



ANNUAL
REPORT





Cincinnati is Beautiful. We're committed to keeping it that way. Keep Cincinnati Beautiful empowers people to build community and create a positive future through neighborhood revitalization, education, and mobilization. Our grassroots network of neighbors, sponsors, and volunteers put passion to work creating safer, cleaner spaces and a higher quality of life for everyone.











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Dear Friends and Supporters,

"Cincinnati is beautiful. And we are committed to keeping it that way!" It is this thought which has driven our team and our community efforts for over 40 years now.

Keep Cincinnati Beautiful's commitment to our Queen City was arguably even more important during this last year. The pandemic certainly changed our lives, the way we work, and the entire world around us. One outcome was seeing more Cincinnatians spending time outdoors, which is awesome! This further motivated us to help clean-up many public greenspaces and roads, transform blighted building fronts and alleyways with creative artwork, and make available virtual environmental education for those of all ages. We even created a number of self-guided volunteer activities to help city cleanup and beautification efforts thrive during these challenging times. So as you review this Annual Report, we believe the breadth and the depth of impacts from our programs will jump out at you!

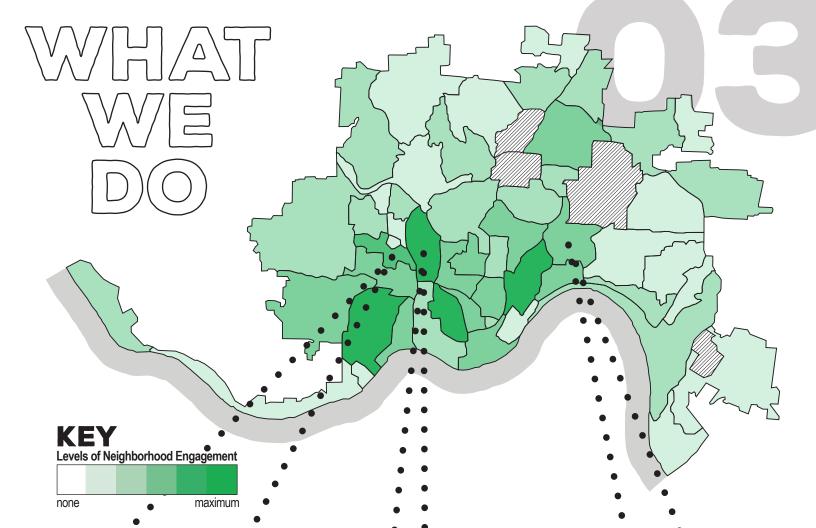
Of course all of this could not be possible without the help of generous individuals, businesses and organizations such as yourselves who have donated significant time, resources and money. We are very grateful! Additionally, going forward please know you can count on us to remain dedicated to the community leadership role we have across all 52 neighborhoods in ensuring Cincinnati is a clean, safe, beautiful city to live, work and play!

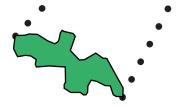
Sincerely,

Jeff Harris

Keep Cincinnati Beautiful Board President











NORTH FAIRMOUNT









North Fairmount and the Beekman Street Corridor Coalition have organized and set the groundwork for years of wonderful things to come. Our Environmental Services program continues to assist in the monitoring and remediation of illegal dumping. In an exciting and collaborative project, Education, Arts, Environmental Services, and Volunteer Programs all teamed with the Contemporary Arts Center to cleanup an illegal dumpsite and salvage materials that were used for an artist series. Local artists used found objects to create upcycled chandeliers, interpretive wall hangings, and embroideries made of natural dyes from plants collected on site that were exhibited at MadTree.

CAMP WASHINGTON











We are the most impactful when all of our programs work together. Over 156 Great American Cleanup volunteer hours were spent beautifying Camp Washington this year. Our Greenspace, Spaces-To-Places program added invaluable ecological benefits by planting dozens of trees on previously empty streets and public spaces—with more improvements to come. Our Environmental Services Program collected masses of illegally dumped tires. In September 2020, we awarded the Camp Washington Community Board a Safe & Clean Grant which assisted them in improving their infrastructure for community amenities.

EVANSTON







Evanston, a long-time neighborhood partner of KCB has continued to flourish. Their two Spaces-to-Places sites are blooming; the Duck Creek Native Prairie and Orchard bares fruit and attracts pollinators and the Montgomery and Ruth Pocket Park (dubbed Senior Citizen Park) is frequently enjoyed by its neighbors. Additionally, more than 50 dedicated volunteers joined small, socially distanced events spread out over the course of the year to maintain these greenspaces. Four vacant, barricaded buildings were made vibrant with colorful windows and doors by the Arts Program. We have some exciting projects in the works for this upcoming year, stay tuned!



Our Arts Program uses **art as a catalyst for change**; reducing blight, crime, and illegal graffiti in some of the most forgotten parts of our city. Community eyesores, like vacant buildings, tagged retaining walls, and rusty chain-link fences are **transformed into community assets by creating simple, low-cost works of art.** The facades of boarded buildings are painted with Trompe l'oeil representations of doors and windows, heavily vandalized walls are given new life with simple geometric murals, and commonly discarded materials are transformed into eco-art installations. Our work is changing the appearance and perception of neighborhoods, **improving the quality of life and encouraging economic development.**

90 + 10 = 26%Buildings painted Murals Decrease Blight







This year we partnered up with ArtWorks once again for New Lines, our alleyway mural series. This iteration focused on the work of nine local female artists that was incorporated into the Goetz alley network connecting OTR and Pendleton. This collaboration continues to grow and evolve with the goal of using art to transform a once neglected, historic alley into a public gallery celebrating the work of local artists. Another project we tackled was a lengthy 316-foot mural along a retaining wall on Third Street Downtown. We worked with 3CDC on the project and completed the entire piece over the course of five events with the help of volunteers from the Downtown Residents Council, Cincinnati Bell, The Saudi Arabian Student Association, and more!





ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION



Our Environmental Education Program connects economically disadvantaged children with the environment to help them grow social and emotional skills, learn about the world around them, and take action to make a positive difference. Our free programming is offered to any school in the Greater Cincinnati area and traditionally includes assemblies, classroom presentations, cleanups, service learning, field trips, and a local environmental issues project. The program has evolved many of our celebrated programs to a digital medium - with supplemental resources and activities on a new website (www.KCBECOED.org).

1.7k+ 115 200

PAGE VIEWS

HOURS WATCHED

UNIQUE VISITORS

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

This year we reimagined our programming to reach students when traditional in-person activities were suspended. The decision was made to focus on generating engaging and entertaining environmental education videos and content, an endeavor that in pre-covid life meant sacrificing our outreach efforts which were numbering 25K students annually. Now, given the time and space to create, our team is producing virtual classroom presentations with robust complementary content like short video and book recommendations, worksheets and activity guides, as new permanent offerings in our catalogue.













ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Our Environmental Services Program combats harmful activities that threaten clean, green, and beautiful places in Cincinnati's neighborhoods through illegal dumping and graffiti abatement. We deter acts of environmental crime and vandalism through strategic community partnerships and strong working relationships with local government agencies.







PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

This year we continued to partner with local community groups, the City of Cincinnati, and Hamilton County to develop strategies to deter acts of Environmental Crimes. We are thrilled to be the recipient of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Recycling and Litter Prevention, Recycle Ohio Grant. It will be used to purchase equipment to support the Environmental Services Program and our ongoing efforts to reduce illegal dumping in our beautiful City. We are also pleased to announce that we have established an internship program with the University of Cincinnati's Department of Criminal Justice. The internship will expose students to the challenges posed by environmental crimes and engage in field work with law enforcement.

COLLECTED

292

MILES OF ROAD CLEANED

**GREENSPACE

Our Greenspace Program creates clean, green, and beautiful places in Cincinnati's neighborhoods through two signature initiatives; Spaces-To-Places and Help-A-Lot. The goal of both programs is to address the inequities of greenspace throughout Cincinnati and to encourage people to restore underutilized public spaces into socially, culturally, and environmentally responsible spaces that reflect the character of the neighborhood. Each year hundreds of dedicated volunteer hours maintain and establish our Greenspace program's Spaces-To-Places project sites. We plant trees and flowers, water, prune, edge, weed, and mulch both existing and new project sites.





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Washington Park.

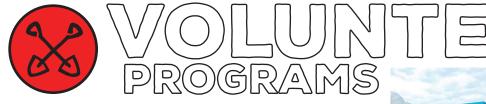


PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

This year, we partnered with Camp Washington, which has one of the lowest tree canopy densities in the city, to transform community recreation spaces and improve streetscapes by planting dozens of trees. We are continuing our investment in Camp Washington through next fiscal year and are currently working with the community to plan a new gateway space. We are also excited to announce our new Spaces-To-Places application process, which will allow community members to formally put forth their ideas and leverage our partnership with

Human Nature to bring their vision to life.

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Our Volunteer Programs empower everyone to better their community through beautification, litter prevention, and improving public spaces. For over 20 years, from March through November, volunteers across the Tri-State rally to participate in massive cleanup efforts. Each year we improve neighborhoods through supporting community cleanup events, organizing corporate give-back events, coordinating our Adopt-A-Spot program, and awarding Safe and Clean community grants.





300%

INCREASE IN ACTIVE ADOPT-A-SPOTS

12,664

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DECREASE IN LITTER



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

This year a record number of Cincinnatians made a personal commitment to keep their neighborhoods, blocks, and favorite "spots" safe and clean by taking advantage of our Adopt-A-Spot program. Fifty individual residents or groups became Adopt-A-Spot Captains, the most we've seen since the program began decades ago. They received cleanup supplies, had an official sign installed marking their spot, and vowed to keep their designated area free of litter on a regular basis. Groups of children picking up trash on their way to recess at a local playground, nonprofit organizations like the Talbert House, and friendly neighbors alike are just some of the participants that joined this initiative.







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INCREASE IN REVENUE VERSUS THE 19/20 FISCAL YEAR

7%

97%

INCREASE
IN DONATED
MATERIALS
& SERVICES

FINANCIALS

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021

REVENUE

Grants & Contracts \$659,544 (32%)

Donated Materials & Services* \$1,199,345 (58%)

Contributions \$64,381 (3%)

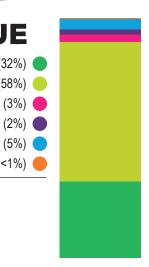
Sponsorships \$46,036 (2%)

Miscellaneous \$95,328

Interest \$9,317 (<1%)

Total Revenue \$2,073,951

* Total Revenue Less In-Kind \$874,606 (Donated Materials & Services)



EXPENSES

Cleanup & Beautification* \$558,248 (61%)

Education & Public Awareness* \$127,374 (14%)

Management & General \$169,995 (18%)

Fundraising \$68,062 (7%)

* Program Services Subtotal \$685,622 (75%)

Total Expenses \$923,679

Net Assets Beginning of Year: \$171,087 Net Assets End of Year: \$184,717

Net Change: \$13,630



We, the people of the Queen City, each have a stake in the place we call home. Eastside or west, we empower everyone to make their mark on the city we love. Through education, revitalization, and environmental initiatives, we transform people into catalysts for change in their communities. We help neighbors connect, collaborate, and problem-solve through a grassroots network that spans our 52 neighborhoods. By putting passion to work, boots on the ground, and tools in our hands, we ignite a collective force for good that only continues to grow.

RISE UP, QUEEN CITY. REP THE CROWN.



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