# 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.

#### Please share. 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.

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## 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
Checks can be directed to:
ABIDE COLLECTIVE
Box 891, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72702

# Please use our QR code to easily donate right now Online

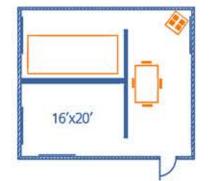


## Sponsor an amazing home

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.





"You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working; and just so, you learn to love by loving. All those who think to learn in any other way deceive themselves." -Francis De Sales

Friends, our last year took us to many places serving and interacting with diverse groups of people. From the rarified air in Telluride to the windy Mississippi River Delta, from the dry coastal desert of Mexico to the Ozarks in the middle of Summer. We built homes in Baja, rode bikes though small towns and spent time exploring opportunities in LA. But in every situation we were practicing, and inviting others to practice, Abiding.

Abide: verb to accept and act in accordance with, to remain with, to rest in. Abiding roots us, gives us the space and perspective we need to see clearly.

Serving the way we do at Abide Collective is a rare privilege. The opportunities we have to invest in people ranges wide. Some are outwardly secure, but asking deep questions and looking for meaningful connections. Others are in desperate situations and grasping for any life line. Thank you for being such a big part of it.

As the restrictions and adjustments of the pandemic eased this past year, we found ourselves once again seeking how best to serve. We had a good rhythm before the pandemic, made adjustments and figured out how best to serve during the worst of it, and now are seeking the best path for the future.

In all our asking, there was also the invitation to continue to abide.

Grace and peace y'all.

John Ray, Executive Director, Abide Collective



Wow, what a year we had! While economic predictions are bleak and the future feels heavy, Abide feels like it is bucking the trend. It has taken a while to recover, but it feels like we have finally regained the momentum of our pre-covid growth trajectory and are looking forward to a year of not only sustaining that level of activity, but also of finding new opportunities to serve.

Fundraising efforts for the year far exceeded our expectations and we were very blessed to end the year with a strong cash position that allows us to continue to look forward to providing hope and healing to those in need. We continued to grow our field activities post-covid, and were able to fund and staff three house builds and deliver multiple retreat and adventure events. Every time we venture out to serve or to reflect, we do so in an effort not only to bring God's love to others but also to find God in ourselves. We come

back thoroughly blessed and are constantly reminded that in the act of seeking God we are actually found by Him. I would encourage each and every one of you to find a way to join us in one of our adventures. I promise you, it will be life-changing.

Moving forward, we have four house-builds planned for the next year, as well as a few fabulous wilderness adventures. We are endlessly grateful for your unwavering support, love and prayers that enables us to do what we do – from the bottom of our hearts, thank you. *Monique Herman President, Abide Collective* 



imena paints her new home a very pretty blue.

ABIDE COLLECTIVE FINANCIAL UPDATE April 2022 - March 31, 2023

2022-23 Income: \$225,519 2022-23 Expenses: \$185,196

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.



We believe in transparency. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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### Good things happened.

April 22 - May 2, 2022 Las Chulas #4, Ensenada, Mexico Built for Carmelina and her young son Rogelio

December 2-4, 2022 #27, EKKO, Ensenada, Mexico Built for Mayra and her children Jairo & Ximena

December 2-4, 2022 #28, EKKO, Ensenada, Mexico Built for Yolanda and her children Erik and Danara.

#### **EXPERIENCE OZ Program**

June 16-July 31, 2022 Northwest Arkansas 19 individuals experienced hands on learning how sustainability happens; included camping and water exploration.



#### MTB Retreat

A small group retreat in the incredible community of Teluride, Colorado.

#### **DELTA Gravel Ride**

Exploring the heritage and hospitality of the Mississippi River Delta

#### **EXPLORING LA**

John spent a week with Pastor Ruben Nuno, speaking at Union Church and getting an understanding of ministry and Skid Row.

### Good things are coming. Soon.

July 27-30, 2023

#29 EKKO Summer Build, Tijuana, Mexico The fourth home funded through EKKO church.

#### October 12-16, 2023

#30, Las Chulas #5, Ensenada, Mexico Our 5th All Ladies homebuild always built for a single mom and always amazing

#### October 12-16, 2023

#31, EKKO October, Ensenada, Mexico The fifth home funded through a generous church, EKKO.

#### Mayra wrote us a letter

"...For a long time we were in a tent with wood and plastic, where the heat and the cold consumed our family.

Many times I did not have the strength to get up due to the extreme heat and illness that left me weak - and it was when we received the news that they were going to build a house for my family, covered in dust with the children around I knew our lives would change forever.

Today I have my little house ready, I enjoy every detail, including my new door, the windows, the children's bed and a roof that protects us from the rain...

I want to wholeheartedly say thank you to the team that was willing to build me the most beautiful home in my neighborhood . Thank you for praying for me and giving to my family hope."

> Mayra and her children Jairo & Ximena



