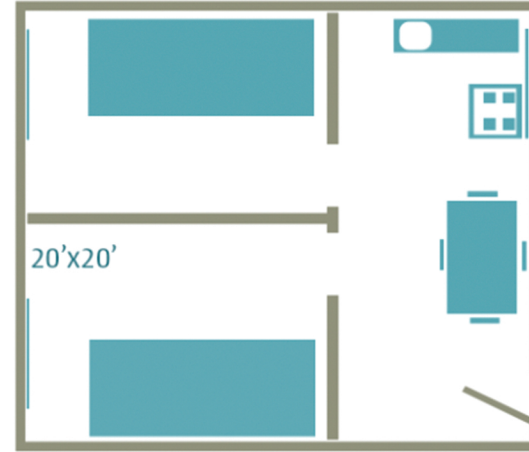


WE BUILD FOR IMPORTANT REASONS.

You have heard us say this before and here it is again... statistics don't build a house, but they can help us all understand the importance of the need:

- A debt free home helps leverage families out of chronic poverty
- Children with a home are more likely to attend and stay in school
- A home with a cement floor increases overall health up to 78%
- Windows keep dust out and help prevent breathing disorders
- The home we build will effect a family for generations
- When you help a family have hope, you change lives & communities

We believe taking care to help with additional basic necessities by providing: sanitation, eye glasses, medical aid, better access to the home with wheel chair ramps also provides hope for the future.



TAKE TIME TO JOIN US.

Here are some incredibly useful ways to be a crucial part:

DONATE TO HELP Donations are a necessary part in what we do. Committed monthly donations allow us to plan better and bigger.



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

STOCK DONATIONS are a good way to help. These are made through stockdonator.com for ABIDE COLLECTIVE.

PUT TOGETHER A TEAM TO BUILD

It takes 15-25 people to complete a home in two days.

BE OUR ADVOCATE Share our story and our mission that changes lives. Send them our way at oliviasbasket.org

WE LOVE WHAT WE DO.

We have seen helping families become one step stronger gives the hope to believe they can take the next step on their own.



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SPONSOR A HOME Every 20'x20' home costs \$13,000. This includes: new beds, kitchen counter, table and chairs, propane stove and cookware. Additionally we surprise the family with a trip to the store where they are able to get things they need: food, clothing and school supplies. We can help you start a fundraiser or approach your place of work for matching donations.



HOPE MAKES THE DIFFERENCE.

ABIDE COLLECTIVE ANNUAL UPDATE 2025-2026

I was on a bike ride through my old neighborhood in Austin recently and passed a sign in front of a church that read, "Practice Makes Perfect. Be Careful What You Practice". Had to stop and take a picture of that.

This past year Abide Collective and Olivia's Basket helped people practice a whole lotta good stuff. Practice sacrificial serving in building three homes for families in critical need in Mexico. Practice serious self reflection on retreats in Montana and New Mexico. Practice learning and growing in the beauty of the Ozarks at Boston Mountain Youth Ranch during Ranch Weeks, practice celebration and generosity at Eat Build Love. All of this practice helps us accomplish our purpose of leading individuals and groups toward a deeper and more purposeful life through guided reflection, adventure and hands on help to children and families in critical need.

But we're not perfect, not yet. We still have a whole lot left to practice so we're staying at it with three more house builds this coming year, adding much needed bathrooms to two homes, at least two more retreats, a July packed with Ranch Weeks and hosting interns from NYC and Texas this summer!

Your participation and support is invaluable to keeping us on track. Thank you. As you read through the rest of this annual report, I hope you're encouraged and inspired to stay at it as well.

We're all in this together y'all.
Grace and peace,

John Ray
Executive Director, Abide Collective



Photo by Phil Lee

OLIVIA'S BASKET



#35 Berglihn Family Build



#37 EKKO Church



#36 Genesis Church



#38 Las Chulas All Ladies #7

RANCH WEEK 2025

For the third year in a row we saddled up for Ranch Week! Each week was packed with hands-on ranch and nature based activities. Every day we ended up in a local swimming hole to beat the heat and explore some more. Our friends at Boston Mountain Youth Ranch hosted us and more friends from Vine & Branch Church helped wrangle the ranchers. These weeks provide a unique and lasting experience for the ranchers to explore, ask questions and reflect in a committed, knowledgeable and encouraging community. This year we have friends from NYC and Texas coming to experience the Ozarks and help us out with the ranchers.



“The lack of access to safe water and sanitation is a staggering global crisis, but bringing it to a community creates massive, measurable shifts in daily life.”
--World Health Organization



THE MOST IMPORTANT WATER TOWER

Every water tower that's added to a new home provides remarkable changes for a family. First and foremost it provides running water direct to their new kitchen. And as we continue to add bathrooms to homes we build, it's a source for personal sanitation they previously could not experience, essentially helping with hand washing, bathing and general overall cleanliness easy access to water provides. It's an important step for every family.

Photo by Phil Lee

Abide Collective's focus has always been about making the intangible happen through our tangible work. Four new homes were built through Olivia's Basket last year, with our 37th and 38th homes built over the course of the same week in the fall. While the all-women Las Chulas team were putting up walls on a house for Sandra and her two small daughters, EKKO Church was across town doing the same on a home for Catarina and her family.

These single moms and their children now have a new level of dignity, security, comfort, and hope. We believe the stability a new home brings will truly impact those families for generations to come. (What I know for sure is, tears of joy are all but guaranteed every time a new homeowner receives their keys!)

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The Ranch Weeks we organize give students increased confidence, knowledge, and social connection in the context of a working horse ranch (and unofficial reports indicate that those weeks are “the best week of summer”).

Our next year looks like another meaningful one, with three home builds and two Ranch Weeks on the schedule. Our Eat Build Love events in Arkansas and Oregon brought together friends and supporters who believe in our mission, and resulted in two evenings of good food, fun, and connection. Thanks to your contributions, we closed the year in a strong financial position, paving the way for more purposeful work ahead.

We are thankful for every hour volunteered, every dollar donated, and every prayer said on our behalf. We truly could not do this without you!

With Gratitude,
Kristine Sommer - President, Abide Collective

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Abide Collective Financial update March 31, 2025 - April 2026

Income : \$197,971
Expenses : \$224,533
Assets : \$148,705

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.

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“My personal research into the need and the long-term affects of having adequate sanitation did not make me an expert. But it did give me increased purpose.”

Jane Ray, Executive Director Olivia's Basket

We continue to focus on helping provide dignified sanitation and a useful water source to the homes we build for single Mom's and their families. This is Sandra's recently completed bathroom.

- Half of the world's population still does not have adequate access to safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene
- Despite progress, 2 billion people still lack even a basic level of sanitation service
- Safe sanitation is crucial for preventing the spread of diseases and improving overall health, particularly for children
- Access to a private and safe toilet is a basic human right and contributes to individual dignity

(World Health Organization)



Sandra's pit toilet she shared with her infant and young daughter.



2010 - 2025
38 new homes built
in Tijuana, Ensenada
and Honduras



Over 100+
individual
lives impacted



Over 600
volunteers
participated



Click here to
see Sandra's new
attached bathroom.



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and be encouraged by
all the beautiful homes.

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