

2023 GRATITUDE REPORT



A Note from Jessica & Crystal



Dear Friend,

The Community One Gratitude Report is one of our favorite pieces of communication each year! Not just because it captures incredible impact of love and flourishing in our community, but because it represents the people and relationships that make this work possible. It represents YOU!

As we look through these pages, we see the faces of so many who are transforming our community through love. We see partners who...

- Give sacrificially to make this work possible
- Volunteer at worksites and in the homes and lives of neighbors
- Donate monthly to provide consistent support
- Live and lead in the neighborhoods we work in
- Pray over our staff, volunteers, and neighbors
- Serve on our board to guide and govern our organization
- Lead local businesses, churches, and nonprofits who collaborate to deepen the impact of our collective missions

We see you. We celebrate you. We thank you!

Relationships are one of Community One's core values. And these pages are full of them. **Our hearts are filled with gratitude for relationships with generous and faithful partners like you.**

This report highlights the difference you have made in the lives of your neighbors in 2023. It also highlights the ways we steward every dollar given and every hour volunteered to honor God and our mission to transform our city and contribute to the flourishing of its people by empowering neighbors to love their neighbors.

Thank you for partnering with us into 2024.

Jessica Welcher
Executive Director

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Volunteers serving at 1210 S Kentucky Avenue

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Tepe Park leaders at their Summer Bash event

Your Impact at a Glance



OVER 300

volunteers shared love, restored homes, and revitalized neighborhoods

60 NEW

Tepe Park neighbors and 7 NEW stakeholders were met as part of the ongoing Love Your Neighborhood initiative



3 MORE

whole-house rehabs are being restored in and around Tepe Park



Cut the ribbon on our 11th whole-house rehab which had

OVER 600

volunteer hours recorded on the project



92 simple yet tangible acts of love completed by volunteers who helped their neighbors with a project in their home or life

Volunteers from 23 different churches served and loved their neighbors

Impact Story

From Learning to Loving

The heart of Community One's mission is to help neighbors love their neighbors. This includes the next generation!

Your generous support helped pilot a hands-on, four-day experience in loving neighbors for local high school students. It was followed up with a one-day version to reach even more youth. We were amazed by the young people who participated! They came together from different neighborhoods, churches, and schools from across our region to serve.

The goal was simple: to empower students to learn, serve, and love authentically. These young people learned about neighborhood revitalization and the Gospel's call to be the church in our community. Together, we experienced the power of proximity — spending time with people, actively listening, and extending love.



When asked what their favorite experience was from their week of service, one student shared, **“meaningful conversations with leaders and making memories with friends while making a difference in the lives of others.”**

Their service took on many forms. They painted a basement, removed old concrete at a rehab project, cleaned up landscaping, and cleared out a dilapidated garage for a neighbor. Students set up pop-ups in the Tepe Park neighborhood where they passed out drinks and popsicles. But more importantly, they created meaningful connections with residents along the way. They shared the love of Jesus through tangible action each day of the experience, and several students continue to serve at whole-house rehabs and Love Your Neighbor Days.

You are connecting and mobilizing people - of all ages - to serve and love. Thank you for creating a community that cares!



Watch this video to see highlights from the experience that you helped make possible. We look forward to offering more service opportunities like this in the future.



Impact Story

A New Ramp for an Elderly Neighbor

Your generosity provided critical help to neighbors like Margaret* last year.

As a young girl, Margaret immigrated from Germany to the United States with her family. She still lives in her family home that has decades of cherished memories. Unfortunately, this home wasn't safe for her anymore.

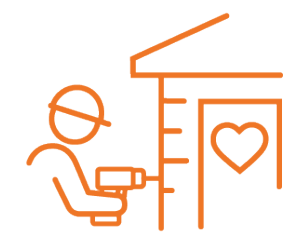
Margaret cared for others for many years as a nurse, but a work injury left her using a walker. Her home was only accessible by stairs which made her daily routine difficult and dangerous. But Margaret was determined to remain in this home that holds such a special place in her heart.

A few years ago, Margaret tried to improve her living situation by hiring a contractor to build a ramp. But things didn't turn out well. The ramp was too steep and built with improper materials. As a result, her ramp started to develop soft spots and deteriorate. When a Community One staff person visited Margaret, their foot went through the ramp! The ramp had clearly become too dangerous to use, and the home's other entrance had a set of steep concrete stairs.

We replaced Margaret's ramp thanks to volunteer partners and generous supporters like you! This critical home repair means that Margaret can age in place in the home that she loves.

Thank you for providing life-changing help for neighbors like Margaret throughout Evansville!

**Margaret's name has been changed to protect and respect her privacy.*



This story represents the impact of one major home repair. Thanks to generous partners like you **18 major home repairs** were completed making **42 total neighbors** safer in 2023!

Impact Story

Debbie's Inspiring Role in Resident-Led Change

More neighbors continue to be the change they want to see thanks to your faithful support of resident-led revitalization!

Community One has served as the lead agency for Tepe Park's neighborhood initiative for six years. Incredible neighbors are joining together to transform their community from the inside out. One leader, Debbie, is a catalyst for this transformation.

Debbie is passionate about technology and educating local youth. She started a youth program called #TechMe and uses the renovated neighborhood clubhouse as a gathering space for kids to explore and experience technology.

Debbie is one of thirteen Tepe Park residents who were awarded a total of \$10,075 to complete projects that improve the quality of life for their neighbors in 2023. This summer she challenged #TechMe students to use technology to solve community problems.

Debbie's leadership demonstrates the beauty of asset-based community development. She is a resident who cares about her neighbors and neighborhood, and she is developing the next generation of changemakers! Her #TechMe program perfectly aligns with residents' goals for youth and lifelong learning. Debbie's work is creating tangible and positive change in the lives of her neighbors.

Your support ensures that neighborhoods like Tepe Park continue on a path towards flourishing for every neighbor who calls it home - thank you!



Check out this video to hear directly from Debbie about her incredible journey as a changemaker in our community.



Why We Give

Community One has incredible supporters. This is what one donor shared about why they support Community One.

Thank you for your partnership in our shared mission!

“Once I learned about Community One, I got involved right away. I will continually support Community One because their mission of “Love Your Neighbor” aligns perfectly with the biblical principals I live by. Over the years I have seen the real impact they make on the local community and just how much they get done for folks on the limited resources they have. They have motivated me to get the word out about this wonderful organization to help it thrive. I believe Community One and their volunteers are the “hands and feet” Christ asks us to be. I look forward to a long fruitful relationship as I can directly help them with their exterior home remodeling needs.



- Joe Bush, Owner/President of Window World of Evansville

Why We Serve

Community One was founded to help the people of God get on the mission of God. We are honored to have amazing volunteers who continue to serve with their hearts and hands. This is what one couple shared about why they serve with Community One.

Thank you for your service!

“What we love the most about serving is having the opportunity to build relationships with our neighbors while showing the love of Jesus. After retiring we began to serve at different outreaches but Community One quickly became our favorite. The people at Community One make serving easier with their Neighbors Helping Neighbors platform. This allows us to pick projects that are within our skill set and provides one-on-one contact with the homeowners. Jesus tells us in Matthew 25:40 “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”



- Scott and Mary Zehner

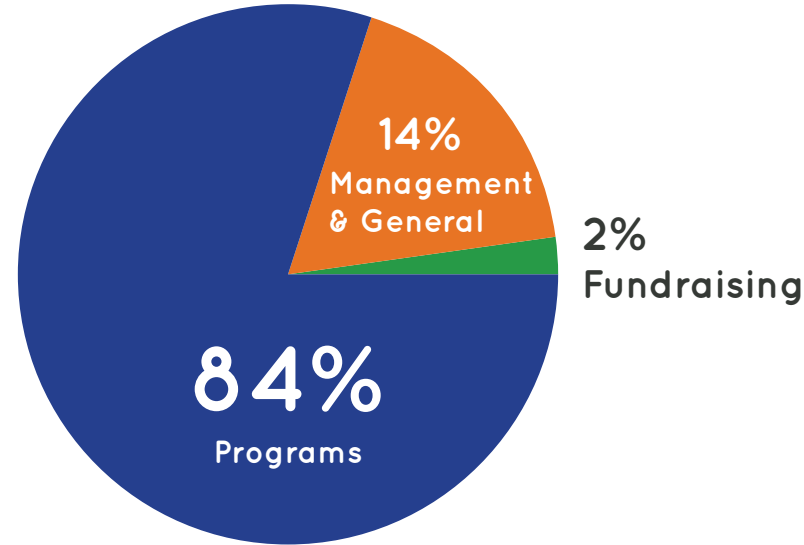


Scott will be able to love even more neighbors because he joined Community One's staff at the beginning of 2024 in our Housing Department!

Financial Report

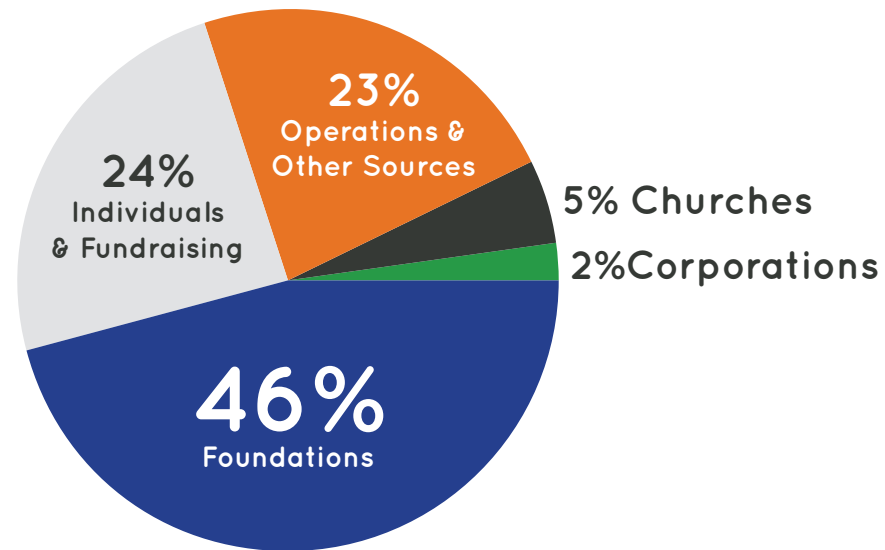
Operating Percentages

While everything we do helps achieve our shared mission, we ensure the majority of your gifts go directly to neighboring, housing restoration, and neighborhood revitalization programs.



Revenue Percentages

We are blessed to partner with individuals, businesses, churches, and foundations. This balanced group of supporters, like you, ensures fiscal stability for current and future years of operation.



The Value of Volunteer Service

Community One connects and mobilizes people from every corner of the community to serve one another through tangible acts of love. Over the past year, volunteers have been the heartbeat of positive change in our community.

Through their loving dedication, neighbors have been cared for, homes have been restored, and neighborhoods are being transformed. But the impact of this volunteer service extends far beyond physical changes. It's about building a stronger, more connected community where every neighbor shares and experiences love!

Your faithful service is changing lives – thank you!



OVER 3,600
VOLUNTEER HOURS SERVED
VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY
\$114,480*



* Value of volunteer service calculated based on the April 2023 national value of a volunteer hour provided by the Independent Sector.



Thank you for creating real and lasting change in homes, neighborhoods, and the lives of your neighbors!

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