provides 15-minute showers, clean towels, toiletries, new undergarments and lunch.

The program will run year-round in two newly constructed onsite shower facilities staffed by volunteers from Christ Church and the wider community. A grant from Episcopal Impact Fund closed the construction funding gap and allowed the showers to open without delay.

“Personal hygiene is a fundamental human need that maintains our dignity,” said Ana Bagtas of the City of Alameda’s Community Development Department. “This shower program will provide our unhoused Alamedans a reliable resource that will give them a sense of stability. We are grateful to Christ Church for this partnership.”

Is your congregation doing good work in your community? Please let us know! This year’s congregational grant cycle opens on May 24th with applications due in late June. Episcopal Impact Fund welcomes applications from congregations throughout the Diocese of California.

Episcopal Impact Fund’s Congregational Grants recognize the important outreach programs based in the churches and ministries of our Diocese.

Our congregations do exceptional work, often with little support. It is an important part of Episcopal Impact Fund’s mission to assist churches that serve their low-income neighbors. We are pleased to share with you the recipients of our 2021 grants:

All Saints’ Episcopal Church, San Leandro

All Saints operates a bi-monthly food pantry that provides bagged groceries to over 240 households per pantry.

All Saints’ Episcopal Church, San Francisco

All Saints has provided support and management of the Haight Ashbury Community Services food program for 50 years.

All Souls Episcopal Parish, Berkeley

All Souls supports local families living in RV encampments by providing sewage waste removal and access to showers and laundry facilities.

Episcopal Church of the Nativity, San Rafael

Episcopal Church of the Nativity supports The Street Chaplaincy, which brings compassionate spiritual care to unsheltered people in Marin, building and strengthening a community that includes housed and unhoused people.

Grace Cathedral, San Francisco

The Community Preschool at Grace Cathedral is an early childhood education program that serves San Francisco families of diverse socioeconomic backgrounds.

St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, Oakland

St. Augustine’s provides bagged groceries to up to 75 people per month.

The Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin, San Francisco

St. Mary’s Justice Ministries partner with Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity to support and accompany newly arrived individual and family migrants and asylum-seekers.

St. James Episcopal Church/Iglesia Episcopal de Santiago, Oakland

Iglesia de Santiago offered Afro-Peruvian music and dance classes to local families.

St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, Belvedere

St. Stephen’s supports the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Marin’s bagged meal distribution.

St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco

St. Gregory’s hosts a food pantry that provides free, healthy groceries to up to 600 families weekly.

The Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist, San Francisco

St. John’s hosts The Gubbio Project, which provides sacred space, sanctuary, and food for up to 100 unhoused people in need of safe, compassionate respite daily.



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, we ensure that women receive 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

Programs that celebrate the wisdom, talent and creativity of older adults living in long-term care facilities.

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

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

Sojourn Chaplaincy

Multi-faith spiritual care for patients and staff at San Francisco General Hospital, including the indigent and incarcerated.

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MESSAGE OF LOVE

For the Episcopal Impact Fund, as in my personal life, this is a time that calls for expressions of gratitude. Great gratitude for ten years of intelligent, informed, heartfelt service by Kathleen Piraino, and gratitude for the commencement of the new leadership of the Impact Fund under Christina Alvarez. I'm tremendously excited and encouraged to think about all that has happened over the last decade, and about what is to come.

I'd like to invite you to step forward now to help us increase our capacity to serve the most vulnerable in the Bay Area. Please make a special gift to the Episcopal Impact Fund, a gift that will honor Kathleen's service and that will empower the Impact Fund under Christina's new leadership.

+ Marc Handley Andrus

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Marc Handley Andrus,
Bishop of California





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"Every person that we see, we see the light of Christ in them – and we want to do everything we can to help them get to a better place in their lives."

- Melissa, Serenity House Oakland

NEW! The Kathleen Piraino "Say Yes!" Fund

The needs of nonprofits do not always align with granting cycles or fall within restricted categories - emergencies occur, funding runs low, life happens. **Kathleen always found a way to "Say Yes!"** when other avenues had failed. To honor her commitment to saying yes in the face of greatest need, the Kathleen Piraino "Say Yes!" Executive Director Discretionary Fund will continue Kathleen's legacy beyond her retirement.

Join us in promoting equitable post-COVID recovery in the Bay Area by investing in the "Say Yes!" Fund!

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