
RESTORE LIFE

2017
RESTORATION
REPORT

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A YEAR OF DISCOVERY

The past year was one we will not soon forget, along with the lessons we learned.

It was a year of discovery. Being in just our second year of operation, we anticipated 2017 to be full of learning and evaluating, but honestly, not this much. Organizationally and personally, our team spent the past year discovering and re-discovering the unique roles we are meant to play in this Grove Park narrative. Still believing that collaboration is always better than competition, we primarily focused on discovering and developing local leaders, hoping to maintain that genuine heartbeat of seeing Grove Park's leaders blessed and empowered with their amazing ideas.

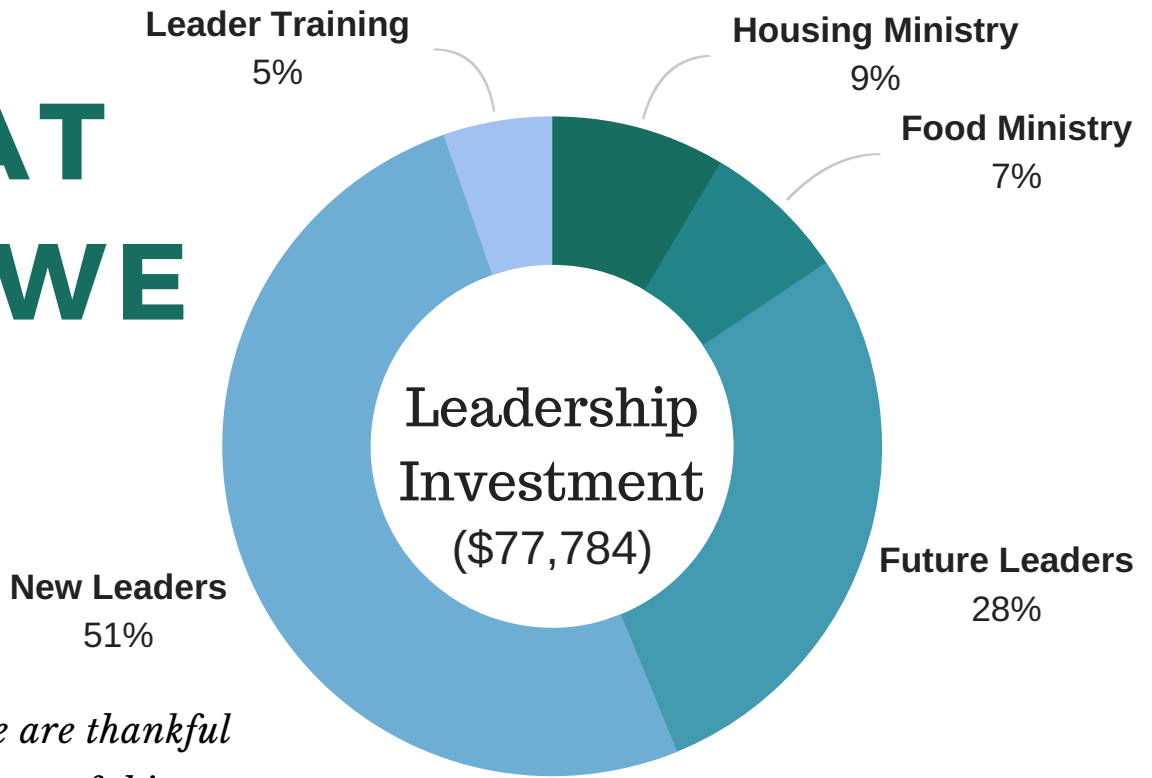
Have we made some mistakes? Yes. But are we continuing to learn? You better believe it. We know that perfection is both a lofty and impossible goal, but we do strive to be excellent. At times, we have underestimated the challenges of launching an organization in inner-city Atlanta. Racial tensions, gentrification pressures, and general spiritual warfare are all serious threats, but we are committed to consistently engaging, listening, and learning from neighbors around us, and we're thankful for each of you who have held us accountable to this posture.



Thank you for your patience. Thank you for your support. And thank you for partnering with us on this journey into restoration, both in our Grove Park neighborhood, and in our own personal lives.

WHAT DID WE DO?

There are so many stories beneath these numbers, but we are thankful to share the impact of this past year.



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DONATION INCREASE SINCE 2016

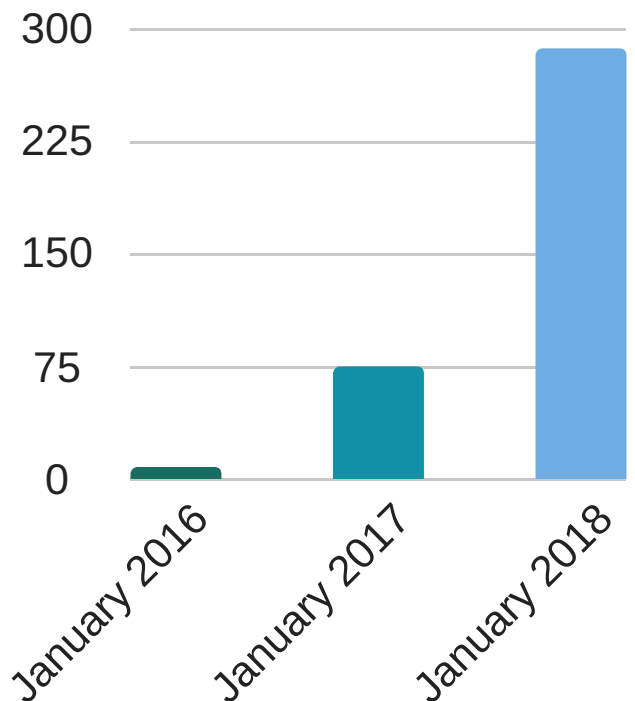
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KIDS WITH A 1-ON-1 MENTOR

70

FAMILIES WITH HOUSES FURNISHED IN GROVE PARK

Lives Invested In



A Letter from Danny

Dear Restore Life Supporters,

What is restoration, anyway? How can you measure if lives are being "restored?" How can you measure if communities are "changing" or "transforming?" The reality is you never can fully measure these things, because restoration is fluid and an ongoing process, and all of us get to experience it if we're open to the possibility. But there are hints. There are little signals that flash within the darkness and madness of this world. These signals give us hope that the restoration we all long for is indeed breaking forth, softening our hearts and opening our eyes to see the dignity we as human beings are capable of manifesting.

Yes. We are seeing those hints.

As the young man smiles and laughs with his mentor over dinner, or a struggling single mom resiliently overcomes the odds and gets a well paying job, or a house becomes a welcoming home, or a compassionate college student is empowered, trained and resourced to start a program in a local middle school for struggling and underprivileged youth, or an arrogant, overworked CEO lays down his agenda for life and starts serving from the heart. Yes, the signs of restoration are there, whispering in our ears of better days to come where children don't go to bed hungry, the jobless are employed, and families flourish with the dignity and dominion for which they were designed.

We thank you for the generosity of your time, talents, and treasures that made this last year a period in history where lives in Grove Park discovered deeper restoration.

Until all is made new,



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