

Communities of Hope

Partners In Hope – Texas 2024 Impact Report

A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Magic In-Between

Relational poverty. Isolation. Lack of social capital. Disconnection from community.

These phrases, which come with other associated states such as loneliness, despair, overwhelmed, and stuck, describe the problem that Partners in Hope (PIH) seeks to address.

But exactly how do we address this growing epidemic? We first start with prayer, with the end goal of connecting the Partner Families we work with to the Body of Christ through ongoing, client-focused Relational Ministry.

What happens between those two steps? That's where the magic happens! Consider these ministry activities that occur in a typical month here at PIH:

A Community Workday and a Pre-Workday in each service area to address deteriorating living conditions; Fellowship Dinners hosted by churches; Coffee Connection devotional gatherings for both men and women; home visits to our contract families to assess needs and outline goals; meals delivered by caring volunteers; connections to community resources such as employment services, healthcare, and counseling/life coaching; and Relational Ministry Trainings to equip volunteers and churches.

All these activities are infused with our Core Values of Christ-Centered Compassion, Connection, Community, and Commitment. With lots of meaningful conversations and laughter sprinkled in as well!

And it's not just our families who benefit from these activities. Our volunteers are involved in serving opportunities that help them better understand Jesus' command to love our neighbors. Our Partner Churches are given the chance to do outreach beyond their walls to share the Good News of God's grace and forgiveness. And other ministries and businesses also join us in these efforts.

We are immensely grateful to YOU, our donors, for your investment in people who are often overlooked or ignored. God's Kingdom is alive and well, and we are honored to partner with you in this beloved ministry.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Peacock".

Matt Peacock
Executive Director



CELEBRATING 15 YEARS

We are trying something a little different this year as we share YOUR impact on the PIH mission. This print version of the Impact Report is "Part One" of the story. "Part Two" is a video report, which you can view by scanning the code below. We've included some great stories about our families, our volunteers, and our partners, so please take the time to watch it!



Scan for Video Report!

A LETTER FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Who's On Your Team?

Consider this scenario: you were just given a difficult health diagnosis, and your doctor asked you to share how many people would be on your "care team" as you walk through a year of treatment and recovery. How many people do you trust who would willingly say "yes" to being on your team? Dozens? A handful? Only one or two people? What if you had no one to walk with you through this difficult time?

Sadly, this is a reality for far too many people in our communities. While it's not necessarily a health crisis our families are dealing with, the point is that most of the people we have worked with over the years have a limited number of friends or family they can call upon for help. Some of them have no one.

This is why we do what we do. Our hope is that no one should have to navigate life alone and that everyone should have the chance to be connected to a church or spiritual community. With your support and prayer, we will be able to expand our program offerings in Lake Travis/Spicewood and Cedar Park/Leander to bring even more people into life-giving connections. Thank YOU for being a part of this ministry in 2024, and we look forward to your support in 2025.



Richard Gilchrist

Richard (Rich) Gilchrist
President, PIH Board of Directors

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE...A NEW PIH LOGO!

PIH was founded in 2011, which means we are starting our 15th year of ministry in the Central Texas area. We decided it was the perfect time to freshen up our image with a new logo that speaks to PIH being an anchor for empowering communities to help the socially isolated! If you look closely, you'll see a cross outline, reflecting our core value of being Christ-centered, along with our other values included in the logo. Be on the lookout as we slowly transition to our new look!



YOUR 2024 IMPACT BY NUMBERS



75 Households Served

...leading to decreased social isolation and increased connections to communities of hope!



46 Community Serving Events

...such as Community Workdays that create safer and cleaner living conditions for our families, while forming bonds and promoting neighborly love.



285 Meal Deliveries

...for extra support and midweek relationship development.



111 Discipleship Gatherings

...such as Fellowship Dinners (hosted by local Church Partners) and Coffee Connections, leading to new friendships and sharing of life through devotionals.



171 Community Resource Connections

...such as counseling, coaching, healthcare, job assistance, and church programs, leading to better wellbeing and increased confidence to engage in society.



375 Active Volunteers

...leading to more people serving and loving neighbors.



4,141 Volunteer Hours

...worth \$138,682 when multiplied by the 2024 nonprofit hourly value of \$33.49.



12 Walking Partners

...who walked alongside our families in intentional ways to offer more targeted support and friendship.



16 Relational Ministry Training Workshops & 269 Training Participants

...now even more volunteers who wanted to serve are now equipped to walk alongside their socially isolated neighbors!



19 Community Presentations

...so that community members in our service areas are better educated about the negative effects of social isolation.

Extra-Mile Connections Bring Smiles to Single Moms

PIH is all about creating partnerships that pour hope into our communities, so last summer we teamed up with Methodist Healthcare Ministries, Lake Travis United Methodist Church, and one of our PIH Coffee Connection groups to develop relationships with single moms in the Lake Travis area.

Grants from Methodist Healthcare Ministries and the Verb Foundation totaling \$5,000 were used to identify single moms in the area who could use connection and hope, a challenge many of our families face as well. Volunteers for this project, many of whom are current or past PIH clients, put together gift baskets that included food gift cards, Bibles, first aid supplies, tool kits, and other essentials as a way of showing support to these lovely moms and their families.

And to top it off, Lake Travis UMC hosted a fellowship celebration, filling the room with encouragement and love to ensure that each mother left feeling uplifted and cherished. They also visited the Austin Trail of Lights together in December!

We are grateful to all these moms for letting us into their lives, and for all the volunteers who worked to make this initiative successful!

Connections to Community Resources Help Reduce Social Isolation

Our two Community Resource Assistance Day (CRAD) events in the summer of 2024 were a great success! This is just one of the ways PIH helps our neighbors get connected to valuable resources. Examples of nonprofit and government organizations that provided help included healthcare, housing, senior services, and job seeker groups.

In Lake Travis, we had 15 agencies represented with 17 individuals receiving assistance, along with 15 volunteers. Attendees received giveaways, which made it a fun event, while families also had a chance to have quality time with each agency.

In Cedar Park, 11 agencies helped the 9 families who came to the event, and 8 volunteers welcomed our guests and helped with door prizes and snacks.

We plan to grow these offerings next year, so let us know if you are aware of a community organization we should invite to share about their resources!



YOUR 2024 FINANCIAL IMPACT

DONOR BASE EXPANSION GOALS

2024 Finance Report:

Total Revenue: **\$478,242**

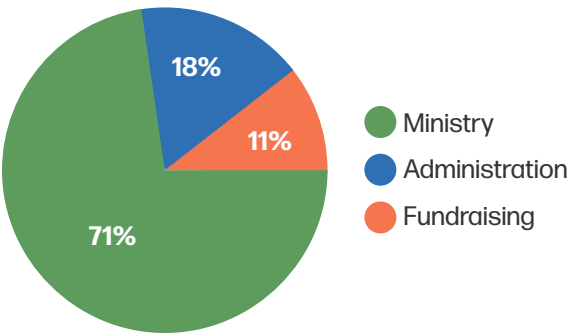
Total Expenses: **\$607,611***

*Expenses over income expected and reserves utilized.

2025 Total Budget: \$668,389**

**Plans to grow 2025 donor base to fully realize expansion goals underway. Reserves will only be utilized if needed.

2024 Functional Expenses:



2024 Statement of Financial Position:

Total Assets: **\$236,450**

Total Liabilities: **\$ 3,204**

Total Net Assets: **\$233,246**

	2024 Result	2025 Goal
New Donors (households & organizations)	52	75
Recurring Monthly Donors (households)	34	70
Donors Who Gave over \$4,000 (households, over a two-year period)	33	50
Donors Who Gave over \$250 (households)	66	100
Total Church Donors	17	25
Total Organizational Donors (businesses and other nonprofits)	6	10

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