

TANGIBLE HELP



ETERNAL HOPE



2020 IMPACT & LEARNING REPORT

MENTORING ALLIANCE

exists to mobilize godly people
into the lives of kids and
families, to provide tangible
help and eternal hope.



MENTORING ALLIANCE

AFTER SCHOOL • SUMMER CAMPS • MENTOR CONNECT





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...We were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.”

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

The life-changing work of Jesus in our lives compels us, in turn, to love and serve others, especially those living in challenging circumstances. Why do this? Why lean into the hard and broken places in our community, where trauma and difficulty abound? Why attempt to build relationships with some kids and families that might become one of the most challenging we've ever encountered? We do this because it is what Jesus did for us. We lay down our lives because he first laid down his for us. And because of this stunning act of grace, we have been reconnected to an amazing, loving, merciful and holy God.

"By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers... Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth." 1 John 3:16,18

THRIVING IN THE MIDST OF CHALLENGES

Although 2020 will forever be known as the year of the pandemic and societal unrest caused by the continued injustices to people of color in this country, we were able to press on continuing the mission God has given us. Be encouraged. We have been able to get more accomplished this year than any other I've experienced in my 8 years with this ministry. Let me give you a few highlights of what our team set their hearts and minds to do and the results that followed.

We are in the second year of our 3-5 year strategic plan, "Deep and Wide." The goal of this plan is to reach deeper into our community here in East Texas to serve more kids and families, while at the very same time to begin preparing the way to open the Mentoring Alliance in a new city by the fall of 2022. As we've said through this campaign, "We are committed to love deeply the people we currently serve, yet are compelled to impact many, many more."

Last year I told you about our plan, "We plan to open new locations of Boys & Girls Clubs after-school programs, more than double the size and impact of Rose City Summer Camps, and hit a goal of 370 at-risk youth with mentors in the next three years." This past school year we hit a record high number of kids served per day in our after-school programs, 1,420 - a 5.2% increase over the previous year. In addition, this summer we were able to double the number of locations offered for our summer camps, from two to four sites. This gave us the ability to start serving new kids and families from various parts of the community.

Our efforts to recruit more volunteer mentors have been very difficult amid this pandemic. However, our current mentors have remained committed to building relationships with their mentees, while we continue to work to bring on a steady number of new mentors each month.

THE EAST FAMILY

There are a few obstacles we've been working to overcome internally to accomplish the audacious goals we've created within our strategic plan.

- After much work through various strategies, this year we've seen a marked change in our ability to recruit new part-time and summer staff. People, now familiar with this ministry, are beginning to watch our website to see when we have openings or contact their friends to see how they might be able to get on staff with us. College students are beginning to transfer to our local universities so they can work here while in school.
- Our brand has been confusing to people. After months of work with the Richards Group in Dallas, we have completed our rebranding process. We have now become, "Mentoring Alliance," with our three programs: Mentoring Alliance After School, Mentoring Alliance Summer Camps and Mentoring Alliance Mentor Connect. We will continue to use the Boys & Girls Clubs of East Texas brand as a subset of our After-School branding here locally. Nothing has changed about our mission but we hope the new branding will allow us to consolidate our efforts at marketing, and help the general public understand who we are and what we do.
- These past few years have been marked by growing pains for our full-time team. We've needed to restructure our leadership team to meet the demands of today while positioning ourselves for growth in the future. We were able to add Anne Ferguson as our new VP of Programs and Suzette Farr as our new VP of Community Engagement. Both of these women bring incredible gifts and expertise to their new roles within the ministry. In addition, I am extremely excited to be joined by my long-time friend and former COO of Pine Cove, Matt Edwards. He joined our team at the beginning of 2020 as our new Executive Vice President. It is exciting to have a full leadership team of such incredibly capable, godly leaders.



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EXPANSION INTO A NEW MARKET

After years of consideration, our board voted unanimously last year that it was time to begin looking to expand the Mentoring Alliance into a new market. The board set up task forces to develop our criteria for expansion, quantify the cost to expand, and create timelines to guide our efforts – ultimately with the goal of opening a new market by the fall of 2022. This work became the catalyst for our team to begin researching what was out there and the viability of each of the different options.

We prayed. We made calls. We scoured the internet. We set up luncheons to get to know people in other markets. Through all that work, we've been amazed to see the doors God has opened up for us. We began the process thinking we were working hard to expand, and quickly found ourselves simply trying to keep up with the trail God had already blazed for us.

Our focus is now on Waco, Texas as our primary target for expansion. We've begun meeting with key leaders in the community, including non-profit partners that would be vital to our successful expansion there. The reception we've experienced has been nothing short of miraculous. We are now beginning conversations with the leadership of the public-school districts there to see if they'd be willing to partner with us to impact kids and families from all parts of their community.



ONE LAST THING: MY PERSONAL DIAGNOSIS

As many of you know, on June 15, 2020, I was diagnosed with Stage 3 colorectal cancer. As of the writing of this letter, I'm about halfway through my first stage of treatment – chemotherapy. After that will be radiation, surgery, and then recovery. I want to express my genuine appreciation to all of you that have called, texted, emailed, or even messaged me through social media. My family has been overwhelmed at the love and generosity you all have shown us. Thank you.

The impact of this diagnosis has helped reveal something about this ministry - we have an incredible board and senior leadership team. Our board members averaged a 90% attendance rate at board meetings this past year, enabling them to be fully engaged to address the high-level issues that

are required of effective, Christ-centered boards of non-profits. Because of their leadership, the ministry has not skipped a beat. At the very same time, our senior leadership team has continued to press forward with the strategic plan we all worked so hard to create. I have been inspired by their tenacity in the midst of all that 2020 has thrown at us.

Thank you for being with me, and with us. Be encouraged. God is working through you to impact many in this community. I am honored to co-labor with you.



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KEVIN EAST
President & CEO

REBRAND

We've heard you loud and clear. After becoming The Mentoring Alliance 5 years ago, people have struggled to understand who we are and the programs we offer. Our team worked with a reputable marketing company to help us bring clarity to who we are and what we do.

The Mentoring Alliance is now Mentoring Alliance to help foster growth of its programs and will allow our ministry to impact communities far beyond East Texas. Rest assured that nothing has changed about our mission. Mentoring Alliance is still and will always be a Christ-centered, multi-ethnic ministry serving children and families in East Texas.



BEFORE & AFTER PROGRAM LOGOS







Vibrant faith, strong character,
academic success, emotional
resilience, and life readiness.”

WHO WE ARE

We want to see hearts and families in our community transformed.

We hope that the kids we serve grow in **vibrant faith, strong character, academic success, emotional resilience, and life readiness.**

To realize these goals, we mobilize members of the local church to step into the lives of kids and mentor them in a way that provides tangible help and eternal hope.





WHAT WE DO



MENTORING ALLIANCE
AFTER SCHOOL



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF EAST TEXAS

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

staffed with fun-loving, godly people who know how to model both faith and fun for their students.



MENTORING ALLIANCE
SUMMER CAMPS

SUMMER CAMPS

in partnership with public schools to combat summer learning regression; We are committed to sharing the Gospel and showing children the love of Christ in a fun, tangible, and life-changing way.



MENTORING ALLIANCE
MENTOR CONNECT

ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS

that show kids in our community a portrait of Christ's love and are mutually transforming.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

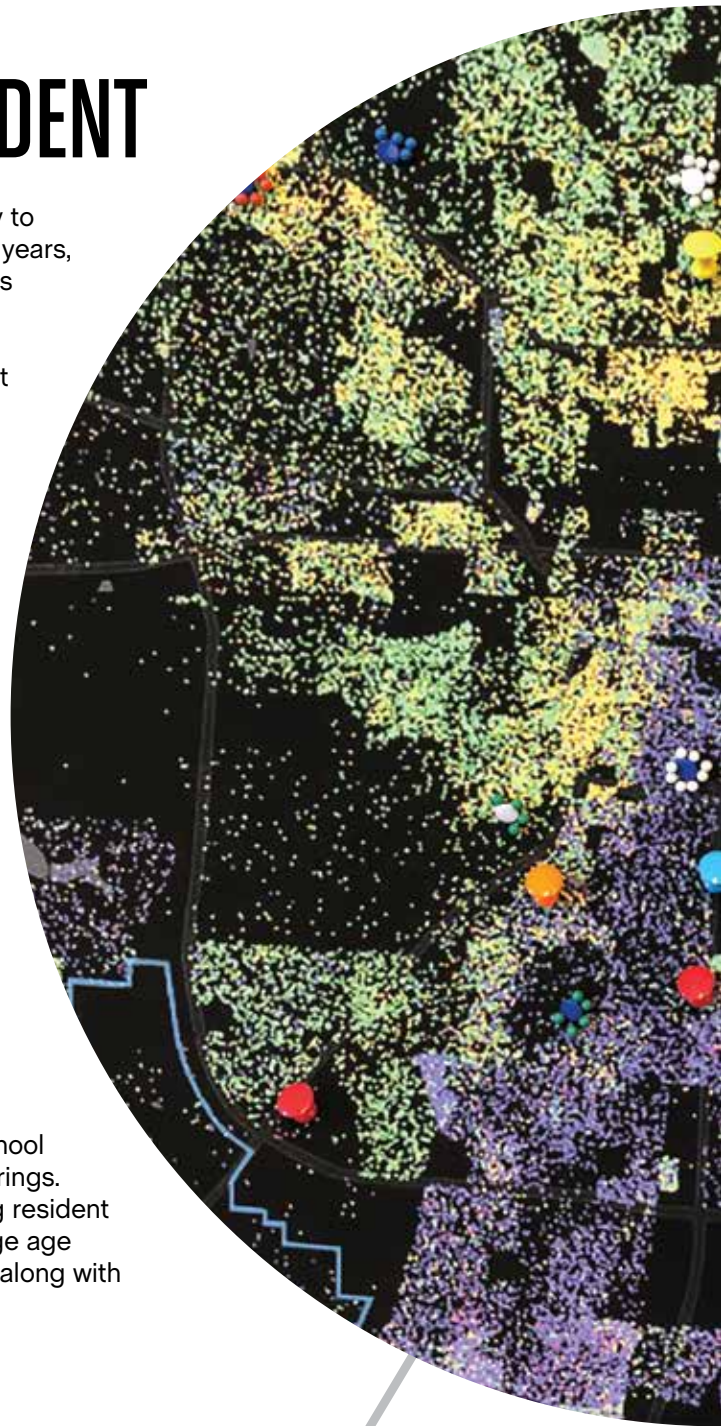
I can't even begin to capture my enthusiasm about the opportunity to serve at Mentoring Alliance. Even though I've been a mentor for 11 years, the chance to be a part of the team here at 1909 South Broadway is incredible, humbling and awesome.

Those who know me best know that I'm a little bit passionate about relationships and stewarding reconciliation along racial lines. The reality in our country today is not how God intended it to be. As Dr. King first reminded us, the fact that Sunday morning at 11:00am is still the most segregated hour of the week breaks God's heart. The causes for this great divide are many and span hundreds of years. Maybe I will write a book and highlight what I've learned with real specificity...but for now, I want to highlight the great opportunity we have right here in Tyler, Texas to be different and show the world how God intends for it to be.

The center photo is an Aerial census photo outlining the demographics of our great city. The yellow and green are where our brown and black friends live, and the purple are where most of the white folks call home. Like many cities in America, the separation is stark.

What we have the privilege of being a part of here at Mentoring Alliance is how God is using us as a launching pad for God's people from over 50 churches in Tyler. These churches have produced over 210 men and women who are volunteer mentors through our Mentor Connect program.

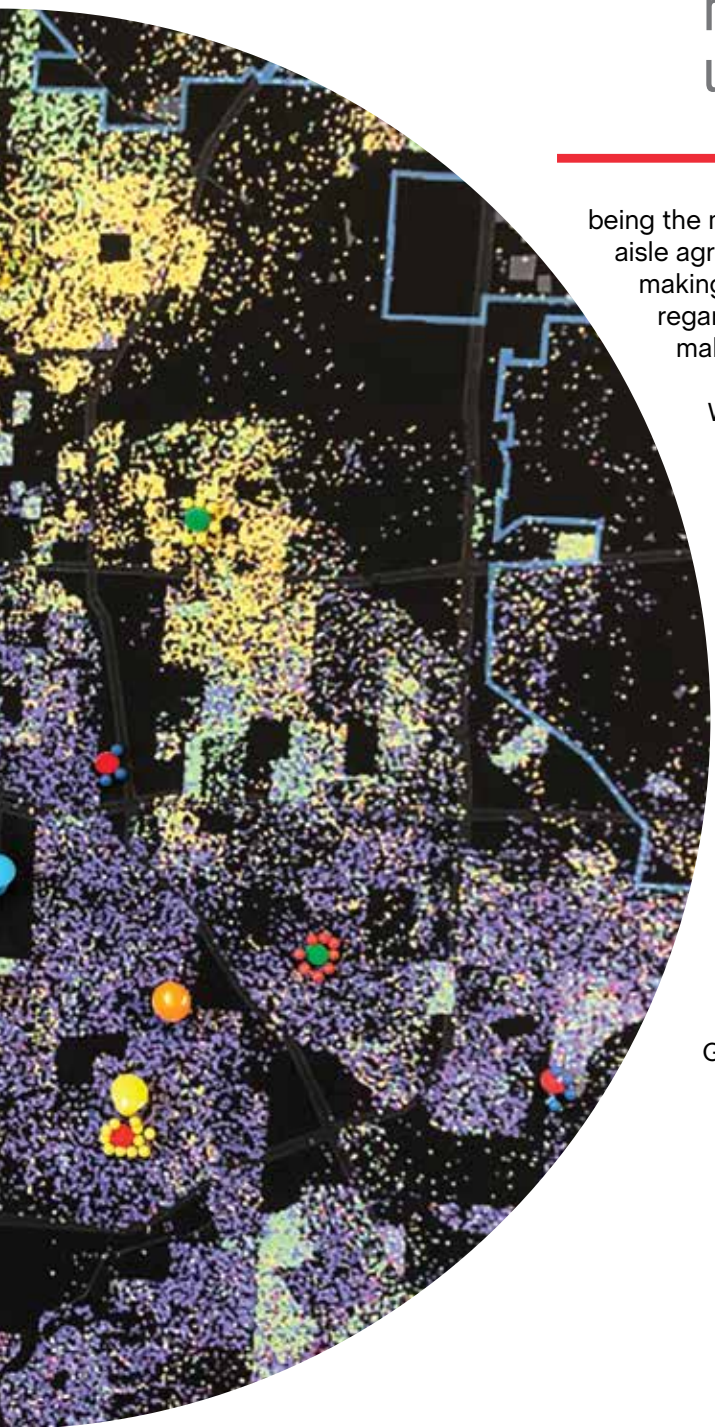
We also have the privilege of serving 1,450 children in our After-School programs and over 1,000 children through our Summer Camp offerings. Both of these programs are effective because we have an amazing resident staff that helps us find hundreds of passionate, Jesus loving college age students who provide the Tangible Help part of our ministry vision along with



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being the messenger for eternal hope. Think tanks on all sides of the cultural aisle agree that high school graduation is the top indicator for an individual making their way out of poverty. Our documented positive results regarding our Five Priority Outcomes validate for us that our efforts are making a difference in many of the lives we're fortunate to serve.

When you look at the map, please notice the combination of churches, schools and individual families as represented by the colorful pins attached. Jesus calls us to be salt and light in the sermon on the mount. What this map represents to me is, Mentoring Alliance driving a salt truck through the streets and neighborhoods of our local community. Salt shakers are ok...but what we believe we need now is massive amounts of salt throughout our entire region. We want to share the love of Jesus throughout this community in tangible ways. While some parts of our country turn to aggressive and in some cases violent responses, we will continue to pursue relationships with one another that we hope will encompass our entire lives. I have a personal belief about mentoring; mentoring is about "life on life, for life."

If you are frustrated by watching the world's response to reconciliation, come and join our team of volunteers. You'll have an opportunity to do what you can, where you are at, with what you have.

Get in the flow with what God is doing...the water feels great!



Matt Edwards

MATT EDWARDS
Executive Vice President



The 2019-2020 school year was definitely one to remember! The Fall semester was fantastic - we had fantastic teams at each of our sites, and everyone had the feeling that the program was better than it ever had been - and so as the Spring semester began, we were all excited to finish the year strong!

But when COVID began to spread and stay at home orders were issued the week of spring break, the “best year yet” very quickly changed to “most interesting year yet” - there was no certainty when (or if) we would return to school, and our staff were wondering what would happen next.

In the midst of this uncertainty, it was incredible to see that our staff were still eager to serve in any way they could - close to 100 reached out wanting to do something to help, and we were able to mobilize them basically overnight. Some packed boxes of food at the East Texas Food Bank, or handed out hot meals at Tyler ISD schools and local apartments; others became part of a call center, reaching out to families to pray for them; and some even took it upon themselves to do door-to-door deliveries for families who couldn't leave their homes. It was a beautiful picture of what the global church should be - people loving and serving others out of an overflow of their love for God!

As much as I hope that we never have another season like this one, it's undeniable that God has used events of 2019-2020 and the COVID pandemic to work both in and through the staff of Mentoring Alliance.

Josh Kilsby

Area Director, Mentoring Alliance After School

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1,385 total students enrolled daily total at peak enrollment in March 2020

127 part time staff working for us



21 locations / sites



19 elementary schools

25 elementary schools served at those 19, via bussing provided by all 3 districts



2 middle schools

2 middle schools served at those 2 sites

72 hours of Bible Study

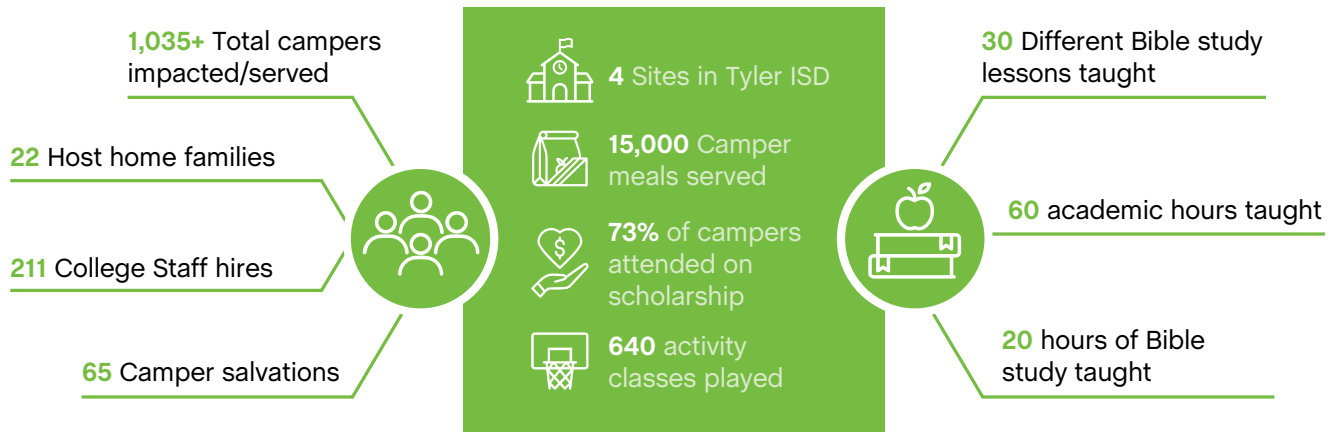


126 hours of Academic Time





Mentoring Alliance Summer Camps work in partnership with public schools to combat summer learning regression; We are committed to sharing the Gospel and showing children the love of Christ in a fun, tangible, and life-changing way.



Our Impact is Growing

Mentoring Alliance Summer Camps opened 2 new sites this summer and served 1,035 students over the 2020 8-weeks of camp. The generous support of the MA investors allowed 760 kids to attend on scholarship or received financial assistance this summer.



Romans 10:9

“because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Meet Chris. Chris came to camp the first day hesitant and not wanting to engage. He met his counselor, Jake, who desired to love kids with a Gospel love. Jake tried every trick up his sleeve to relate to Chris on any level. Jake was persistent and eventually Chris was smiling from ear to ear.

Jake has continuously pursued Chris with the love of Christ. His perseverance with the Gospel has brought forth early fruit - Chris accepted Christ as his Savior!



Rolling Out the Red Carpet

Ian Wade, Site Coordinator at Boulter, wanted a way to show his campers that they are special in the midst of all the racial tension in our country. He and his staff came up with the “Roll Out the Red Carpet” idea.

Each day at drop off and pick up, each student walks the red carpet while the staff cheers enthusiastically. They celebrate each camper as they come and go. Signs along the red carpet read, “Tangible Help” and “Eternal Hope” and share the messages “You Matter” and “We Love You.”

The campers have loved this time of celebration. Many campers who arrived at camp rather sleepy and lethargic, now eagerly await their chance to jump out of the car and swagger on into camp, encouraged by the love of their counselors!

Be Who God Calls You To Be

After two years of attending Mentoring Alliance Summer Camps, Jaylen has grown a special love for bible study. In bible study, Jaylen feels like she can be curious and ask as many questions as she needs to in order to understand the lesson. During her two years at camp she feels especially thankful to have the same counselor, Alaya Bratton. “Ms. Alaya has taught me that it’s okay to be myself and to express myself, especially during bible study.”



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David

David Nix served four years at the Boys and Girls Club of East Texas during his college years. He earned a Bachelor's degree through the ministry's scholarship program. David was advised to become a mentor through the Mentor Connect program (Formally known as Gospel Village). Not knowing how it would impact his life and perhaps reluctantly, David became a mentor of two middle school brothers.

David and his mentees, Mario and Daniel, were a perfect match from the very start. David had previously learned Spanish, and the family that was given to him was a Spanish-speaking only family. The Lord had already been orchestrating this relationship before they ever knew. Throughout their relationship, David has learned how to meet the needs of the kids. When the relationship began, David knew that he needed to spend more than the average time with them, so he invited the family to church with him. Thankfully, the church that David was attending had a Spanish-speaking service. David got them involved in the church and soon Mario, Daniel, and their mother, Angeles, had built a church community as well.

Through the church community, their mother Angeles found resources that would bless her family, including scholarship opportunities for the church's private school. Through a lot of prayer and God's grace, they were granted admission scholarships! Not knowing how God would move in their lives, David was immensely grateful to have met his mentees and their mom. Through Mentor Connect, David not only developed a relationship with a family he never would have met, but he was able to find a second family with them. David would do anything to help Mario and Daniel, and even though David may get busy with life, he will always have time to serve this family as best as he can.



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Henny

Henny Campos began her mentorship relationship 7 months after she was hired as a mentor coordinator at Mentoring Alliance. Henny was having trouble finding a Spanish-speaking mentor for Joel. After being on the waiting list for a couple of months, Henny decided to mentor both Joel and his sister, Janel. Normally mentors of the opposite sex do not get paired, but there was a great shortage of Spanish-speaking mentors, and the program director approved of the relationship. Janel and Joel lived with their grandmother, Maria, when Henny met them. Due to unfortunate circumstances, Joel and Janel's father was deported, and their mother was not involved in their life.

Henny has tried to spend as much time as she can to develop a trust-based relationship with both Joel and Janel. Henny has had heartfelt conversations with the kids that have allowed her to understand their individual needs. Joel often has trouble in school with breaking policies or not doing his work, as a result of seeking attention. Janel has been suspended from school after getting into a fight with another student because she has a lot of anger built up. Even though these kids may be having a hard time, Henny keeps diving into these relationships knowing that God has a purpose for these kids. She knows that they have been created by God, and He has brought her to them to love them the way God loves his children. Henny has gone through similar struggles, allowing her to be more understanding, but there are also new struggles that she has never encountered before, giving her an opportunity to learn and grow. With God's grace, Henny has been providing tangible help and eternal hope to her mentees and their family for a year and seven months!



COVID-19 RESPONSE. SAME MISSION. DIFFERENT METHODOLOGY.

An unprecedented crisis in our community challenged our team in new ways this year. Like many of you, our team was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. We were forced into our respective homes and challenged to reconsider what it means to provide tangible help and eternal hope while physically distanced from those we serve.

It would have been easy to grapple with the questions that could not be answered at the time (or even now). Instead, our team got to work focusing on the questions we could answer: How can we redeploy a dedicated team of Godly men and women to meet the greatest needs of the families we serve?

For us, the answer was clear: we can help provide food, support the school districts in distribution of learning materials and supplies, and provide a way for children to remain connected to people outside of their families who care for them. And, in all of this, making great the name of Jesus.

In a matter of weeks, our part-time After School staff were re-assigned to distribution of food, supplies, and academic packets through partnerships with local school districts and other non-profits. Parents were met with a Mentoring Alliance staff member as they drove through school driveways to pick up meal boxes or received needed supplies at their front door.





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We are grateful for the privilege of meeting the tangible needs of our community. But, we are compelled to do more than this. We are called also to bring eternal hope to the children and families we serve. To do this during a pandemic required a unique approach – relying on virtual platforms to maintain or build meaningful relationships.

To meet the needs of children in our After School program, our team created Mentoring Alliance TV to bring fun, virtual Bible lessons to the kids we serve. A call center was launched to contact each of the children and their families to maintain existing relationships and offer prayer or support. Video chats were setup between our staff and any child or family wanting to talk or stay in touch.

In the midst of all of this re-imagined care and support, our team was also wrestling with Summer Camp 2020 and whether or not we could move forward. We are grateful that on Monday, June 1, Mentoring Alliance Summer Camps opened its doors at 4 locations throughout Tyler. Through eight weeks of Summer Camp, we served over 500 children on average each week– many of whom were able to attend through our scholarship program.



COVID-19 CONTINUED

For Mentoring Alliance, fun became an essential service.

At camp, children received much needed in person care and connection. They had a chance to play and have fun. They built relationships with each other and our support summer staff. They participated in 10 hours of academics each week. And, most importantly, they learned about Jesus and what it means to have a saving relationship with him.

Though these last six months have not been an easy journey, we reflect back on this season with gratitude for the Lord's faithfulness and for the team of passionate staff he has put in place to be his hands and feet. Even the unknowns of a global pandemic are known to Him. And we find our direction, wisdom, and rest in this fundamental truth.

Thank you for the continued support you have shown that allowed our team to pivot quickly and effectively this year. Together, we will continue to serve and impact the lives of children and families in the Tyler community.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Ferguson".

ANNE FERGUSON
Vice President of Programs



71,096

meals were given to families through our partnership with TISD



3,698

disaster relief kits distributed





10,514

boxes of food were
packed through our work
with local non-profits



3,252

academic packets
distributed

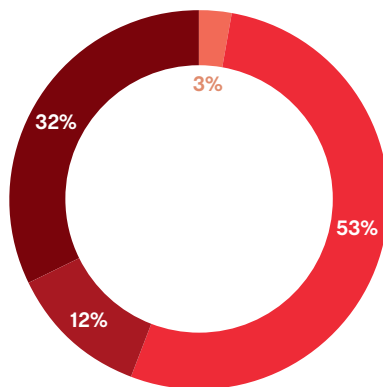


What a year we have had at Mentoring Alliance! We continue to see God's favor through the faithful generosity of our supporters, who stepped in to fill in the gap when our program fees were completely shut off due to Covid. Not only were we able to keep our staff employed during the period of our programs not being able to operate, we are now in a financial position to operate at an expected loss in 20-21, as the economic effects of Covid continue to affect our

families' ability to pay full price to participate in our programs.

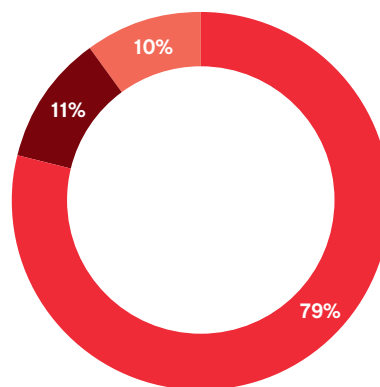
As demonstrated in the five-year comparison, we have achieved modest growth in our total assets, which is a blessing that allows us to walk into this season of uncertainty confident that we can continue to grow, adapt, and most importantly continue to provide tangible help and enteral hope to those in our community who need it more than ever.

FUNDING SOURCES



3% Church
53% Individuals
12% Organizations
32% Foundations

HOW FUNDS ARE INVESTED



79% Program
11% Fundraising
10% Administration



FIVE YEAR COMPARISON

	2015	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Program Revenue	\$949,811	\$1,363,889	\$1,575,749	\$1,807,934	\$1,306,171
Fundraising Revenue	\$1,674,399	\$1,902,914	\$2,133,507	\$2,346,622	\$4,006,817
Capital Campaign			\$1,835,800	\$1,426,650	
Other Revenue	\$18,643	\$44,967	\$21,605	\$84,374	\$533,637
Total Revenue	\$2,642,853	\$3,311,770	\$5,566,661	\$5,665,580	\$5,846,625
Total Expenses	\$2,520,654	\$3,092,339	\$3,317,613	\$3,783,242	\$4,926,977
Total Net Assets	\$3,372,917	\$3,620,900	\$5,869,948	\$7,752,275	\$8,671,923

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FINANCIAL POSITION	2020	2019
Cash-Unrestricted (4 Months Average Expenses)	\$1,578,300	\$685,955
Cash-Board Designated Cash Reserves	\$1,424,538	\$1,414,018
Cash-Building Project	-	\$1,157,201
Cash-Restricted	\$147,977	\$263,997
Cash-Designated for 20-21 Expenses in Excess of Revenue	\$394,963	
Cash-Designated Savings for Capital Repairs & Maintenance	\$133,718	
Cash-Temporarily Designated for Long Term Debt Repayment	\$526,000	
Endowment Fund	\$764,324	\$706,499
Fixed Assets	\$4,468,681	\$4,080,253
Receivables and Other Assets	\$73,088	\$82,570
Total Assets	\$9,511,588	\$8,390,493
Current Liabilities	\$313,665	\$638,218
Liabilities - PPP Loan	\$526,000	
Net Assets with Restrictions	\$147,977	\$1,421,010
Net Assets without Restrictions	\$8,523,945	\$6,331,265
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$9,511,588	\$8,390,493

EXPENSES	2020	2019
Direct Expense of 1630 children served at MA After School	\$1,514,859	\$1,322,003
Direct Expense of 897 children served at MA Summer Camps	\$934,996	\$529,658
Direct Expense of 194 children mentored through Mentor Connect	\$324,411	\$452,551
Indirect Program Costs	\$1,127,902	\$804,325
Fundraising	\$545,022	\$214,937
Marketing, Administrative, & Program Support	\$479,787	\$459,768
Total Expenses	\$4,926,977	\$3,783,242
Change in Net Assets	\$919,649	\$1,882,327

FUNDING SOURCES	2020	2019
Contributions	\$3,888,099	\$2,213,851
Special Events (Net of Expenses)	\$118,718	\$132,761
Program Fee Income	\$1,306,171	\$1,807,934
Capital Campaign		\$1,426,650
Rental Income	\$53,248	\$97,300
Investment Income	\$26,304	(13,063)
Other Income	\$454,085	\$137
Total Revenues, Gains, & Support	\$5,846,626	\$5,665,569

*For the Year Ended June 30, 2020 / With
Comparative Totals for the Year Ended
June 30, 2019*

(Unaudited - Please see our website for auditor's report and full financial statements.)

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Now more than ever, people need to know they are loved and cared for by their heavenly Father and their neighbor.”

2020 was an amazing year. As you can see from this year’s annual report, there is so much for which to be thankful and yet as I write this in July of 2020, it seems that nothing is as it was just a few short months ago. So much has changed in our world. A pandemic was declared, school was canceled, a cancer diagnosis was received, racial tension abounded, and we live in a country that is deeply divided in so many ways. Honestly, life feels heavy these days. And yet, the mission of the Mentoring Alliance to serve children and families in East Texas has not changed. Thank God for that!

Now more than ever, people need to know they are loved and cared for by their heavenly Father and their neighbor. I read something recently that said, “as believers we are called to bring light to places where people cannot see, attention to the voices people cannot hear, justice to the people others oppress, and maybe most importantly right now, hope to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.”

This is what the Mentoring Alliance is doing by mobilizing godly people into the lives of kids and families, to provide tangible help and eternal hope. Believing that God calls us to love and serve others and to boldly share our hope, this team has pivoted in unbelievable ways to continue living out our mission.

Jesus gave His followers a command to love others sacrificially. When asked about the greatest commandment, He answered that we are commanded to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love others as ourselves (Matthew 22:38-40).

As followers of Jesus, amid a season of fear and anxiety, we have a unique opportunity to serve the world around us and love others well. Being able to come alongside others and meet their practical and spiritual needs with a sense of peace communicates a love that is based on something far greater than our current circumstances. This extraordinary team has demonstrated how to love others well by continuing to be people of relationships, seeking opportunities to serve others despite the challenges that have been presented. Their perseverance communicates hope to our community.

As you can see from this report, we have taken advantage of unique opportunities to demonstrate that the gospel is not just words, but that the love of Jesus makes a difference in how we treat people and how we face difficulties and struggles. We have been able to show others that as transformed people, we have a hope that rests in a relationship with a loving, merciful, and sovereign God. Sharing the hope of Jesus with each person we serve. Regardless of the role you have played in helping to mobilize these godly people, we thank you – for your commitment to mentoring, for your prayers, for your encouragement, for your friendship, for your trust, and for your financial investment. God may be the Provider of all, but He does his work through you and we are so grateful.



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