



# 2022 Impact Report



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## SUMMARY

**COSILOVEYOU**, a nationally affiliated City Gospel movement, seeks to unite and ignite the Church of Colorado Springs so that every woman, man, and child experiences the tangible love of Jesus. We believe a flourishing community invites partnerships among faith, business, and civic partners who collectively seek the peace and prosperity for all people, rather than working separately to address local challenges.

By connecting resources of the local Church to the most pressing needs in our city, we work toward a day when the local Church is our city's greatest advocate and partner in alleviating human suffering and advancing human flourishing.

Dear Friend,

I have found myself thinking recently that measuring time these past few years has been difficult for all of us. At times, the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic seems only recent; at others, something that happened just a few months ago seems so distant. Many of us have struggled to make sense of the time that has passed—and the many challenges that time has contained—as our world has struggled to find a new normal. In the midst of so much change, upheaval, and uncertainty, where do we look to find hope, stability, and a renewed vision?

I have been stirred recently by King David's prayer in Psalm 143:8—"Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you." It's one man's cry to remember how God's love always comes through. But while that may be one man's prayer, it's a reminder that God's love is unfailing for all people. David's faith doesn't earn God's love, it reminds him of it.

At [COSILoveYou](#), we firmly believe that God's unfailing love is available for everyone - specifically, everyone who calls Colorado Springs their home. And we want to find ways to demonstrate that love in tangible, practical ways to anyone who would receive it, whether or not they trust in Him. This happens when we serve those in need, connect great organizations to work together, and mutually seek the peace and prosperity of our city through collaborative efforts.

2022 brought all kinds of opportunities to turn these words into actions. From major events like CityServe Days and our Backpack Bash, to small connections between a church, a school, and a local business - thousands of people were served in meaningful, dignified ways that brought life, joy, and enthusiasm back to families that have struggled to rediscover purpose for many years. We have also helped dozens of local churches, businesses, and nonprofits find engaging, purposeful ways to reach out and support a neighbor in need.

All of this has culminated in our most impactful year in our history, along with several public recognitions for our work. While numbers offer a sense of our impact, it's the stories of life-change, renewed purpose, and dignified hope that keeps us searching for new ways to "unite and ignite the church so that every woman, man, and child experiences the tangible love of Jesus."

Thank you for joining us on the journey.

**Stu Davis**

*Executive Director*

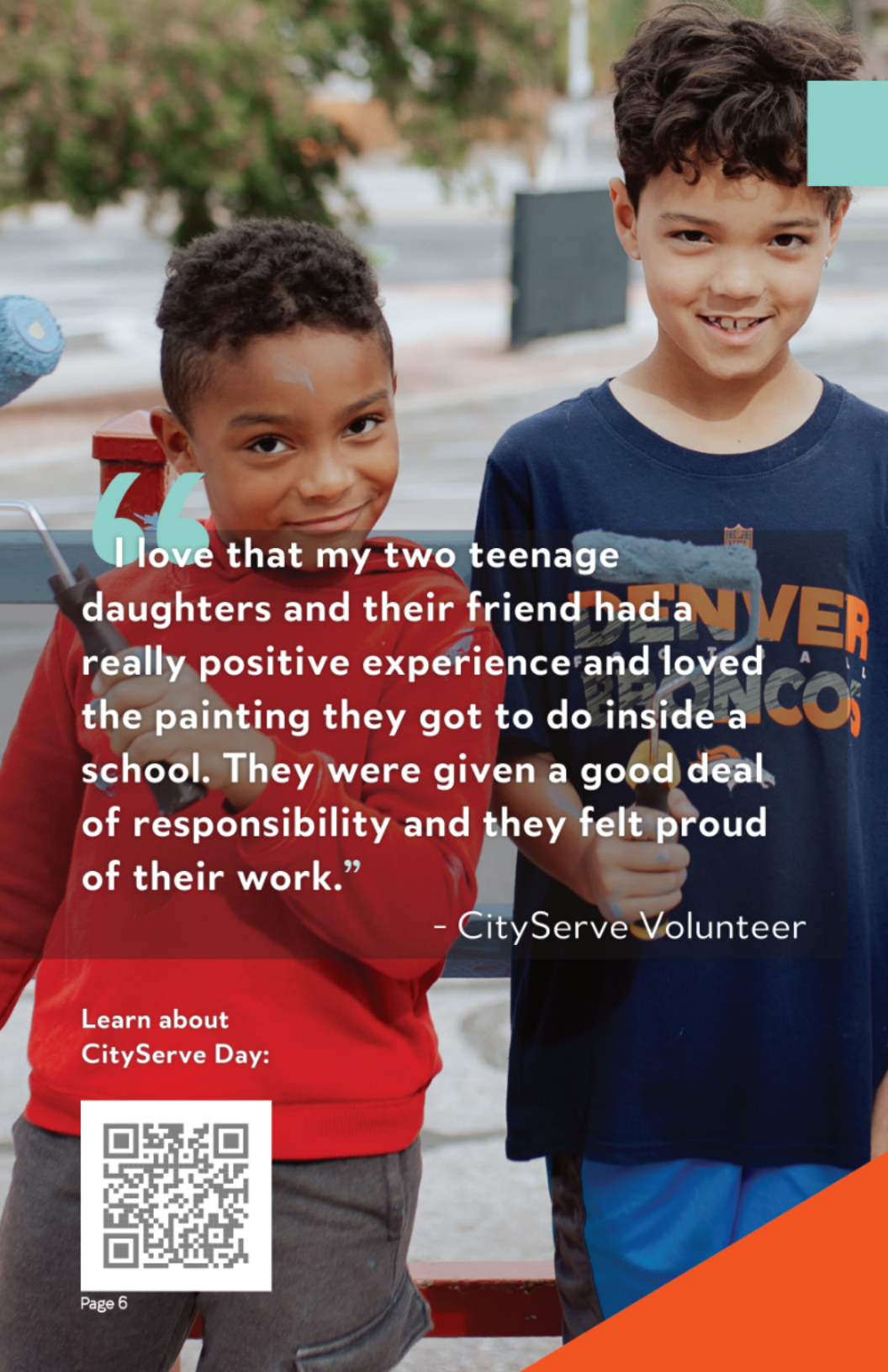






Learn about  
COSILoveYou:





“I love that my two teenage daughters and their friend had a really positive experience and loved the painting they got to do inside a school. They were given a good deal of responsibility and they felt proud of their work.”





- CityServe Volunteer

Learn about  
CityServe Day:



# CITYSERVE DAY

**CityServe Days** are no-strings-attached, citywide days of service where “all are welcome to serve and be served.” The motivation is simple: when a city prospers, so do its people. We bring together thousands of individuals at schools, parks, local nonprofit organizations, and neighborhoods to serve some of the most prominent needs in our city. Thanks to dozens of local churches and partners, our **CityServe Days** have become our city’s largest single-day volunteer efforts each year, and were recently recognized by the City of Colorado Springs as the inaugural winner of the KeepItCleanCOS Award.

	Spring	Fall
 <b>Total Volunteers</b>	1,665	2,065
 <b>Volunteer Hours</b>	3,495	6,195
 <b>Church Partnerships</b>	51	58
 <b>Projects</b>	106	112
 <b>Monetary Impact</b>	\$104,675*	\$185,540*

\*based on estimated value of volunteer time by [IndependentSector.org](http://IndependentSector.org)





Learn about  
Leadership Gathering:





# LEADERSHIP GATHERING

The **Leadership Gathering** is an annual gathering specifically designed to help faith leaders meet and build trusting relationships with our leading civic, business, and nonprofit leaders. Together, this gathering allows the faith community to listen about and engage in major needs in the Pikes Peak region, and work with local partners to find collaborative solutions.

At the end of the evening, we featured an invitation for churches to join our civic and business partners in addressing a current crisis related to sheltering families experiencing homelessness. Thanks to the generosity of over 30 churches, businesses, and individuals, over \$100,000 was raised to join the contributions of Weidner Apartment Homes and the City of Colorado Springs to begin remodeling the Salvation Army's RJ Montgomery Shelter. The collaborative effort makes way for 30 families to find safety, restoration, and hope on their journey toward stability.



**174 Leaders in attendance**



**\$100k raised toward the RJ Montgomery Remodel Project**



“We are very tight financially, so it was extremely helpful to get the backpacks and supplies we need. It was also great to see all the fun activities and enjoy lunch as a family. Thank you!”

- Backpack Bash Attendee

# BACKPACK BASH

In its fourth year, the 2022 **Backpack Bash** was a dynamic, collaborative effort that spread smiles and joy across thousands of families in El Paso County! Working together with 30 local churches, 17 businesses and nearly 15 community organizations, we were able to distribute over 12,000 backpacks full of school supplies to families struggling to start the school year right. Even more, these families connected to great organizations that will support them throughout the year, regardless of the need. Events like these are a great example of the power of collaboration when churches, businesses, and agencies link arms in service together.



**12,000**  
**Backpacks**  
**Distributed**



**60+**  
**Community**  
**Partners**



**8**  
**School**  
**Districts**  
**Supported**




**6**  
**Community**  
**Locations**

Learn about  
Backpack Bash:







“Thank you so much for all you do to promote and lift the morale and spirits of staff across the district. The care station is wonderful and thoughtful. I have enjoyed it so much, and the chalk messages make me smile every time I come to work and leave work.”

- District Staff

Learn about  
SchoolConnect COS:



# SCHOOLCONNECT COS

*"As schools go, communities go."* This statement drives a belief that, if we can rally willing partners together to seek the support of local schools and the many people connected to them, we can start to see positive changes neighborhood-by-neighborhood across Colorado Springs. We bring church, business, nonprofit, and neighborhood partners together to support teachers, administrators, students, and families so that every school has the opportunity to make sure families have what they need to thrive. Under the banner of **SchoolConnect COS**, anyone and everyone has the ability to be a part of making sure families, schools, and neighborhoods succeed.



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**School District  
Partners**



58

**Schools  
Served**



41

**Church  
Partners**




6

**Business  
Partners**



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**Nonprofit and  
Civic Partners**



“**COSILOVEYOU** is a wonderful asset to our community. Their mission is solid and the work they do on a daily basis positively impacts our city and its citizens. I really appreciate the collaborative and community building efforts that they lead, that brings the faith community together with civic and business leaders to the benefit of social issues and needs.”

- Randy Royal, Fire Chief

“I have been involved with **COSILOVEYOU** through the planning of **CityServe Day** for 6 years. I get the pleasure every year of watching thousands of people go meet the needs of hundreds of non-profits, families, and neighborhoods all across our city simply because they want to share the love of God and make their city better. Partnering with **COSILOVEYOU** gives me a sense of belonging to a much bigger community while helping others.”

- Rachel McCormack, President,  
Graham Oleson/CityServe Subcommittee



## TESTIMONIALS

“**COSILOVEYOU** inspires other cities, like ours, to unite and serve effectively. We are thankful for the opportunities **COSILOVEYOU** gives to their congregations and individuals to love their neighbors well.”

- Kim Francis, Executive Director,  
Serve Spot, New Braunfels, TX

“As a local pastor in Colorado Springs, I have witnessed the profound impact **COSILOVEYOU** has had on Colorado Springs. It is not just what they do, but their heart and posture in which they live out their mission. They seek to listen intently and serve faithfully. We highly recommend partnering with **COSILOVEYOU**.”

- Matt Ferrell, Pastor  
Woodmen Valley Chapel

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Also, seek the peace  
and prosperity of the  
city to which I have  
carried you...”

- Jeremiah 29:7



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