

# Home Repair For Single Mom Families

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## ANNUAL REPORT



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**MARILYN JOHNSON**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Thank you for making 2023 another remarkable year! What Be the Gift accomplishes on a daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly basis is nothing short of a miracle. The amazing part though, is our work is not just for the recipients namely Single Moms and their Children. There is great impact for our Project Managers and Volunteers who are changed and invigorated by what we see first-hand and experience as we provide home repair. We are impacted and moved by the strength, love, reactions, and gratefulness of those we help as well as given the opportunity to pursue people with a mission and compassion to improve the quality of life for a family in need.

Our top priority is to help Single Mom Families thrive and remain in their home following divorce or loss of spouse. We are a front-line defense against the ever-present need for affordable housing. By keeping families in their home, they can direct their resources to other needs such as food, transportation, childcare and education. Colorado (among other states) has extremely limited affordable housing, so most often the best solution for these families is to stay in their existing home.

## **2023 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Completed over 55 single moms home repair projects
- Our Community served with over 4200 volunteer hours and a labor value well over \$120,000
- Honored 55 Single Moms and their Children with a Christmas luncheon and gifts
- Four hard working single moms received college scholarships to further their education and improve their earning capability

### **HOME REPAIR ASSISTANCE**

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

### **SELF SUFFICIENCY & EDUCATION**

Simple fixes, resources, and knowlege 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

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



"Being a single mom is exhausting and lonely, so the simple fact of having a group of people show up helped me remember that I'm not alone. My kids and I kept getting splinters from that back deck, so it's lovely to freely walk barefoot on it now! Being able to lock my back door gives me an added sense of security when I'm alone in the house at night. Taking some of the items off of my to-do list gave me a boost of energy and helped me not feel as burdened. Thank you SO MUCH for your time and kindness!"

As a single mom, it's hard to keep up with home repairs and yard work. Myself I have a hard time doing yard work because I have arthritis in both of my knees and it's impossible for me to get down on the ground. I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart and tell you how much it means to me to not have to worry about this anymore. Thank you thank you thank you. You are a huge blessing to me."



**Volunteer Spotlight**



We at Be the Gift have partnered with Group Realty for their Give Back Day for the past 9 years. They recognize the accomplishment of a Single Mom owning her own home and when project day is complete, our families feel valued and appreciated.

**Volunteer Impact**



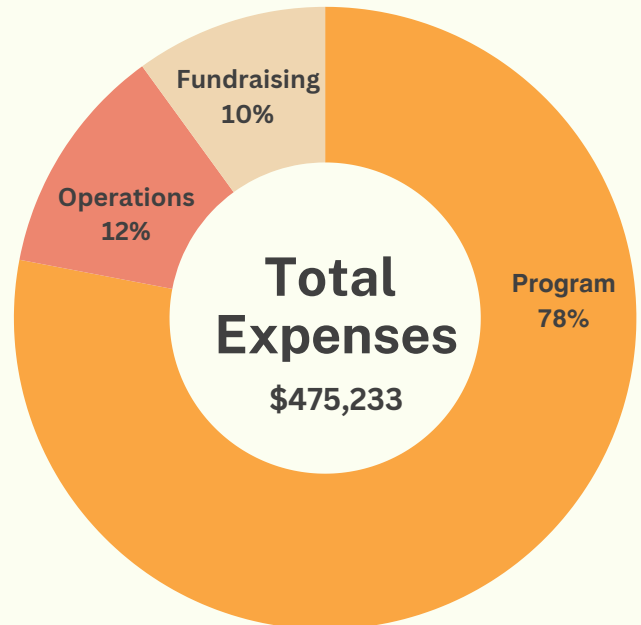
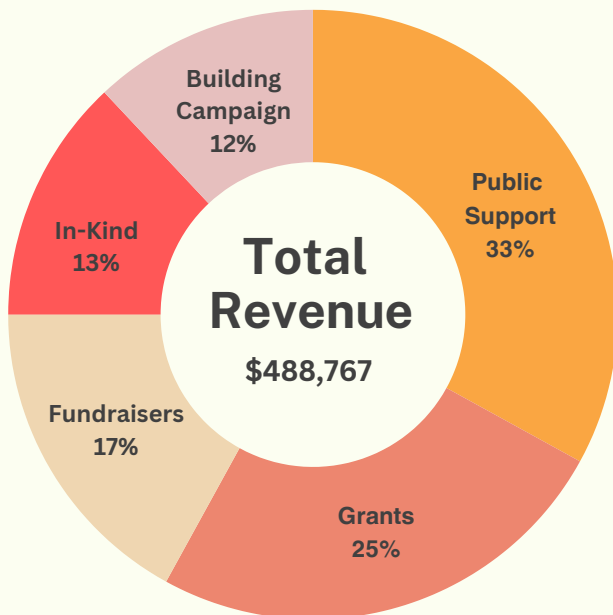
Our volunteers are really the "back bone" of what we do. They are willing and looking for opportunities to serve right where they work and live. We appreciate each one of them!

## Foundations that Contributed Financially in 2023

Violet M Johnson Family Foundation  
 Anschutz Family Foundation  
 The Gilman And Lavonn Hill Foundation  
 The Gates Foundation  
 Larkins Trust  
 The Nordson Corporation Foundation  
 Bohemian Foundation  
 Women's Fund of Weld County  
 Bright Funds  
 The Masters Talent Foundation  
 Scheels  
 World Challenge

I consider it a privilege to have served on the Be the Gift Board of Directors. My mother was a single mom and she was an example of love, hope, strength, integrity and resourcefulness. I have had an opportunity to see this again and again in the Single Mom's we help. We also have an avenue to sow into single moms lives through the scholarship program started in 2013. It provides me a way as a scholarship committee member to see single moms who want to not only make life better for their children, but to invest in themselves and their future. Because of the passion for these mom's that all the staff and volunteers have, it is a wonderful place to invest my time and give back with my finances.

-- Connie Allen, Board of Directors



The main reason we give to BTG is our belief in who Chris and Marilyn are and the way God has led them to pour into single moms. With the monthly giving option, it is set up in our budget to automatically donate X amount of dollars to support a ministry that really fills our heart. We see the impact it has on single mom families right here in our community. We can't actually do the home repair work, but can still help by providing a resource to improve the lives of others while giving into an incredible organization and amazing people.

-- Monthly Donor

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