



**SAME MISSION.  
NEW OPPORTUNITIES.**



**2020 | IMPACT REPORT**



# A NOTE FROM JEREMY

## *A river of change.*

*Dream Center Friends,*

A year of change has brought us through a journey, as we continued our same mission with incredible challenges...and new opportunities.

Through this river of change, we've seen new work started, new relationships built, and a new season of watching God faithfully continue the work we believe He began here.

This year has also been a time of unprecedented generosity by supporters. During a time when many nonprofits struggled financially, or even closed, your gifts allowed us to play some unique roles in our neighborhood and community, sharing and showing the love of Jesus.

I invite you to check out this snapshot of the past year and of our work in general. I hope it encourages and inspires you.

God Bless,

*Jeremy*

Jeremy Evans | Executive Director

EVERY  
STUDENT

NO  
EXCEPTIONS

NO  
EXCUSES



# OUR WORK

*An overview.*

- 1. Supporting the needs of Delaware Elementary School**  
*through Peacemaker staff members*
- 2. Providing Christ-centered out-of-school programming**  
*for K-6th grade and middle school students*
- 3. Offering wrap-around care services**  
*to Dream Center Evansville students and families*
- 4. Tutoring students in Dream Center Evansville**
- 5. Providing Christ-centered summer programming**
- 6. Meeting immediate needs of neighbors during COVID-19**  
*including starting a pop-up grocery store*
- 7. Engaging in neighborhood revitalization**  
*through our Resident Re-Engagement Initiative*

*(NOTE: Photos in this report were taken prior to Covid.)*



READY FOR:

COLLEGE

CAREER

LIFE





# SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

*Before Covid.*

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Peacemakers spend half their day at Delaware School and the other half with our afterschool program
- Our Dreamer's Academy (elementary) and DC Youth (middle school) allow students to learn about Christ, the Bible, and their place in God's world
- Staff visit families in their homes and help them navigate current challenges (e.g. mental health, housing)

78% ↓

*In-class misbehaviors decreased 78% for students with a Peacemaker (compared to a 25% decrease for all students). Prior to Covid, Dream Center had 2 full-time Peacemaker staff.*

304 hrs

*Volunteers tutored students on academics from Fall 2019 - Spring 2020.*

85% ↑

*85% of students performed at or above grade level in Math in Spring 2020 (compared to 65% in Fall 2019).*

## + neighborhood champion

**A full-time neighborhood champion was hired to lead an assets-based community development approach using Community One's Love Your Neighborhood model.**

## collaborate!

**A collaboration with Potter's Wheel resulted in their taking the Dream Center model to support students and families in their neighborhood!**

# SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

*During Covid.*

## 180K!

*180,000+ meals were provided over a 15-week period to families in Evansville, Boonville, and Newburgh through the Pop-Up Grocery Store.*

## 25kids

*25 students participated in summer programming, which was adapted to fit the needs of Covid health and safety protocols.*

## 112|44

*112 residents were engaged and 44 influencers interviewed to start our Resident Re-Engagement Initiative for neighborhood revitalization in the Jacobsville area.*

## "what's possible?"

Asking "what's possible?" opened doors for new opportunities and approaches to grow in our ability as a partner with our neighbors.

## wrap-around care

Wrap-around care services to Dream Center Evansville students and families continued throughout the pandemic with a variety of services and experiments.



## DID YOU KNOW?

- During Covid, staff changed roles to focus on filling immediate needs for neighbors, including buying and delivering supplies to homes (e.g. toilet paper) and participating in Need A Neighbor.
- Once Delaware School reopened, our entire staff initially provided additional school-day support.
- When EVSC cancelled school due to weather in February 2021, Dream Center volunteers delivered food boxes to EVSC families and delivered extra food boxes to Jacobsville families.



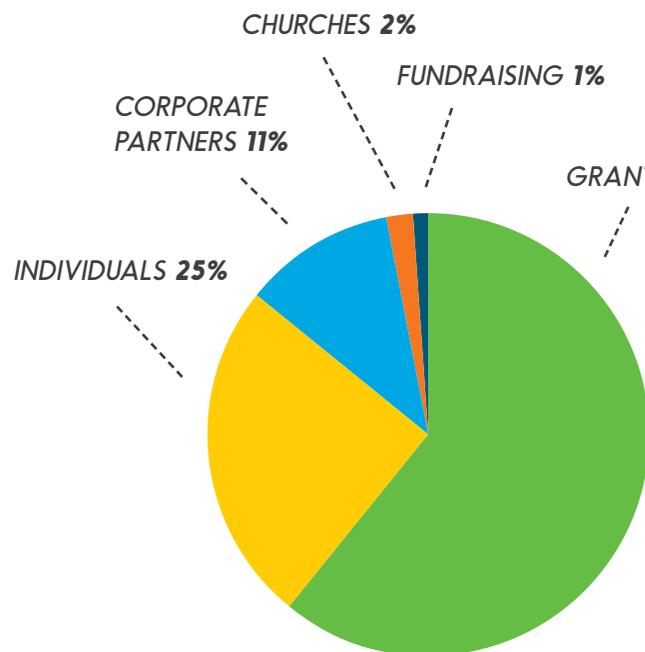
# FINANCES

*Growing new opportunities.*

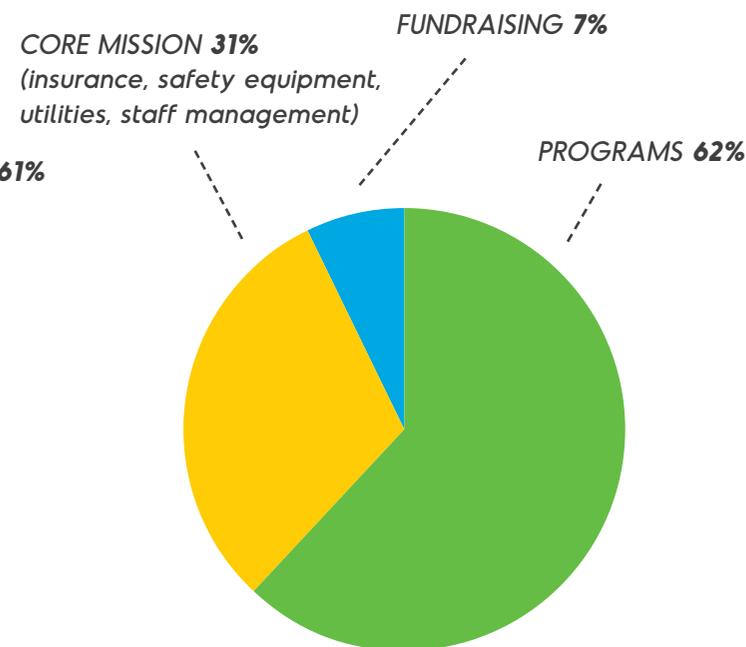
## DID YOU KNOW?

• 2020 was the strongest financial year for Dream Center as an organization so far. This grows our ability to strengthen and expand services for those we serve.

• Covid restrictions caused us to innovate and move our annual Affordable Christmas to an online event, giving a unique opportunity to allow parents to purchase a total of 2,000 affordable presents and also provided the opportunity to donate \$2,000 to Delaware School.



**INCOME**



**EXPENSES**

# OUR MODEL

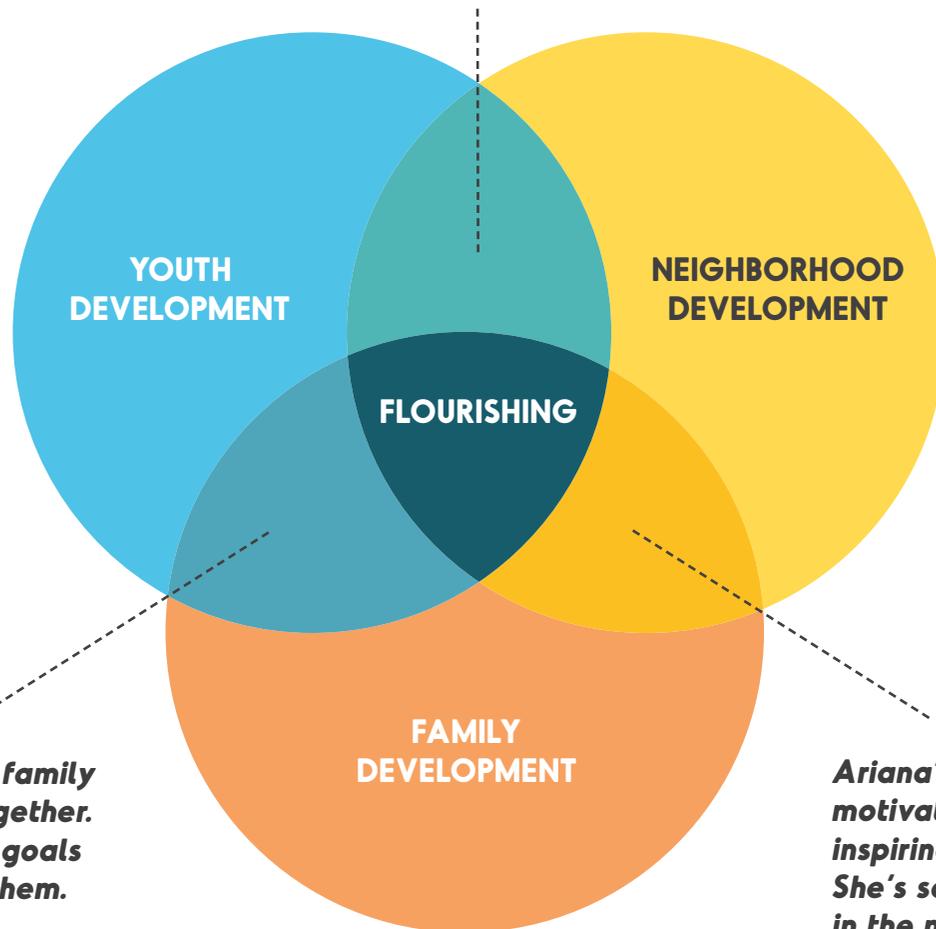
## Areas our work impacts.

Ariana's family is deeply connected to the Dream Center, supported in a variety of ways, from programming, to practical help avoiding flood damage, to building healthy eating choices.

This model shows how the various areas the Dream Center serves can create impact on Ariana, her kids, and their neighborhood.

**Ariana and her family are growing together. They're setting goals and achieving them.**

**Ariana's kids respect their space and understand their part in helping build our community together.**



**Ariana's success is motivating and inspiring her neighbors. She's seen as a leader in the neighborhood.**

*\*Names have been changed to protect community members' identity*



### DID YOU KNOW?

- We believe that connecting children and families to God's will for their lives empowers them to be successful, self-sufficient members of the community.

# VISION

Create a community of youth that are achieving their dreams and transforming Jacobsville into a neighborhood characterized by faith, hope, pride and inspiration.