



**TWO
THOUSAND
SIXTEEN**

ANNUAL REPORT

ENGAGING CHILDREN IN VOLUNTEERISM AND EMPOWERING
THEM TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

DEAR SUPPORTERS,

Because of our community's commitment to our mission, in 2016 we witnessed continued program growth, allowing us to guide a generation of youth through our service pathway toward lifelong volunteerism, philanthropy, and community leadership.

Our Family Volunteering program is the backbone of our Service Pathway. Nothing emphasizes the importance of giving back more than working alongside your family for the betterment of our community. We continue to grow our family volunteering opportunities each year; in 2016 we offered 947 service activities, a 13% increase over the previous year.

In the summer, our Youth Leadership programs introduced an impressive group of young leaders to the Austin community. 21 middle and high school students proved that they are motivated and ready to perpetuate the spirit of service in all aspects of their lives. Together, they contributed 864 volunteer hours during the summer, and many continued to serve throughout the year. We can't wait to see all of the ways that they will positively impact our world in the years to come.

We also piloted a Service Learning program in the fall for youth who have reached the age where they are ready to learn more about a specific community need alongside their peers. The Little Helping Hands workspace was alive with energy as this group of 3rd-5th graders learned about environmental issues facing our community, volunteered to address those issues, and applied their experiences on a service project of their own.

Thank you for helping us to develop generations of community-minded citizens and leaders.



Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marissa".

Marissa Vogel
Founder and Executive Director

OUR SERVICE PATHWAY

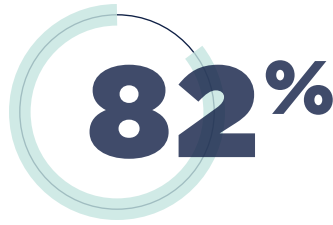


5,413
YOUTH
VOLUNTEERS

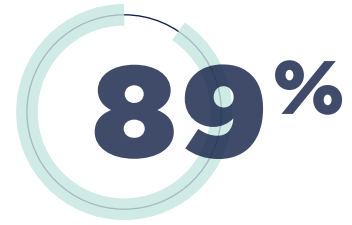
12,422
VOLUNTEER
HOURS

3,125
VOLUNTEER
FAMILIES

WHAT WE HEAR FROM FAMILIES AFTER VOLUNTEERING



of parents report that their children are more aware of community needs.



of parents report that their child's desire to make a difference in their community increased.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

PEOPLE & FAMILIES IN NEED

Our volunteers help people in poverty or experiencing homelessness, families going through difficult times, and children in shelters or foster care by preparing and delivering meals, assembling essential items, wrapping gifts, and much more.

7,774
HOURS
CONTRIBUTED

2,908
YOUTH
VOLUNTEERED

ENVIRONMENT

Families clean & beautify our city by picking up litter, planting & mapping trees, spreading mulch, gardening, painting over graffiti, and marking storm drains.

2,012
HOURS
CONTRIBUTED

18
ORGANIZATIONS
SUPPORTED

SENIOR SUPPORT

Youth volunteers brighten the days of the seniors in our community with visits and activities that provide companionship and encourage intergenerational relationships.

1,441
HOURS
CONTRIBUTED

394
FAMILIES
VOLUNTEERED

ANIMAL WELFARE

Our activities support animal adoption efforts, train therapy dogs, and help feed pets in need.

1,195
HOURS
CONTRIBUTED

564
YOUTH
VOLUNTEERED

FAMILY VOLUNTEERING

THE CONREAUX FAMILY

Tanya, Patrick, Jace (11), and Isla (8) Conreaux have been active participants on our service pathway since 2012. Together, they have contributed over 300 hours to the Austin community through our Family Volunteering program. Their service leadership is demonstrated through our programs in several ways and they are an incredible example of what we are trying

to achieve at Little Helping Hands. In 2016, Jace and Isla each volunteered for enough hours to qualify for a Presidential Service Award, an honor bestowed only on those youth and individuals who are truly dedicated to service and helping others. Tanya volunteers on her own as an Activity Lead for us. Here is their service story, shared with us by Tanya.

OUR FAMILY has been volunteering with Little Helping Hands since Jace was in Kindergarten and Isla was tagging along in a diaper. My husband and I have witnessed our children grow with Little Helping Hands and develop into compassionate young people with an awareness of the importance of helping others. Over the years, they have each developed their own special interests in service. Jace's favorite activity is stocking cans at the food pantries. Isla loves making cards for children in hospitals. She says, "Making cards is my favorite. It lets others know that someone cares and that they are special."

"LITTLE HELPING HANDS ALWAYS MAKES ME PROUD AND HAPPY!"

-ISLA

Our continued involvement with Little Helping Hands led to Jace's participation in the first pilot Service Learning program in the fall of 2016. For his personal extension project he collected toiletries and sewed the bags to put them in to give

to Hope Totes. This got several of our friends and neighbors involved. We were so honored when he was asked to give a speech about this project at a recent Little Helping Hands luncheon to approximately 300 adults. (He nailed it!)

"VOLUNTEERING IS A GOOD THING FOR ALL FAMILIES TO DO. IT'S IMPORTANT TO HELP OTHERS LIVE A BETTER LIFE."

-JACE

Because of Little Helping Hands, we continue to help

others on our own with family and friends. We have a tradition of making desserts at Ronald McDonald House on our birthdays. Through our school, we've filled necessity bags and distributed them to the homeless. Also, we put together birthday boxes in honor of family members for Sharing Happy Birthdays.

We are so grateful to have Little Helping Hands in Austin! We hope our children continue to give back as they grow up and strive to make a positive difference in the world.



SUMMER YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS



- **10 high school students** trained and became Activity Leads for our Family Volunteering activities. Teen leaders were leading service activities independently by summer's end.
- **11 middle school students** trained and became Activity Co-leads for our family volunteering activities. They then began leading alongside our Activity Leads.
- **25% of our Family Volunteering activities** in 2016 were led/co-led by a Youth Leader.
- Our Teen Advisory Board was launched, allowing **7 Youth Leaders** to provide us with valuable input into our programs.

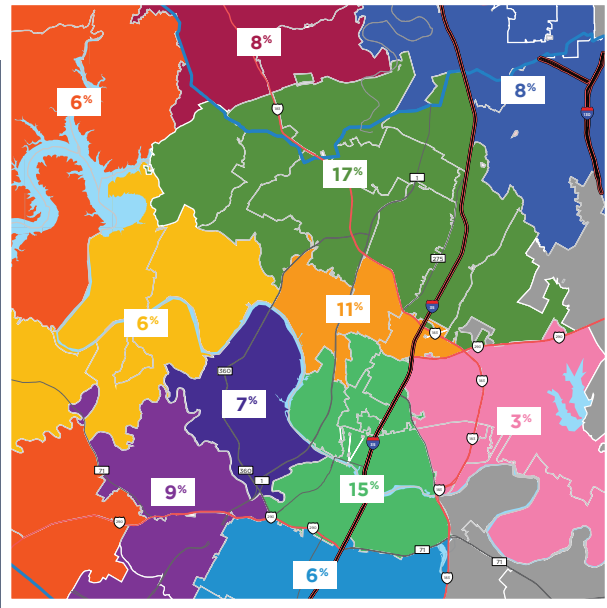
SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAMS

In the fall of 2016, eleven 3rd-5th graders participated in our pilot service learning program focused on environmentalism. They learned about issues facing the environment, volunteered with their

families and peers at environmental activities, worked together to brainstorm solutions to environmental problems, and independently executed extension projects based on their own interests and passions.



WHO WE SERVE



WHERE OUR VOLUNTEER FAMILIES LIVE

JAN-DEC 2016

OUR YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

43% age 8 and younger

39% between 9 and 12

18% age 13 and up

OUR PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

A Legacy of Giving
 Adelphi Acre Gardens
 Allen Park
 AGE of Central Texas
 American Heart Association
 Any Baby Can
 Arthritis Foundation
 Austin Animal Center
 Austin Children's Shelter
 Austin Creative Reuse
 Austin Diaper Bank
 Austin Disaster Relief Network
 Austin Dog Alliance
 Austin Humane Society
 Austin Parks Foundation
 Austin Pets Alive!
 Austin Sunshine Camps
 Barton Hills Assisted Living
 Bel Air at Teravista
 Blunn Nature Preserve
 Bookspring
 Brighter Bites
 Brookdale Beckett Meadows
 Brookdale Westlake Hills

Bull Creek Conservancy
 Cards for Hospitalized Kids
 Caritas of Austin
 CASA of Travis County
 Casa Marianella
 Central Texas Food Bank
 Central Texas SPCA
 City of Austin
 Coats for Kids
 Colin's Hope
 Dell Children's Hospital
 Easter Seals of Central Texas
 El Buen Samaritano
 Emancipet
 Entrepreneurs Foundation of Central Texas
 Family Eldercare
 Family Support Network
 Foundation Communities
 Front Steps
 Goodwill Central Texas
 Harmony Point Memory Care
 Helping the Aging, Needy and Disabled

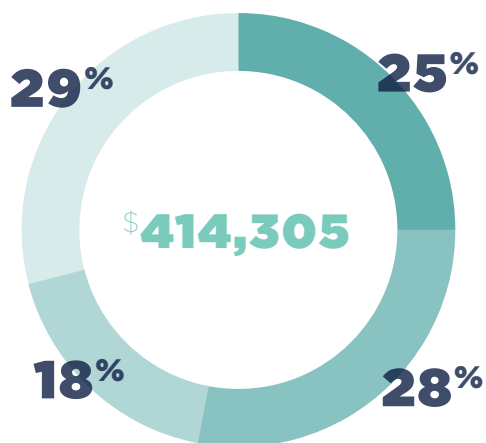
Hindu Charities for America
 Homeless Task Force
 Hope Food Pantry
 Horse Boy Foundation
 Keep Austin Beautiful
 Manchaca Community Garden
 Mayfield Park
 Meals on Wheels Central Texas
 Micah 6 Pantry
 Mitscoots Outfitters
 Mobile Loaves & Fishes
 Mt. Bonnell Park
 Neill-Cochran House Museum
 Operation Blue Santa
 Operation School Bell
 Partnerships for Children
 Peace Park Conservancy
 Perry Park
 Ronald McDonald House
 Run Free Texas
 Safeplace
 Saint Louise House
 Salvation Army
 Sammy's House

Shoal Creek Conservancy
 St. Edwards Park
 STARRY
 Sustainable Food Center
 Ten Thousand Villages
 Texas Advocacy Project
 The Thinkery
 Treefolks
 UT Concho Community Garden
 UT Microfarm
 Westminster Manor
 Williamson County Animal Shelter
 YMCA
 Zilker Botanical Garden

54% OF OUR VOLUNTEER FAMILIES SUPPORT OUR PARTNERS ON THEIR OWN AFTER BEING INTRODUCED TO THEM BY LITTLE HELPING HANDS.

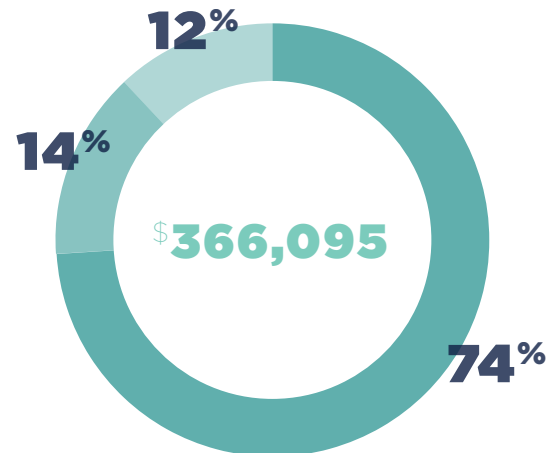
FINANCIALS

TOTAL REVENUE



- Family Sponsorships 25%
- Foundation Grants 28%
- Corporate 18%
- Individuals 29%

TOTAL EXPENSES



- Programs 74%
- Fundraising 14%
- Administrative 12%

2016

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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ABOUT US

LITTLE HELPING HANDS

provides meaningful service experiences for Austin families,

engaging children in volunteerism and empowering them to make a difference in their communities. Through age-appropriate, hands-on volunteer activities as well as service learning and leadership programs, children learn how to take action in their community while accomplishing needed work for our partner agencies.

Since its inception in 2009, Little Helping Hands has organized **4,115** volunteer activities that engaged **25,393** children and their families, logging **58,691** total volunteer hours serving **87** Austin-area non-profit organizations and groups.



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