

BE *the* GIFT



Home Repair Assistance for Single Mom Families
TOGETHER, WE CAN DO SO MUCH.

2022 Annual Report

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Dear Friends. I love that Be the Gift has always been a carrier of hope and life as we continue to serve Widows, Single Moms, and their Children in our communities. Chris, our former Executive Director once said that heroes aren't people with giant statues in a town square, but people who embrace their community and find a way to make it better, in the moment when it is needed most. The ladies we are privileged to serve struggled with big need for assistance in 2022. In this last year alone, Be the Gift volunteers served over 2800 hours in our community, we gifted 7 single working mothers with college scholarships to further their education, we honored 85 Single Moms and their children with Christmas gifts and luncheon and served over 80 Single Moms with home repair assistance. It saddens me to say that in 15 years, I have never witnessed a Single Mom's financial situation in such a difficult state. An average two income family is reeling and adjusting to the current economy and drastic rise in the cost of living, yet for a one income single mom who was barely meeting her bills and responsibilities in raising her children to improve and maintain her home is unrealistic and we are witnessing firsthand the consequences to these families. The good news is we are staffed and equipped with volunteers ready to help and are available to step into their homes with respect and compassion, listen to their story and their immediate needs and provide a solution. This is where we see our work and mission come about in an even larger way.

Thank You,
Marilyn Johnson
Executive Director

- SINGLE MOM STATS -

- According to 2021 U.S. Census Bureau, 4 out of about 11 million single parent families with children under the age of 18, nearly 80 percent were headed by single mothers.
- Only one third of single mothers received any child support, and the average amount these mothers received was only about \$286 a month.
- Almost one third of single mother families were "food insecure," and about one-ninth used food pantries, one third spent more than half their income on housing, which is generally considered the threshold for "severe housing cost burden."

VOLUNTEER IMPACT

"You have not lived until you have done something for someone who cannot repay you." - John Bunyan



We had a young Single Mom share her struggles and disappointment as she put her life and that of her children's back together following a family suicide. She cried when she told of how BTG helped in her desperate time of need. It was just a few things... paint, fixing loose railing and decking, kitchen plumbing and backyard repair. We prayed and encouraged her; she thanked us many times and went on to explain how she could never repay us for all that we had done for her. One of our volunteers helping that day simply said, "YOU JUST DID."

Every Home Restored is a Miracle
 Every Child Deserves a Safe and Healthy Home
 Every Single Mom has a Story...

...Here are their stories



Be the Gift came to my home and put in new flooring in my son's room after our roof had collapsed and flooded his bedroom. He couldn't even enter it safely. Be the Gift gave him back a part of his life and his privacy that he so desperately needed. The volunteers went to work on a porch for me that I can now walk on without fear of falling through (again!) I cannot say enough how scary it is to not feel safe in your own home. We are so grateful!

To have complete strangers step forward without hesitation to help a complete stranger is both humbling and incredibly beautiful to witness. Our home has been the only constant in our lives and we love it beyond imagination. It's our happy place filled with both bad and good memories, but it's where we live as a closely knit family despite my husband leaving. Now we just focus on the future filled with much more hope than we had, that is all because of you.



The Impact In Our Communities As We Begin Our 15th Year

Single Moms Assisted

840+

Children Helped

1320+

Volunteers of Be the Gift

2050+
 Labor Value
 \$840,000

Single Mom Scholarships

36

Families Receive Christmas Gifts

615

HOME REPAIR ASSISTANCE

A home that functions properly and is safer and healthier
 Improved quality of life

SELF SUFFICIENCY & EDUCATION

Simple fixes, resources, and knowledge to resolve issues



COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERISM

Opportunity to Serve All skill levels working side by side toward one goal

SCHOLARSHIPS

Tuition assistance to help qualified Single Moms increase their earning capability

2022 Board of Directors

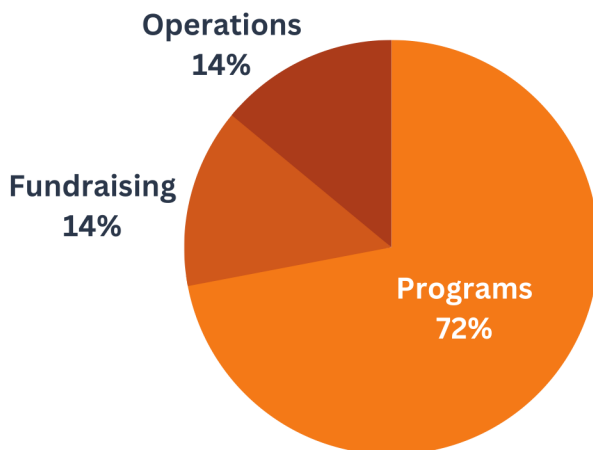
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The mission of BTG is dear to our hearts. As the parents of a single mom, we are well aware of the unique challenges they face daily. God has called us to care for the disadvantaged and compromised in our world. Donating to BTG is one way we can fulfill that calling. Plus, as a bonus, our financial gifts are multiplied by the gifts of time and knowledge given by the team volunteers. Most importantly, the love of God is demonstrated through our work with lives and hearts changed every day.

- Dick and Sally/ Board of Directors

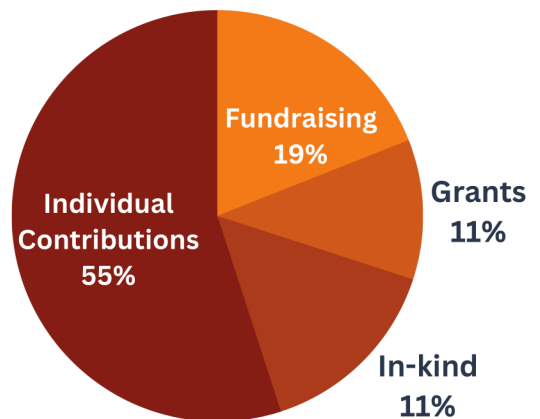
Total Expenses

\$463,632



Total Revenue

\$446,855



Single moms are heroes to me. They work hard to keep everything together and yet lack the skill and money for home repair. We all know that maintaining a home is a costly expenditure. I am happy to help fill that gap by financially supporting Be the Gift monthly. Their team visits homes every week and fixes what needs fixing as a gift with no cost to the homeowner, giving them one less thing to worry about so they can focus on spending time with their family.

- Monthly Donor

Foundations that Contributed Financially in 2022

Violet M Johnson Family Foundation
World Challenge
Foundations Church
Independent Financial
The Gilman and Lavonn Hill Foundation
Anschutz Family Foundation
Giving University
Thrivent
Larkins Trust