

# 2020 IMPACT REPORT

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Dear Gospel Community Church,

We hope and pray that as you take a moment to reflect on this past year at Gospel Community Church with us that you will be able to acknowledge and celebrate the ways God has been faithful. Many of us will remember 2020 as a year that threatened our way of life. It's left so many people feeling hopeless, but followers of Jesus can rest assured that our hope is not in this world, but the person of Jesus Christ. This year has been full of pain, suffering, and hardship, but through it all, God has been renewing us. This impact report is our attempt to testify to things God has been doing in and through our church family. We pray it will inspire you not just to celebrate God's goodness to GCC, but also to testify to the many ways God has been faithful to you throughout 2020. We leave you with this encouragement as we press on into the newness God has planned for 2021.

Isaiah 43:19, "Look, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see it? Indeed, I will make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert."

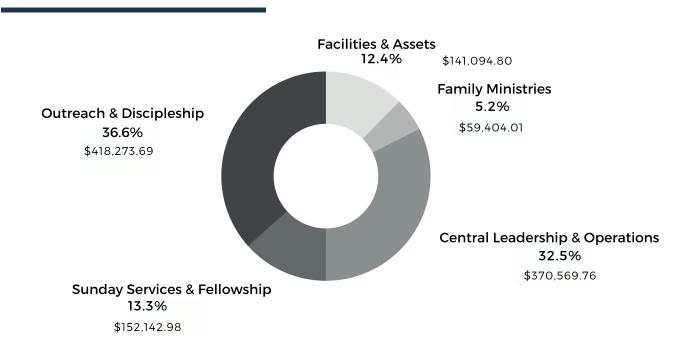
Keep your eyes open as God continues making a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. He is waiting for us there.

Soli Deo Gloria.

The Elders of Gospel Community Church



# **FINANCES**



Total Operating Expenses: \$1,141,485.24 Total Operating Income: \$1,157,735.60 Total 2020 Windfall: \$16,250.36 Generosity Initiative Income: \$159,418.15 Generosity Initiative Expense: \$65,059.90 Grant and Endowment Income: \$125,500 Paid Down Debt: \$52,000.00

Personnel salaries are included in their respective categories.



## **DISCIPLESHIP & COMMUNITY**

#### LAUNCHED THE GOSPEL AUDIO PODCAST

The Discipleship Team leveraged the new Gospel Audio Podcast to shepherd our church family through the initial days of the COVID-19 pandemic, to help us respond to the racial unrest in our country, and to engage us engage with the Christmastime season.

#### SPIRITUAL FORMATION GUIDES

We worked through two Spiritual Formation guides, the Driven by Mission prayer guide and the Advent guide. These were designed to encourage us in our walk with Jesus and bring us closer to him.

### **FAMILY MINISTRIES**

#### **VILLAGE 434 GROWS**

In 2020, 30 children from hard places have been cared for by families at Cospel Community Church. The Village 434 team of volunteers has expanded to include approximately 60 people, and, with the help of that team, we hosted four connect nights for our foster and adoptive families. Every single child that has come through the care of the Village 434 team has experienced the love of Christ. One child was adopted, and another got baptized into her eternal family!

#### YOUTH BAPTISMS

We baptized five youth into their eternal family in 2020. Praise God!

#### KID CITY & GOSPEL STUDENT MINISTRIES PIVOT TO SERVE FAMILIES

Our family ministries teams have pivoted to continue to provide spiritual resources and support to our families. Kid City put together weekly sermon discussion guides and a short video to speak directly to children in 5th grade and younger. GSM adapted so they could continue to meet weekly on Thursday nights and Sunday morning.







## LOCAL OUTREACH

#### **CONNECTING POINT MET INCREASED NEEDS**

Our Local Outreach Team met dozens of new families in our community who were facing hunger due to the COVID-19 pandemic (in the spring we were serving over 70 families a month!) Together, our team made a tremendous impact by creatively and safely serving our neighbors through the Connecting Point food pantry.

#### **FALL FESTIVAL SUCCESS**

As a result of our Fall Festivals at both locations, our church was able to make meaningful relational connections with our neighbors. At GCCH, we continue to establish relationships with neighbors and show we care about that community. At GCR, our neighbors told us that Gospel Community's continued presence has established trust within our community and is continuing to cultivate a sense of belonging for the families around us.

#### **OWNERSHIP FROM NEIGHBORS**

One word: OWNERSHIP. Those who were once neighbors are now a part of our family here at GCC. They serve in important volunteer roles and continue to take ownership over the ministries of which they are a part.

#### CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

The Local Outreach teams at both GCCH and GCR have cultivated relationships with and recruited multiple organizations that will serve from within our facilities to provide support to our neighborhoods, including counseling services and tutoring.









# LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

#### MINISTRY RESIDENCY EXPANDS

GCC was able to host a third and fourth residency cohort and pour into 11 residents in 2020. Ministry residents serve and lead in all areas, including church planting, local outreach, spiritual formation guide creation, and more. Our fourth cohort is our largest yet, and we continue to see residents go on to do greater things for the Kingdom!

#### **GOSPEL COMMUNITY PROVIDENCE EXPANDS**

Even in the midst of the pandemic, and in an area dealing with particularly high spread, Gospel Community Providence has been able to expand their ministry to include a physical meeting space and high quality online worship experience.

## GLOBAL OUTREACH

#### **UGANDA SHORT-TERM OUTREACH TRIP**

Early in 2020, we sent a team of 12 to Uganda to work alongside one of our global partners, Pastor Geoff. We were able to help put finishing touches on a new church building on the land we helped him secure, be an encouragement to him and his congregation, and serve and disciple those in his community.

#### FOUR CHURCH-WIDE VIRTUAL MISSIONS TRIPS

The Global Outreach team took our entire church family on four virtual missions trips in the fall of 2020, each highlighting one of our partners in Nepal, Colorado, Mexico, and Moldova.

#### **COVID-19 RELIEF TO SIX PARTNERS AROUND THE GLOBE**

Through our COVID-19 Relief Fund, we were able to tangibly bless six partners around the globe who were particularly struggling with the effects of the virus.





# **WORSHIP GATHERINGS**

- At GCR and GCCH we saw tremendous resiliency and adaptability from our hospitality teams as they adjusted to the COVID-19 guidelines and continued to welcome our guests.
- Despite COVID restrictions, we are able to host nearly 700 people in-person each Sunday between our two locations and four services. Additionally, we hosted several hundred people each Sunday over our live stream platforms.

# COMMUNICATIONS

- GCC launched a podcast, app, and a new website in 2020 which include a new user-friendly giving platform.
- Thanks to God's hand, we were already fully funded and positioned to launch online services at our
  Rivermont location the week or community shut down in response to the pandemic. Praise God! Only
  Him! We've learned a lot this year and have implemented a similar system at our College Hill location as
  well.

# **OPERATIONS**

 God continues to provide opportunities for us to partner with local organizations through the use of our space. At GCCH, we host four local organizations, and at GCR we host three. These partnerships allow us to bless local Christ-centered organizations with affordable space and help offset the operational costs of our facilities.