The House DC celebrated its second decade of service with a new logo and tagline. The new brand reflects the vibrancy and expansion from serving solely the youth, to the inclusion of their families and the community. The new logo’s symbolism, alongside the power articulated in the new tagline “Breaking Cycles and Building Futures”, communicates the transformative work of the Gospel in conjunction with The House DC’s hands-on service model.
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For twenty-two years, The House DC has been on the front lines.

What a season it has been, yet what a privilege it is to remain fruitful! Both 2020 and 2021 came with a lion’s share of hurdles, but I am thankful to share that The House DC is still in the race and making a difference in Southeast Washington, DC. Life continues to be unpredictable as we try to find new ways of living and communicating with family, friends, colleagues, and associates. The fruit that God has produced through The House, despite the unpredictability, is what makes this Annual Report so special. This Report reflects the continued growth of our organization and the transformation in the lives of the people in our community. Fortunately, The House DC is used to adapting to change. Our ministry programs have always evolved to serve our youth, young adults, and community in a way that works. So, in 2020, we took on the task of moving our programming online. Simultaneously, we developed ways to still provide food and other tangible support to our youth and their families. When the new school year began in 2021, we resumed in-person activities for our youth and welcomed a new group of freshmen and sophomores. We didn’t skip a beat, and neither did our students – graduating from high school as well as college!
The past two years have brought many changes, but what hasn’t changed is our consistent hope in the Gospel message of Jesus Christ! One of our new online initiatives was a weekly worship service. And today, our street ministry is in full swing — going deep into the community and meeting needs wherever we can.

The financial challenges that individuals, businesses, and nonprofits faced throughout the pandemic were sobering. Yet, God put it on the hearts of the friends of The House DC to generously give to our ministry. We were so blessed and grateful to have these two years of consistent strong support from our donors and sponsors, whom we consider family.

As we look back on the past two years, I hope that this picture book conveys what our staff and the Board saw on the ground — stories that are encouraging and inspirational. The House DC has confidently entered 2022, certain that no matter what comes next, our God, our Creator, the Bright and Morning Star, and the Great I Am, is in full control.

Sincerely,
La Wonda Bornstein
President & CEO
GRADUATION RATE

In both 2020 and 2021, House DC seniors overcame tremendously challenging academic years and successfully matriculated through high school! The House DC students had an average graduation rate of 95%. We are very proud of their success.

“Since the 9th grade, The House has been here for me. This was an especially hard year. I had to juggle school, work and take care of my 2 year old son. Whenever I called The House DC staff, they were there to help. It didn’t matter if it was a ride to work, help with school, the need for diapers or groceries, they were there for me. I completed my courses early and received my high school diploma! I couldn’t have done it without The House”

— Niqua, Senior
Interpersonal connection is a lifeline for the youth and families that interact with The House DC. To meet this need when the pandemic hit, The House DC took its lifeline, online. To stay connected to House families, new volunteers called “Family Advocates” regularly connected with youth and their families to assess their needs, thus enabling The House to continue its focus on serving the family unit despite social distancing measures.

“I’m glad that The House was here during this pandemic. The House DC made sure that my family was okay the whole time. Whenever we needed groceries or anything we called The House and they always answered our needs.”
— Mark, 11th Grade

Support for families and caregivers:
- Assistance for rent, food, and other household items
- Parenting tips and counseling support
- Twice weekly check-ins
- Spiritual life sessions
- Monthly gift baskets

Connections with our youth to ensure success in school:
- Ensured students had a stable place to live and learn
- Ensured students had technology and internet access
- Provided incentives for online school attendance and assignment completion
- Provided on-line tutors
- Group activities
The House DC Family Tree: It Takes a Village. These are the faces of additional staff and volunteers that enabled The House DC to execute its mission on behalf of the youth and the community throughout the past two years.
Staff envisioned a new kind of church in Anacostia – a church deeply embedded in the community, with a finger on the pulse of the neighborhood. This vision came to fruition as “Any Day After,” a church service that promotes spiritual growth and discussion for the whole family. It also inspired the creation of our dedicated Street Ministry, where we take the Gospel outside of The House DC’s walls and directly into the streets.
EVENTS & OUTINGS

House outings are so much more than just opportunities for our youth and young adults to escape their pain for a while. These hours spent are rare moments of peace and hope. In a community full of chaos, peace is elusive, and hope is life-giving.
Restaurants
Bowling
Arcades
Laser Tagging

Skating
Cookout
Top Golf

Right: Steve Fitzhugh, Co-founder & Board Member speaks to the student body at Anacostia High School
Shutdowns and job shortages did not stop The House DC from spring-boarding young adults into their desired careers and equipping them for employment. Life Skills staff continued to identify and address barriers to employment for young adults living in the city, and provide mentorship, guidance, and resources to those living outside of Anacostia.
Every other Sunday—and weekly when possible—The House provided the community with fresh organic groceries and other necessities such as toiletries, new clothing, diapers, and books for children and adults. These Sunday markets were not just about providing basic necessities to a struggling community. They were also about dignity, joy, and fellowship. Hear from some of our community members in the following pages.
"They’re giving food where you don’t have to find a way to get groceries. It’s healthy so you don’t have to worry about getting sick. You don’t have to stress about whether you have the next dollar to pay for everything. No one feels left out. It’s set up as a comfortable environment. People here just want to help.”
— Deontay
Donnella was excited about her kids being happy to get a cooked meal and the different options they were exposed to.

Donnella lives in Northeast Washington, DC. She began to cry as she told us that since the pandemic, she lost her job and was very depressed because she did not know how she was going to get food on the table for her four children. When her friend told her about The House DC giving away free groceries, she was so grateful and she did not expect our selection to be so healthy and fresh.

“I am so grateful for the food. You also helped my nephew get a job.”
— Romaine (right)

“I’m a Veteran and it helps me out to come for food as well.”
— Romaine’s father (right)

Romaine also appreciates the new books that help her grandchildren learn to read.

Romaine lives across the street from The House DC. Our fresh groceries help her provide food for her grandchildren who live with her.

“I believe this helps the community a lot. Living around the neighborhood, looking at the things we don’t have—y’all have bread, fruits, and clothes. A lot of people don’t have the money to buy these things and some people can’t eat. It’s a blessing that someone cares to help. I come every time, even just to get miscellaneous stuff I need like soap, deodorant, bread, body wash. I have nieces and nephews and they come to our house and we can give them the food we get from The House DC. Everyone needs to eat and wash up. I used to go to Kramer Middle School and Anacostia High School, and I used to come here. If we had more houses like this all around it would be good.”
— Joseph
“Man, it’s been such a blessing for me. I have had hard times during COVID. I lost my job, but I know God is good. I cook for my family and parents. My daughter was sick and she is well now. This man told me about this place and I am so thankful. Did you see the people’s faces: so grateful and saying thank you. This service helps the community in big ways. Whoever is sponsoring this needs to keep it up. All of us are struggling and don’t know how to feed our families. My son is 15 and doing online school. With all these changes and everything going on these days, this is so helpful.”
— Angela
Runners (and walkers) all over the country posted their pictures as they participated in The House DC’s Annual Candy Corn 5k.

5K COMMITTEE
Kate Engbert
Amy Solis
Gina Williams

Throughout the DMV and beyond

Cape Cod
Tampa
Dallas
New York City
Charleston
Charlotte
Bethany Beach
Our Golf Tournament delivers—rain or shine, pandemic, and beyond. The Annual Golf Tournament, our most consistent fundraising event, has been bringing critical financial support to The House for 22 years. The 2021 tournament was dedicated in memory of Richard “Dick” Schacht (his family pictured on the right.)

GOLF CHAIRS
George Dunn, Tournament Sponsor
John Yetman

SPONSORS
Stephen Lay
Robert McDonald & Richard Schacht
The Schacht Family
Mike & Lisa Toohey
The House was featured by media outlets with a reach far beyond Washington, DC.

Below: La Wonda Bornstein speaks to students at Baylor University.
Our partners make a difference in the lives of House youth.

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**Remembrance**

**Rosetta Boyd:** In memory of Rosetta Boyd, a lifelong champion of the power of education and community to change lives. Ms. Boyd instilled her commitment to transforming lives through education in her daughter, Tracye, a faithful supporter of The House DC.

**Richard Schacht:** Born on January 2, 1935, Richard left a rich legacy in the world when he entered his eternal home with The Lord on April 6, 2021. As a forward-thinking man of action, Richard’s love for Christ and passion for making a difference led to the creation of The House DC in 1999. He went on to serve as the first Board Chairman and the first Golf Tournament Chairman. We are so grateful for the impact that his love for others has had on those who have been blessed by the work of The House DC.
“We love supporting The House DC from Texas!! The House rescued a dear friend of ours when he was in high school in Anacostia. We are forever thankful and grateful for the many lives that continue to be touched by the AWESOME staff at The House!!”
— Glenn & Tina Mattlage (above)

“Donating to The House is my way of giving back to the kids of the community and investing in their futures.”
— Stanley Martin (below)
“I’ve been a strong supporter of The House DC for a number of years. It is one of my favorite organizations not only because of the support it provides to young people living in the inner city, but more importantly, because of its focus on introducing Jesus Christ to them.”
— Bessie Alkisswani (below)

“We fell in love with The House and its ministry when we were living in Washington DC in 2002. The vision to empower the at risk youth of Anacostia from a culturally relevant posture has brought healing and life to these young people. During the 20 years that we have supported this wonderful ministry, we have witnessed (mostly from far away) the beautiful life changes that become generational pathways for opportunity and success. The best part is they base all of their actions on the foundations of Christ, present His message in the flesh, and show the hope that is in Him.”
— George & Rebecca Zdravecky (above)
“The House creates a safe, caring and Christ centered environment for these young people. Through implementation of the House DC’s mission, these young people have the opportunity to grow and develop in a way to break the cycles shared by at-risk youth in Anacostia, and eventually become contributors to their community. The House is a blessing to these youths, the Anacostia community and to us, for which we are so grateful.”

— Frank & Florence Marshall (above)

“Supporting the mission, program, and staff of the House DC is directly in line with our Christian faith. This organization helps change lives and hearts and has a positive impact on the community.”

— Jonathan & Heather Ansley (above)

“In our lives, we are called to love one another. So many teens today are dealing with challenging circumstances. The House provides the opportunity to change the life path of these young people. If you can change their life path, you can affect their generation as well as the generations that follow. This is our motivation behind supporting The House.”

— George & Monica Dunn (below)
“It is our prayer that all people everywhere be personally invited to accept the amazing blessing of God’s love for them and His offer of salvation in such a way that they can understand this great gift. The House DC does just that for the youth of Anacostia. While neither of us have been personally called or equipped to minister there, we are greatly blessed as we see God meeting the needs of His work by pouring it through us.”

— Daryl & Jane Butcher (below)

“Providing the most essential and foundational needs to youth in one of the poorest and most crime ridden areas in the country is critical. We believe the House DC is key to saving lives through equipping with life skills, encouraging positive growth, and leading the way revealing opportunities otherwise unseen. The best part is they base all of their actions on the foundations of Christ.”

— Drew & Robin Meyer (above)
FINANCIALS 2020

Net Total: $152,864*

Revenue Total: $1,243,438
- 70% Individual Giving
- 9% PPP Forgiven Funds
- 9% Grants
- 6% Church Giving
- 6% Organizations/Events

Expenses Total: $1,090,574
- 77% Program (staff, youth, outreach, etc.)
- 14% G&A (staff, supplies, overhead, etc.)
- 9% Development (staff, fundraising events, planning, etc.)

*Audited
**FINANCIALS 2021**

Net Total: $92,585* 

**Revenue**  Total: $1,217,554

- **71%** Individual Giving
- **10%** PPP Forgiven Funds
- **5%** Grants
- **8%** Church Giving
- **6%** Organizations/Events

**Expenses**  Total: $1,124,969

- **74%** Program (staff, youth, outreach, etc.)
- **10%** G&A (staff, supplies, overhead, etc.)
- **16%** Development (staff, fundraising events, planning, etc.)

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