

GRACE AND MAIN FELLOWSHIP
AND THIRD CHANCE MINISTRIES'

ANNUAL REPORT 2020





DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

It is my pleasure to offer this report to you on the work of Grace and Main Fellowship and Third Chance Ministries in the calendar year 2019. In addition to being the year that we celebrated our tenth anniversary as a community, 2019 was also one of our best years overall. We provided the most nights of shelter in one year that we've ever done, we raised more money to support our work than in any previous year, we found new ways to provide transportation to those in need, we published the second edition of our prayer book, and we developed new metrics to study our collective impact in all this and more. Oh, I also finished my doctoral studies this year!

But, at its heart, 2019 was a year of rededicating ourselves to a few core pieces of our shared work and to each other. As we continue in the eleventh year of our lives and work together, our minds have inevitably turned to what the years ahead may look like. As always, there are ideas bubbling through the community and you may learn of some of them in the coming weeks, months, and years, but there is also a great desire to deepen our own intentionality. That is to say, to continue to rededicate ourselves to life and work together with people experiencing things like

homelessness, housing instability, poverty, addiction, hunger, and discrimination. This likely means continuing to do the things that we do best and to continue to focus on depth and impact over breadth and visibility.

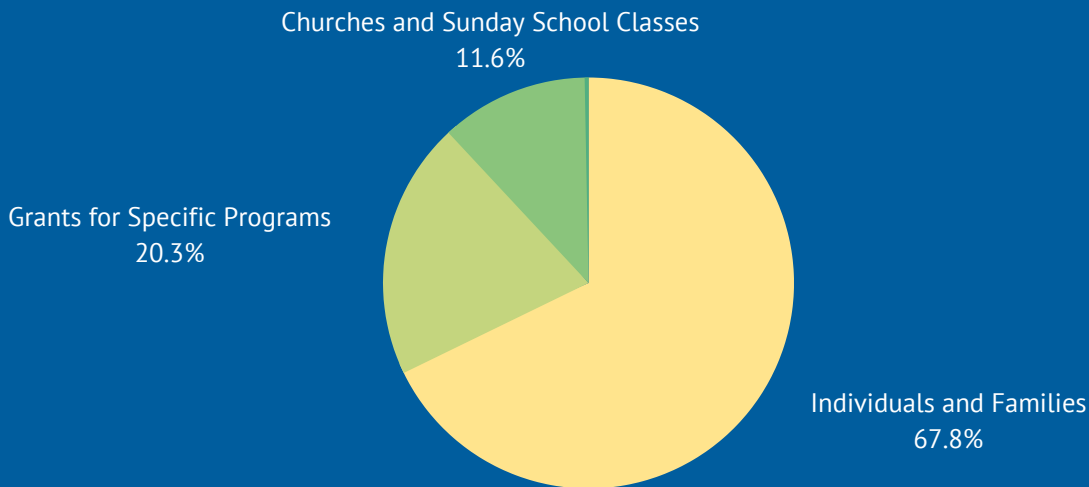
I am proud of the good, hard work we've done this year. I certainly hope you are, as well. We've been through quite a bit to get to this good place and I'm excited to see where God is leading in the months and years to come. I know that one place God is leading me is into sabbatical. After ten years of work, I have a short sabbatical that begins on February 14 and will give me time and space to rest, read, reflect, and write (among a few other things). I appreciate your prayers, encouragement, and consistent support as I take this time. As I'm sure you can imagine, I'm looking forward to it.

Again, thank you so much for your ongoing support of our work. Our lives are fuller for your involvement in them.

REV. JOSHUA D. HEARNE

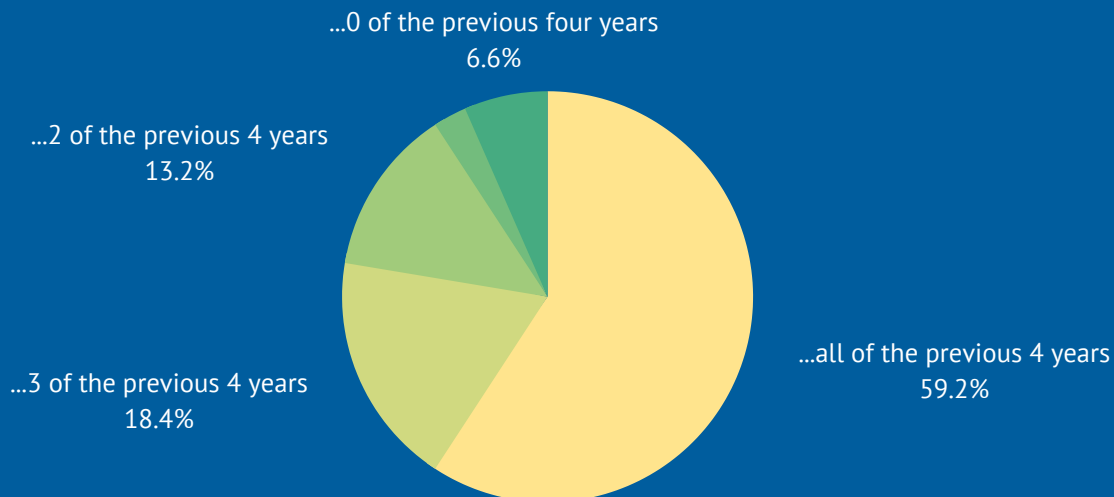
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

WHERE OUR SUPPORT CAME FROM



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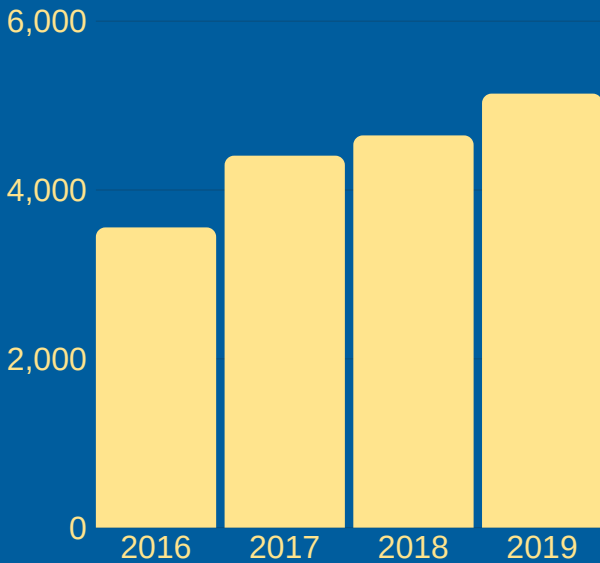
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HOSPITALITY AND HOUSING STABILITY

In 2019, Grace and Main Fellowship and Third Chance Ministries provided a little 5,135 nights of shelter through our network of hospitality houses, assisting with rent and utilities, and supporting hotel stays in several emergency situations. That means that, since 2015, we've provided over 20,000 nights of shelter.

NIGHTS OF SHELTER SINCE 2016



\$123,240

is about what it would cost to provide 5,135 nights of shelter by renting apartments.

A NEW HOSPITALITY SPACE ON THE WAY

After several months of discussion, it was announced at the national gathering of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship that we will receive a \$25,000.00 grant from the CBF of Virginia to put towards buying another house as part of our ongoing work! We are currently searching for the right property and studying the right arrangement for its future residents.



7

of total hospitality spaces at the end of 2019

3

of hospitality spaces offered by someone with history of homelessness

4

of hospitality spaces occupied by "long-term" residents

7

of hospitality guests who moved to self-selected housing in 2019

URBAN FARM

We had a successful fourth growing year at our Urban Farm this year as we welcomed new leaders and volunteers into the work with us. We had a regular team of about 8 leaders working weekly on the farm through the summer. Several of these leaders cultivated their own garden beds on the farm, choosing to give away a substantial piece of their own produce. Additionally, farm leaders helped cultivate community beds, where 100% of the produce was either given away or used in community meals.

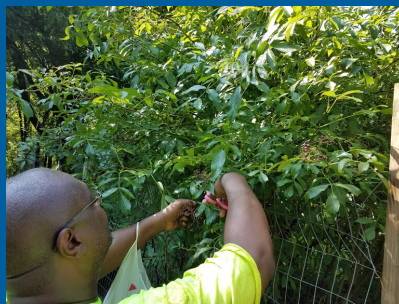


WHAT WE GREW

New leaders, new gardeners, new gardens, new opportunities, and more food security in our neighborhoods are always our most important "crop."

But, we have to brag a little and tell you that we also grew the following together:

- watermelons
- tomatoes
- elderberries
- asparagus
- lots and lots of greens
- shitake mushrooms
- peanuts
- dandelion greens
- radishes
- turnips
- peas
- potatoes
- squash
- zucchini
- cucumbers
- beans
- salad
- a variety of herbs
- many flowers
- a few wild edibles



TRANSPORTATION

In most of the neighborhoods where Grace and Main lives and works, there is a definite lack of reliable and self-directed transportation options. This lack of transportation makes it hard to maintain stable employment, go grocery shopping, get laundry done, visit with family, make it to medical appointments, attend prayers, volunteer in the community, and provide valuable leadership. We can't keep up with all of the many rides that Grace and Main leaders give, but we *do* keep track of the ones given by 3CM Staff and CBF Field Personnel.

1,359 # of rides given in 2019

389 hours of rides given in 2019

FOR EXAMPLE:

2.43

average distance (in miles) that our neighbors have to walk to a grocery store

105.3

of hours spent annually to walk to grocery store for weekly shopping

\$748.88

annual cost of weekly grocery trips if purchased on the open market

\$763.43

annual cost of "walking time" based on minimum wage

TENTH ANNIVERSARY

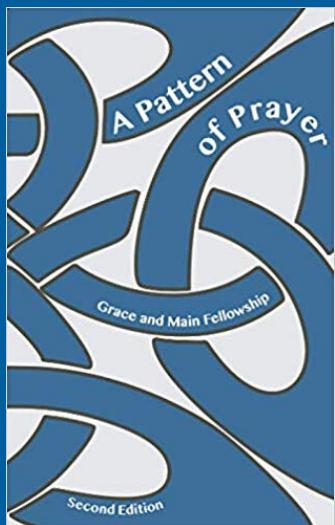
This year, we celebrated Grace and Main's Tenth Anniversary with a big party including members, neighbors, community partners, and friends of the community. We had a great night including music, dancing, food, lots of pictures, a "Grace and Main" trivia contest, and many of our friends gathered together in celebration. As a way of celebrating ten years of life together, we raised money to eliminate debt in our neighborhoods, especially predatory lending debt and other debts that interfered with people's abilities to support themselves and their families.



AND MORE!

PRAYER BOOK

We published the second edition of our prayer book in 2019 and it rose to 4th on Amazon's "Hot New Releases" in its category in the days following its publication. The new edition is more adaptable than the first edition and includes more of the prayers that we use in our shared life and worship.



STAYING WARM

We collected and gave away 55+ coats to folks in our neighborhoods who needed a new coat (or a heavier coat) as the weather turned cold. We also gave away 33+ blankets, a couple space heaters, and countless warm hats, gloves, scarves, and socks.



LAKE DAY

We participated in our Fifth Annual Lake Day with Clarksville Baptist Church in Clarksville, VA. We took 35 people (with cars and vans borrowed from FBC Danville and Chatham Baptist) from our neighborhoods to Buggs Island Lake, had a fantastic cookout cooked by the CBC folks, rode boats around the lake, and some of us even went swimming. It was an absolutely fantastic and joyful day!



JOSH'S GRADUATION

Josh finished his doctoral studies (a D.Min. focused in Community Development) with the successful defense of his dissertation in September and the conferral of the degree in December. His research focused on housing-related decision-making generally and more specifically in the Old West End neighborhood of Danville.

