

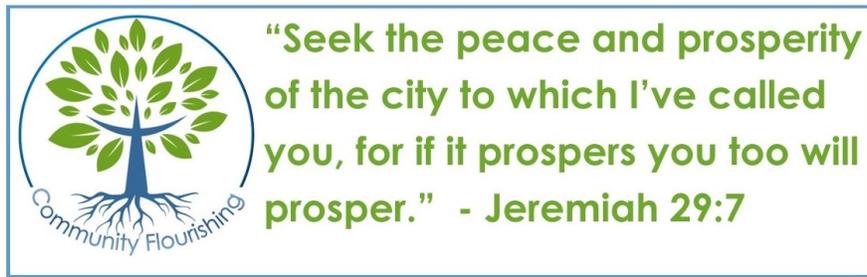
Rebuilding Lives, Transforming Our Community

One Body Collaboratives

2021 Annual Impact Report



One Body Collaboratives is a faith-based nonprofit with a mission to "Mobilize, Further Develop, and Coordinate Church and Community Resources To Rebuild Lives and Transform Our Community."



One Body Collaboratives is built on the concept of collaboration and has an original mission to unite the Christian Churches to collaboratively work together. There are over 400 churches in the Rockford Region. What if we worked together as one body to address the major issues facing our region?

No one church can bring city transformation on its own, but together we can. Imagine the impact we could have if we knew each other and worked together.

What would our community look like if the kingdom of God really took shape here?

Our Process

The Board of Directors of One Body Collaboratives engaged in Strategic Planning Sessions around this idea. And we began to wonder what it would look like to pray...

“Thy Kingdom come thy will be done (in Rockford) as it is in heaven.”

In July, 2021 we introduced the Community Flourishing project idea at a Faith Leader Breakfast hosted by Mayor McNamara. We further engaged additional churches in the process by presenting the information in an online forum.

Our next step was to survey our local churches to better understand the good work already being done by them in our community, and to also understand the areas that they would like to impact. In September 2021 we hosted a Faith Leader Strategy Session where we reviewed the survey results and identified the Focus Areas in our community that they would like to impact collectively in 2022.

Annual Focus Area

Faith leaders across the community see the needs and struggles of their congregations on a daily basis and are the key to helping us determine our annual focus area. We recognize that for us to help foster transformation, we have to listen first before we act.

Each year we will host a Faith Leader Strategy Session to identify an area in our community that we will work collaboratively to impact. In 2022 our Focus Areas will be: Mental Health and Racial Justice.

2022 Community Flourishing Events

Community Flourishing Focus Area Topic: Mental Health

Wednesday, May 18th. Forest City Church, 1280 S Alpine Road

9:00 -10:30: Church & Community Panel Discussion

10:30 – Noon: Expo on Mental Health Resources for the Faith Community

Community Flourishing Focus Area: Racial Reconciliation

Wednesday, June 15th Location TBA

9:00 – 10:30am: Faith Leader Panel Discussion

Additional events around our 2022 Focus Areas will be hosted throughout the year. For more information on the Community Flourishing initiative, please visit our website at: www.OneBodyCollaboratives.org.

Be The Bridge Book Club

Purpose

The purpose of this city-wide book club is for the Church in Rockford to gain a shared and biblically-grounded understanding of the process of restorative reconciliation - including lament, confession, forgiveness, righting wrongs, and restoring relationships. By committing to do this together, we create a pathway for the Church in Rockford to meaningfully address the sin of racism in its various forms as it has existed in history and as it exists today.

Goals

There are currently over 100 churches involved in the One Body Collaboratives network. Our goal is to have 20+ churches participating in the book club at whatever level of participation is appropriate for their church.

Levels of Participation

Every church is unique and is at different points of understanding how to address the sin of racism in its various forms. For some churches, it may be wise to read the book as a staff team, a leadership team or a small group of individuals who want to go deeper together. For others, the book could be used by existing small groups or diverse small groups formed expressly for this book club. A group could even be formed between two churches with differing demographics who want to read the book together. Lastly, the book could be used by the church as a whole and it lends itself well to a sermon series if that is of interest to pastors.

How To Participate

Simply determine how you will form your Book Club group and order your copies of the book! Your purchase can be made directly through BeTheBridge.com, or through your book seller of choice. Let us know your church is participating, and post photos or stories about your experience on your social media.

For Questions or More Information

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Our Bridges Out of Poverty initiative addresses the need for a comprehensive, community-wide approach to reducing poverty by implementing a program that will help our residents in poverty move to self-sufficiency. Poverty is a common denominator for many sectors and local service providers; absorbing essential community resources. Its impact is felt by and impeding outcomes across a wide range of entities, including schools, healthcare, social services, faith communities, workforce development, employers and government. Poverty is a complex problem that demands a comprehensive approach. Poverty is not resolved by a single sector or with a single program or even set of programs, because there so many variables. Bridges Out of Poverty is an evidence-based approach to reducing poverty, it not a program rather a set of constructs that adaptively applied positively improves outcomes.

Community of Practice

Engagement by 45+ Key Community Participants in our Quarterly Meetings on our Comprehensive Approach to Reducing Poverty

We launched our Bridges Out of Poverty Community of Practice in January, 2021 and continue to host quarterly sessions which are focused on how to implement the Bridges Constructs and Strategies within each organization while also discussing the barriers or policies that could be changed at the organizational and community level to better serve those in poverty.



Community Trainings

250+ Individuals at 130 Unique Organizations Have Participated in our Free Community Trainings

Community trainings provide community leaders and interested community members with the understanding of the *Complexities of Poverty*, as well as how they can play a key role in the project by learning how to implement the Bridges constructs within their organizations, and how we are implementing bridges as a community collaborative. Trainings have been provided to our Faith Community, Nonprofit Groups and local Agencies. These trainings are free and available to be scheduled at any time.

Getting Ahead

Graduates Report the Following: 37% Had an Increase in Income and an Increase in Education, 26% Reported a Decrease in Debt, and 16% Report a Decrease on the need for State or Federal Benefits

We launched the Getting Ahead in a Just Getting By World curriculum in the Fall of 2020. In 2021, we identified partner organizations to host these classes at their respective locations for their clients. One Body Collaboratives supports these programs financially through the funding we have received. Community partners in 2021 included: Life Church, NiReach, Rockford Housing Authority and YSN/Rockford MELD. In conjunction with our partners, we graduated a total of 19 individuals. We continue to seek additional partner organizations to implement the Getting Ahead curriculum, and ongoing funding to support the program.

Getting Ahead in the Workplace

Graduates Reported the Following: 100% Reported an Increase in Integrity and Motivation, 100% indicated Progress on the Goal Areas Set at the Beginning of the Classes

In 2021, we also launched the Getting Ahead in the Workplace classes. These classes are facilitated at a workplace location or as part of a workforce training program. The curriculum helps under resourced workers to build their resources and life stability, this in turn helps the employer by having more stable employees which equates to higher productivity and a decrease in employee turnover.



Staying Ahead Network

Research Shows it Takes 2-5 Years for an Individual to Transition from Poverty to Self-Sufficiency Our Community Must Provide Ongoing Support Throughout this Journey

We created our Staying Ahead Network to provide ongoing support to our Getting Ahead graduates. A Staying Ahead Facebook page was created for our Getting Ahead graduate that includes information on programs and assistance provided throughout our community. In 2022, we will add class offerings in key areas such as: budgeting, parenting, employment assistance and more. These additional classes would be one-offs and offer more in-depth training in these areas to assist people who are moving from poverty to self-sufficiency.

Recognized as a National Best Practice

Our project was named a National Best Practice and we were invited to provide a breakout session at the Bridges Out of Poverty National conference that was hosted in September, 2021. This provided us with an opportunity to share data on our project with our peers in other communities.

Churches Providing Financial Support

We would like to Sincerely Thank the churches that contribute to One Body for their Generosity and continued partnership.

\$2,500+ Annually

First Evangelical Covenant
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\$1,500 - \$2,499 Annually

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Prince of Peace Lutheran
St. Anskar's Episcopal

*For information on becoming a Partner Church
to support our ministry please contact
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Mary.Cacioppi@OneBodyCollaboratives.org.*



**The united and equipped church, working together
with others can solve almost any problem.**

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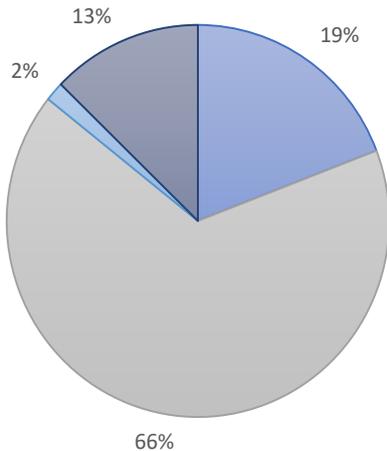
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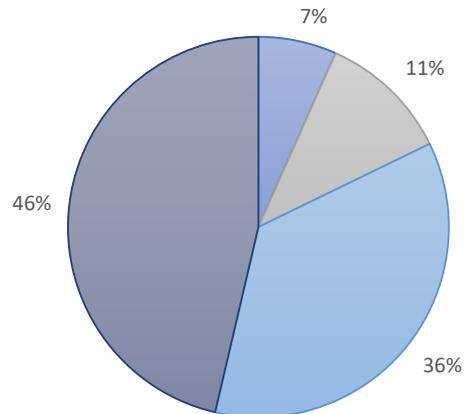
Grand Victoria Foundation
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Rockford Kiwanis
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2021 Fiscal Year Financials

2021 Income
\$163,546.29



2021 Expenses
\$130,360.23



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Community Flourishing Prayer

God, today I pray for my city. I believe you have planted me in this community on purpose. I pray your Holy Spirit would continually remind me to speak life and blessing over my city. May we walk in unity and love for one another. Please use me to be a part of solutions to problems. Help me have a selfless heart and generous hands. Show me opportunities to give back because I believe as I bless my city, we will flourish!

To Donate

Donations can be made on our website at www.OneBodyCollaboratives.org, or by calling our office at 815.979.4377. One Body Collaboratives is a 501(c)3 and gifts are tax-deductible.