

BE the GIFT



Home Repair Assistance for Single Mom Families

Together we can do so much!

2020 Annual Report

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Every single mom has a story

Every home restored is a miracle

Every child deserves a safe and healthy home

Family impact and encouragement drives us Forward

Home Repair Projects

Be the Gift with its team of professionals and volunteers became the solution by providing at no cost, a gift of home repair to single moms and their children.

Volunteers

We facilitated and implemented programs and projects that mobilize individuals, community volunteers and organizations in providing household repairs for single mom families.

Education

We educated and taught our single moms about her home with the result of being able to do simple fixes as well as recognize and resolve home issues on her own.

"Be The Gift came and fixed my main garage door and opener that hasn't worked since I moved in, as well as replacing the doors to the kitchen and backyard that were not structurally sound or secure. The peace of mind at



having help with repairs that were costly (to me), out of my wheelhouse for fixing, and/or required more hands than I have is enormous. Every time I open my garage door or lock up at night I smile a little smile that I have been able to cross 4 things off of my "to do" list, I can finally park in my own garage after 3 years (!), and my house is safer and functions better for me and my son. I am so thankful that a friend recommended Be The Gift. As an overwhelmed single mom with a small child and a fixer-upper house I cannot adequately express my thanks to Be The Gift and the amazing volunteers!"

Our 2020 Impact in our Communities

92+

Single Moms Assisted

156+

Children helped

175+

Volunteers of Be the Gift

His Legacy and Work Continues!



If you have not yet been made aware, it is with great sadness that we share with you that Chris Johnson, our beloved friend, Co-Founder and Executive Director passed away unexpectedly on Friday, January 8th. As anyone who met Chris would agree, he was a humble and kind person who genuinely cared for and loved others every single day of his life.

Marilyn Johnson his wife, Co-Founder and Administrator for the last 13 years has accepted the position of Executive Director and along with our BTG team is committed to continuing the work that Chris began and will carry on serving Single Mom Families in our Communities. It is what Chris wanted us to do and we are all privileged to do so.

Chris was the heart, soul, and catalyst behind what Be the Gift has become, but Chris would always say “Be the Gift is much bigger than me” and we know the vision and compassion Chris had for Be the Gift has not been fully realized yet. The program is in line to fulfil our mission with maximum efficiency and impact. There is never a shortage of need in our community and looking to the future, we intend to address more than ever before – we’ll need you every step of the way.

2020 Highlights: Despite the pandemic, our staff and volunteers continued to serve

- We completed over 95 single moms home repair projects
- Our community served with over 4400 volunteer hours and a labor value well over \$120,000
- Five hard working single moms received college scholarships to further their education and improve their earning capability.
- We honored 80 Single Moms and their children with a Banquet and Christmas gifts.

Community Involvement/Volunteerism

Our volunteers are really the back bone of Be the Gift. Many are willing and are looking for opportunities to serve. We believe that everyone has a dream and desire to do something significant with his or her life. Be the Gift helped fulfill their goal of community involvement and team building where we connected those who want to help with those who need help. One of the greatest gifts we can give another is our time as one volunteer said it best, “Service changes the Server”.

Meet our Volunteer Mike

“I found Be the Gift at a time in my life where I began to recognize that spiritual value comes not from career and success, but from people and giving. However, being the sole income earner in my family, the best I could give came in the form of time and talent. Volunteering time to BTG is easy and economically sensible. In just a few hours a month, you can literally perform hundreds of dollars of work for a single Mom who's just trying to keep her family fed. The jobs we do most often result in daily value improvements for these Moms. Perhaps it's adding a new front door, so that it locks every night AND doesn't let the cold air in. Whatever the job, you always know that every day, that family will experience a better life because of the changes you helped make.



I wake up knowing that families are sleeping safer and warmer due to work that I did in a single morning; that's just an amazing feeling. These families, especially the kids, get to experience men and women working together to selflessly give. That is an experience which some of these kids may not have very often, and the value of experiencing that love is so important for kids. The understated value we bring to these families is one of hope and perspective.”

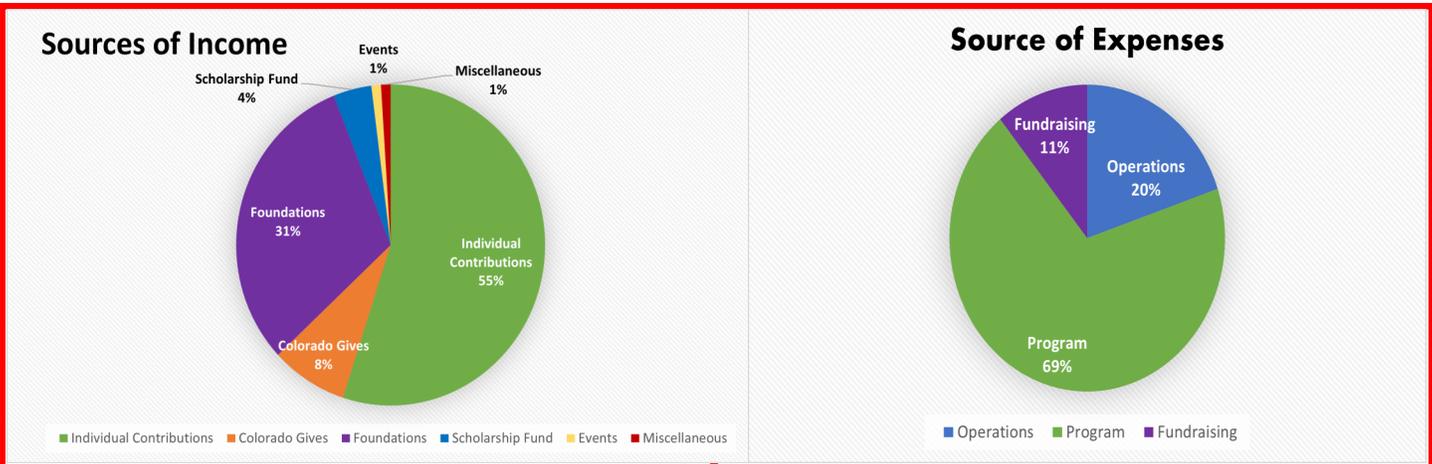


Special Thanks to our Individual Donors and Program Partners that have chosen to be part of something that is bigger than themselves. Their commitment is to reach out to more single moms families in our community to improve their quality of life!

Volunteer Spotlight:

Men's Denver Serve

Men's Denver Serve is a volunteer organization of passionate men whose mission is to give back to the community in ways that spreads joy, brotherhood and compassion. Their aim is to bring together like-minded men from all over the Denver metro area who have a common desire to be the greatest versions of themselves with the intention of giving back and inspiring those who are most in need in our community! They believe we can live in a better world if we take care of each other.



Total Revenue—\$368,867

Total Expense—\$351,115

Foundations that Contributed Financially in 2020

- Anschuetz
- United Way
- Bohemian Foundation
- Violet M Johnson Family Foundation
- Northern Co COVID response Fund
- Community Foundations of NoCo
- Foundations Church
- Nordson
- Walmart/Sams
- Christian Foundation
- Broomfield Community Foundation
- Shoup Foundation

2020 Board of Directors

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