



# ANNUAL REPORT 2021





# letter from the PRESIDENT AND CEO

Dear Friend of Together,

During 2021, Together continued to serve our community at record levels in all our programs. Additionally, we saw expansion into new programs and services uniquely suited to support those in need in our community. With the support of so many, our collective response and impact has been timely and significant. Our community has worked hand in hand at a critical time. **We appreciate all the support that makes this work possible!**

As we have stated over the past several months, while hope is in the air for many, for those we serve daily life remains challenging and unsteady. Our team has been able to meet today's needs, thanks to incredible commitment and resiliency. They are amazing!

During 2021 we successfully launched three new initiatives in collaboration with funding partners:

- We purchased a hotel to be used as a non-congregant shelter. This former hotel with capacity for 58 rooms offers temporary housing primarily to people over the age of 65 with health challenges. Participants are typically at the shelter for 30-45 days while more permanent housing. This purchase follows a successful pilot program earlier in the year where we utilized two hotels for similar purposes.
- We expanded our pantry operations into Council Bluffs. We launched this opening on-schedule during September of 2021. We are grateful for the warm welcome from the community, Chamber of Commerce, and those we serve. Thus far, the number we are serving has outpaced planning expectations.
- We were one of five organizations asked to facilitate the distribution of Emergency Rent Assistance Funds. In total, we distributed roughly \$7M in funds and hired, trained, and managed the team to facilitate this emergency program.



**MIKE HORNACEK**

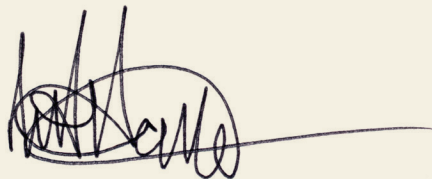
As mentioned, during 2021, our program areas continued at a record pace. Some highlights include:

- Nourish Program. In 2019 (pre-pandemic) our Omaha pantry had roughly 42,000 visitors. In 2020 we had 154,000 and last year we had 137,000. Our expanded pantry space has been a vital asset to accommodate this work. In 2021 we also had roughly 6,000 home deliveries via this new program initiated in 2020 (working in concert with the Health Department and other community partners).
- Horizons Program (transitioning chronic homeless individuals and families to self-sufficiency). In 2021, we had 68 individuals or families in our program. People in the program have all been homeless for a long period of time and have challenges in gaining stability. That said, we had more case interactions than ever and 62% transitioned to permanent, self-sufficient housing.
- Crisis Engagement Program (helping individuals and families avoid homelessness). In 2021 we helped roughly 4,400 individuals avoid homelessness. Since 2019 we have served approximately 7,200 individuals or families in the program.
- Our advocacy efforts resulted in 8 positive outcomes for housing justice reform, 1 for food insecurity, as well as Cares Act and ARPA Funds being invested in our community to support our vulnerable neighbors.

With the organizational growth and increasing support to help those in need in the community, I am pleased to report that in 2021 our metrics for management performance and oversight were completely fulfilled and compliant. For example, we were fortunate to have a record-breaking Coming Together fundraiser, our Audit was clean with no findings, the Board was fully engaged via in-person and remote meetings, and we continued to maintain and expand all client service areas since day one of the pandemic.

Thus far in 2022, we continue to see these record service numbers continue. We are confident our unique service model with various touchpoints to, "Meet those in need where they are at," will help continue to be a difference-maker in our community. We have seen many changes in our nearly 47-year history. And we are not the same organization we were even three or four years ago. With our supporters, we strive to make a difference in the lives of those in need, most with nowhere else to turn. On behalf of those we serve and our entire , thank you!

Warmest Regards,

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Mike Hornacek  
President and CEO

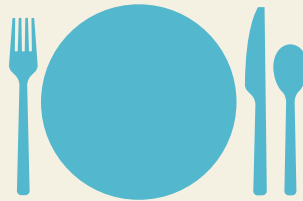


# SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



**4,395**

Individuals served  
through prevention  
and diversion



**2,795,717**

Pounds of food  
converted to meals



**2,123**

Case management  
appointments



**3,354,860**

Pounds of food  
distributed



**\$474,764**

Financial assistance  
through prevention



**68**

People experiencing  
homelessness placed  
in permanent housing



**133**

Individuals served  
by street outreach



**137,564**

Individuals served  
through choice  
food pantry



**6,062**

Households that  
were delivered pantries





## SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY



**374**

New donors



**600**

Volunteers



**1,274**

Volunteer hours



**\$36,359.96**

Value of Volunteer Hours



**\$322,018.07**

Amount of Private Donations

This past year has been anything but easy. We would like to thank all of you for your continued support; your dedication to our mission allows us to support our community to the best of our ability, and brings us closer everyday to preventing and ending hunger and homelessness.





## OUR FINANCIALS

### RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

\$106,461.17

### PRIVATE DONORS

\$322,018.07

### OTHER

\$265,268.17

### GOVERNMENT

\$1,515,759.77

### FOUNDATIONS

\$1,615,808.00

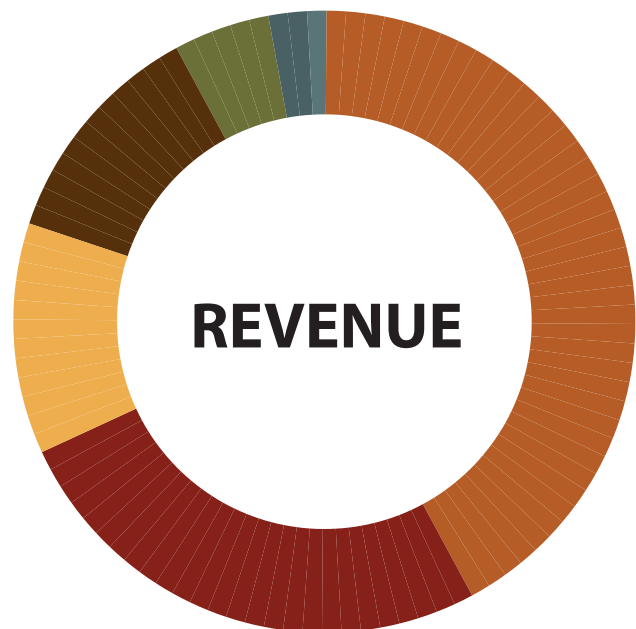
### CORPORATE

\$3,410,180.47

### INKIND DONATIONS

\$5,554,591.63

**TOTAL \$12,790,087.28**



### FUNDRAISING

\$353,326.31

### ADMINISTRATION

\$640,840.77

### PROGRAMS

\$8,719,131.08

**TOTAL \$9,713,298.46**







## PROGRAM PARTICIPANT STORY

Together has seen a dramatic increase in those we are serving on-site due to the pandemic. As part of our support, we also launched a home pantry delivery service in concert with the Douglas County Department of Health and other community partners. We recently delivered food to a program participant named Beverly and her three children. Beverly was at home recovering from COVID-19. Beverly called the Douglas County Health Department as they had no food in the house and gaining access was not possible at the time. Additionally, her sister recently lost her job and was planning to move in with Beverly when Beverly's recovery was complete. The Health Department referred Beverly to Together, and our team was able to deliver food that day to Beverly and her family. Beverly was extremely grateful and told our team, "Thank you, thank you...you don't know how much we appreciate this!"





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Together's mission is to prevent and end hunger and homelessness in the  
Omaha and surrounding communities.

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EXCELLENCE  
DIGNITY  
COMPASSION  
DIVERSITY  
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Together envisions a community of prosperity where everyone  
experiences safe, affordable housing, food security, health and wellness.

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