

ANNUAL REPORT 2021



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BOARD CHAIR LETTER

Dear Heart House Family,

Thank you to the many donors, funders, volunteers, and partners who helped make 2021 a great year for Heart House! I'd also like to extend a personal thank you to a dedicated Board of Directors for all their contributions.

While 2021 began with a state-wide freeze, Heart House was there along with other community partners to supply water, food, and other necessities to impacted families. Heart House staff continued their legacy of being more than educators – they are compassionate and caring mentors that are dedicated to the physical and mental well-being of these students, as well as their academic success.

Many talented and appreciated volunteers and partners contributed to programming this year, bringing their time, talents, and treasure. Volunteers and partners were critical to the incredible success of Heart House's new middle school program, Project X (see pg. 4). Dedicated volunteers and professional mentors helped guide students as they developed core values, learned about the science and art of photography, and built their own amusement parks. In other program success, Guided Reading Circles were crucial this summer. Make sure to check out the students' incredible accomplishments (see pg. 5)! This achievement is reflective of the dedicated volunteers that gave their time throughout the summer to help students make gains or stay on track with their reading levels.

Please review the list of partners who stepped up to make a difference. The organization would like to extend a big thank you to two partners who especially made significant contributions: Dwell with Dignity and Austin Bridge & Road. Dwell with Dignity transformed all three classrooms - not only are they beautiful, but the spaces are also safer, comfortable, and more conducive to learning. Austin Bridge & Road hosted their annual Golf Tournament to benefit Heart House - over \$80,000 was raised to benefit the students! This is the most that has ever been raised in the long tenure of this fundraising event.

Your impact is reflected in the numbers, the photos of these amazing students, and the stories. Heart House could not be a safe third place for students without your generosity. On behalf of myself and the Heart House Board of Directors, thank you - and please enjoy!

Best,
Gerry Magrini
Board Chair



INTRODUCING PROJECT X

Middle school students
learning about the science
and art behind photography



Middles school students with
their own parks after learning
about the design and
architecture of amusement
parks



New this year, is **Project X** - Heart House's new project-based learning (PBL) program for Pineland (5th-8th grade) students. PBL provides an authentic way for students to grow their knowledge and skills. Rather than studying basic economics, students create their own business. Rather than studying society, students create and enact plans to help people experiencing homelessness in their community.

Throughout Project X, students have gained genuine and unique experiences in different career fields and acquired 21st century skills alongside the academic and SEL skills that have always been integral to the Heart House program. Students have problem solved, collaborated, thought critically, grown their global awareness, and so much more. The most common 21st century skill throughout our year has been perseverance, as students have progressed through these projects that have been anything but easy. Pineland students were asked what they were most proud of in 2021. Nearly all students responded about something they had done at Heart House that contributed to one of our projects. Students are truly proud of what they have produced and the knowledge they have gained!

GETTING ON TRACK WITH READING

This summer, Heart House started Guided Reading Circles to increase literacy skills and ensure that students made gains or stayed on track with their grade's reading level over the summer.

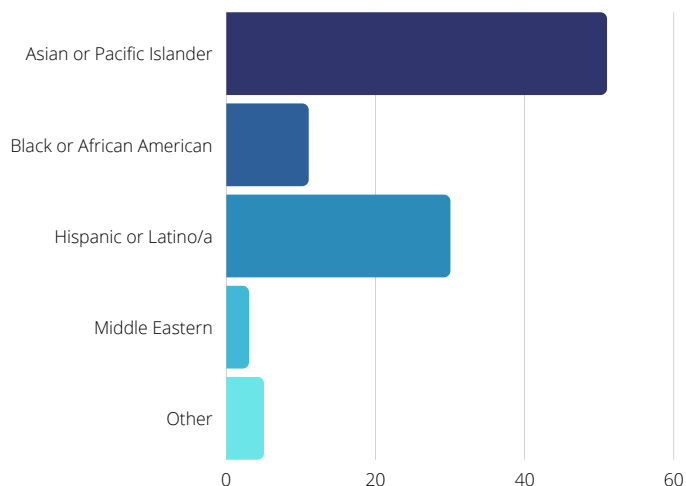
The Dynamic Indicators or Basic Early Literacy or DIBELS assessment was used to measure student growth in five different foundational components of literacy: phonemic awareness, phonics, letter names, fluency, and comprehension.

For six weeks, volunteers and staff led the guided reading circles and helped students achieve several impressive outcomes. At the beginning of the summer, only 52% of 2nd grade students were able to comprehend at or above grade level and four 4th graders needed intensive support for reading comprehension. At the end of the program, **65%** of 2nd graders were at or above grade level and **3 of four** 4th graders were no longer identified as intensive. Additionally, **55%** K-2nd grade students improved their word reading fluency, and **97%** of students showed growth in at least one category of literacy.



IMPACT

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



70 STUDENTS
SERVED
IN 2021



**75% OF FAMILIES
SERVED HAVE
HOUSEHOLD
INCOME <\$32K**

57 STUDENTS
RECEIVED
COUNSELING

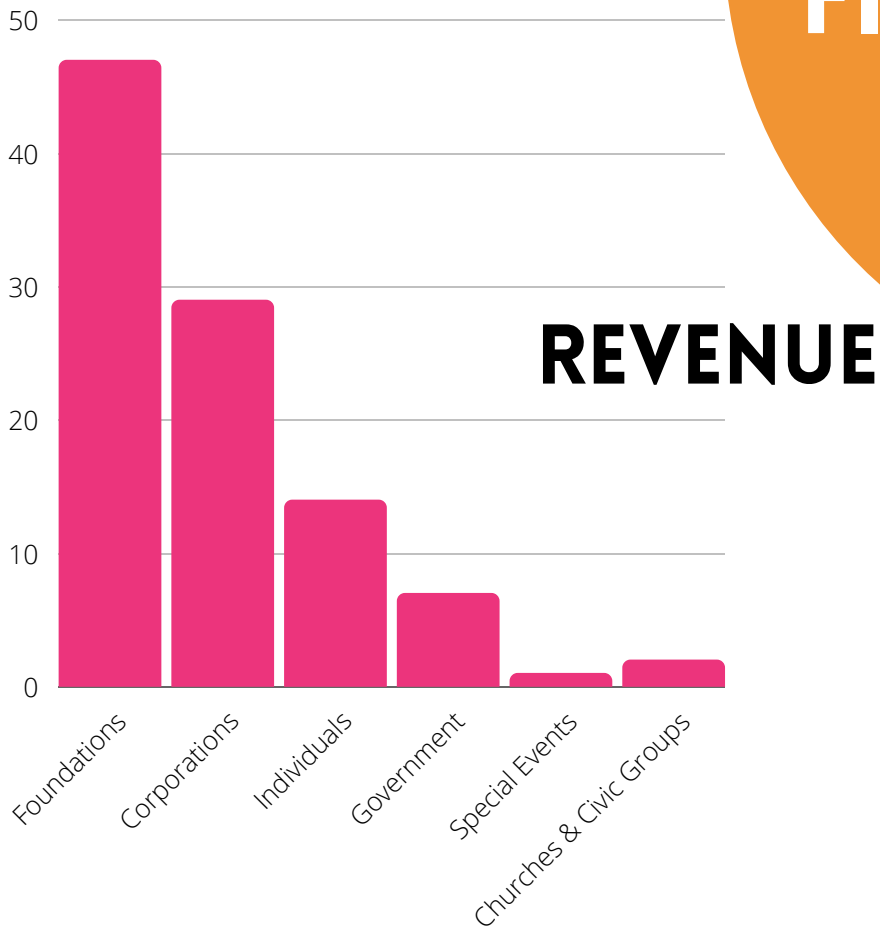
85%
AVERAGE
ATTENDANCE

All students scored within normal range for 5 social behaviors including negative conduct, emotional symptoms, hyperactivity, peer relationships, and prosocial behavior according to Strengths & Difficulties (SDQ) post-test results

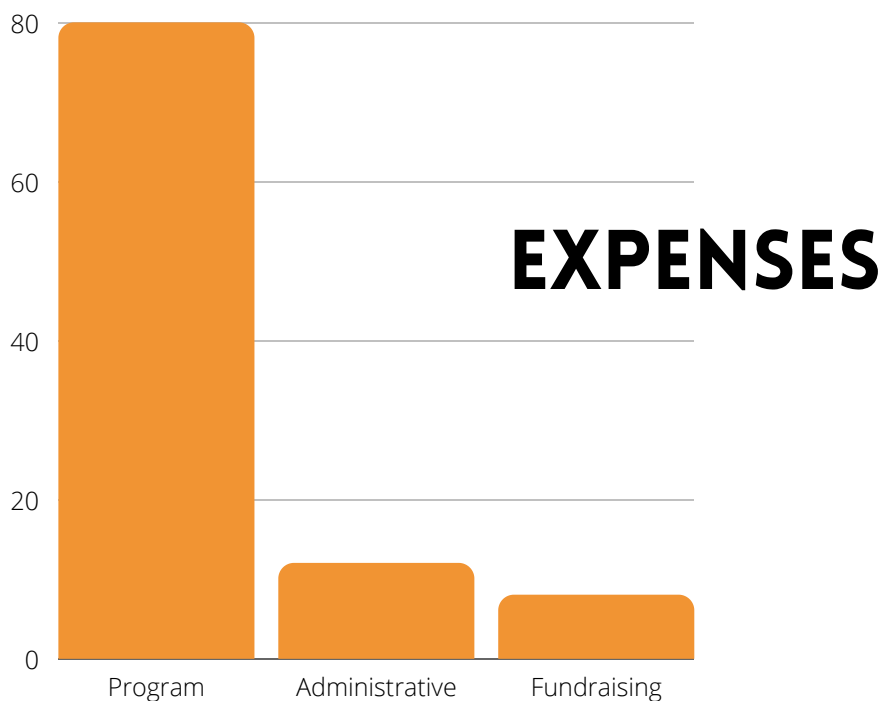
**94% OF STUDENTS
REPORTED THAT THEY ENJOY
COMING TO HEART HOUSE**

**PARENTS RATED THE HEART
HOUSE PROGRAM 4.9/ 5**

FINANCIALS



80%
**OF ALL FUNDING
GOES DIRECTLY
TO PROGRAM**



SUPPORTERS



2021 FUNDERS

Addy Foundation
Ambrose Group
Austin Bridge & Road
Better Together Fund
CHRISTUS Fund
Clif Bar Family Foundation
Commit Partnership
Communities Foundation of Texas
Dollar General Foundation
First Horizon Foundation
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JHP Architecture/Urban Design, P.C.
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2021 PARTNERSHIPS

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Austin Bridge & Road
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Bright Light Volunteers
Bruce Wood Dance Project
Celtics Basketball Team
Chef Donny Sirisvath
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints -
Prosper Stake
CitySquare AmeriCorps
CJB Productions
Center for Survivors of Torture
CSW Mechanical
Dallas Afterschool
Dallas Museum of Art
David Loi Photography
Dwell with Dignity
Engage Dallas - SMU
Episcopal School of Dallas
Highland Park United Methodist Church
JHP Architecture
Kids Bring Life
Literacy Achieves
Mavericks Basketball
Mr. Cooper: Asians in Motion
National Charity League -
Lakewood
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Preston Hollow Presbyterian
Church
Richemont North America
Sew Masks, Save Doctors
Six Flags Over Texas
Southern Methodist University:
College of Education
SparkSTEM
STEMPower
Teatro
Texas Health Resources
Texas Women's University:
School of Occupational Therapy
Who is Hussain?
Young Men's Service League:
East Dallas



2021 VOLUNTEERS

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