



"This Will Matter in 100 Years"

Local Outreach Lane Report - January 2023

Goal: Empowering campuses to influence their communities through strategic partnerships that serve those who are at-risk and those who lack the opportunity for a brighter future.

Staff Lane Leader: Sam Schalberg

Big Win: This year during Christmas, our church donated 2,140 presents to God Behind Bars, Hope Kids, Mission Arvada, and the Denver Dream Center. Please take a few moments to watch how this donation impacted our moms at our God Behind Bars campus.



Feature Story:

This story has come out of our Benevolence Assistance Lane Report project. Our Littleton Campus met a single mom named Jamie just before Christmas. She was in need of assistance with her rent, as that time of year can be difficult to make ends meet. Through conversation with her, we found out that she did not have the means to give her daughter the holiday experience she wished that she could give. Our campus administrator just had a previous conversation with a different single mom that was looking to give back this year. She was able to connect Jamie with the other single mom and ended up donating Christmas presents for her and her daughter. Not only were we able to make sure that they had a secure and warm home for the holidays, but a memory of generosity that they can look back on for years to come. She was so touched that she wanted to share her story with us. After years of being in prison, getting pregnant, suffering with a severe opioid addiction, and cancer diagnosis, she had lost her baby daughter to the state. She got serious about her sobriety, and was able to regain custody of her daughter. She has since been sober for 5 years. She sent in this testimonial:

"I started coming to Red Rocks Church about six months ago and I just feel like it's a part of me to be a part of this church. I love how there is no judgment when you need help. You are there to help when others need help! This was a little bit of my story and I could go on for days, but I'll cut it short. Just thank you for your generosity!"

This is just one story of impact from our Benevolence Assistance Program. Thank you for investing in hundreds of stories throughout Denver, Belgium, and our online communities!

Additional Resources:

[Learn about what we are doing locally as a church through our partnerships.](#)

Year 1 Projects:

- **Love Our City Week - July 23-August 1, 2022**

Project Contact: Sam Schalberg - sam@redrockschurch.com

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Objective: To make Jesus known by creating compelling opportunities to love others through service locally. One of the ways we hope to accomplish this as a church is through a seven day serve week where we partner with local churches, NFP's, schools, and hospitals to engage in our community and meet the local needs.

Why: If Red Rocks ceased to exist would anyone care or notice? Not that it is about Red Rocks Church but about being the hands and feet of Jesus in our local communities. Schools, hospitals, and local NFP's are at the heart of the community and through the serve week we hope to make a long lasting difference in the local community.

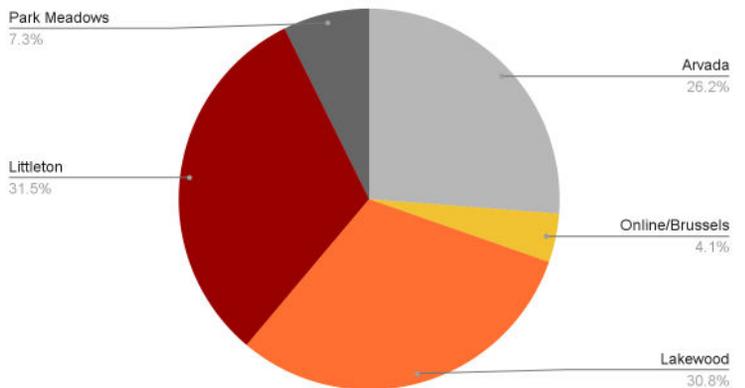
Impact: This year we saw TWICE as many volunteers get involved with Love Our City as we did last year (400 in 2021 and 800 in 2022)! We partnered with 15 local partners to complete 2275 hours of service. From the 27 projects that were completed across our campuses, we heard countless stories of the lives impacted, transformed, and changed as we served those all over the world!

Actual Cost: \$179,010.66

- **Benevolence Assistance - Helping local families in need**

Objective: Help families at our Denver bases locations facing hardships, auto repair, rent assistance, addiction and recovery care, counseling, and multitude of other needs that our attendees can face in a given year. On average, benevolence requests totals \$775.82 per family unit. Requests for assistance can range between \$2,000-\$20,000 depending on the need.

Benevolence by Campus



Why: In the book of Acts we see a beautiful example of the early church helping those in need. The early believers gave so that they shared everything in common, giving to wherever there was a need, even if that meant selling their own land or home (Acts 4:32-35). As the church we are called to live in the same way by helping those in all seasons of life.

Impact: Benevolence gives us the opportunity to support individuals and families on a personal level; to be the hands and feet of Christ in our own church to give to those who need it most. While we may never know the full extent of the impact, each benevolence request is an opportunity to change a story.

Estimated Cost: \$250,000

2022 Annual Cost: \$253,247.34

- **180 Ministries - Addiction recovery**



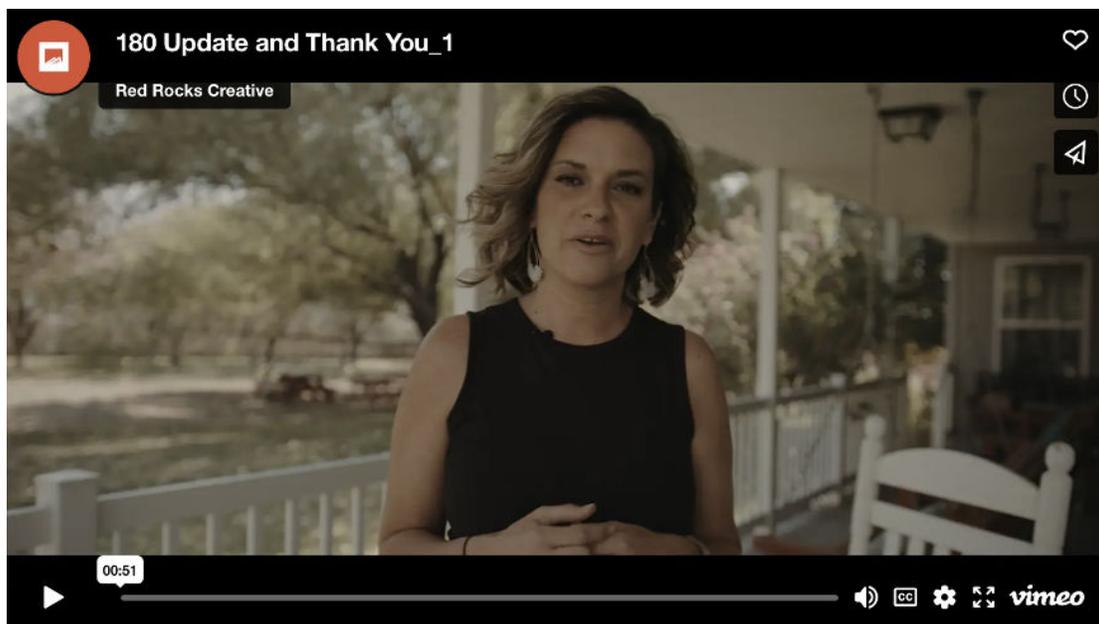
Objective: Red Rocks supports addiction recovery programs through 180 Ministries for young adults through age 40.

Why: The National Center for Drug Abuse Statistics found that 165 million or 60.2% of Americans aged 12 years or older currently abuse drugs (i.e., used within the last 30 days).

Impact: Through the support of 180 Ministries Addiction Recovery Program, we hope to actively support and transform the lives of those dealing with and recovering from addiction. In addition, we were able to financially support the CEO of 180 Ministries and his family as they sacrifice their time and invest each day into those in need. We were able to give an additional \$15k towards their operational expenses, and the women's facility in Utah in Q3. We also were able to highlight this ministry at our Beloved Gathering in May. The women in our church were able to fund their Amazon Wish List for their Women's Utah Facility that totaled over \$3,000!

Estimated Cost: \$35,000

Actual Cost: \$23,000



- ***Hope House - Single Mom Assistance***

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Objective: Red Rocks supports Hope House in housing projects to assist single and teenage mothers in their efforts to support their children, secure employment, and safety net that is essential.

Why: According to 2019 U.S. Census Bureau, 4 out of 11 million single parent families with children under the age of 18, 80 percent were headed by single mothers. Furthermore, there were over 170 thousand live births to mothers ages 15-19 in the US in 2019. Single and teenage moms are constantly battling to make ends meet and provide for their families.

Impact: During Love Our City, 27 volunteers compiled 150 care baskets full of essentials for each of the moms in the Hope House program. We gave an additional \$5k towards supporting Hope House operational expenses in Q3.



Estimated Cost: \$25,000

Actual Cost: Approximately \$10,000

Vision Gap:

As a church, we were able to cover the Vision Gap for 2022 Local Outreach Projects! We are excited to share the Local Outreach Projects at the Vision Dinner in May 2023.

Prayer:

- As an Outreach Team this year, we are praying to make a bigger impact with some of our campus specific non-profits. Rather than connecting with tons of partners in the area, we are aiming to narrow in with just a few in order to create a greater impact in our communities. We are praying that families in our communities see life change and that Red Rocks Church would be part of the solution. We are also praying for increased serving opportunities within these nonprofits for people in our church who are passionate about local outreach.