



2021

PROVIDENCE BIBLE CHURCH IMPACT REPORT

REFLECTING ON 2021

As I reflect on the last year, I am overwhelmed by what God has done in our church body. Philippians 1:27 says, "...I hope to hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel." This year, I have seen that hope take place through the unity and missional alignment that comes from loving God together, loving our church family together, and loving our neighbor together. It is truly a joy to live life together.

With your participation and commitment, we discipled nine people in their walk with Jesus, started a new Community Group and transitioned two other Community Groups to new leadership. We were also partnered with four churches in the Denver metro area to love our neighbors through Cross Purpose! In addition to that, four of our youth completed the SwitchUp leadership development program, and we welcomed one of our own Providence Covenant Partners as an elder candidate. Without your faithfulness, we would not have had the year of spiritual growth we experienced.

Two of our elders retired this year, Jerome Grosskopf and Alvaro Peña. We are so thankful for their many years of service at Providence and are excited for them as they are now free to travel and serve God in new and different capacities.

2021 was a good year for giving as well. In spite of leadership and congregant transitions, we finished the year \$12K beyond our budgeted income! This is directly attributed to your generosity in giving above and beyond your commitment.

One of our favorite worship songs at Providence is the "Goodness of God." As we have sung this song time and time again, it is my desire to give all of the glory for our accomplishments to God. May we never grow so influential or accomplish so much that we fail to use the very breath in our lungs to sing of the goodness of our glorious God.

*And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God*

Gratefully,

Katie Larsen
Executive Director

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: COMMUNITY GROUPS

"In 2021, we launched two new Community Groups in order to better engage our church family. On Easter Sunday, we launched one of those groups, the Galaviz/Raheel CG. Led by Osvaldo and Ely Galaviz and Raheel Sharoon and Mehwish Raheel, this group has enabled us to connect more visitors into the body life of Providence. Several group members have commented on how intentional, consistent & authentic these two couples are in their leadership and support. Group members and leaders alike continue to challenge one another in what it means to practice multicultural hospitality, care and vulnerability."

– *Hunter Hambrick*
Community Group Director



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

"In December 2004, I professed faith in Christ Jesus as my Lord and Savior. The journey to shepherding began not long after that moment and continues until today. In the beginning, God would speak to me through other believers concerning gifts He has given me; these would come in the form of affirmation in how God has wired me. While these gifts were catalysts in this next chapter of my journey, I needed further confirmation before I felt free to embark fully. In the beginning of this next stage, my wife and I asked the Lord if this was the stage we should undertake. Not long after that, the Lord showed me in a dream that I was watching over His people. Because of this, I am pursuing this desire to become an elder at Providence.

It has been encouraging and edifying for me personally to walk with our current elders through this process of elder candidacy. I've also been tremendously blessed to participate in the Thursday morning 'Light and Heat' theology group where we pray together and spend time in the Word with fellow leaders every week. "

– *Joseph Tchombela*, Elder Candidate



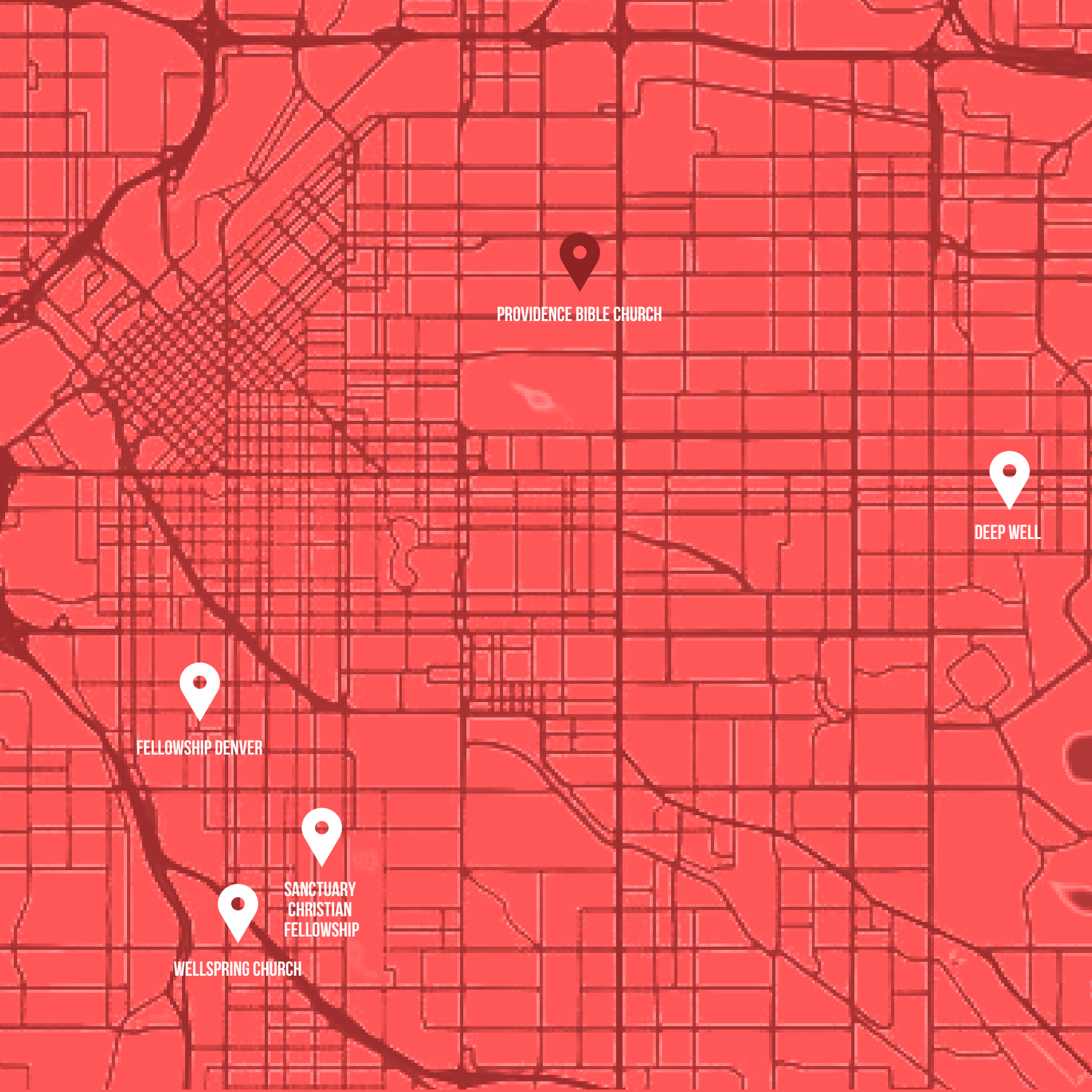
MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:

CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

"Having CrossPurpose Leaders attend church with us is such a huge blessing! It provides another chance for us to connect outside of Family Gatherings, and to connect with leaders who do not normally attend a small group. It's also helped us build deeper friendships and get to know their children. These meetings offers leaders an extra sense of community and one leader, in particular, has intentionally engaged and in the process received spiritual, emotional & financial care from our larger church family."

– *Marcia McCorkel*, Wellspring Church





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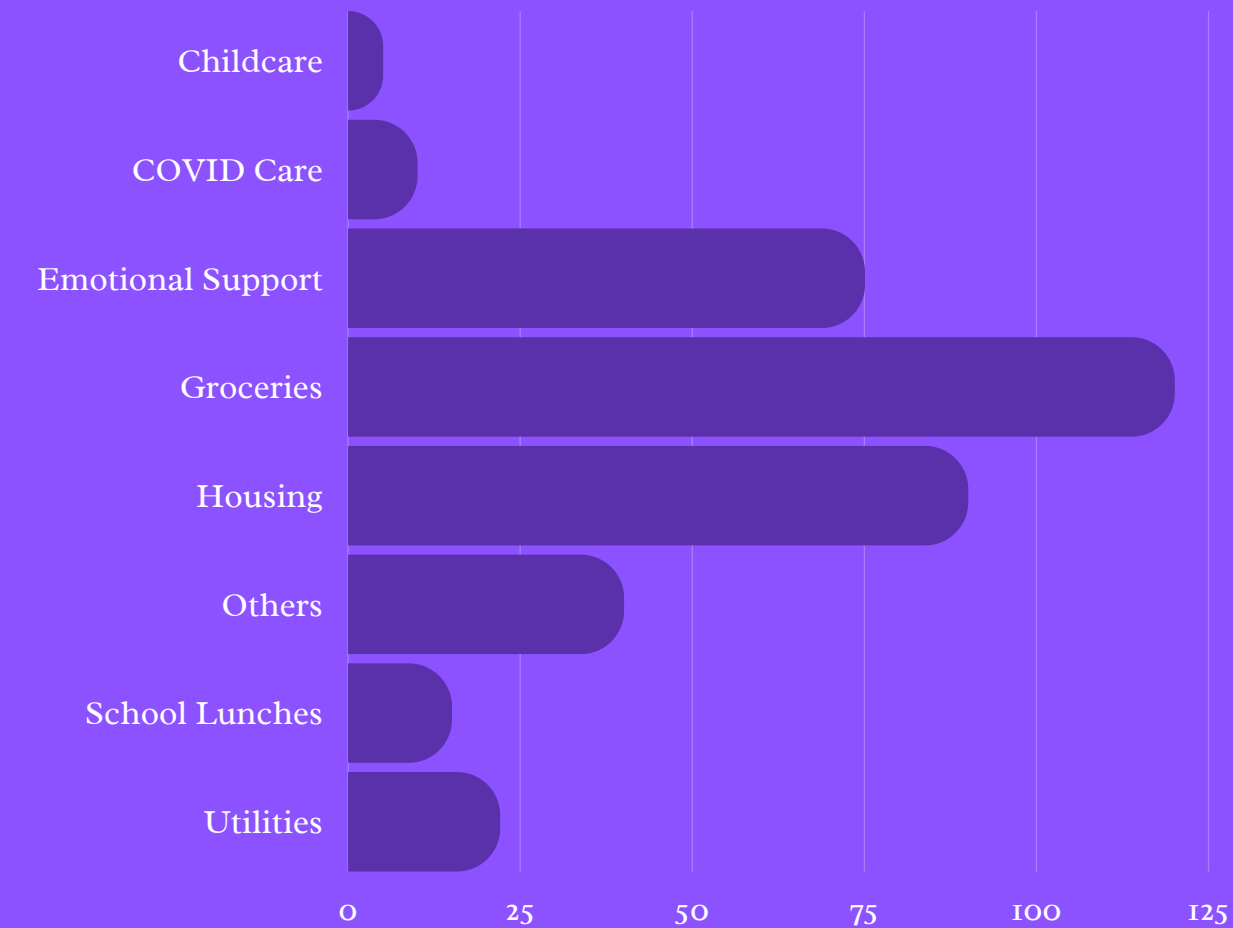


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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:

LOVE NORTHEAST DENVER

Through 2020 and 2021, our Love Northeast Denver initiative helped hundreds of families in our neighborhood through the unique and acute challenges of a global pandemic.



545

assistance requests
fulfilled

200

total volunteers

\$63K

in donations



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:

DISCPLESHIP TESTIMONIES



Kayla Hanneman, CrossPurpose Leader

"I signed up for discipleship because I wanted to find my faith again. Karen was assigned to me as my 'prayer partner' (and let me tell you, God knew what he was doing when he assigned her to me). As we met virtually once a week, she eventually gave me a Bible which I now read every night and even gave me a children's Bible to read with my kids! She listened to my story, shared her own with me and then we read through the book of Matthew together. We conversed about each chapter and discussed what it meant to our true selves. A few meetings in, Karen asked me if I was ready to accept Jesus into my life. I felt hesitant at first because I wasn't completely ready, but I took that step and said 'yes.' I eventually went to church with her at Providence and asked about getting baptized along with my eldest daughter. The relationship my kids and I have with Jesus now is what wakes me up every morning and helps me sleep at night. I am so thankful for Providence, CrossPurpose, Karen, Pastor Ray and everyone on the discipleship team!"



Karen Genzink, Prayer Partner & Discipler

"I started as a prayer partner for Kayla when she was a new Leader in the CrossPurpose program. She expressed interest in going deeper in her faith so we started meeting weekly to dig into God's Word . During our very first meeting, Kayla gave her life to the Lord! It was such a privilege to pray with her as she asked Jesus to be her Lord and Savior. God had been working in her heart already and I got to walk with her as she started to work out her faith and give her life to the Lord. Meeting with Kayla and getting to know her through the discipleship process has blessed and encouraged me as well in profound ways. God is working and this is one small way I've been able to join him in his good work!"

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS: DISCIPLESHIP TESTIMONIES

Jocelyne Wani, Prayer Partner

"When I was paired as a prayer partner for the first time, I did not expect to meet such a wonderful person. The first day we met, we immediately bonded. She is a great listener, and a joyful individual who loves the Lord. I did not just pray for her but she also prayed for me. I learned a lot from her as we studied God's Word together in the discipleship program."

Sherie Birdsong, CrossPurpose Leader

"My discipleship training with my prayer partner, Jocelyne, was a true blessing. I say that because it has taken me to a new level of discipline in prayer for myself. Jocelyne was very authentic in our meetings. She held me accountable for completing the readings she assigned. I have grown since our encounter together in trusting God and taking everything to Him. She allowed me to take the lead in prayer and I interceded for her as well. What started as an assignment became a partnership which has since built up my confidence in every way."

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:34-35





MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS: SWITCHUP, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

"I've learned many things about myself after working at Red Shield summer camp. But one thing which has stood out to me is how impatient I can be with myself. I tend to focus too much on what I did wrongly, why I am so imperfect or why I can't do anything right. I criticize myself more than anyone I've ever met. The book of 1 Samuel teaches that a lack of patience can cause you to miss blessings. Each and every day is a blessing and each and every day I am missing out on my blessings because I am too focused on trying to be perfect and having everything perfect the way I plan it. Now, I've learned to appreciate all the good and the bad and know that, regardless of whatever happens, God has a plan for me. Through this process of serving the kids, I have grown in my own development as a leader like never before."

– *Esther Amato*, Providence Youth



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FINANCIALS:

END OF YEAR REPORT

GOAL

\$378,000

ACTUAL

\$390,000



THANK YOU!

Our vision at Providence is to see a community restored to wholeness by the grace of God. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to see that vision come to pass one year at a time!



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