



# 2022 Annual Report

## Executive Team

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**1**

Since 2003 Act of giving has awarded \$638,504 in grants to inspiring non-profits



**2**

Over 90% of our funds goes directly to the grantees.



**3**

In 2022 we awarded \$30,000 to four organizations



## Message from the Executive Director

When I attend our theme brainstorming meeting each Fall, I look forward to connecting with friends to collaborate on our annual theme. By this time of the year, the shine has worn off from the summer celebration event, and the world news has me a bit depressed. I am quickly reminded why I love the Act Of Giving. As a group, we find organizations that make a difference in what seems like a world with insurmountable problems. We have previously tackled themes like Instilling Confidence and Uniting and Strengthening communities. This year we chose *Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness*. At the end of every meeting, I feel inspired, more knowledgeable, and lighter while facing challenges head-on.

### The Act of Giving Process



Every year, Act of Giving Members come together to pool our contributions and choose a grant theme.



Members research potential grantees and share their ideas, propose grants, and vote on organizations to fund.

We have an event to celebrate the grantees. It's a highlight of the year for the grantees and members, and everyone is invited to the festivities.



# WHY WE GIVE

We are an all-volunteer giving community built on shared values and the desire to drive positive change for the world.



**We are stronger together.**



Giving is good.

Giving together is better.

Learn more!



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2022 Act of Giving annual theme, chosen by the members, was "Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness"



[Babies of Homelessness](#) - \$10,000

Babies of Homelessness provides diapers and basics (wipes and formula), free of charge, to partner agencies and families facing homelessness in urban, rural, and underserved communities.



[Vine Maple Place](#) - \$5,000

Vine Maple Place aims to break the cycle of homelessness by working with single parents and their children. Their approach offers safety, provides stability, and equips to self-sufficiency.



**THE WAY BACK INN**

[Way Back Inn](#) - \$10,000

The Way Back Inn mission is to help fight the homeless crisis by providing resources to get them on the path to permanent housing. They provide a safe home for their children so they can focus on getting back on their feet.



**WORLD CENTRAL kitchen**

[World Central Kitchen](#) - \$5,000

WCK is first to the frontlines, providing meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises. They have created a new model for disaster relief helping communities recover and establish resilient food systems with locally-led solutions.

New members are always welcome to Act of Giving. Learn more about getting involved [here](#).