

# 2024 Impact Report

COSILOVEYOU

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# VISION

COSILoveYou envisions a day when the Church of Colorado Springs is our city's most trusted partner in alleviating human suffering and advancing human flourishing. From city-wide days of service and celebration to building strategic initiatives and partnerships, we activate local churches and people of faith to join the work of building a prosperous city with thriving neighborhoods and flourishing families.

By working with partners across faith, business, nonprofit, and civic sectors, we want every woman, man, and child to experience the tangible love of Jesus, and have every opportunity to experience a flourishing life and community.





to ask bigger questions: "Who am I? Who do I want to be? What am I going to be about? To what do I say yes, or no?" These are the first defining questions of becoming a contributor to the world, and these are the questions we find ourselves asking at COSILoveYou.

Over the last 6 years, we have not only enjoyed tremendous success and growth, we have also found a sense of stability and purpose that allows us to ask these important questions. And as we have thoughtfully and prayerfully begun to answer them, we are realizing that our path ahead requires us to be even more focused on holding in tension these 3 core commitments: the centrality of Christ, the unity of the Church, and the transformation of the City. While we are unashamedly committed to standing on legacy of faith so critical to our founding, we are also unwavering in our commitment to tangibly love and serve the place we call home, and the people who live here.

If you have participated in any event, gathering, or initiative with COSILoveYou, you have likely noticed our desire to bring joy, life, and hope into any room, along with a sincere desire to make a significant impact on the challenges our city is facing. I hope you will join us in the work as we mark this transition from infancy to adolescence, and as we grow into even more impact in the year to come.

For the City, Stu Davis, Executive Director COSILoveYou

### A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Over the past year, I have found myself talking about COSILoveYou as "in transition" from infancy to adolescence. Having celebrated our 6th anniversary this year, we had the opportunity to reflect on our early years of growth and success. Like a baby child, we ran around saying yes to everything in front of us, causing a lot of "happy chaos." Infants bring joy, smiles, and a sense of wonder into the world. Those are good descriptions of our early years at COSILoveYou. But as a child grows, he or she starts

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## UNITE

COSILove You brings together churches, businesses, nonprofits, and civic organizations for collective impact on some of our city's biggest challenges. By bringing the assets of the faith community alongside those from other sectors, we have seen better solutions and built a stronger sense of trust in our city's churches.

#### **77 UNIQUE CHURCHES**

INVOLVED IN CITYSERVE DAYS & BACKPACK BASH EVENTS



LEADERSHIP GATHERINGS &TRAINING

#### **NEARLY 200 LOCAL BELIEVERS** ENGAGED IN PRAYING WEEKLY FOR OVER

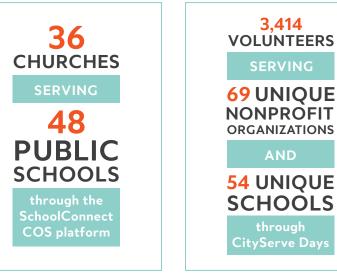
5,000 NEIGHBORS ACROSS COS

through our recent partnership with the **BLESS APP** 

### IGNITE

One of our core purposes at COSILoveYou is to see "the big-C Church serving the big-C City." We want our unity to produce action in love and service to our city and those in need. By helping churches find actionable ways to serve neighborhoods, schools, and public-sector partners, we are making a difference in the life of our community.





**10,401** SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

SUPPORTED BY OVER

1,000 VOLUNTEERS **8** 70+ COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

through our annual **BACKPACK BASH** 

52 CHURCHESHOSTING OVER450 NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERINGS

to connect neighbors to one another, as part of Colorado Springs' **1000 NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERINGS CAMPAIGN** 

### IMPACT

The work of COSILoveYou goes so much farther than the numbers. It's about lasting impact. How is our city different because of our work to build partnerships between churches and other local partners?

"COSILoveYou has completely changed how our public schools view community partnerships. What once felt like a burden is now a source of incredible support, thanks to their approach. Schools now see community partners as vital members of their team, bringing valuable opportunities to students and staff ... COSILoveYou has made building partnerships not just easier but deeply rewarding, creating communities that stand with our schools in educating and caring for our youth."

- School District Administrator

"COSILoveYou's leadership is intentional and diligent to seek out and activate the avenues to connect and engage church leaders, non-profits, businesses, the community's citizens, and the city government to walk alongside each other to strengthen and serve the Colorado Springs community."

- Church Leader

"This was an amazing support for my family. My grandchildren now have new backpacks for school this year! Seeing their excitement as they searched for the perfect backpack and then tried them on was very rewarding! Thank you so much for the opportunity to put big smiles on their faces!"

- Backpack Bash Attendee

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"Seeing churches, businesses, nonprofits, and the local government work together towards a common goal - serving our community and loving well - has been wonderful to watch through the years, and COSILoveYou continues to grow more and more effective through each event they pull off." 0

- Volunteer



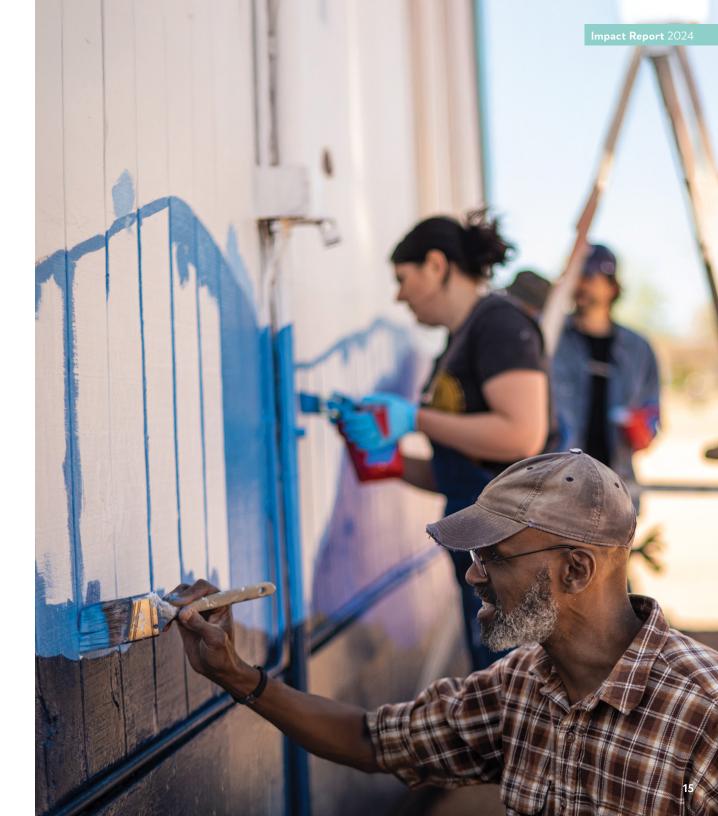
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### BUT SEEK THE PEACE AND PROSPERITY OF THE CITY ... FOR IN ITS PROSPERITY, YOU WILL FIND YOUR OWN.

**JEREMIAH 29:7** 

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