

Good is an open space where people see faces who are welcoming, who smile with their eyes. **Good is an abundant garden of relationships.** Good is really seeing our neighbors... all of them. Good is a phone call with my mom at the end of a long week. Good is the freedom of a bird singing, soaring through the sky. **Good is a realization of dignity for all in work and community.** Good is for you as much as it is for me. Good is shared. **Good is patient.** Good is if you're too comfortable getting uncomfortable or if you're too uncomfortable getting comfortable. Good is coworkers who are also family. Good is using your words and actions to build people and communities up and not tear them down. **Good is deep sleep when you really need it.** **Good is the direction of the universe in all things.** Good is the first embrace after being separated by the immigration system. Good is pure spring water bubbling up out of the ground. **Good is constructive over transactional.** Good is that guy digging up the stump in the afternoon on a hot, hot day. **Good is daring to dream beyond your circumstance.** **Good is a minor setback with a major comeback.** Good is the joy of a child saying, "Look at me!" Good is celebrating in the joy the accomplishment of being alive. **Good is neighborhood children playing together.** **Good is buds of new growth intertwining with old established branches.** Good is a productive environment where people can be their authentic selves, embrace their bodies and experience a sense of belonging. **Good is a warm cup of coffee with warm air and a light breeze overlooking something beautiful.** Good is chicken on a stick, a pitcher of beer and a mangonada with a million neighbors singing Selena at the top of their lungs. Good is laughing really hard together. **Good is grandchildren.** Good is when fall comes to Texas. **Good is doing what you can.** Good is not making sense when you talk through ideas with someone you can trust. **Good is constantly changing and evolving.** Good is the sound of many voices at different pitches in different tones, maybe loud maybe soft but productively. **Good is the buzz not the cackling chaotic voices of people trying to one up one another or the truth.** **Good is a world where everyone feels safe and has their needs met without a question.** Good is a bike ride with a friend where we can ride side-by-side and have a conversation without fear of being hit or running over people or potholes. **Good is sensing your ancestors guiding your steps.** **Good is giving ourselves the space to grieve and allowing the stars to freely flow.** **Good is listening.** **Good is every voice heard.** **Good is a song that takes you back to the power of your own consciousness.** **Good is that first fall breeze bringing in a smell of fire and fresh hope.** **Good is a thriving garden of our neighborhood with streets, homes, businesses alive with the vibrant colors of hope.** **Good is deep listening as if the words you heard were going to form your next decision.** **Good is empathy.** **Good is being supported so you can achieve a sense of calm when you need it.** **Good is access to do and give your best.** **Good is freedom for the oppressed.** Good is a community that embraces you without judgment. **Good is a pile of books waiting to be read.** Good is the sound of cooking dinner with someone you love. Good is filling every page of a journal. **Good is seeing the good in others.** Good is the warmth of the sun beaming down on your face. Good is the uninhibited laughter of a child. **Good is our differences.** Good is the comfort of a mother when you've made a mistake or when life turns. **Good is the unexpected discovery of joy.** **Good in the gift of receiving grace with a note of, "I've been there too".** **Good is the poor in spirit being blessed.** Good is the release of breath and the sinking of your body into an arm chair at the end of a long day. **Good is a friend's face lighting up when they see you.** Good is the first slice birthday cake or long awaited meal. Good is a shared smile of a stranger. **Good is the feeling of strength after pushing a boulder up a hill.** **Good is the vast view of the world at the top of a mountain.** Good is the tenderness and safety of a lover's arms. **Good is the sound of rain pitter pattering outside a window.** Good is a new notebook ready to be filled with your dreams, your wonders, your worries. Good is a thrill of excitement at good news. **Good in the reverberating stillness and peace of an intuitive decision.** Good is the ache of your arms after a day of working in the yard. Good is the love of a dog. **Good is hope in the face of adversity.** Good is going the extra step. **Good is listening without the intent to respond.** **Good is like rain washing away, cleansing, nourishing, bringing new life.** Good is going farther and faster. **Good is a seat at the table.**



MISSION CITY RENEWAL

2020 IMPACT REPORT

WHAT DOES **GOOD** MEAN TO YOU?

The dream of Mission City Renewal and its projects has always been about creating spaces where people who have a drive to **create** can **be known** and **know one another** — a place where they **belong** and where their **ideas can thrive**.

A place where **hospitality** and the art of making people **feel welcomed and heard** was exercised, where **the flourishing of one would add to the flourishing of the other**, where generosity was a normal form of exchange, and where people could discover and reengage with **the dignity of ideating in community**.

The best thing about that reality today is that we do that **with you**. We do that in a **community**. We turned to some of the members of our community who have helped turn this **vision into our reality** so we could collectively name **what it is we are doing and why we are doing it**.

GOOD IS... A MANIFESTO CO-AUTHORED BY

ELIZABETH, MARK, DAVIS, CARSON, AMY, JACK P., AARON, SARAH, JOE, PAIGE, STEPHANIE, HALLEASE, AMBER, TAYLOR, KATIE, JACK S., MARIA, JONI, DAVID, MANDI

Special Thanks to Mark Menjivar and Elizabeth Coffee for creating and facilitating the Good Manifesto.

Read the entire manifesto on the front and back cover or www.missioncityrenewal.org/stories/good-is-a-manifesto



OUTDOOR AREA CREATED IN RESPONSE TO COVID 19

A LOOK INSIDE OUR 2020 IMPACT

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BUSINESS RESILIENCY WORKSHOP DESIGNED & LED FOR VIRTUAL SAN ANTONIO ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK

TRUST IN THE LORD, AND DO GOOD;
DWELL IN THE LAND AND CULTIVATE FAITHFULNESS.
PSALM 37:3

OH GOODNESS,

This year has certainly been one for the books. COVID-19 has touched every facet of life as we knew it. We have been challenged and refined. We continue to hold a tension between grief for what was and hope for what is emerging. As MCR, we've seen real need in our community for changemakers — from homelessness and businesses on the brink of closure intertwined with tangible expressions of care and community supporting one another. The uncertainty so prevalent in 2020, brings with it a refocus on the essentials of core mission for organizations — making sure every resource is carefully allocated. For Mission City Renewal, this mission is equipping entrepreneurs and joining alongside institutions to launch place-based projects that are rooted in an asset-based perspective of their neighborhoods and will be tangible representations of the Kingdom of God as they seek equity and justice. In the following pages you will see more of how this continues to come to life through our programs as we enter our 4th year as an organization. We began in 2017 as practitioners, navigating the journey of social entrepreneurship in conjunction with the church, through The Impact Guild. This year, in addition to the constant adaptation as practitioners, we've focused on growing as trainers. As our own work has been refined this year, we have sped up a long-term goal of launching a

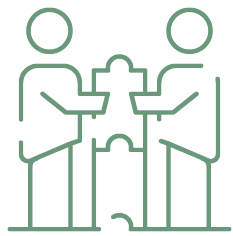
Fellowship accelerator to help faith-communities and other mission-minded organizations launch impactful, sustainable enterprises. While this supports changemakers and their ideas for good, we have also doubled down on how to change mindsets to see resources more creatively (our Good Neighbor Toolkit) and especially an imagination for one of the church's most tangible assets that can be activated for our communities — property (Good Acres). In 2021, our trajectory is to lean into even more equipping of individual changemakers and churches to engage our communities through launching community projects that bring more equity to the systems around housing, food, education, and more through the stewardship of the resources of the church in a way that honors the creativity and imagination of our God. We hope that you will join us in this work as a part of this community whether through your professional skills, leadership of an institution, entrepreneurial vision or finances. If you haven't read the Good Manifesto on the front and back cover, I highly encourage it. This is the vision for Goodness in our neighborhoods in the words of our community.

Gratefully,
Sarah Woolsey
MCR Executive Director

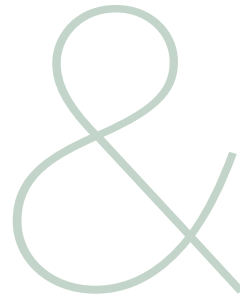


OUR MISSION

ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITIES BY



LAUNCHING
COMMUNITY
PROJECTS



DESIGNING
TOOLS &
RESOURCES

THAT
EMBODY
JUSTICE &
EQUITY

AS WE JOIN GOD IN
THE RENEWAL OF
OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

WE ARE A PLACE-BASED, FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INCUBATOR

OUR PROGRAMS

[NEW BRANDING IN 2020]



ON JUSTICE & EQUITY

FROM AARON VILLARREAL
MCR COMM ENGAGEMENT DESIGNER

We believe that our communities flourish when we all flourish. While we actively seek to participate in God's work of redemption in our communities, we recognize that now, more than ever, we must learn to inhabit the Father's love for all of his people. In doing so, we are actively seeking opportunities to create and cultivate projects, tools and resources that are born out of empathy, rooted in justice and equity, and that bestow dignity to all.



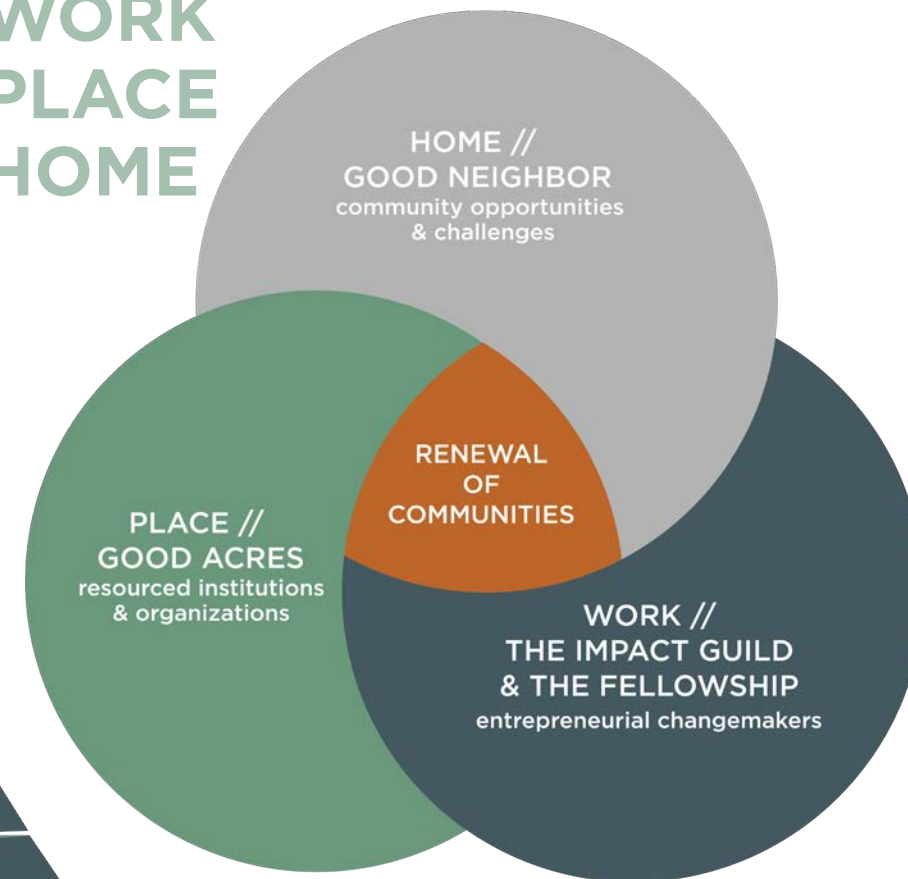
OUR IMPACT MODEL

As MCR, we are **practitioners**, navigating the journey of social entrepreneurship in conjunction with the church, through The Impact Guild. We are also **trainers**, designing tools and resources to spark imagination and help others along this journey. We work with entrepreneurial changemakers as well as institutions to activate their resources such as property and creative ideas for the good of their communities. Building place-based projects that hold empathetic understanding of the uniqueness of each community at the forefront.

The “need” MCR addresses is actually an opportunity... Activating Resources of People, Ideas & Property for the benefit of our Communities



WORK PLACE HOME



“Mission City Renewal, Good Acres and Good Neighbor have been instrumental in discerning a path forward for our local congregation.

The first Good Acres gathering I attended was truly a catalytic moment in our organization as hearing from Rev. Josh Esparza brought to life something that I had sensed was an improbable dream.

Our team was then able to use Good Neighbor to work through asset-mapping in our neighborhood and identifying what resources are missing in our local community. The Mission City Renewal team has been an invaluable resource for support, encouragement and knowledge as we move forward to becoming a church aligned with God’s mission in the city and the world.”

JESS LOWRY, Pastor
Sunset Ridge Church

“**ASSET-BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IS A PATH TO ‘ORGANIZE AN ORGANIZATION’ OR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OF LOCAL PEOPLE AND THEIR STAKEHOLDER GROUPS TO FIND, CONNECT AND MAKE PRODUCTIVE A GROWING CIRCLE OF LOCAL ASSETS WORKING FOR THE COMMON GOOD.**”

— MIKE GREEN, ASSET-BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE AT DE PAUL UNIVERSITY

EMPATHY TRAINING: CONSULTING IN ACTION

AUGUST 2020: We had the opportunity to develop an Empathy & Inclusion Training for the City of San Antonio and their partners as they worked to equip the Community Development Corporations serving the west, east, central and southsides of San Antonio. These community-organizations were tasked with reaching out to small businesses in their neighborhoods to best understand their needs related to the COVID-19 crisis and create inclusive responses rooted in empathy. Collaborating to facilitate workshops and create tools for these kinds of shared value partners is a core aspect of our work.



IN 2020, WE'VE FOCUSED ON DEVELOPING OUR SUITE OF RESOURCES FOR WORKING WITH FAITH-BASED INSTITUTIONS LOOKING FOR FRESH WAYS TO IMAGINE THEIR MISSION ROOTED IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS, COMMITTED TO EQUITY AND CHARTING NEW FORMS OF SUSTAINABILITY. THESE RESOURCES ARE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE.



CHANGING ATTITUDES TOWARDS FRUSTRATIONS IN CITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS THROUGH AN ASSET-MINDED APPROACH



4 ONLINE COURSES DESIGNED & BUILT IN 2020: CHANGEMAKER STORYGUIDE, GOOD NEIGHBOR, ASSET MAPPING 101 AND DESIGN THINKING FOR GOOD



MEMBERSHIP MODEL DEVELOPED TO TRAIN THOSE EMPLOYED IN CHURCHES AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SECTORS



1 ROBUST ASSET MAP OF THE BEACON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD PLUS 43 OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS TRAINED IN ASSET MAPPING

ON THE JOURNEY

FROM ELIZABETH COFFEE
CO-AUTHOR GOOD NEIGHBOR
MCR BOARD MEMBER



It is exciting to see Good Neighbor adapted for a broader use with an infrastructure and platform to sustain its scalability. The work the Mission City Renewal team has done to develop models of growth have added to its accessibility while not sacrificing its depth and purpose. Good Neighbor belongs in communities: at dinner tables, in neighborhood association meetings, in book clubs, in PTA gatherings, etc. I believe it is set up to serve that purpose now.



GOOD NEIGHBOR TOOLKIT

OUR TOOLKIT IS COMPRISED OF 4 MODULES ROOTED IN ASSET-BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. DESIGNED TO GUIDE YOU ON AN INTERACTIVE JOURNEY TO BUILD COLLABORATION AND CREATIVITY AS YOUR COMMUNITY CONSIDERS YOUR RESOURCES TOGETHER.

I. CHANGEMAKER STORYGUIDE a self-reflective process to explore your vocation — how what you love and what you are gifted at meets a need in the world — as well as the practical side of what can you sustain financially.

TAKEAWAYS
Through intentional reflection and planning move from stagnant or frustrated in your work to purposeful and focused on a path forward.

AVAILABLE RESOURCES
- WORKBOOK DOWNLOAD
- ONLINE PORTAL
- 2-HOUR GROUP WORKSHOP

IV. DESIGN THINKING FOR GOOD
This supplement to the Good Neighbor Fieldguide uses design thinking cornerstones of empathy, ideation, prototyping and pivoting.

TAKEAWAYS:
The group designs a small, creative project that addresses a design challenge for your community.

AVAILABLE RESOURCES
- INCLUDED WITH GN ONLINE ACCESS
- 2-HOUR FACILITATED WORKSHOP



CHANGEMAKER STORYGUIDE

GOOD NEIGHBOR

ASSET MAPPING 101

II. GOOD NEIGHBOR FIELDGUIDE

is a resource for groups looking for a process to discover the resources of their neighborhood and explore a community project together. Moving from conversation to informed action.

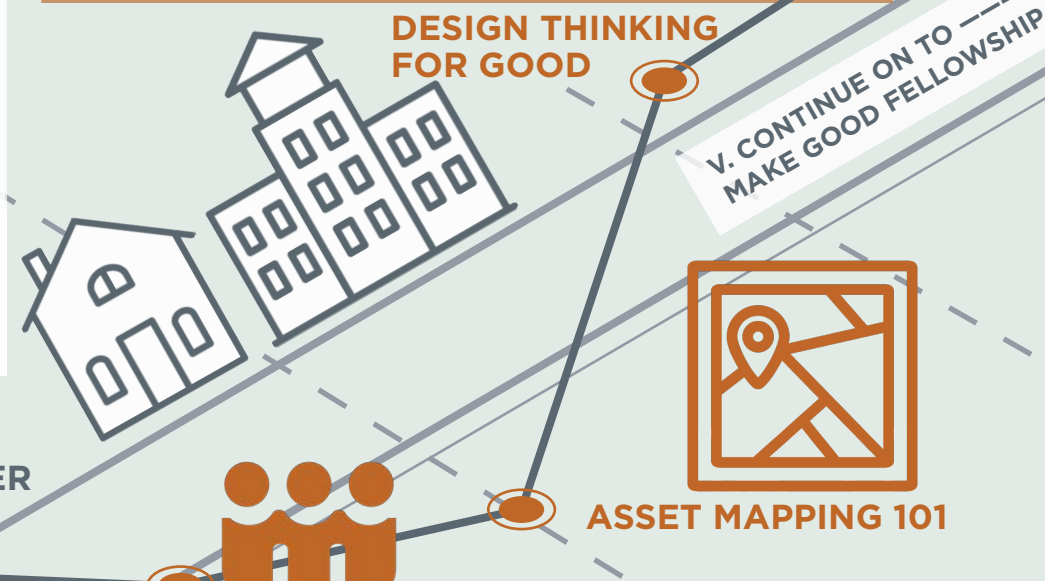
TAKEAWAYS
Come away connected with relationships rooted in shared values and empowered to approach your neighborhood with an asset-based creativity.

AVAILABLE RESOURCES
- FIELDGUIDE BOOK
- 3 COURSES ONLINE ACCESS
- FACILITATED WORKSHOPS

III. ASSET MAPPING 101
A supplement to the Good Neighbor Fieldguide, Asset Mapping 101 aids groups in community listening and identification of resources as they create a digital or physical map unique to your community.

TAKEAWAYS
- Empathy, creative identification of resources and consensus-building
- Asset Map of your Community

AVAILABLE RESOURCES
- ONLINE COURSE (Included with GN)
- 3-HOUR FACILITATED WORKSHOP





AS A COMMUNITY COWORKING SPACE, WE'VE HAD A LOT WE'VE HAD TO RETHINK THIS YEAR WITH COVID-19. OUR TYPICAL MANIFESTATION OF OUR MISSION IS TO HOST PEOPLE — CREATING PHYSICAL GATHERINGS THAT HOLD SPACE FOR CONNECTION & COMMUNITY. LIKE SO MANY OF THE ENTREPRENEURS IN OUR COMMUNITY, WHILE THE MISSION HAS REMAINED THE EXECUTION HAS EVOLVED.

THE IMPACT GUILD WORK WITH PURPOSE



187 COWORKERS IN 2020



42 EMPATHY INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED IN LIGHT OF COVID-19 TO BEST RESPOND IN SUPPORTING OUR ENTREPRENEURIAL COMMUNITY



4 DEDICATED DESKS + OUTDOOR SPACE FUNDRAISED AND BUILT IN RESPONSE



DESIGNING MAKE GOOD FELLOWSHIP: 8 ENTREPRENEURS AND CHANGEMAKERS LAUNCHING EARLY-STAGE IDEAS

WWW.THEIMPACTGUILD.COM



ON COMMUNITY LISTENING

FROM AMBER MEEHAN
TIG COMMUNITY CURATOR

Amidst COVID-19, listening to our community was crucial, so we conducted Empathy Interviews. From there, we created responsive programming such as an Education Series, a PPP webinar, and an “Unstuck” Junto. We heard of a desire for an outdoor space and crowdsourced this hope into a reality. We learned that many people experienced online fatigue — We, too, craved deeper connection with entrepreneurs and thus, began to explore what has become now the Make Good Fellowship.



MAKE GOOD FELLOWSHIP

ONE OF OUR LONG-TERM GOALS HAS BEEN TO TRAIN AND EQUIP MISSION-DRIVEN ENTREPRENEURS TO CATALYZE THEIR IMPACT FOR GOOD THROUGH AN ACCELERATOR PROGRAM. AN UNEXPECTED BENEFIT OF COVID-19 IN 2020 HAS BEEN THE ABILITY TO PLAN, TRAIN AND RECRUIT FOR THE LAUNCH OF OUR FIRST FELLOWSHIP IN SPRING 2021. THE 6-MONTH FELLOWSHIP FOCUSES ON SUPPORTING SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH FAITH COMMUNITIES AND COMMITTED TO SOLVING REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS THAT WILL IMPROVE EQUITY IN SAN ANTONIO AND BEYOND.

BRINGING IDEAS TO LIFE THROUGH COLLABORATION, MENTORING, AND RESOURCES, WITH A PEER COHORT OF LIKE-MINDED CHANGEMAKERS.



MAKE GOOD CURRICULUM

The cornerstone of the Fellowship is the Make Good curriculum developed by Rooted Good. Since 2011, 197 students have developed projects at the intersection of mission, theology and business.



6 MO. COHORT

A group of 8 changemakers. Some entrepreneurs launching new ventures, some working within existing institutions such as the church, all building missional ideas for good.



RESOURCES

Fellows walk away with a network of peers, mentors, and partners —equipped to launch and sustain their projects. An Impact Guild coworking membership, mentorship, Pitch-event and access to a national network are additional benefits.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1 IDENTIFY FELLOWS

If you know a church or entrepreneur who would benefit from the fellowship, please email sarah@theimpactguild.com

2 FINANCIAL SPONSORSHIP

Each fellow pays \$900 of the \$4,500 it costs for the program, we are still in need of sponsors and donors to cover this gap.

3 MENTORSHIP

Lend your professional skills such as legal, business planning, marketing & communications, impact measurement, etc to Fellows.

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THERE ARE 3000 ACRES OF UNDEVELOPED LAND OWNED BY CHURCHES AND FAITH COMMUNITIES IN SAN ANTONIO. GOOD ACRES WORKS TOGETHER WITH CHURCHES TO GAIN A NEW IMAGINATION FOR HOW UNDERUTILIZED REAL-ESTATE ASSETS CAN BE ACTIVATED FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY. THE YEAR 2020 HAS UNDERScoreD BOTH THIS OPPORTUNITY AND THE NEED.

GOOD ACRES

BUILDING COMMUNITIES THROUGH BUILDING PROJECTS



19 FAITH COMMUNITIES INTERESTED IN USING PROPERTIES FOR COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECTS. IDENTIFIED AT THE MISSION DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT CO-HOSTED WITH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO



GROWING A NETWORK: 56 FAITH COMMUNITIES, 14 REAL-ESTATE PROFESSIONALS/DEVELOPERS, AND 21 CITY GOVERNMENT AND NON-PROFITS



GOOD ACRES ROUNDTABLE: DESIGNED AND RECORDED SEASON 1 VIDEO EPISODES



WHY GOOD ACRES?

FROM RAMIRO GONZALES
GOOD ACRES DIRECTOR
MCR BOARD MEMBER

Every church wants to be a good steward of their resources and use them in a way that yields the greatest benefit to the communities they serve. Many times though, there is a gap of inspiration, expertise, funding, or knowing where to start. Good Acres serves that critical role to bridge these gaps and help more congregations solve problems in their community through their property.



GOOD ACRES MODEL

GOOD ACRES IS A VOLUNTEER COALITION OF FAITH, NONPROFIT, REAL ESTATE, AND COMMUNITY PROFESSIONALS. IN 2020 WE HAVE REFINED THE MODEL TO HELP CONGREGATIONS MAXIMIZE THE COMMUNITY IMPACT OF THEIR PROPERTY IN 3 WAYS:



1 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We help the congregation and community develop a vision for the property based on the needs of the area.



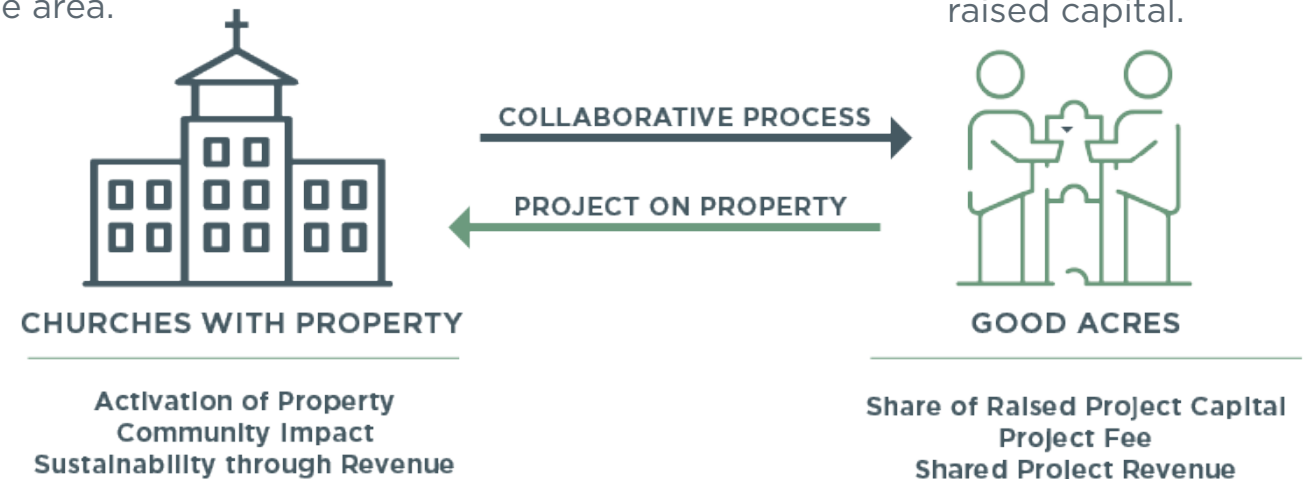
2 PROJECT FACILITATION

We provide technical assistance and bring together all the necessary partners to facilitate the project.



3 FUNDING SUPPORT

We help finance projects using public, private, and nonprofit sources, and by making direct investments into the project from raised capital.



GOOD ACRES ROUNDTABLE
TUNE IN FOR LOCAL STORIES
+ MODELS FROM AROUND
THE NATION.



DIVE-IN PROJECT BY PROJECT FROM INSPIRATION TO LESSONS LEARNED.



PHILANTHROPITCH

In June 2020, Good Acres was a finalist in Philanthropitch, a fast-pitch competition for innovative nonprofits.

WATCH OR LISTEN

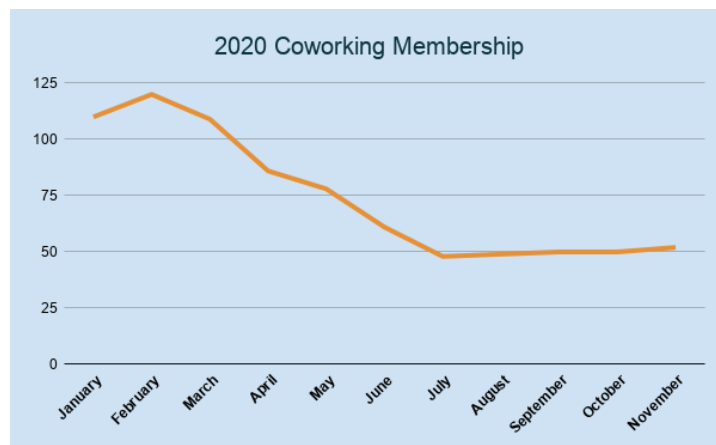
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STEWARDSHIP FINANCES

WE BELIEVE IN BUILDING ECONOMIC MODELS THAT MAKE AND SPEND MONEY IN WAYS THAT FULLY ALIGN WITH THE ORGANIZATION'S MISSION. IN THIS WAY, THE FUNDING MODEL IS ACTUALLY A PART OF THE WORK — INVESTING DOLLARS INTO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND BUILDING SYSTEMS THAT UPHOLD EQUITY.

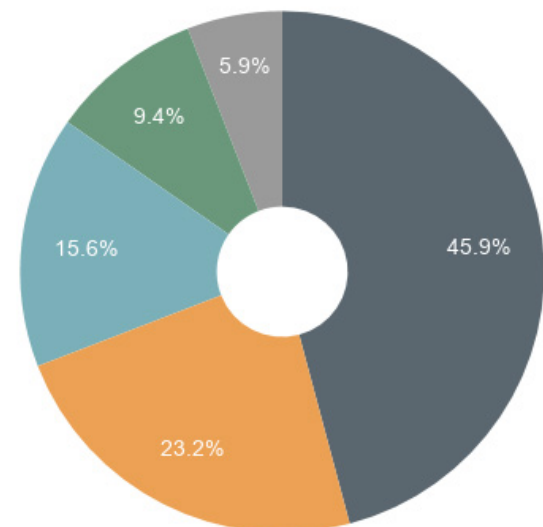
For MCR, 2020 has been a year of learning and charting new ground as it relates to our funding model. Since 2017, our mission has been sustained through our hyper local coworking model. In 2019, 91% of our budget came from our nonprofit social enterprise. This graph depicts our Coworking membership decline in 2020 due to COVID-19. In February we were operating just over 100% capacity. In the wake of COVID-19, our membership has fallen by 60% directly

correlating to a decline in our main revenue source. Through resiliency and creativity, we have added additional revenue sources including grants, consulting, 2 crowdfunding & fundraising campaigns and the building of a monthly donor program.



2020 REVENUE SOURCES

- EARNED REVENUE
- DONATIONS & FUNDRAISER
- GRANTS
- IN-KIND GIFTS
- CONSULTING



ON MODEL FROM SCOTT AUSTIN
MCR BOARD CHAIR

The challenges of 2020 have left churches and non-profits struggling financially, in a world that needs their advocacy and intervention. In order for nonprofits to continue doing important work it will require innovative funding models. Our model of blending earned revenue with external sources is one of those innovative models. We'd love your consideration in joining this mission financially. There are opportunities for consistent monthly donation as well as commitments for seed funding as we launch new facets of our programming in 2021. Will you be a part of this work, activating people, ideas and property for the renewal of our neighborhoods?

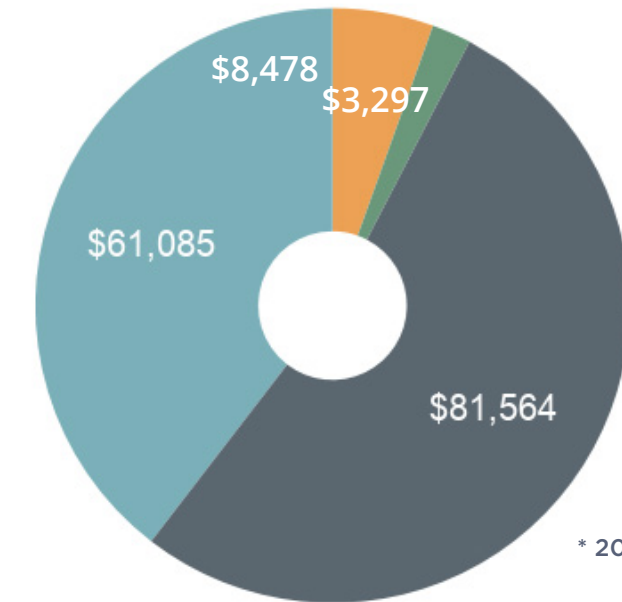


FUNDING THE MISSION

2020 REVENUE BY PROGRAM

- GOOD NEIGHBOR TOOLKIT
- GOOD ACRES
- THE IMPACT GUILD
- MISSION CITY RENEWAL

TOTAL 2020 REVENUE *
\$154,424



* 2020 Numbers represent Jan-November 2020

In 2021, we will continue to grow and diversify our revenue sources. And launch revenue producing components of our newest programs, Good Neighbor Toolkit and Good Acres. If you would like more information on joining this work as a Monthly Donor or Seed Funder for new programmatic elements, please visit:

WWW.MISSIONCITYRENEWAL.ORG/DONATE

I found a literal beacon—a co-working space called The Impact Guild, with a lighthouse attached. When I talked with the founder of The Impact Guild, I discovered she didn't actually have a passion for co-working. Co-working is just one possible medium to do what matters to her more: building community.

I go over to The Impact Guild to work, but before COVID, I also attended a cozy weekend concert there and a neighborhood Christmas party. I joined the program called Good Neighbor that MCR produced to build relationships, where we mapped the local businesses, assets, and resources of our neighborhood. Sarah and her team also work on Good Acres, an initiative that helps churches in the city creatively use underutilized property for the good of community.

I fell in love with San Antonio on my first visit, but MCR's intention and vision has made me want to not just love it, but to also contribute.

How aware are you of your city? What do you add to it? How intentional are you about improving the spaces where you work, live, and play? How can you connect with the people around you?

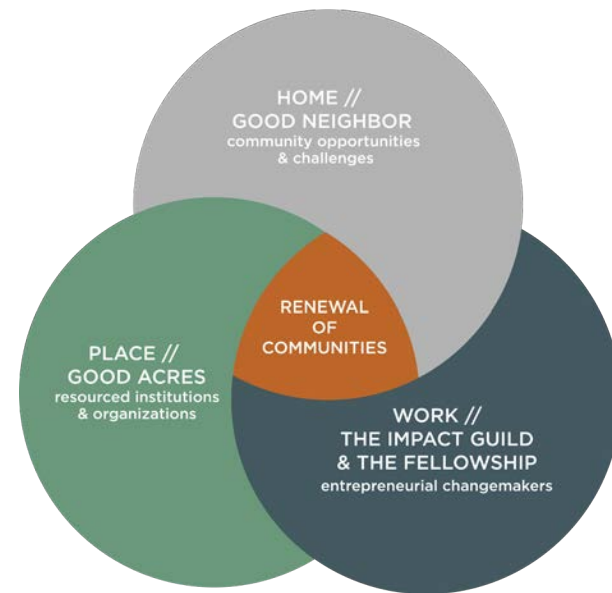
In a year where a lot of us feel further apart than ever, it seems even more important to ask questions like these. If I'd asked myself years ago, I might have avoided feeling isolated at all.

KATHY WEST, Beacon Hill Neighbor and Impact Guild Coworking member

JOIN US



TO ACTIVATE **PEOPLE,**
IDEAS & PROPERTY
FOR THE RENEWAL
OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS



THANK YOU! Mission City Renewal's greatest asset is the creative community that fuels this work. Many of you are a part of that. If you'd like to get involved with this network, here are a few ideas. We're certainly open to others. Here's my email, please reach out.

— Sarah Woolsey, Exec. Director
sarah@missioncityrenewal.org

6 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

- 1 **MONTHLY FINANCIAL PARTNERSHIP** PG. 17
As you read in our financial update, an important piece of our future is committed, regular financial partners. Thank you for considering this step.
>> SET UP A RECURRING GIFT WWW.MISSIONCITYRENEWAL.ORG/DONATE
- 2 **GOOD NEIGHBOR TOOLKIT MEMBERSHIP** PG. 11
We are excited to work regularly with organizations looking to align their mission and their resources. If you know a community organization or church interested in these resources, online courses and/or workshops
>> EMAIL AARON@MISSIONCITYRENEWAL.ORG
- 3 **WATCH GOOD ACRES ROUNDTABLE** PG. 15
Tune in to the journeys of institutions and the changemakers within who have navigated creative community-benefit projects on their property — From big picture ideas to nitty-gritty details, these stories are crafted to inspire and equip. >> WATCH AT WWW.MISSIONCITYRENEWAL.ORG/GOODACRES
- 4 **MAKE GOOD MENTORSHIP** PG. 13
Lend your professional skills such as legal, financial modeling, marketing & communications, impact measurement to Fellows.
>> INTEREST FORM TO LEARN MORE
WWW.THEIMPACTGUILD.COM/MAKEGOODFELLOWSHIP
- 5 **IDENTIFY MAKE GOOD FELLOWS** PG. 13
If you know a church or entrepreneur who would benefit from the fellowship, please share with them.
>> WWW.THEIMPACTGUILD.COM/MAKEGOODFELLOWSHIP
- 6 **FOLLOW THE IMPACT GUILD** PG. 13
We consistently offer workshops, community events and other resources through the Impact Guild. Subscribe to our E-Newsletter and follow us on social media to stay up to date.
>> GATHERINGS AND WORKSHOPS AT   @THEIMPACTGUILD

MORE AT WWW.MISSIONCITYRENEWAL.ORG

STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES TO DO THE MOST GOOD

Good is slowing down to taste your food. Good is you as you are already. Good is looking at what's normal through a new lens. Good is bringing ease to not easy things. Good is love. Good is what you say when people ask you how you're doing and you wish they hadn't. **Good is thinking abundantly.** Good is the feeling when you come home from work and I say, "Hey love, how was your day?" Good is togetherness. Good is knowing the name of the plants around you. Good is a warm coffee as we fellowship together. **Good is being valued for your time and work.** Good is in the present. Good is not fixed. Good is a rainy days and gutters that work. Good is strawberry cake and wine in the front yard. Good is shared work. Good is patio furniture in a new outdoor gathering space. **Good is a long dinner tables and lots of food and lots of music.** Good is being buried in the sand on Labor Day. Good is your neighbor letting you borrow her blender. Good is dirt under your fingernails. **Good is laughter that makes your cheeks hurt.** Good is the first cry and a newborn baby. Good is peace that transcends understanding. Good is helping your neighbor. Good is a hot shower after playing in the rain. **Good is sitting in silence with a friend.** **Good is treating others as you want to be treated.** Good is a cumbia dance. Good is puppy breath. Good is sleeping in your bed after being gone for a long while. **Good is hope.** Good is hard conversations that stretch you. Good is getting to the mountain peak but not forgetting the steps that they got you there. **Good is being fully present in the eternal.** Good is seeing the love and potential of every person. Good is approaching the world with childlike eyes. **Good is trusting in something greater than yourself.** **Good is a rainbow after an afternoon thunderstorm.** Good is knowing the school in your neighborhood will nurture your soul and expand your mind. Good is the second the flour, eggs, butter and sugar transform from separate ingredients into a new creation. **Good is walking into a space and feeling at home.** Good is watching a pad of butter melt on a homemade tortilla. Good is being welcomed home with quesadillas and wine. **Good is being able to use your voice and know that you're going to be heard.** **Good is watching the roots sprout from a clipping of your mother's rose bush.** Good is loving transformation. **Good is equity and justice.** Good is speaking in the tongues of your ancestors. Good is dinner parties. Good is lying down in the grass watching the clouds roll by. **Good is open hearts and open minds.** Good is a picnic under a tree near a playground. Good is swimming in natural water without having to trespass or drive more than an hour. **Good is having constant reminders of the good around us.** Good is being able to go out to eat, buy groceries, get to work and school without having to use a car. **Good is welcoming new people to the neighborhood.** Good is exploring new parts of the city by bike. Good is buying groceries from a variety of places — large and small. **Good is friends that are like sisters.** **Good is small shops preparing fresh food with love.** Good is inspiration that comes from an unexpected encounter with a stranger. **Good is saying let me just listen.** Good is two-stepping at a wedding. **Good is when your person meets their person.** **Good is dreams that become reality.** Good is the sweetness of falling in love for the first time. Good is drinking iced coffee on a hot summer's day. **Good is exploring a new city and making it home.** Good is receiving an unexpected gift in the mail. Good is the tension between joy and sorrow. **Good is cheering on friends as they start new seasons of life.** Good is the shushing of the wind through the mesquites. Good is when every child has access to books, and music and kites. **Good is when there is equality and equity.** Good is when everyone has their own joy and can freely follow it without some giant stomping on it. Good is paint spilled on the sidewalk. **Good is healthcare that is not based on a capitalistic model.** Good is a really long examination of another person's eyes. **Good is feeling valued and having a purpose.** **Mayonnaise is also good.** Good is the smell of a sleeping baby on your chest. Good is two women on a train in London talking about what we can make happen now. Good is a baby crying because they know mama will pick them up. **Good is present.** Good is the word y'all — Y'all is an excellent word. Good is that song "Someday" someday would be excellent. **Good is a childhood filled with wonder — a childhood that shapes each individual into who they were created to be.** **Good is when people reserve judgment and work to understand one another.** Good is watching your child's imagination soar. **Good is a cool evening on the front porch with your love.** Good is fresh eggs from the backyard chicken coop. Good is building trust over a long period of time.



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