

# Hands On

## SUBURBAN CHICAGO

*connecting people with purpose*

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ANNUAL REPORT  
2019-2020



### OUR MISSION

TO POSITIVELY IMPACT COMMUNITIES BY CONNECTING  
PEOPLE TO ENRICHING VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES  
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# THANK YOU

A LETTER FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

## DEAR SUPPORTERS:

As was the case for many, the year 2020 tested our resolve. But what quickly became apparent was that in times of crisis, one finds purpose in selflessness. And ultimately that selflessness helps prioritize what truly is essential.

For over 50 years, HandsOn Suburban Chicago (HOSC) has connected people with purpose and our approach to the COVID-19 pandemic was no different. We mobilized over 650 volunteers between March 20 and May 8 to perform essential services at 50 shelters, blood banks, food banks, and local organizations. And when schools closed, along with our enrichment programs, we quickly switched gears and innovated e-tutoring platforms to support families struggling to adapt to the challenge of distance learning.

We could not have done this without your support. Your investment in HOSC has been essential to us, and for that, we are extremely grateful. We look forward to continuing to share our success and the impact of your generosity.

Sincerely,

*Chris Swope Cholewa*  
Executive Director



*Ed Lorgeree*  
Board President



# RESPONSE TO COVID-19

START WITH SELFLESSNESS #BeEssential



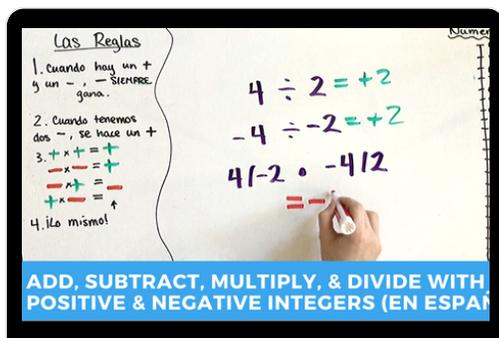
## REFERRALS TO NONPROFITS

From March 20 through June 30, 2020, HOSC made

# 1,031

## CONNECTIONS

between volunteers and shelters, food banks, blood banks, and other agencies that provide essential services.



## COVID-19 E-TUTORING

HOSC enrolled 18 volunteers to launch a YouTube series featuring 27 demos of key middle school math and language arts concepts that aligned with Wheeling Township District 21's prioritized learning targets.

## IN THE NEWS

- "Volunteer opportunities: [HandsOn Suburban Chicago's brings people, organizations together](#) to do good" (Daily Herald)
- "Here's how you can [help out during the COVID-19 pandemic](#) in Illinois" (WGN 9)

## #BEESSENTIAL ETHOS

- "[Finding Purpose](#) in Times of Profound Uncertainty"
- "3 Ways You Can [Address the Societal Ills Exposed by the Coronavirus](#)"
- "Choosing to #BeEssential: An Interview with a Volunteer [Tackling Hunger During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)"
- "Playlists with Purpose: Songs to Help You [Establish a Morning Routine](#) during COVID-19"
- "Choosing to #BeEssential: Senior Corps-RSVP Members [Pivot During COVID-19](#)"
- "Choosing to #BeEssential: An Interview with a [Self-Directed Volunteer and Donor](#)"
- "Choosing to #BeEssential: Senior Corps-RSVP Member and Nursing Student [Increase Food Access During Coronavirus Lockdown](#)"



INCREASING THE CAPACITY OF NONPROFITS AND SCHOOLS TO DRIVE CHANGE IN 44 SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES

# 4,980

## VOLUNTEER CONNECTIONS

76 organizations recruited volunteers through 513 opportunities posted on HOSC's website.

# \$7.1 M

## VALUE OF VOLUNTEER TIME

The estimated value of the time donated by volunteers connected to area nonprofits and schools

“Through their campaign options and promotions, HOSC has connected our organization to so many wonderful, new volunteers this year. We were able to complete various mission-based projects thanks to the wealth of virtual volunteers we tapped into on the HOSC website.”

Kelsey Boyer,  
The Bridge Youth & Family  
Services



# SCHOOL PROGRAMS

PREPARING HIGH-NEEDS YOUTH TO SUCCEED IN HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMICALLY, EMOTIONALLY, AND SOCIALLY



# 1,769

## HOURS OF TUTORING

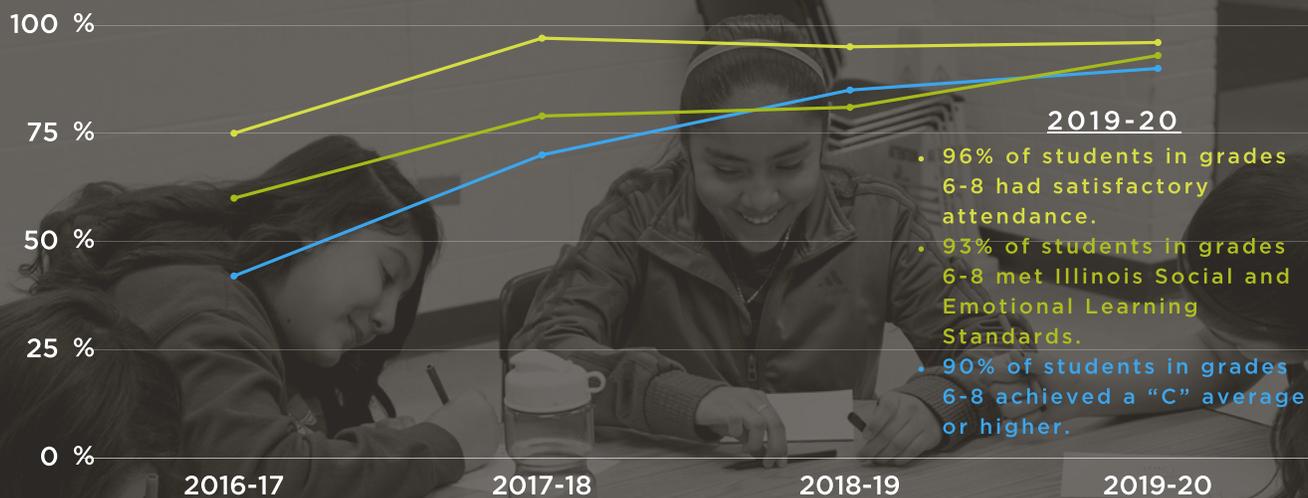
donated by 176 volunteers

# 850

## K-12 STUDENTS SERVED

The % of students in grades 1-5 who reported having difficulty reading dropped from 75% to 60% after one term of Lunch Buddies.

## CHIL OUTCOMES



## EXPANSION

HOSC partnered with District 214's Life program to provide service learning and prevocational activities to students with medical challenges, advancing their independent living skills.

HOSC also scaled Lunch Buddies to train and manage 15 special education students from The Academy, a District 214 specialized school, to lead as reading tutors to 42 English language learners in grades 1-5 at District 59's Rupley Elementary School in Elk Grove Village.

# RSVP PROGRAM



**AmeriCorps  
Seniors**

ENRICHING THE LIVES OF THOSE WE SERVE AND THOSE WHO SERVE



72K+

HOURS SERVED BY 692  
AMERICORPS SENIORS  
VOLUNTEERS IN  
HOSC'S RSVP  
PROGRAM

## OLDER ADULTS IN NEED

- 76 volunteers provided 306 rides to medical appointments.
- 53 volunteers helped 1,313 low-income adults complete their income tax returns at no cost. Refunds totaled \$1,217,672.

## EDUCATION

- 170 volunteers helped 423 adult learners improve their English language skills.
- 40 volunteers donated 1,318 hours to tutor 339 elementary and middle school students.
- More than 800 pen pal letters were exchanged between 28 volunteers and 88 elementary school students.



**AmeriCorps  
Seniors**

To bring continuity to national service programs, increase brand recognition, and connect more potential volunteers to opportunities in areas of critical need; the federal government changed the name of the Corporation for National and Community Service to AmeriCorps. Consequently, Senior Corps is now AmeriCorps Seniors.

Although our [RSVP program](#) is now an AmeriCorps Seniors program, it continues to connect individuals ages 55 and older with volunteer opportunities at nonprofits in northern Cook and northern DuPage counties the same way it has for the last 29 years.

32<sup>nd</sup> Annual

# Community Paint-a-thon

HELPING LOW-INCOME SENIORS, INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, AND VETERANS MAINTAIN THEIR HOMES

# \$4,042

AVG. VALUE TO HOMEOWNER

# 1,826

EST. HOURS DONATED

# 224

VOLUNTEERS

Barrington, Elk Grove, Hanover, Maine, New Trier, Niles, Northfield, Palatine, Schaumburg, and Wheeling Townships

A Brush with Kindness Catholic Charities-NW Senior Services Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley



# 18

HOMES PAINTED

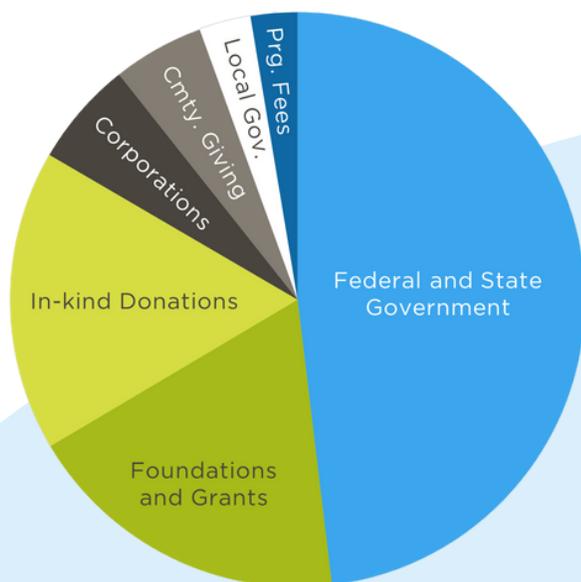
“They were the nicest, warmest, kindest group of people that anyone could meet. [...] I’m the luckiest person to be picked and honored with a fresh painted house. I would not be able to pay for the work this year or in future years. Thank you so much.”

- Homeowner Marsha H.

# Hands On SUBURBAN CHICAGO FINANCIAL POSITION

FISCAL YEAR 2019-20

## INCOME



Income	
Federal and State Government	\$ 226,150
Foundations and Grants	\$ 86,500
In-kind Donations	\$ 79,585
Corporations	\$ 27,868
Community Giving	\$ 24,150
Local Government	\$ 13,680
Program Fees	\$ 12,336
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 470,269</b>

FY 2019-20 Audit Report and Federal Income Tax Form 990 are available upon request.

## EXPENSES

Functional Expenses	Program Services	Supporting Services	Total
Wages and Benefits	\$ 226,220	\$ 63,581	\$ 289,801
Contractual Services	\$ 64,761	\$ 36,400	\$ 101,161
Occupancy	\$ 34,189	\$ 7,220	\$ 41,409
Printing and Communications	\$ 24,487	\$ 7,707	\$ 32,194
Volunteer Management	\$ 16,893	\$ 137	\$ 17,030
Program Supplies and Other Costs	\$ 7,166	\$ 1,523	\$ 8,689
Travel	\$ 3,346	\$ 200	\$ 3,546
Insurance	\$ -	\$ 1,643	\$ 1,643
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 377,062</b>	<b>\$ 118,411</b>	<b>\$ 495,473</b>



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**Seniors**

*Foglia Family*  
**FOUNDATION**



**Illinois Department on Aging**



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**of Metro Chicago**



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