



**2019
IMPACT
REPORT**

TOGETHER RISING

EXISTS TO TURN OUR COLLECTIVE HEARTBREAK INTO EFFECTIVE ACTION.

A LOOK BACK AT 2019

Message from our Founder and President Glennon Doyle



This is the story of the world changing YOU did last year through Together Rising. This is the story of what happens when we turn our heartbreak into action. This is what it looks like when, together, we stop waiting and instead become the ones we've been waiting for.

Thank you for trusting Together Rising with your hard-earned dollars. Thank you for coming together with us to help change this world to be more like what we dream, and imagine, and know it can be.

As you read some of our stories, I hope that you feel how your compassion, courage, and commitment has helped heal lives, families, and communities all over the world during 2019. Let's please keep doing this together forever. We belong to each other.

Glennon

Throughout 2019, you demonstrated your commitment to protect detained children and support the reunification of families separated at the US/Mexico border.

Reuniting 29 Families & Protecting Detained Children

On March 2nd, you accompanied 29 families presenting themselves at the US/Mexico border to be reunited with their children who were taken from them while legally seeking asylum. Six days later, you went to the airport with 6-year-old Ariel as he reunited with his family after 10 excruciating months of separation. You invested over \$1.2 million to help these 29 families and many more reunify with their children and to provide support and advocacy while they await asylum proceedings.

In June, you deployed \$2.7 million after a LOVE FLASH MOB to activate an emergency response and long-term, legal accountability for the child detention crisis. Those funds supported inspections of detention center conditions and provided for the protection and advocacy needed for the most vulnerable children; mobilized a Defender Network to locate and access the parents of detained children; and bolstered capacity to file litigation on behalf of children who were detained illegally.



**\$4,135,429.91 distributed in
2019 to protect detained children
and reunify separated families**

Standing with people in crisis everyday

Every day, we hear from individuals and families facing crisis and heartbreak. Because of your monthly donations, Together Rising has the resources to respond when crises hit. Because of you, we can be first responders: providing food, shelter, clothing, medicine—whatever is most needed to whomever most needs it—immediately. Your commitment has translated to the healing of lives, families, and communities all over this country and the world.

In 2019, you distributed \$185,700.58 to 321 families. You supported families like Elizabeth and her son, Anthony. Anthony has multiple medical needs, including cerebral palsy and Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (a connective tissue disorder causing hypermobile joints and pain). Elizabeth also has Ehlers-Danlos syndrome. You helped Elizabeth and Anthony get a new van equipped with a wheelchair lift that they desperately needed to take Anthony safely to and from his appointments.



After being deployed in Kosovo with the US Army, Derrick returned home to his family. Derrick and his wife Teagan were finally able to buy their first home and start to put down roots. They were loving settling in and being together again. But then their home's property value was reassessed, causing their mortgage payment to increase without warning. So when their oldest son, Billy, needed a coat for the New York winter, they were unable to buy one. You stepped in and gave Billy a new coat! Since Billy had outgrown his bed, you also provided bunk beds for Billy and his little brother Wes.



Meet Granny and her eleven-year-old granddaughter, Alaisha. A few years ago, Alaisha was without a caregiver. That's when Granny stepped in. Since then, Granny has been taking Alaisha to school and basketball, cheering and waiting and doing and knowing. Through the brutal, and through the beautiful, her love for and devotion to Alaisha never wanes. Granny keeps cheering, in a no-matter-what kind of way. When she needed a lift, you sent \$5,000 to help ease the financial burdens on Granny, who was doing her best to stretch a limited income. You said: *We see you. We are cheering for you like you've been cheering for Alaisha.*

*Some names have been changed to protect privacy.

\$28

AVERAGE MONTHLY
DONATION

4,336

TOTAL RECURRING GIVERS

321

FAMILIES ASSISTED

Supporting teens aging out of foster care

In May, you raised \$200,042 during a 24-hour LOVE FLASH MOB to provide New York City youth aging out of foster care with services for one-on-one support from a social worker; essential household goods (including pots, sheets, and blankets); mentors for counseling, education, and job training programs; and monthly workshops focusing on credit repair and work readiness.

Our goal was to show up for 19 young adults whose futures depended on us. You exceeded that goal within hours. We were able to provide support for 32 youth beginning their adult lives alone in a gigantic city. With our small gifts, we brightened each of their futures, proving once again that *There's No Such Thing as Other People's Children*.



Critical assistance during natural disasters

In 2019, you distributed critical assistance for families impacted by natural disasters.

A total of \$265,991.32 was deployed:

- \$185,991.32 for medical treatment for those suffering devastating destruction after Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas;
- \$20,000 to help Indigenous families on Pine Ridge Reservation fund food and water delivery after massive flooding cut off drinking water supply;
- \$20,000 to help Nebraska ranchers fund livestock housing arrangements, veterinary costs, and efforts to clear debris, after a storm destroyed countless ranches;
- \$40,000 for tens of thousands of respirator masks and portable oxygen concentrators during the California wildfires.



Response to chemical attacks in Syria

You have been standing with the people of Syria for over four years – since a horrific war forced thousands of Syrian families to flee their homes for safety.

To date, together, we have deployed \$4,851,117.20 to help save the lives of Syrian families – those besieged at home and those fleeing to safety.

You have provided urgent relief to families caught in the atrocities in Aleppo, and those in Douma and Ghouta hiding in tunnels.

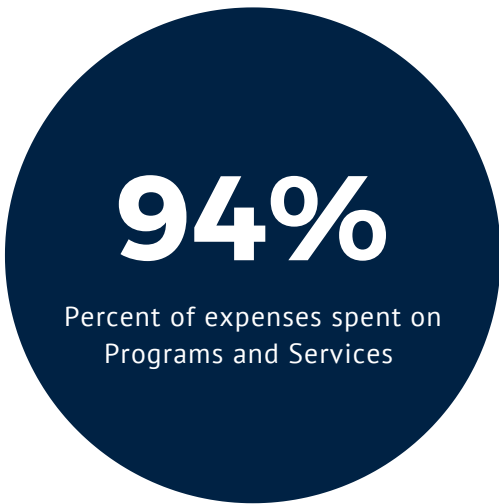
You have funded clean water, food, blankets, rescue boats, ambulances, mobile hospitals, shelters, heating solutions, and medicine.

In October 2019, in response to deadly airstrikes in northeast Syria, you deployed a total of \$111,915.60, raised in 48 hours, for prepositioned ambulances, mobile clinics, and emergency kitchens to respond with food and medical care for families caught in these horrors, fleeing to save their lives.



TOTAL GIFTS DISTRIBUTED

In 2019, Together Rising distributed \$5,193,649.50 directly to individuals, families, and organizations.



PROGRAM PERCENTAGE FOR 2019

In 2019, 94% of our functional expenses went to Programs directly assisting people in crisis.

TOTAL GIFTS DISTRIBUTED BY YEAR

As of 12/31/2019, Together Rising has distributed \$19,082,411.99 to people in crisis.

