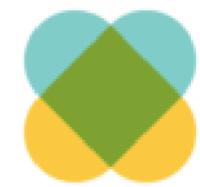




We build
communities
of peace



REMERGE

2021 Year in Review

RECONNECT. RETHINK. REIMAGINE.

What made 2021 different?

Despite still wrestling through COVID-19, 2021 has been a fantastic year for REMERGE. Our programs, staff, partners, budget & impact have all grown significantly. We have accomplished more than we anticipated and had many happy surprises along the way.



New Support



EMILY SIMMONS

Operations Manager



KIERSTEN BRYDIE

Communication & Operations Coordinator



ANNA CABLE

Consultant, Entrepreneurship Programming

**We had
the team
to make it
happen.**

In 2021, we expanded our team to help support the efficiency of our organization.



PURPOSE
POSSIBLE
Grant Writing



PRO BONO
PARTNERSHIP
Legal Support



Our Finances

This year, we helped over 950 families to stabilize their lives through \$1M+ in strategic assistance for housing, mentoring, childcare, and groceries. Here is a snapshot of our 2021 finances.

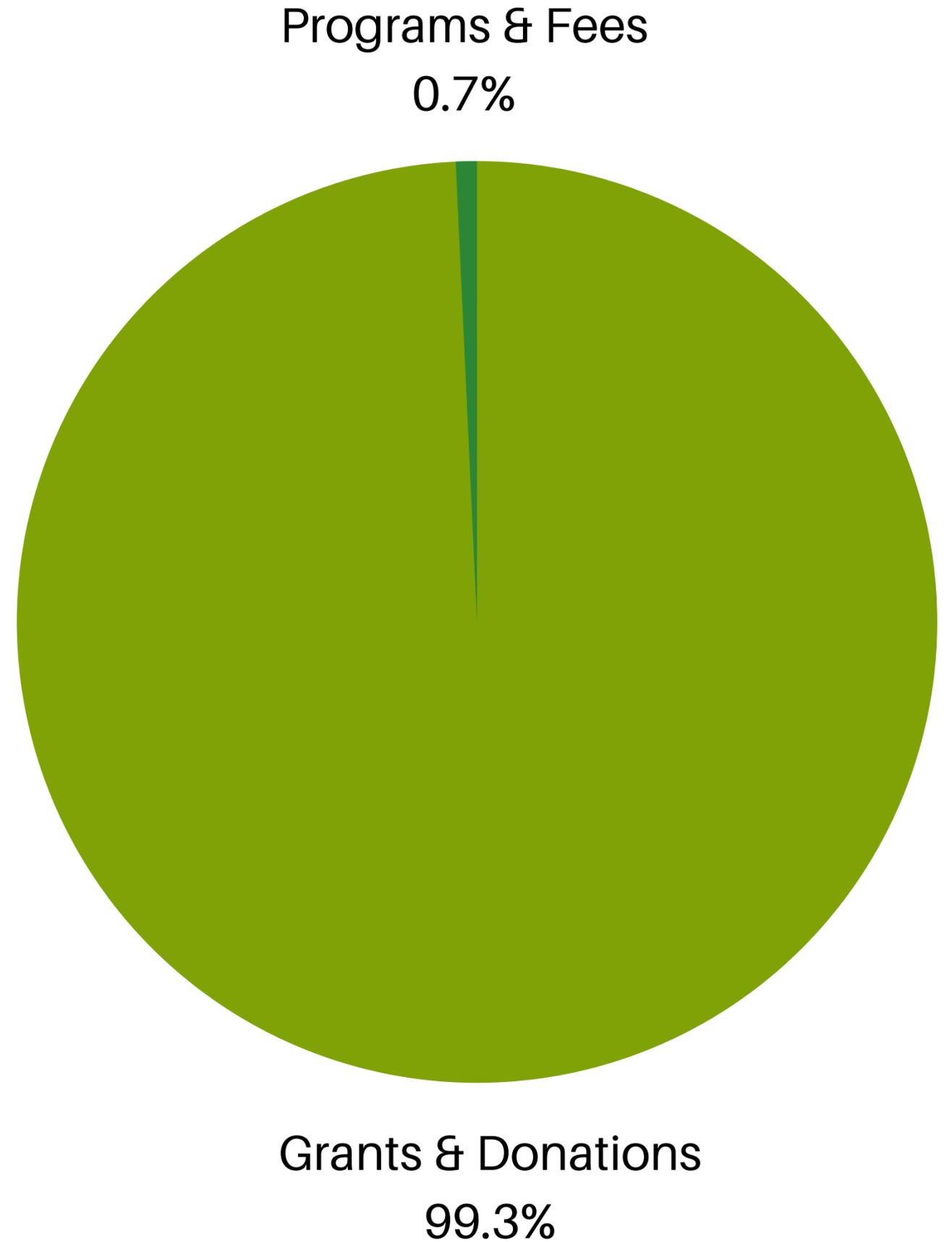


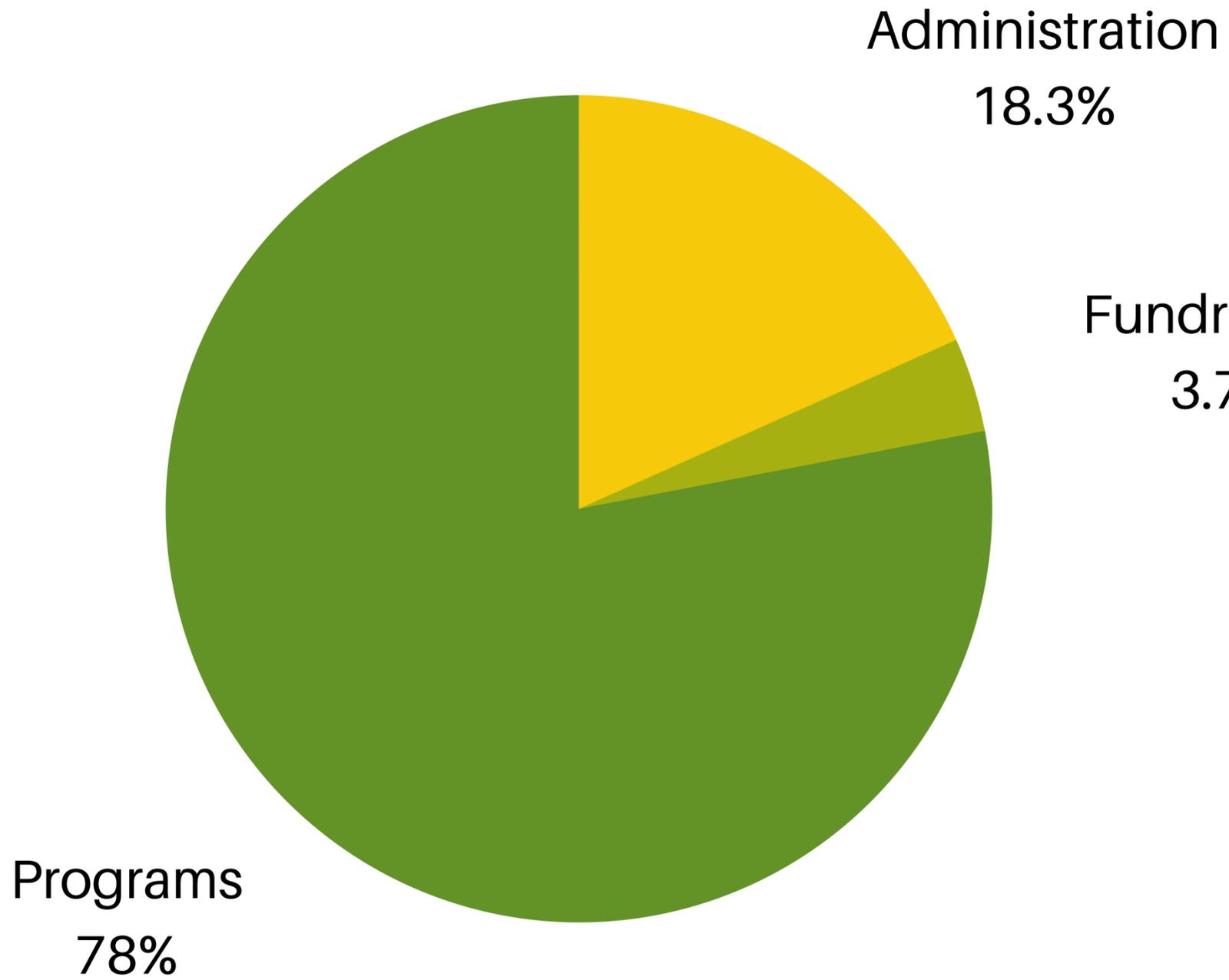
**Our 2021
Revenue**

Total Revenue = \$2,388,207

Grants & Donations = \$2,370,649

Programs & Fees = \$17,588





Our 2021 Expenses

Total Expenses = \$1,747,951
Administration = \$238,215
Fundraising = \$68,000
Programs & Direct Assistance = \$1,441,736

Continued Covid-19 Relief

In 2021, we continued to perform wellness checks on our friends experiencing homelessness. During our wellness checks, we provided basic resources to our neighbors including hot coffee, snacks, and first aid care.

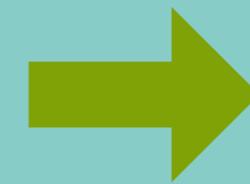
Throughout this year, we doubled down on our efforts to provide emergency relief through rent, utilities, and grocery assistance to those affected by the pandemic.



**SUPPORT
FOR OUR
NEIGHBORS**



**LET'S DIVE
INTO OUR
PROGRAMS**



REMERGE INITIATIVES



SWEET
AUBURN
*Community
museum*



Community Building Studio

Highlights from the Neighborhood:

In December 2021, we hosted a roundtable with Congresswoman Nikema Williams for neighborhood stakeholders to give insight on how federal dollars should be allocated through the Reconnecting Neighborhoods Infrastructure Bill.

Highlights from the Studio:

Anna Cable was brought on to develop and pilot an entrepreneurship program, working closely with Giving Grace, geared toward single-mothers. The program includes 1:1 coaching, and two cohorts are set to begin in March 2022.



A UNIQUE
SOCIAL HUB





Sweet Auburn Branding Project

Remerge is leading a collection of stakeholders in a branding initiative for the Sweet Auburn neighborhood. We are thrilled to have been selected as a 2021 host site for LEAD Atlanta. A LEAD Atlanta cohort will provide assistance in Phase 1 of the branding initiative.

Over the course of two months, Remerge and the LEAD team will survey Sweet Auburn business owners, residents and visitors. The objective is to capture and articulate a shared vision of the neighborhood. We then hope to use this to develop a supporting brand identity that tells the story of our historic and culturally rich neighborhood.



Neighbors & Friends

Sweet Auburn Friends

Gathering: We have been hosting opportunities for our community to gather three times a week since mid 2021. Sylvia and Ben continue to build relationships with people who visit weekly & find comfort in knowing REMERGE is a safe space.

Connecting: In 2021, Sylvia began hosting bi-monthly Ministry Leaders Gatherings for homeless service providers in the neighborhood. This has provided space for leaders to encourage one another and access valuable information to support our community. A recent meeting included training on how to use Narcan to help our neighbors in the event of an overdose.



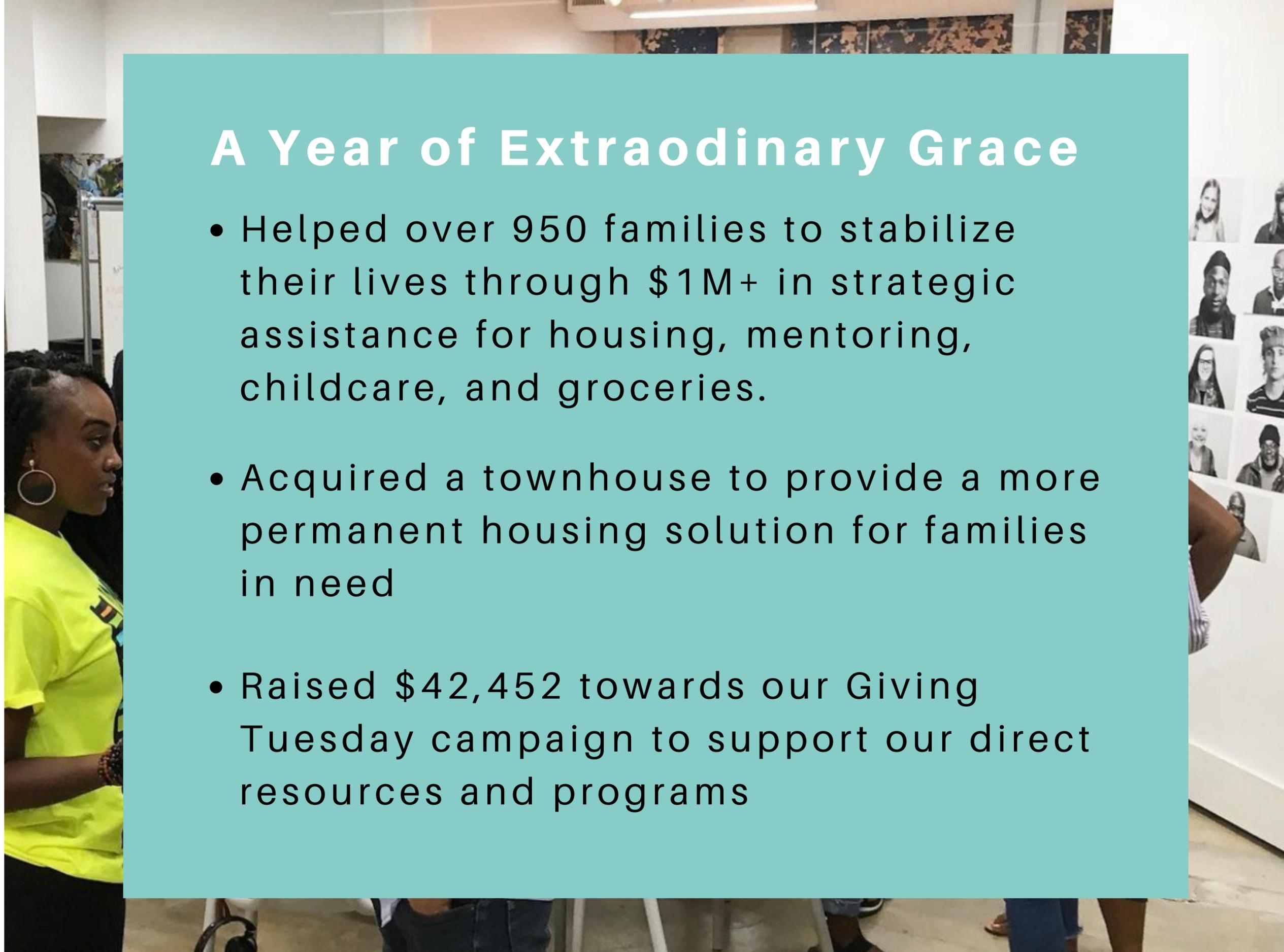
Moments From 2021 Events



GIVING GRACE NETWORK

A Year of Extraordinary Grace

- Helped over 950 families to stabilize their lives through \$1M+ in strategic assistance for housing, mentoring, childcare, and groceries.
- Acquired a townhouse to provide a more permanent housing solution for families in need
- Raised \$42,452 towards our Giving Tuesday campaign to support our direct resources and programs



Families & People Served

In 2021, Remerge and Giving Grace was able to directly serve over 950 families.

Housing, Utilities,
School Uniforms, Groceries

\$1,250,000

Transportation

\$26,500

Childcare

\$12,500



A Christmas to Remember



This Holiday Season

This year, the Giving Grace Network **assisted over 400 families** with personalized Christmas gifts.

Among those 400 families, we were able to help our neighbors at Butler Street Community Development Corporation with their Annual Give a Child a Smile Giveaway.

When their Christmas gifts, planned for community organizations, had unfortunately been stolen from the property, we connected with Jerome Edmondson to see how we could support them. With the tremendous help of our Giving Grace donors, we were able to donate two truck loads of children's toys, replenishing all lost gifts. Our Christmas gifts helped to support Big Bethel AME Church, Healthy Grand Parents, Dean Rusk Head Start Learning Academy, Tisha Fernandez at WSBTV2, a family with Toys for Tots, and Frontline Impact Inc.

COMMUNITY OF RECONCILERS

We seek truth and understanding.

Community of Reconcilers has hosted several virtual discussions and has been running a year-long virtual challenge around racial reconciliation. We recently brought in an additional volunteer host to fuel online engagement on the community Facebook page.

#COMMITTOACTION

#COMBATRACISM

Have I openly confronted a racist comment, joke, or action among those around me?





Arts & Culture

SPIRIT OF HOPE

Our Arts Director, William Massey, created the Spirit of Hope that adorns the front of our building and flows into our space. Throughout the year, community members left encouraging messages for those who pass by.

ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

Erin Richardson and Mark Anthony Brown Jr., are passionate about utilizing art to build community in the historic Sweet Auburn neighborhood. Through the residency, we provided them with private studio space on Edgewood Avenue, workshop and exhibit space at REMERGE's studio, access to REMERGE's networks, mentoring, technical & administrative support, and financial support for projects.

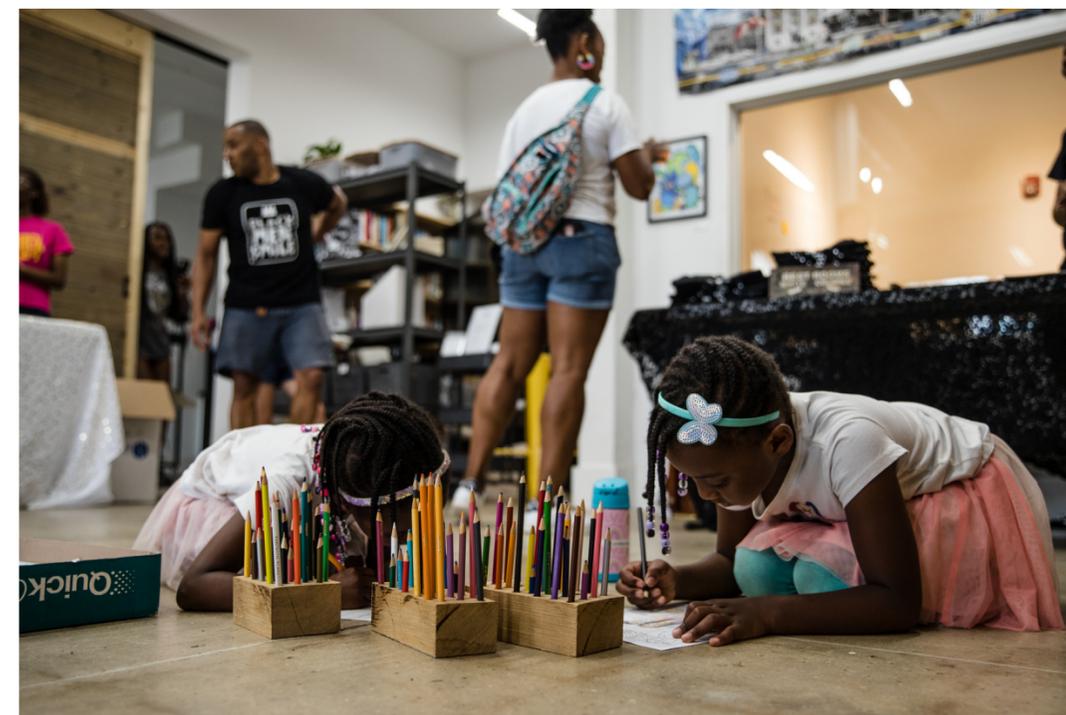
CELEBRATING THE SWEET AUBURN LABYRINTH

The Sweet Auburn Labyrinth was developed in early 2021 by Matthew Evans and Neka King. The labyrinth stands as a reflection point for visitors and guides them through our colorful neighborhood and eventually in to our building.

This year, ColorATL x Power Haus Creative worked together to produce a Juneteenth edition coloring book. The book is comprised of works from nineteen BIPOC artists.

The coloring book was released at the Sweet Auburn Juneteenth Celebration that was organized in partnership with other neighborhood stakeholders. To honor our artists, we curated a Juneteenth Visiting Exhibit in the Sweet Auburn Community Museum. The pieces in the collection have been contributed by several of the artists featured in the coloring book. This exhibit is comprised of mixed media art, print photographs, and canvas pieces.

The Sweet Auburn Juneteenth Celebration





A Look at
What's to Come

Priorities & Goals

For 2022, we look forward to expanding our programs and reach in the Atlanta area. A new year brings new opportunities for us to develop as an organization alongside our community. Check out a snapshot of our 2022 goals.





Looking Forward to 2022

EXPANSION

In January 2022, we will purchase a new building in the neighborhood that will become a dedicated space for the Community Building Studio. We will continue to utilize our current space to facilitate arts programs and direct community engagement with our neighbors. We are excited for the opportunity to expand our physical reach throughout the neighborhood with space for each of our initiatives.

STUDIO

In 2022, the Community Building Studio will continue to focus on systemic challenges and creating new opportunities for individuals. The new entrepreneurship accelerator will operate with two tracks. One will begin in February and it is dedicated to empowering low-income and single mothers with business acumen. The other track will continue to grow over the next year and will focus more heavily on specific neighborhood challenges.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

TO OUR
COMMUNITY OF
CHANGEMAKERS

We want to thank each of you for your generous support! Our community continues to exceed our expectations, and because of that, we are able to work towards reconciliation. We are fueled by your kind words, generous donations, and the way you show up for your community each time.

We are grateful for the blessings of 2021 and we look forward to the opportunities that 2022 will bring. To support our programs and initiatives for the coming year, visit our website at remerge.org.

