

# Please join us...

We aim high envisioning many more home builds that provide help and hope for families along with our Abide Experience program that create unique routes to explore and grow.

## Share our story & be our advocate

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

[oliviasbasket.org](http://oliviasbasket.org) [abidecollective.org](http://abidecollective.org)

## Consider a life-changing donation

Every Olivia's Basket 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.

Go directly to: [abidecollective.org](http://abidecollective.org)

Checks can be directed to:

**ABIDE COLLECTIVE**

**Box 891, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72702**



Please use our QR code to easily donate right now Online

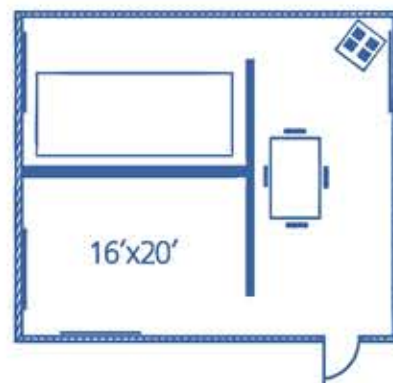


## Sponsor a Home

Each 16'x 20' home costs \$11,000.

This includes: new beds and bedding, curtains, kitchen table and chairs along with table settings, a propane stove and cookware, tool kit, even a clock for the wall. It is complete.

Additionally, we surprise the family with a trip to the store where they are able to get things they need like food, clothing and school supplies. It's our treat.



ABIDE COLLECTIVE  
ANNUAL UPDATE 2021-2022



**Hope is amazing.**



*"All that is required to move from indifference to love is to have our hearts broken. The heart breaks and the world explodes in front of us as a revelation." Nick Cave*

It seems premature to reflect on a year that has barely past in the midst of a year that is shifting so rapidly. Sure, in this report you will see numbers, reports, and stories about what we did together as a community. This is good and necessary, but right now feels incomplete.

Maybe we'll get a clear picture ten years from now, maybe fifty. Who will that little boy who now has a home grow up to be? What inspiration ignited the hearts of those gathered around a Colorado campfire will come to create in the decades to come?

I'm humbled and grateful for what was accomplished in the twelve months that are covered in this report, and I'm excited about what these efforts and experiences will bear out in the years to come.

This gives us hope to keep pushing ahead in uncertain times. Times that don't offer much clarity or ease. We're so grateful to be pushing towards these things together, abiding together and believing together for many good things to come.

Grace and peace,

  
John Ray  
Executive Director, Abide Collective

### From our Board President

After a slow start, it was a great relief to find a semblance of normalcy returning to our everyday activities as we progressed through 2021. It is wonderful to be meeting face to face with people again and to be able to slowly start gatherings and outreach activities in person.

We had a very successful year from a financial perspective and are gathering steam in new fundraising initiatives. With the risks and challenges of a worsening financial outlook on the horizon, we feel well positioned to maintain operations regardless of what the next year brings.

***"We were thrilled to be back out there bringing relief, hope and God's love to the weary and homeless, whose situation has only gotten more dire with the events of the last two years."***

Operationally, we returned to the field with two house builds and a mountain bike adventure. And we are gathering steam, with three house builds and multiple Adventures already fully funded and on the books for 2023!

We thank you for your continued financial support, for your love and prayers, and for sticking with us and continuing to feed our vision as we strive to live out our mission of Serve, Venture, Reflect.

We love you and appreciate you and wish we could see all of you personally in this next year ahead as we look forward to resuming our 'new normal' in 2022!"

**Monique Herman**  
President, Abide Collective

### Abide Collective Financial update April 2021 - March 31, 2022

Abide Collective is a 501 C3 non-profit. Our six 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, program scholarships, and Olivia's Basket.

**2021-22 Income: \$143,301**  
**2021-22 Expenses: \$130,534**



Scan the QR code to view our Guidestar profile.

We believe in transparency. Please contact us if you have any questions.  
**abidecollective@gmail.com**



# Why we do what we love...

**It's simple really; because building homes for families in critical need is life-changing.**

## **Take a look at the most amazing letter we have ever received.**

"Hello! I hope you guys are doing good, as well as the people you love. Through these words and letter, I want to express my gratitude and how happy I am for the huge blessing that you guys gave to Rogelio and myself.

I have no words to express the happiness I feel. I am very thankful to God for the blessing that he gave me through you guys. I know you guys made the impossible happen, so that my son and I would have a home to live and for that I am forever thankful.

Since the day April 30 my life changed for good. Now I have my own home. My refuge in the hot days and in the cold ones too. Since then, my life has been very stable. I got back my security. I don't feel alone anymore because I know there are people who love me, and I know one of them is you.

I will always remember you with a lot of love. You and your daughter. Well, actually the whole team "Las Chulas". All of you are in my heart always. I know God loves me because I could experience it through all of you and what you did for me and I'm very very thankful and happy for what you guys did for me.

I would love if you all lived here in Ensenada so I can see you all, give you a big hug and invite you over to my house for an ice cream. I know it wouldn't pay back all that you did for me.

I will be forever grateful. I say my goodbyes with a big hug and may God bless you and your family.  
With love Rogelio and Carmelina."

In addition to her new home, we were able to provide Carmelina with the funds for an electric pole to connect electricity, and additional bed for Rogelio, food and clothing as well as the ability to take her dog to a vet for some much needed attention. :)

Please head to [oliviasbasket.org](http://oliviasbasket.org) to be encouraged and see all the beautiful homes.



Use our QR code to see the best before and after video ever.

## **Meet our amazing Las Chulas all ladies house build teams**



2010 - 2022

26 new homes built  
in Tijuana, Ensenada  
and Honduras

Over 100+  
individual  
lives impacted

Over 500  
volunteers  
participated

**olivia's  
basket**  
[oliviasbasket.org](http://oliviasbasket.org)





*"A great teacher once said that the soul becomes what it loves, so pay attention to this and consider well what it is you love - whether things that delight or inspire or those things you feel drawn towards, for while there is nothing wrong with any of this, consider when you love that you are becoming what you love, and so love in a way that grows the soul and gentles the mind and graces the world. The rest will take care of itself." - Meister Eckhart*

The Abide Collective continues to develop and offer opportunities to reflect on what it is we love, what it is that truly delights us, what it is we are becoming. We do this sharing a cup of coffee, pedaling up a high alpine trail, sharing stories around an Ozark campfire and swinging hammers while building homes in Mexico.

We are all being formed by something. We are all focusing our love and attention somewhere. And through it all we are all being called to Abide.

This year we have trips planned for Colorado and here in the Ozarks. We also have opportunities for custom small groups and one on one spiritual direction available. Be sure to watch our website [abidecollective.org](https://abidecollective.org) and social media for more information.



### **Two amazing homes built for families in desperate need.**

Built in March 2022 for Eleazar and her four children, even a little rain wasn't going to stop an enthusiastic team of builders.

Built in September 2022 for Flora, her young son Leo and Sonora, Flora's sister. Our third Las Chulas all ladies house build team worked hard to make a beautiful home for this family. Leo told us he is really happy to have his own bed with Spiderman sheets. :)

### **This year we are testing our new EXPERIENCE OZ Program**

Hands on learning how sustainability happens; this is part of the Abide OZ Experience. Add on camping and water exploration that provides every participant the opportunity to learn and grown in unexpected ways.



### **MTB Retreat**

Once again leading an adventurous group along beautiful trails creating space for reflection, awareness and time to abide.

