



ManyHands

Together we make a difference

2020

IMPACT REPORT

The 2020 grant cycle brought both unprecedented challenges and renewed evidence of the resilience of Many Hands' members and the importance of our work.

Like the rest of the world, Many Hands was forced to pivot in response to the global pandemic. In order to safeguard the health of our members and the staff and clients of potential partners, we transitioned to virtual meetings and site visits in March, and in May we conducted our first ever virtual finalist presentations and membership vote. Through this evolution, we held fast to the goal of continuing our grantmaking and honoring the terms of the process we began in the fall of 2019. Thanks to our members' commitment and generosity, this spring we were able to grant a total of \$266,500 to four organizations serving those most vulnerable to the pandemic—women, children, and families in socioeconomic need. These grants brought the total that Many Hands has granted since its founding in 2004 to just over \$1.95 million.

Also like the rest of the world, we at Many Hands watched with grief and anger the tragic events that forced a national reawakening to the virulence of anti-Black racism this year. We began a process of intense reflection on how we can support racial equity as a membership organization and as grantmakers and shared our initial thoughts in July, including plans to invest in training and education for our Board and membership. This work will continue in 2020-21.

As a collective giving organization, we have long believed in the power of what we can accomplish together by pooling our resources. The scope and potential impact of the multiple crises facing our community are immense, but we believe in this community and in our ability to make a difference together.

2020 GRANTEES

Many Hands \$100,000 Impact Grantee



Nourish Now seeks to end hunger through food recovery and redistribution, thus solving two major social problems simultaneously: food waste and hunger. Nourish Now collects donations from caterers, corporate cafeterias, grocers, wholesalers, and other partners throughout the Washington, DC metropolitan area and distributes prepared meals, produce, and nonperishable food to individuals, families, and community organizations, primarily in Montgomery County, MD. Nourish Now applied for a grant to purchase a new refrigerated truck, which would enable them to increase the amount of food they can recover and distribute both to clients who visit the warehouse and to those served by the organization's Nourish Neighborhoods program.



Many Hands Partner Grants (\$55,500)



Calvary Women's Services empowers women experiencing homelessness in Washington, DC's Wards 7 and 8 to transform their lives. Calvary's services ensure women have access to the proper trauma-informed healthcare and educational support they need to move toward independence. Their programs include transitional and permanent housing, personalized case management, life skills and education opportunities, job training, health and wellness services, on-site therapy, and daily addiction recovery meetings.



Generation Hope gives motivated teen parents the mentors, emotional support, and financial resources they need to thrive in college and helps prepare their children for kindergarten success, thereby driving a two-generation solution to poverty. Since 2010, Generation Hope has helped more than 76 DC-area teen parents graduate from college. The graduation rate for Generation Hope Scholars is almost double the graduation rate of low-income college students and nearly eight times the graduation rate of single mothers nationwide.



Homestretch enables Virginia families experiencing homelessness to attain permanent housing and self-sufficiency by giving them the skills, knowledge, and hope they need to achieve their goals. Homestretch clients typically spend two years in the program, working or learning, building savings, and receiving individualized support. Since 1990, Homestretch has helped more than 2,000 families achieve long-term stability. Over 90% of Homestretch graduates never return to homelessness.



2019-20

EVENTS

October 17, 2019 | 2020 Grant Cycle Kickoff

Jodi Ovca, executive director of 2019 Impact Grantee Access Youth, spoke passionately about their work keeping DC youth out of the school-to-prison pipeline and why they believe in restorative justice, not punishment. Her words were a powerful reminder of the impact that Many Hands grantees have on families across the region every day.

November 15, 2019 | Children in Foster Care Panel

Representatives of two Many Hands grantees—Ann Marie Binsner, executive director of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)/Prince George's County, and Lisa Dominguez, director of clinical services at Safe Shores—joined Dr. Sheryl Brissett Chapman, executive director of The National Center for Children and Families, to participate in a thought-provoking discussion moderated by Many Hands Board member Jill Rosenbaum Meyer. The panel addressed the impact of adverse childhood experiences for children entering foster care and the unique challenges facing youth aging out of foster care.

December 3, 2019 | #IAmAPhilanthropist

Many Hands Board member Katy Moore participated in a panel discussion of collective philanthropy organized by Catalist (now Philanos) at The Wing Georgetown.

January 12, 2020 | Member Coffee

Members shared afternoon coffee and conversation at the home of a founding Many Hands Board member.

January 30, 2020 | “Guest House” Premiere

Members met for drinks at Zaytinya before attending the Washington, DC premiere of “Guest House,” a documentary about 2018 Impact Grantee Friends of Guest House.

February 12, 2020 | Volunteer Night at Greater DC Diaper Bank

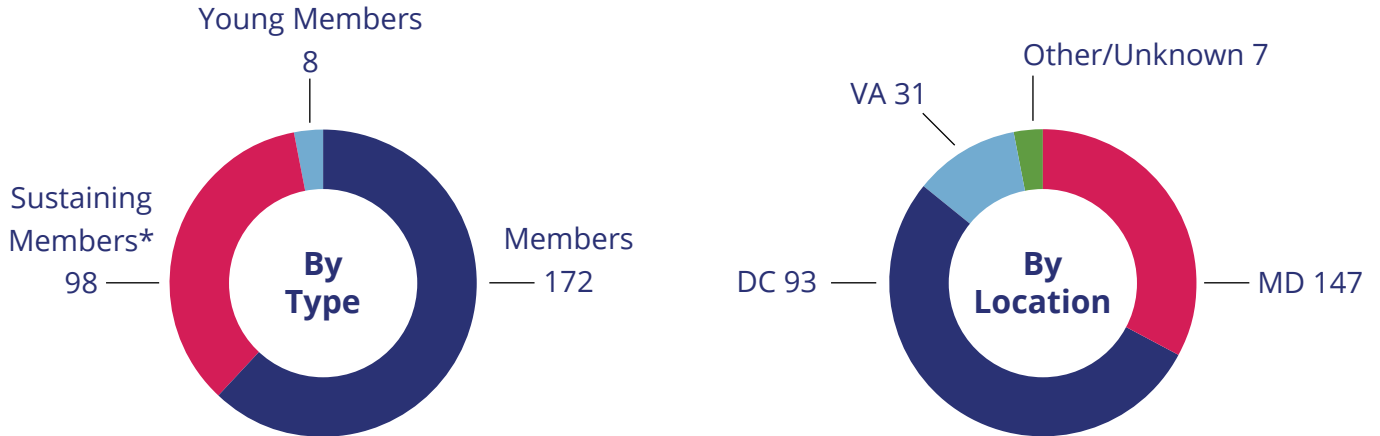
Members and friends gathered to package diapers and meet Diaper Bank Executive Director Corinne Cannon for a sneak peek at the new warehouse space, which was funded in part by a Many Hands grant.

April 22, 2020 | Maternal Mortality Panel

Due to the pandemic, this event was rescheduled for fall 2020.

2020 BY THE NUMBERS

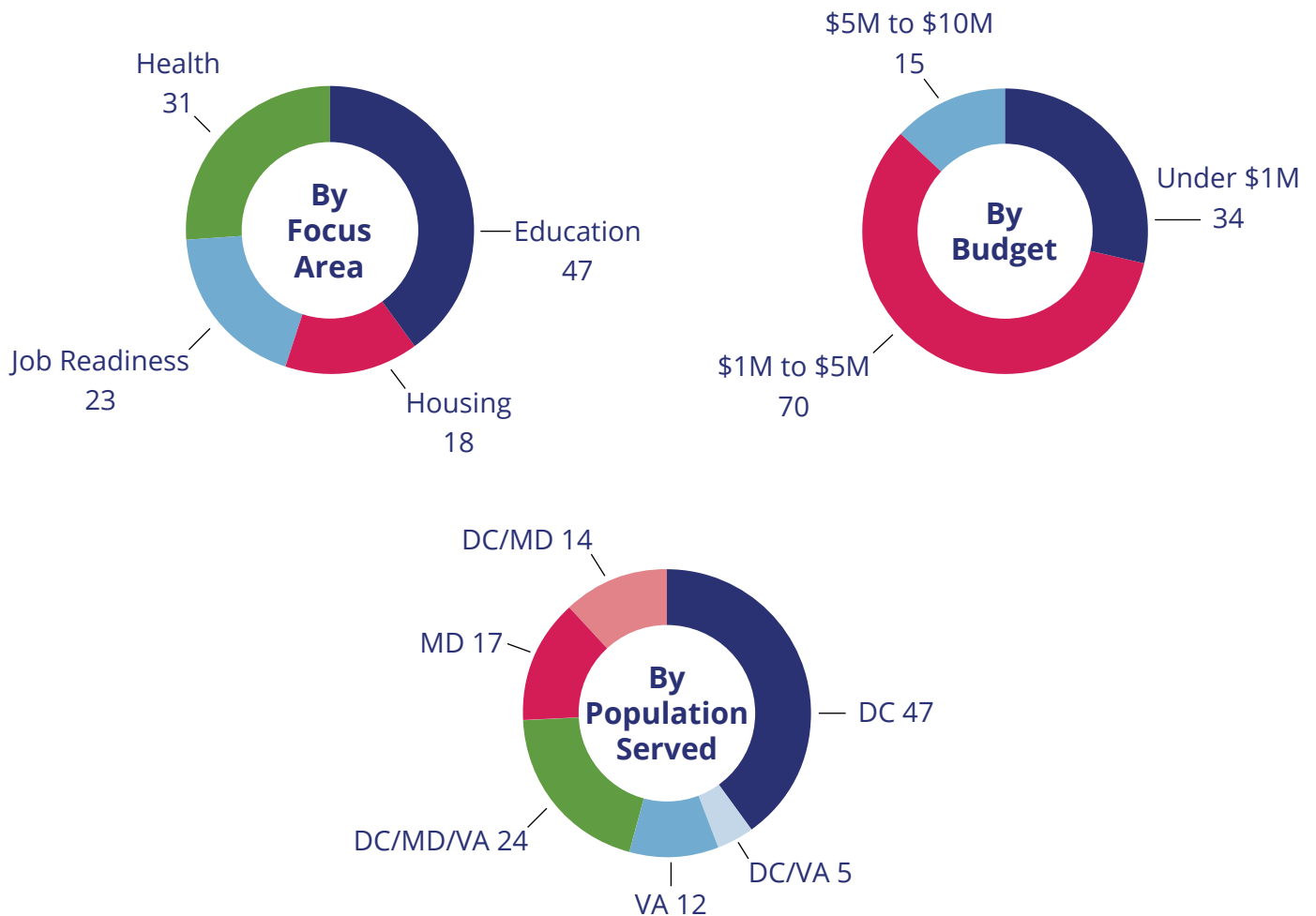
278 Members



*Sustaining Members make a gift of \$100 or more, in addition to their membership contribution, to help underwrite Many Hands' operating expenses.

Applicants

119 Grant Applications Reviewed



2020 OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Many Hands' grantmaking and membership have more than doubled over the past ten years. Over this period, we have worked hard to keep our operating expenses low, in large part by remaining an all-volunteer organization. At the same time, to manage our growth and build a strong foundation for the future, we have invested in robust grantmaking, communications, and donor management systems. We are deeply grateful to the Sustaining Members whose gifts have helped make these investments possible and who continue to support our work.

Operating expenses for the 2020 grant cycle were \$36,625, including \$3,023 in fees that we paid on gifts made by credit card. Accounting and software were our major recurring expense categories. The preparation of Many Hands' financial review and 990, together with the review of semifinalist financials, made up most of the accounting expense. The major software items were our grant and donor management systems. In addition, this grant cycle included a one-time investment in redesigning the website and refreshing our communications (reflected in Design & Printing).

Roughly one-third of operating expenses were directly attributable to the two parts of our mission, grantmaking and member education. The major contributors to grantmaking expenses were our grant management system and semifinalist financial review. Member education expenses, as captured in Events, were unusually low due to the cancellation of in-person gatherings beginning in March.

Operating Expenses by Type*

Accounting	\$10,508
Software	\$9,667
Design & Printing	\$9,415
Credit Card Fees	\$3,023
Events	\$1,545
Other Business Expenses	\$2,468

Operating Expenses by Function*

Grantmaking	\$10,740
Member Education	\$1,545
Legal & Financial	\$7,612
Fundraising	\$6,693
Communications.....	\$6,242
Credit Card Fees.....	\$3,023
Other.....	\$771

*Numbers do not add up due to rounding

2019-20 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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