



ABIDE COLLECTIVE

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ANNUAL UPDATE
2018 - 2019

From the Executive Director, Abide Collective

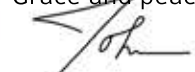
The Abide Collective's "year" runs from the first of April to the end of March. We do this for a number of reasons, primarily so we're not having to rush through the typical year end things in December, a time that's demanding enough as it is. Little did we know when setting this schedule we would also be "framing" twelve of the most difficult months many people and countries have ever experienced, April of 2020 - March of 2021. I admit things suddenly didn't get better April 1st of this year. But I think about all that changed in those twelve months, all the ways our lives were suddenly and lastingly altered. By God's grace and the sacrificial generosity of so many of you, the Abide Collective was able to adjust, continue to serve in significant ways, and I really believe, come out stronger.

Some highlights:

- We were able to fund a house build with our partners, Homes of Hope in Mexico, helping them keep building when foreign teams couldn't enter the country.
- We helped with the settlement of a refugee family from The Congo who arrived at the height of the shutdown.
- We pulled off a small and careful Colorado outdoor retreat.
- We safely hosted a number of people in our home for rest and spiritual direction.
- We were able to scout new locations for future outdoor retreats.
- We led a number of events and studies via Zoom that connected people from all over the US and other countries.

Even in the midst of this time of significant grief and adjustment, these good things happened. We wouldn't be here without each of you and we are sobered, but more hopeful than ever for what comes next.

Grace and peace y'all, John Ray



John Ray
Executive Director, Abide Collective



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"What an amazing year 2019/20 was! Thanks to the hard work and fabulous generosity of so many, this was one of our most impactful years to date. While we raised about the same amount of money as last year, we were able to send significantly more dollars and significantly more volunteers to the field, thereby changing many more lives. There were also so many significant milestones – our third all women's Las Chulas build, our first special needs home build, a meaningful and engaging student adventure and so much more.

As we brace to navigate the ongoing challenges and impacts of Covid-19, we thank you for your support and love. Just as we are restructuring our lives and our social gatherings around the challenges of this pandemic, so too will we need to restructure our programs and our outreach. Our commitment to helping families and individuals in critical need, to offering hope and to sharing the anchor of God's love remains steadfast.

Without each of our sponsors and partners none of this would be possible, and so we look forward to continuing our work throughout 2020 with all of you by our side."

Monique Herman
President, Abide Collective



Financial Report April 2020 - March 31, 2021

Abide Collective is a 501 C3 non-profit. Our seven member Board of Directors meet at least three times a year and are actively involved in various Abide Collective programs as well as other non-profit and community organizations.

We carry no debt and use a Board approved budgetary system to oversee and manage all our financial resources. We have a small margin goal on all our programs. If this margin is met, the excess funds are used to further develop Abide Collective and its programs. Contributions to Abide Collective are used for staff support, student scholarships, Olivia's Basket, and equipment for Student Adventure trips.

2020 - 2021 Income: \$97,460.00
2020 - 2021 Expenses: \$101,645.00



Generous donations helped provide a new refrigerator and counter for Sonora, Leo and Flora's kitchen. This is the first time we have been able to provide a refrigerator to a family.



Scan the QR code to view our Guidestar profile or go to: guidestar.org/profile/83-2191014

We believe in transparency. Please contact us if you have any questions.
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WE GIVE FAMILIES HOPE

The route to Edgar and Omar's new home was a hard one as our vans struggled through hills and deep ruts in the road. Though after over 20 housebuilds, this wasn't anything new. As we approached the build site, seeing Edgar in his wheelchair and Omar standing next to him with his arm around his son's shoulder, well, that was new. It created a new determination to build an incredible home for this family with special needs always knowing the van parked not far from their new home was where they had been living for a very long time.

Note - this home was lovingly donated and built with the help of EKKO Church. Thank you all.



"It was just really incredible to be part of handing the keys to this father and son knowing they will have a place that was for them, a place where some element of independence could be given to the son experiencing disability. It was really remarkable and we absolutely loved being a part of it, our family did, and we cannot wait to join Olivia's Basket again." Ginny Mooney, Co-Founder 99 Balloons 99balloons.org

"I continue to come back to build because the urgent need for safe housing still exists. As a team, we have the ability to make an immediate difference in a family's life. It absolutely is one of the most rewarding projects I have ever been part of. Jesus' hands and feet in action." Michele Sears has helped build six homes with Olivia's Basket

"When our friends John & Jane Ray invited us to join them on our 1st home build we didn't know what a profound effect it would have on our lives. We hammered, painted, ate, laughed & cried along with that family as we worked to put up 4 walls, a roof, a lock on the front door & hand them the keys in just 2 days! What surprised me most was the level of gratitude I felt, to be allowed into such an intimate time & the giving of such an extraordinary gift, it is the power of God's love, not just for the family but for the entire team. Thank you for asking Ray family! Forever changed, forever grateful." Kelly Foster

"I can't wait to help build another one." Hazel Mooney (12)

Please head to olivasbasket.org to be encouraged and see all the beautiful homes.

2018 - 2019			2010 - 2019		
2 new homes built in Ensenada	8 individual lives impacted	56 volunteers participated	23 new homes built in Tijuana, Ensenada and Honduras	89 individual lives impacted	492 volunteers participated



- The amazing impact:
- Children who grow up in a home the family owns are three times more likely to attend and succeed at school.
 - A debt free home helps leverage families out of chronic poverty.
 - A home with a cement floor increases overall health by 78%.
 - The homes we build effect a family in positive ways for generations.
 - Families who receive a home can use their limited income in other areas of their family life such as education, food, clothing and healthcare.

Pictured here, Betzie, Alyssa and Arely opened the door to their own home in 2019, built by our second Las Chulas all ladies housebuild team.

Olivia's Basket works with Homes of Hope, a ministry of Youth With A Mission San Diego/Baja. We are intensely grateful for their organization and all the people who serve there.

ABIDE STUDENT ADVENTURES

Student adventures and formation trips build self-awareness, teamwork skills, wilderness abilities and stewardship responsibility.

"The 2019 Student Abide Trip, I had the time of my life meeting new people. After a stressful year, this trip helped me to let loose and be myself, I learned how to make peace with issues that I spent way too much time thinking about, I learned how to be comfortable in my own skin and love myself, I learned how to face my fears head on and overcome them. During this trip I was handed a lot of obstacles and after second guessing myself a million times I finally convinced myself to take a leap of faith and just do it.

Even though I loved every part of the trip, my favorite part was building a home with Olivia's Basket. Building with Olivia's Basket is always so enjoyable because we all have the same mindset to let God guide our minds and hearts to serve the families and make his love known. Walking away at the end of the trip always leaves me in tears because the knowingness that God used me to help someone else's life is just so beautifully overwhelming. Again, I would definitely do it all over again a million times without hesitation." Kelisha Harris



12 adventurers, 2500 miles, breathtaking campgrounds, epic hikes, deep conversations, heart opening serving and life-long friendships.



MTB formation trip: lung busting climbs, white knuckle descents, late night discussions, renewed outlooks.

"The days spent mountain biking in Colorado were a highlight of my last year. But outside of saddle time, it was the right pace. It was true respite, but obviously not the lazy kind. I'm looking forward to going back, I find it hard to imagine it won't be just as constructive for the soul if not more so this next time around." Ryan Jackson

FORMATION TRIPS

2020 - 2021 hopes/dreams/vision

THREE AMAZING WAYS TO CHANGE LIVES FOREVER

JOIN US

We are aiming high this coming year: more builds, another formation trip and Student Adventure...consider being part.

SHARE OUR STORY

We happily want you to share our story, our mission, our goals and in the process send people our way. We will gladly say hello.

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DONATE

Every home happens through generous giving. Please consider being an integral part in helping a family in their future along with providing students the ability to help as well. We speak from experience, it is amazing.

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"First of all I want to thank the entire group. It's been easier to go on with this quarantine. It would have been really hard for me and my son especially if we did not have the house, having to be in quarantine. God and you guys have made it easier to spend this time, and I try to think more of the positive things and how this house has been a refuge and will continue to do good. Thank you."

Omar and his son live in Ensenada, Mexico in our first, hopefully of many, homes built for a family with disabilities. Note - we have big dreams.

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