



Dear Friends,

Our prayer for 2022 was to see Cleveland filled beyond measure with hope, goodness opportunity and faith. I'm pleased to let you know that we saw God do just that! Here are several ways we saw Him provide *Hope Beyond Measure* in 2022:

The launch of the **FLOURISH** campaign this year marked the largest expansion of Building Hope in the City's (BHITC) reach since its founding. FLOURISH seeks to secure \$6 million in support. I am pleased to report that at the end of 2022, our generous partners have given or pledged over \$4.4 million toward the goal. Thank you!

One of the first fruits of FLOURISH will take place this spring when we break ground on the first 14 of 28 total affordable, supportive housing units in Stockyards. What a blessing for BHITC to contribute meaningfully to our city's critical shortage of affordable housing.

The launch of **Peripeti Home** as an employer of refugee women was worth celebrating in 2022, as was the fact that **Common Threads** provided employment to nearly 50 people. Meanwhile, ongoing renovations at **The Hope Center** are helping create a place of greater beauty and functionality. Watch for the upcoming debut of **One World Kitchen**, a pop-up cafe at The Hope Center featuring the culinary skills of refugee women, all thanks to our new newly-installed commercial kitchen. Starting this spring, you'll have the opportunity to purchase monthly meals representing cultures from across the globe thanks to these enterprising women.

When it comes to equipping our city's future ministry leaders, **LIFT** (Leaders in Faith Together) launched its second cohort of 5 city ministry leaders in the fall and we trained 300+ activated leaders across the city through various events, workshops and joint travels to ministry conferences. God is using BHITC to bridge together leaders across the Body of Christ in new ways.

In so many ways, 2022 had to be seen to be believed! We are grateful to God for this opportunity and to you for your support.

Let's watch Him do it all over again in 2023!

Blessings to you!

Brian Upton
Executive Director

2022 IMPACT REPORT



61 new volunteers incorporated into city ministry, contributing to **\$219,150** in labor value invested by our committed volunteers.

The Hope Center assisted **250** people to become U.S. citizens.



Rally CLE hosted **9** community improvement projects in Clark-Fulton and Stockyards with neighborhood leaders, leading to over **\$50,000** invested into the neighborhood.

Engaged **115** children through Education Enrichment opportunities on the near west side and at The Hope Center, which include after-school and summer programs. Plus, **90+** youth took part in the The Hope Center's youth soccer camp!



The annual Christmas Store blessed **410** children through nearly **4,000** donated gifts.

Common Threads generated over **\$1,400,000** in sales.

Peripeti Home made more than **4,000** candle and fragrance products poured and provided employment to refugee women.

Common Threads locations provided employment to **47** people, contributed to almost **225,000** pounds of textiles responsibly recycled and kept from landfills, bringing the total to more than **400** tons recycled since opening.

On average, The Hope Center welcomed **300** people on a weekly basis. In total, over **7,276** refugees and immigrants walked through the Center's doors in last year.

The Hope Center provided **75+** adults with job placement assistance, including job applications, resumes, and job placement within partner companies; **62%** of Center ESL students advanced in learning.



Launched **FLOURISH**, a campaign to raise \$6M+ for new ministry, including the construction of **28** new units of affordable, supportive housing in Stockyards. In 2022, secured \$1.8M needed for construction of initial 14 units, which will begin in early 2023.

Installed **2 high-yield microfarms** producing hundreds of pounds of fresh vegetables and greens for neighbors.

