



MAIN STREET MINISTRIES IMPACT REPORT 2019-2020

OUTCOMES FROM YOUR GIFTS OF
TIME, TREASURE AND TALENT



A WORD FROM LEADERSHIP

A recent graduate shared her experience in the Life Empowerment workshops. She described it as "insightful, resourceful, encouraging and supportive, very similar to family."

For most people, a family is a loving place where you can be yourself, share your fears, your vulnerabilities, your dreams and goals. It is a place that encourages, supports and walks alongside you as you grow, mature and figure out your God-given potential as well as the talents and resources God created in you. Main Street Ministries is that family, that community for our clients, participants, donors, volunteers and staff.

Together we learn and grow and become stronger as individuals, as an organization and as a community. Thank you for sharing your time, treasure and talent with MSM. This annual report is a celebration of what we collectively accomplished in 2019-2020 and a call to the work needed in the coming year. I hope you will continue to engage with us and invite others to the family.

B. Allen

BARBARA ALLEN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



LIFE EMPOWERMENT

Life Empowerment is life-changing for our participants who are on a path of transformation. Through these impactful workshops we fill a gap along that path to help move them to the next step. The MSM community of donors, volunteers, and staff together are invested in our mutual participants and support them to discover their God-given potential.

Life Empowerment includes Getting Ahead, a five month workshop; Family Hope, a six month workshop; an alumni program and a leadership development program.

Each Life Empowerment workshop brings a community of learners ("investigators") together weekly. In the workshops, participants:

- Build resources
- Identify healthy financial habits
- Enhance emotional health
- Improve relationships
- Reignite faith
- Set SMART goals
- Strengthen communication skills

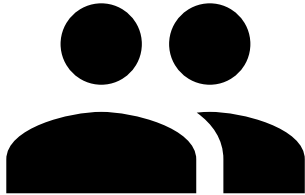
*"Not only am I making steps towards getting ahead NOW ..I am also **LOOKING AHEAD** to a promising Future !!!"*

Getting Ahead Graduate

LIFE EMPOWERMENT OUTCOMES



82% Graduation
Rate

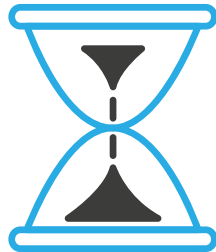


284
People Avoided
Homelessness and
Gained Stability

*"This has brought an
awareness that will stick
with me forever."*

Getting Ahead Graduate

2,600
Classroom hours



2 Alumni trained to be
facilitators

100% Cohorts have
alumni leadership



Getting Ahead Cohort #14 Graduation

OPERATION ID 4,558 CLIENTS SERVED

Seeking stability requires a job search, stable housing, health care and other resources. None of these steps can be attained without an ID. OPID, with its mainly volunteer-run program and generous donors, is a one-stop-shop for getting this critical resource to meet life-stabilizing goals.

Over 100 agencies across Houston make referrals and depend on OPID.

"Without an ID, you are like the walking dead. Thanks to MSM, I have a much better chance."

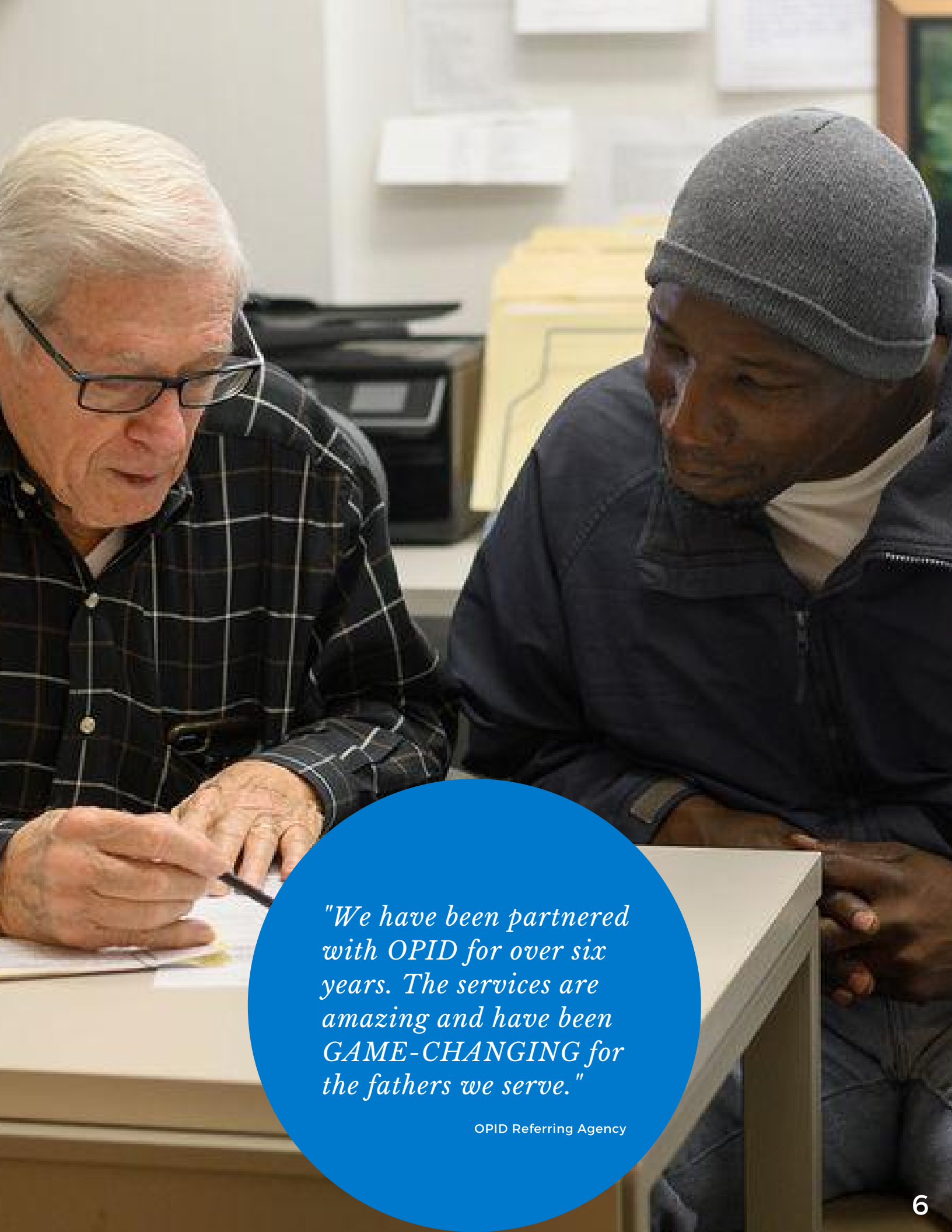
OPID Client

OPID serves Houston's most vulnerable including those impacted by homelessness and addiction, as well as veterans and those in rescue and reentry programs.

91%

of Operation ID referrals are seeking an ID for employment





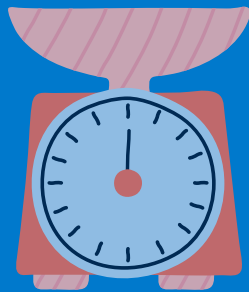
"We have been partnered with OPID for over six years. The services are amazing and have been GAME-CHANGING for the fathers we serve."

OPID Referring Agency



48
Healing
Harvest Boxes

1,048
Pounds of
Produce for
Participants



COMMUNITY GARDEN

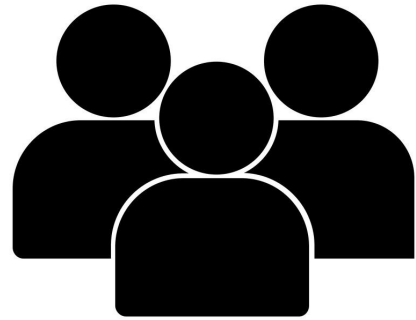
A natural sanctuary in our urban setting that glorifies God's creation while providing a beautiful space for community building. Volunteers and MSM participants work together in our garden year round to grow vegetables, fruits, herbs and flowers which are harvested and made available to MSM program participants as well as

packaged into "Healing Harvest" care boxes provided free of cost to Texas Medical Center patients and their caregivers.

"The produce has helped support my goal of improving my health."

Family Hope Participant

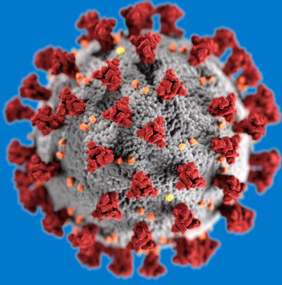
338
Volunteers



8,730
Hours



\$222,004
Value



COVID RELIEF AND RESPONSE

With 40% of Houstonians struggling to make ends meet, MSM knew it had to shift to relief work as quickly as possible to prevent homelessness among our families that were on a path to stability.

Staff were able to quickly adapt processes and train volunteers to provide a remote paperless approach to provide assistance for families that were impacted by COVID.

"Hearing from MSM has truly been an answer to prayers."

COVID Relief Recipient

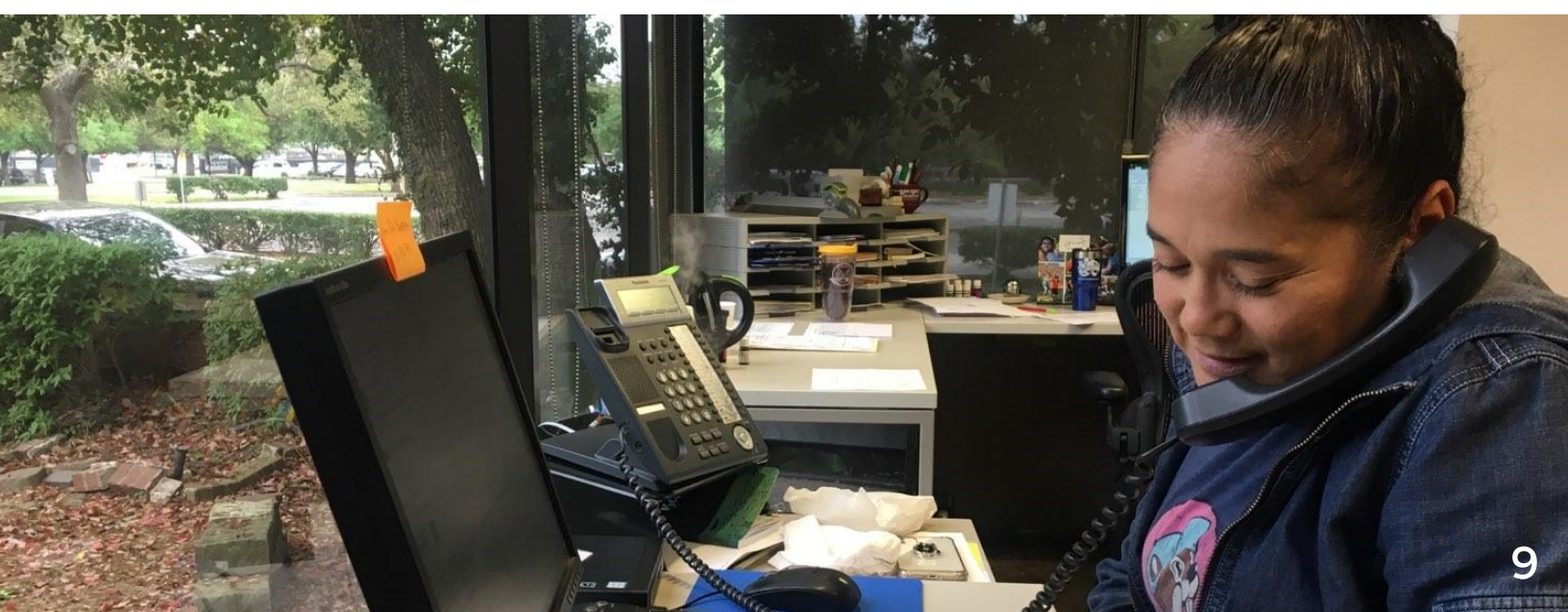
Efforts to Date:

- Initial Funding \$127,500
- 243 Interviews
- 71% spent on housing costs
- \$125,000 additional funding received

80% of those interviewed during COVID relief efforts, had lost their job or significant wages.

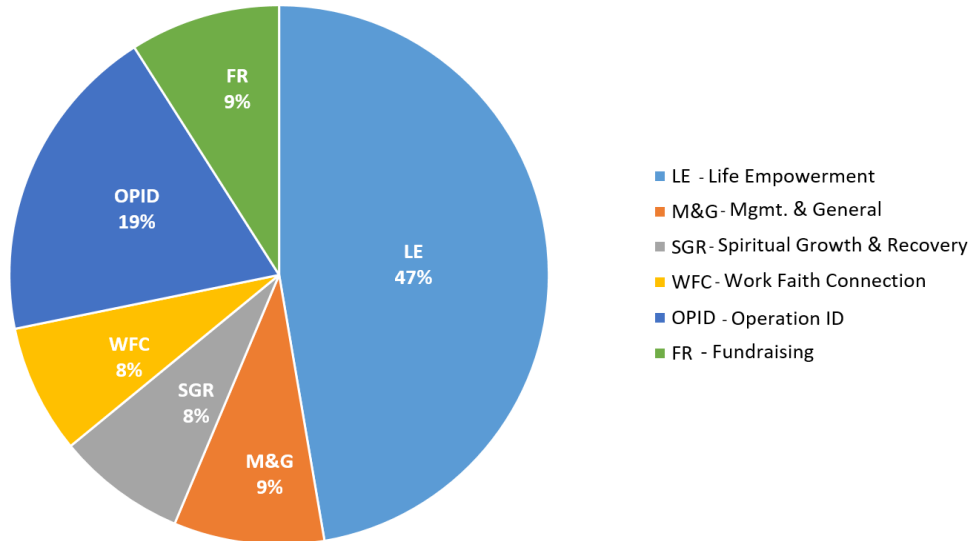
Next Efforts:

- Focus on providing assistance for housing and utilities to prevent homelessness
- Seek additional funding to meet needs



2019-2020 EXPENSES

Main Street Ministries
2019-2020
Total Expenses \$1.3M



2020-2021 A LOOK AHEAD

COVID Relief

With the impact and restrictions of COVID, we will continue to leverage funding to provide assistance to protect participants from the risk of homelessness.

OPID

OPID will reopen in the near future with a new software application and procedure that will allow MSM to serve clients in a post COVID environment. Partnerships will be strengthened to improve processes.

Community Garden

The garden will focus on providing healthy fresh food for participants and providing a community volunteer opportunity.

Life Empowerment

Seven cohorts are planned for 2020-2021 and will be launched in a virtual classroom until we can meet in person.

Building a Bridges Community including Bridges training and the recruitment of a Steering Committee is a priority. The first cohort of Bridges training launched with over 40 partners, community members and volunteers.

Alumni will be trained to facilitate workshops with two recent alumni already in the process.

Opportunities for You to Join Us and Make a Difference:

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