HELPING HANDS PROJECT ORGANIZATION

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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Executive Director Statement

Helping Hands Project Organization’s mission is to empower and elevate the lives of the most underserved, focusing on communities of color, by providing resources and access to programs that ensure an equitable opportunity for success.

We are a new organization and the team has shown a phenomenal effort of reaching this mission by utilizing strong outreach efforts to build our recognition, create connections to organizations, business owners, property management companies and individuals in the communities of color that we serve and impact change to those disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic and beyond. We are incredibly excited to look back at the prior year accomplishments and look forward to the future reach that our organization can achieve.

Vivian Obah
PROJECTS AND IMPACT

EV I C T I O N

Rental Assistance Program

- Partnership with the Department of Commerce and Volunteers of America to provide rental assistance to people who have lost income due to COVID-19. 1.5 million dollars of rental assistance dispersed within months.
- We targeted outreach to immigrant run businesses and property management companies that serve communities of color.

DISTRIBUTION of COVID-19 Aid

- Distributed groceries and toiletries to homebound Puget Sound residents via COVID-19 safe door drop-off deliveries
- Distributed multiple rounds of donations of food, diapers and groceries to the YWCA in downtown Seattle with partnership via UTSAV and Costco
- Partnered with Trader Joe's to provide hot meals to the unhoused population in Everett, WA

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“Gracias por todo y es un placer haberme comunicado con su programa.
Thank you for everything and it is a pleasure to have connected with your program.

L.T.

“"You are amazing people. You brought us food, toilet paper and soap. We have 5 kids and I currently cannot work due to the ban on hairdressers. So thankful for you!"

M.J.

"THANK YOU SOO MUCH! God bless you guys so much, appreciate the help!"

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PROJECTS AND IMPACT

BLACK CRIME

Victim Services

- Contracted via the Department of Commerce and Office of Crime Victims Advocacy to help
- address emergent victim service needs in the Black community. Helping to provide information and referrals, advocacy and help with Emergency Financial Assistance.
- Partnered with Faculty and Students at Central Washington University to present an Information Session on Domestic Violence and opened the door for student internships and volunteers.

FARM to Families

- Distributed 150 food boxes directly to Puget Sound healthcare staff within communities of color who have been unable to access other drive-through food pickup sites due to their work schedules.

BUILDING CHANGES

Changes

- With the help of the Building Changes grant, we were able to provide computers to youth to help with remote school activities.
DEMOGRAPHICS SERVED

Here is a breakdown of our client demographics:

74% OF TOTAL HELPING HANDS RENTAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS IDENTIFIED AS PEOPLE OF COLOR

- Our focus on communities of color is vital. Black individuals as a whole are nearly twice as likely as non-Hispanic white individuals to die from a COVID-19 infection according to a Washington Post–Ipsos poll.

- 53 percent of Black renters polled by Apartment List reported owing rent money compared to only 21 percent of white renters. 38 percent of Hispanics were surveyed to have rent debt as well as 27 percent of Asian renters.
Our Vision Moving Forward

With the continuation of the Eviction Rental Assistance Program, Black Crime Victim Service Project, and new community partnership opportunities, Helping Hands Project Organization looks forward to serving our mission statement. Our mission is to continue to empower and elevate the lives of the most underserved, focusing on communities of color, by providing resources and access to programs that ensure an equitable opportunity for success.