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# IMPACT REPORT

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Colossians 1:19-20





# WHERE WE'VE BEEN

## MISSION AND VISION PHILOSOPHY

Restoring Hope Roanoke exists to equip and assist Gospel-believing local churches to build helpful and loving relationships with our neighbors in need and together to discover true hope in Jesus Christ and His Church.

## OUR BOARD MEMBERS

Rev. Doug Hart  
Chairman  
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Dear friends,

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude to each of our volunteers, donors, and community members. The commitment of our board members, staff, volunteers, and donors around the community has made it possible for the work of Restoring Hope Roanoke to continue to grow.

Our mission at Restoring Hope Roanoke is to connect and equip churches to love their neighbors well. We know that "God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish" (Ps. 9:18) and we desire to be ambassadors of that hope through trainings, classes, and connections.

We look back on 2021 and see how God has blessed us, and how together we saw:

- New friends encouraged and transformed through job preparedness
- Students' hearts and eyes opened to see their finances through God's eyes
- English teachers and tutors trained and connected to international neighbors
- Teams trained and prepared to welcome newly-arrived refugees to Roanoke in God-honoring ways
- Brothers and sisters in Christ prepared to help without hurting

We hope that as you read this report and the stories in it, you will join us in praising God for the work He is doing in Roanoke. God is working through you and through your continued partnership with Restoring Hope Roanoke.

Thank you for your prayers and your work alongside us this year, and in the year to come!

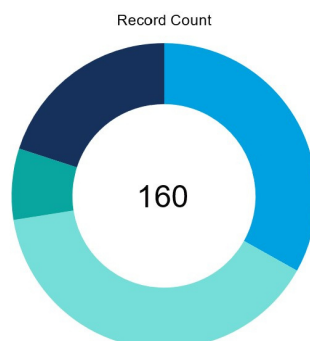
**Nancy Friesen**  
Program Coordinator

**Rachael Sloan**  
Consultant

## WHAT DO WE DO?

- **Community Engagement**  
Equipping churches to reach their communities through church mobilization plans, ally training, church, and ministry consultations
- **Internationals** - Connecting churches to their international neighbors

### 2021 Program Engagement



Program ● Community Development ● Internationals ● Community Engagement ● Conferences and Training

- **Conferences and training**  
Conferences and training for pastors, ministry leaders and lay people.
- **Community Development**  
Bringing hope to our community through job preparedness and financial education classes



Our organization recently sent several volunteers and staff to an English tutor training that Restoring Hope taught. It was very informative and helpful! More importantly though, it equipped everyone us to be able to better serve the refugee and immigrant community we minister to each week.

AARON DOWDY  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FRIENDSHIP  
HOUSE

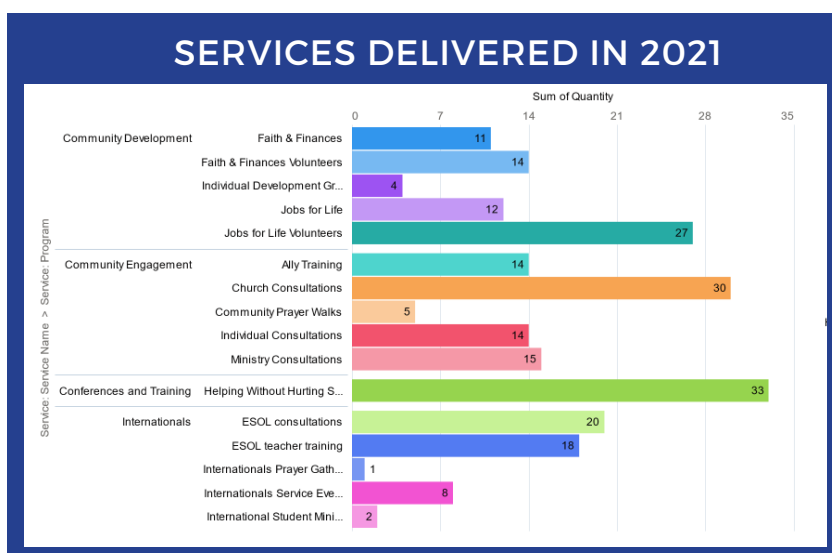
I enjoyed my experience as an ally with the Jobs for Life program. Jobs for Life was enriching for me, and I hope I succeeded in encouraging and building up my student, for that was my goal. She made my job easy!

SUZY WILSON  
JOBS FOR LIFE ALLY



"Three years ago I became friends with an Afghan family through Friendship House. I realized I needed more tools to effectively teach English. So I signed up for Rachael's weekend intensive...We learned together as a class and practiced on each other, laughing and sharing as we went. The hours slipped quickly by, with breaks, conversation among ourselves, and growing confidence that we could really use what we were learning."

JULIE PIZZINO, ENGLISH TUTOR



## SPREAD THE WORD

*You can join our work by simply spreading the word!*

- Tell your church about us.
- Share with family and friends.
- Sign up for our newsletter.
- Follow us on social media.



## ENGAGING WITH CHURCHES

- 16** volunteers from around the Roanoke region attended Ally Training, where they learned how to support low-income neighbors as they work on improving their life circumstances.
- 17** church-based English teachers completed the ESL Teacher Training certificate workshop.
- 20** consultation meetings with individuals working with English ministries around the region.
- 12** students took part in Jobs for Life classes at the Roanoke Rescue Mission.
- 7** students graduated from our inaugural Faith & Finances class.
- 32** participants in our Helping Without Hurting seminars were better prepared to engage with their neighbors in need.



# LOOKING AHEAD

2022 holds much to be excited about. God is doing a great work in the Roanoke Valley, and we are thankful that you get to be a part of it. Where will you make a difference in 2022?



**Jobs for Life** classes are slated in 2022 at the Rescue Mission of Roanoke and two local churches. We'd love to add more - let us know!



Would your church like to host a **Faith & Finances** class, a financial education class for anyone but especially for those living on the poverty line?



We are partnering with local churches for **Helping Without Hurting** seminars. Learn how the local church can work to alleviate poverty through Christ-centered relationships.



We are working with several national organizations to launch a web-based platform that will **connect families to advocates** and resources in their community.



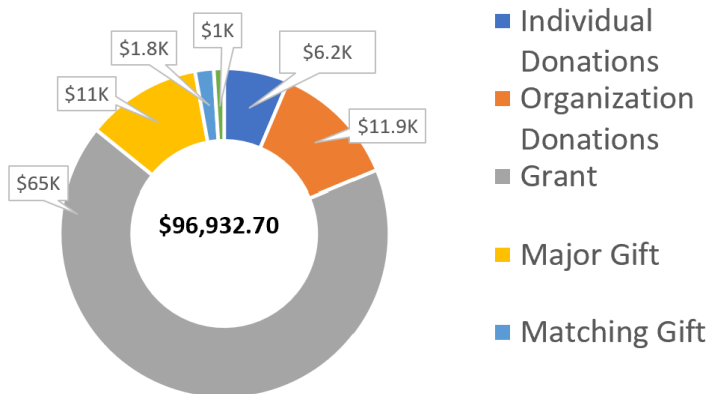
We continue to offer training for church-based **English teachers** and assistance to churches who are starting or restarting their English program for internationals.



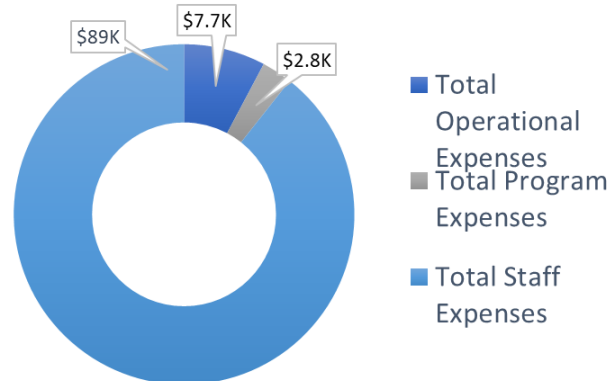
We continue to be committed to equipping the local church to be on **the front lines of welcoming** refugees, asylees, and international students with Christ's love.

## 2021 FINANCES

### 2021 INCOME



### 2021 EXPENSES



## THANK YOU!

You played a part in making our work possible!  
To those who donated in 2021 - **thank you!**  
To those who prayed for us in 2021 - **thank you!**  
To those who gave their time and talents in 2021 - **thank you!**

## SUPPORT US IN 2022

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