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PEOPLE LOVING NASHVILLE





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2021

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Countless lives were impacted because you gave so generously. Your support brings love and dignity to our neighbors through providing relief, building community, and bringing connection to much needed resources needed.



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A Letter from Ryan



RYAN LAMPA
FOUNDER & CEO

Dear Friend,

The saying, “It takes a village” doesn’t seem to do reality justice lately. “It takes a Kingdom” is more like it, and thank God there’s a Kingdom at hand. God continues to creatively shine light into the dark places and there’s hardly an outreach we do without a sense of wonder at the Kingdom work we participate in.

Jesus was the equivalent of a jazz master, on the streets. Playing outside of a rigid scale, expertly timed to both love and inspire, bringing awe and cause to reflect. A master of listening to the cries of those suffering while standing on the strength and wisdom of his Father. Jesus pushed over the music stands of lifeless sheet music and was free to play a different melody, one you wouldn’t expect but fits the pocket expertly and makes you realize we might have settled far too long.

We’ve been able to plant literal vegetable gardens on old filled in swimming pools to set a table for nourishment for a community as well as create a place to sway to the beat of gardening in the midst of the chaos of monetary poverty. We’ve witnessed painters come alive in expression and collaboration on massive canvasses and find the ability to dream again. We’ve had the honor to bring the sacred time of communion directly to the discord the streets tend to bring.

We've been on the front lines to learn of the gaps that need filling. From emergency shelter options to single fathers to house less COVID patients being released from the hospital with no where to go, we've provided relief. Our outreach team has been able to build amazingly restorative relationships with people who are continually forced to the margins. They now have opportunities for dignity through processing their grief and trauma in their own home, purchasing their own food with their own money and now able to care for others in return. There is a symphony of weekly prayers for specific needs for our community singing in alternative keys, awe-inspiring to hear of literal healing of longstanding pain, reconciliation between family members and jobs coming out of no where.

Ancient writings of equipping and blessing those in need in your land is sharpening our focus on beautiful ways we can dignify and join in the feast at the table of restoration. Imagining life after experiencing homelessness is one of our guiding inspirations this upcoming year. We are honored to be able to provide new opportunities for grief and trauma counseling, creatively and conventionally. We are providing opportunities for life equipping skills. We also are providing low barrier and invigorating employment opportunities. We come with renewed vision inspired directly from our brave friends once living on the streets, now taking steps in replacing parts of their foundation once destroyed by the storms of life.

A grounding conversation I have nearly every Monday is with a gentlemen I've known for quite some time. I call him "professor". He was formally on the streets, but now housed and proudly attends college at Tennessee State University. He reminds me of our simple friendship, where when things get confusing, we can lean on each other. I've often leaned on him when needing clarity and insight. When riots and unrest hit our streets, he was a calming presence pointing to where the pain was coming from. He also is a source of hope for me when the light seems to dim. The thought that I would be one carrying the torch has been replaced with we bear the weight together, alternating when our arms get tired.

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**Inspired by the love
and words of Jesus,
we go to where the
most vulnerable
of Nashville
can be found
to create a place
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cultivate a healthy
community,**

**bring education,
development, and
restoration,
as well as provide
an uncomplicated
connection
to solutions
both immediate
and long-term.**



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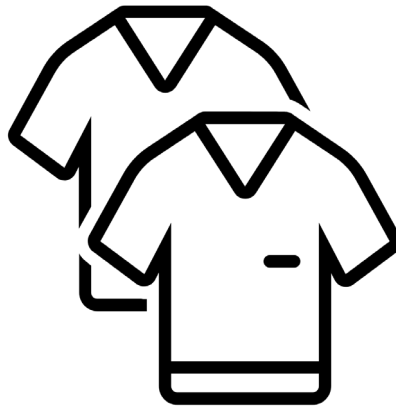
CONNECTION



over

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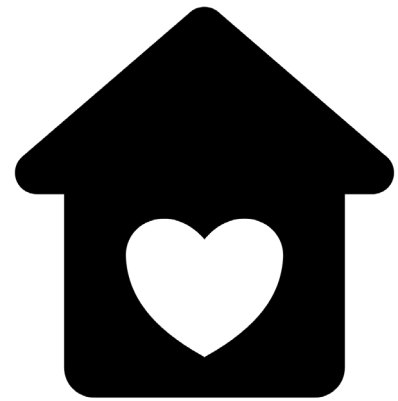
meals were served throughout our weekly outreaches.



over

30,000

units of clothing were given out to keep our friends clean & protected.



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individuals/families received housing through the direct support of our team.

In 2021, we had over 21,000 interactions with our friends on the street or recently housed. Our outreaches aren't just about the food, clothing, or supplies provided. Many times it's creating a safe place and an anchor point of consistency. This may be the only time our friends feel seen and loved. Through these friendships built, we see confidence gained, hope restored, and space for restoration being cultivated.



A Life Changing Move...

Gabi Brandenburg - PLN Volunteer

In the middle of a life-changing move, Gabi saw an Instagram post that led her to a community of hope.

Gabi Brandenburg lived in California. She found herself surrounded by closed-minded people who expressed views of the unhoused and those struggling in life with judgment instead of grace. As Gabi looked for a way out, she felt the weight of these perspectives and grieved them. She longed for a community that would choose to love and accept people for who they are no matter the situation.

Her first experience at People Loving Nashville was at a Thursday Homefullness Outreach. She came with her brother and hardly knew how to receive the love and care she received from the volunteers and staff.

This love led Gabi to jump in. She began serving at multiple outreaches and found a place where she belonged.

Gabi shared, "I had a judgemental mindset and that's changed. You don't know what people are going through, it's hidden, but a little love can change a person."

Celebrating one year of volunteering with People Loving Nashville, Gabi looked back and expressed, "I found peace. I was in a car accident this year, yet I felt so secure because I'm surrounded by people I trust & who care about me. I'm 21, and this is the first time in my life I have ever felt this. If this community can impact me in this way, how much more does it impact our friends we serve?"

The love and safety that this community has created for Gabi has given her confidence in herself and in her ability to stand up for others who can't stand up for themselves.

Gabi is now pursuing a master's degree to become a Physician Associate so she can one day open a clinic to create a loving, safe, & non-judgemental space for the unhoused and highly vulnerable to receive quality medical care.

We are so grateful to have Gabi within this community; the joy that explodes out of her and deep care for every person she meets is unmatched.

We cannot wait to continue supporting her as her dreams of a clinic become a reality. Gabi, you are deeply loved by your PLN Fam!



— Street Outreaches

If your only mode of transportation was your feet, how far would you get in a day? How much do you think you could accomplish if you had to walk everywhere?

We don't expect our friends to find us. We find them. We meet them wherever they may find themselves. We say, "We are here. You aren't alone. You have a friend and an ally."

We have friends in the woods, under bridges, and wherever they can find a safe space to call home for a night.



We also have our Monday Street Outreach at War Memorial Plaza. No matter where our friends live, this outreach gives them a consistent, central place where they know they can find relief, a place to sit and refresh themselves with a drink and find comfort with friends.

Monday Street Outreach is a hub of our organization's outreaches and a major highlight for our friends each week.

We work hard to link arms with additional partners so they can provide even more specialized assistance. Our partners provide showers, haircuts, feet cleaning, medical care, animal supplies and vaccinations, as well as a myriad of other resources.

If you know of a business or organization that has been looking for a way to serve our city, please let them know they can reach out to us. They can contact our Director of Partnerships, Christian Williams, by emailing: christian@peoplelovingnashville.com.

If you would like to join us to volunteer, we'd love to have you. Scan the QR code, select the date you can make it, and register.



JOIN US



SCAN HERE



OUR PROGRAMS

— Homefullness Outreaches

Could you imagine not knowing what to expect as you lay your head down at night?

You now enjoy the luxury of a bed instead of a sleeping bag. You can turn on the heat in the winter or the air in the summer.

These small things are huge to someone who has been living on the streets.

Having the option of having a few different outfits instead of the clothing on your back until you can get something to replace it.

2021, we launched our Homefullness Program. In March of 2021, our outreach team was hired, and they came in running. We housed 29 families/individuals and launched a weekly Homefullness outreach at a new transitional housing location.

We walk with people in the delays and frustrations of waiting for housing to become available. We also have the pleasure of celebrating with individuals as they receive the news of a home.



OUR PROGRAMS

We'd love to have you join us at either our Tuesday night or Thursday night Homefulness Outreach. Join us in celebrating with our friends who are no longer on the streets and become a support for them as they are beginning a new journey of restoration.

Email haley@peoplelovingnashville.com for more information & to join us.

Tuesdays: 4:45-7pm
Thursdays 4:30-7pm





I COULDN'T DO IT BY MYSELF...

Gary is a United States Military Veteran. He lived in a camp for a long time and at the beginning of 2021, through rapid rehousing, he got moved into transitional housing. We helped him get the furniture he needed and introduced him to other much-needed resources. Most of all, we had the privilege of being his community to encourage and cheer him on. Gary has worked hard and celebrated over a year of complete sobriety in the fall.

July 2021, with the help from TSA, He was able to move out of the transitional housing and into a permanent apartment.

Gary has been working on getting visitation rights to see his 2 children. He hadn't seen his children in over a year and a half, but fall of 2021 he was able to see them for the first time!

Gary shared, "I couldn't do it by myself. With your whole group, you pushed me without even knowing it to do the best I could. I owe a lot to Andre. Andre knew me in old tent city. He is the main reason why I sobered up. Seeing the love your team shared every Tuesday night, made me keep pushing."

Gary is dreaming again. His dream is to one day get a place so he can get full custody of his children.

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This spring Gary went to court again as he continued fighting to get visitation rights to see his children. This time around the judge approved his visitation rights & starting May of 2022, he will receive two weekends a month with his kids!!

Gary wouldn't be where he is today without your help. Your generosity is restoring families. Helping our community to imagine life after experiencing homelessness is a goal of ours and we would love your help.



— Restoration Program

In 2020, People Loving Nashville began to work with the “Rapid Rehousing Initiative” partnering with like-minded agencies and the city in housing hundreds of people living on the streets.

During this time, we have seen a beautiful opportunity. There is a critical time during the transition from homelessness to homefulness. Addressing deep trauma and grief that people could be carrying is key to sustainability. People easily slip through the cracks, and we want to be there when they do.

What does it look like to thrive after homelessness?



Launching 2022, is our Restoration program. We aim to meet people during this critical period at their new home and set the table to nourish their minds, bodies, and souls.

MIND - Counseling, Goal-Setting, Art, and Equine Therapy.

BODY - Cooking, Cleaning, Organization, Finances, and Physical awareness.

SOUL - Intro to the Healer, what is the kingdom like?

Until we create a safe space for someone, where they feel heard and seen, we can't help them break out of the cycles they have found themselves in.

Our team is intentionally serving their body, mind, & soul to bring holistic healing to our friends through two weekly lunch check-ins and monthly art or group activities. We are partnering with counselors and therapists to build weekly group therapy and recovery classes. Based on the counselor and therapist's recommendations, we will work with our friends to bring additional individual support.

This program is also creating low-barrier job opportunities. We are excited to share more about this with you soon.

If you are interested in getting involved in this program, whether that's volunteering, providing educational training, or job opportunities, please contact Joey at joey@peoplelovingnashville.com.



OUR PROGRAMS

Meet Our Team

In 2021, we grew from a staff of four part-time employees into nine full-time employees.

Directed by Andreos Chunaco, our Outreach Specialist team made up of Stephanie Hughes & Nikki Bradford. These guys build on our outreaches to follow up and further connect with the most vulnerable of our city. Every day they learn about the needs of our friends. Walking with them through trauma, surviving another day, and some into housing. When it's freezing, they are there to bring them to a warm bed. When it's flooding, they are getting people to safety. It doesn't matter the situation; they show up and bring hope in dark places.

Joey Godinho is now the Director of Restoration. Once our friends are in housing, he works to bring trauma and grief counseling, life skill development and build path ways to low barrier job opportunities.

Christian Williams as our Director of Communications & Partnerships has brought our message to the largest audience we have ever had. Holding the message of deep grief in one hand as well as massive hope in the other, she comes to invigorate, educate and inspire through communications

Ryan Lampa, our Founder & CEO supports this amazing staff and leads the charge into new initiatives and collaborations.

Colleen Lampa our Director of Programs, our longest standing employee looks after each outreach to protect the call of PLN of bringing love and dignity through relief, community and connection. Her experience and deep love for our community keeps our hearts close to our calling.

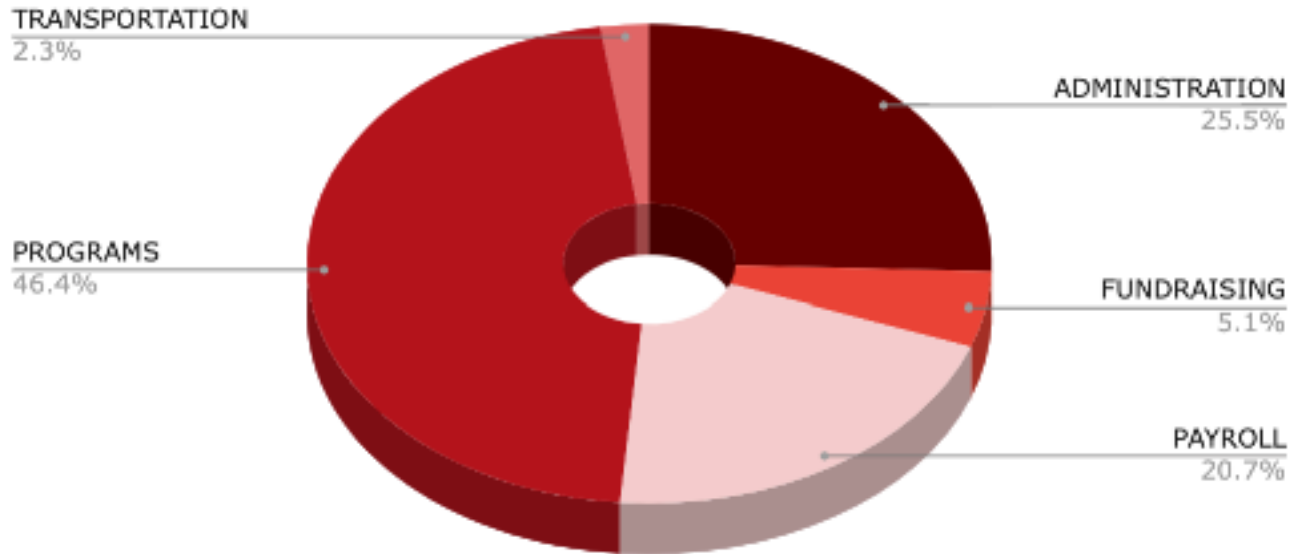
Haley Childress as our Director of Operations, holds this ship together managing thousands of details and hundreds of people all while loving our community in her unique ways

Christopher Walton our Resource Manager some how turns over rocks through out the year making sure our community has what they need to survive the seasons. Shoes, jackets, shirts, pants and more all run through him.



2022 Finances

Our projected budget is \$1,008,058.92



ADMINISTRATION - 25.5%

Rent, Utilities, kitchen supplies, volunteer support, legal, insurance, contractors

FUNDRIASING - 5.1%

Communications, software, events, postage, print

PAYROLL - 20.7%

Bookkeeping, communications, administrative, partnerships, fundraising.

PROGRAMS - 46.4%

Outreach supplies, security, clothing and food supplies, emergency housing, transitional support, program staff

TRANSPORTATION - 2.3%

Vehicle registration, fuel, repairs, maintenance, community transportation support

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you for choosing to support your neighbors! Your support does not just bring relief & restoration, but it also brings life, hope, and a renewed ability to dream again.

We could not do this without you & ask that you continue linking arms with us to make our city, community, friends, and chosen family stronger!

It does not take a village, it takes a Kingdom, and together we can participate in bringing the Kingdom of God to earth by taking care of the least of these, just as Jesus taught us when He walked here on earth.



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