



TOGETHER RISING

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

2021



Critical assistance for families impacted by natural disasters

Throughout 2021, we delivered critical assistance to families and children impacted by natural disasters.

In February, in response to the unprecedented winter storm that hit Texas, we deployed \$370,360.31 in grants to five partner organizations meeting families' most urgent needs throughout Texas, including in Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, Southwest Texas, Houston, and the Rio Grande Valley.

In August, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake destroyed hundreds of thousands of homes and buildings in Haiti, leaving countless families without shelter. To help meet families' most urgent needs in the aftermath, we raised and deployed \$578,099.77 in grants to four partner organizations: COFHED, Healing Art Missions, Direct Relief, and What If Foundation.

Less than two weeks later, a category four hurricane, Hurricane Ida, devastated families throughout Louisiana. The storm's 150 mile-per-hour winds decimated homes, leaving thousands unsheltered overnight. We deployed \$237,408.06 in grants to three partners for emergency food and water, rebuilding, and access to computers, wifi, and power.



Photo courtesy of ShelterBox USA



In addition, we also distributed 19 grants totaling \$43,950 directly to families and individuals in crisis as a result of Ida's wreckage, including Arie and her mom pictured to the left.

In December, in response to the catastrophic tornadoes that struck communities in Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas, Together Rising invested a total of \$415,566.06 to provide emergency food and support the tornado relief efforts of The LEE Initiative, Feeding America Kentucky, and Direct Relief.

Later that month, Super Typhoon Rai, known locally as Odette, devastated the Philippines. More than 660,000 people—hundreds of thousands of families—were displaced from their homes. Our \$202,641.81 grant to ShelterBox helped provide life-sustaining supplies and shelter for those devastated, such as Almera pictured above, in the Cebu region.

\$1,951,996.00 invested in critical assistance for families impacted by natural disasters

\$30

AVERAGE MONTHLY
DONATION

7,407

TOTAL RECURRING GIVERS

8,930

INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES
ASSISTED

Meeting the most urgent needs of families via partner organizations

In the second largest program of the year, Together Rising distributed \$1,342,383.00 to trusted partner organizations throughout the U.S. and across the globe to help meet the most urgent needs of families and children.

Through a \$250,000 grant to BRAC USA, Together Rising supported their vital work delivering food, shelter, medical care, and play time for children to Rohingya refugees living in Cox's Bazar.



Photo courtesy of BRAC

In response to the horrific discoveries of hundreds of graves of Indigenous children buried near Canadian residential schools, Together Rising granted \$100,000 to the Indian Residential School Survivors Society. We supported IRSSS' culturally-responsive and trauma-informed response to the crisis, which included sending elders directly to the sites of residential schools to provide community-led support in the form of performing cedar brushings, smudges, prayers, and other cultural practices.



Photo courtesy of Ruth Ellis Center

Through a \$100,000 grant, Together Rising supported The Ruth Ellis Center's work by providing what their staff indicated they needed most to continue to serve LGBTQ+ youth throughout the Detroit area: an investment in technology, training, material resources, and additional mental health professionals.

In response to an escalation within the Israel-Palestine conflict that killed 67 children, we granted to the Palestinian Children's Relief Fund for urgent medical assistance for injured children—regardless of country of origin, religion, politics, or ethnicity.

In response to the abhorrent attack killing eight people in Atlanta, Georgia—including six Asian women—Together Rising directed \$50,000 to Monsoon Asians and Pacific Islanders in Solidarity. Founded and led by Mira Yusef, a Filipina woman in Iowa, Monsoon supports survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking in Asian and Pacific Islander communities.

In response to one of the world's worst humanitarian crises, you delivered \$240,000 of crucial funding that enabled our partner on the ground, Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation (YRRF), to distribute three months of emergency food baskets to families in Yemen. Because of you, 6,050 families received food baskets filled with critical essentials such as flour, oil, rice, sugar, beans, and lentils.

\$1,342,383.00 distributed to partner organizations meeting families' most urgent needs



Lifting up frontline workers at the end-of-year holiday season

We lifted up those serving on the frontlines of the pandemic through Holiday Hands, an annual program to support families and individuals during the end-of-year holiday season. In November and December, Together Rising distributed \$1,166,860 to support healthcare workers, teachers, migrant farmer workers, childcare workers, and other essential workers. Through a new initiative, we distributed more than 8,600 gift cards to teachers and school employees in the six states with the lowest teacher pay—Arizona, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and West Virginia—to show our deep appreciation of their continued hard work and dedication throughout the pandemic.

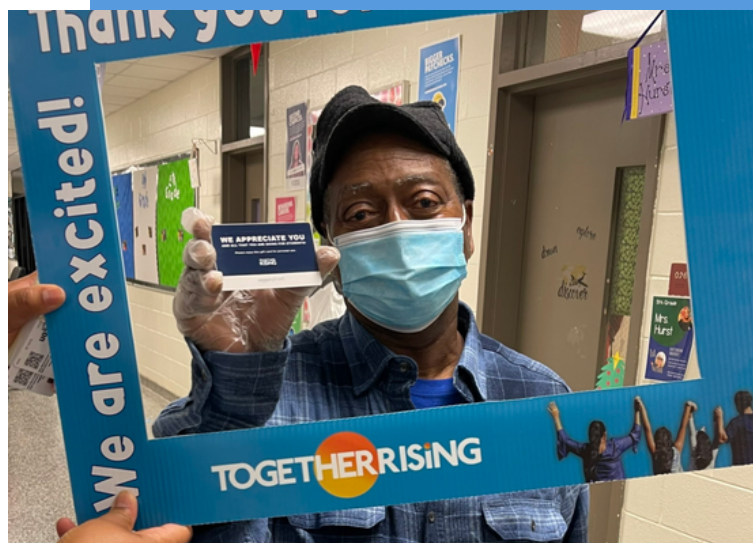


Photo courtesy of Craven County Schools

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Standing with families after Afghanistan's government collapsed



Photo courtesy of DFW Refugee Services

Since the collapse of Afghanistan's government in August, Together Rising has supported families in the tumultuous aftermath.

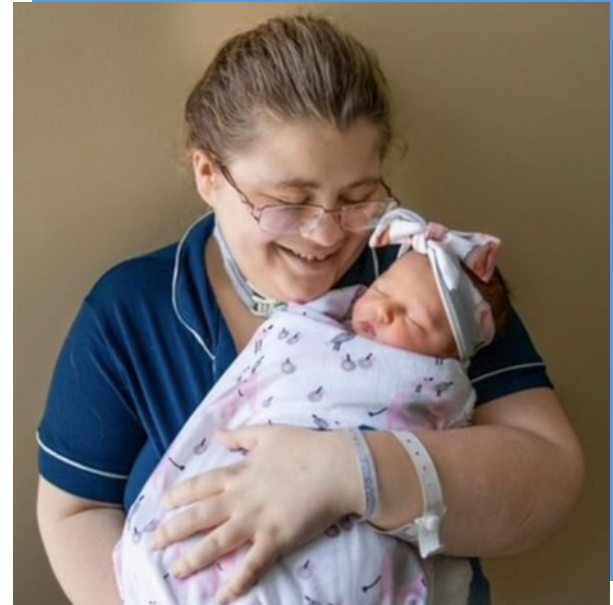
We distributed \$824,000 in grants to eight partner organizations supporting families and individuals as they escaped, resettled in the United States, or remained in Afghanistan. A \$250,000 grant to Women for Afghan Women helped enable their team in Kabul to work around the clock to help provide safety and support to families and individuals, especially women and children, in the aftermath of the crisis.

Together Rising also supported Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS), Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC), and DFW Refugee Services, all of which helped provide a warm welcome, along with critical necessities, to thousands of refugees as they resettled in the United States.

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Direct grants to individuals and families

Throughout 2021, Together Rising distributed \$1,839,397 in grants directly to individuals and families. Virtually all of these grants were directed to families and individuals who applied for support, needing help with a range of basic necessities, including housing, food, electricity, unexpected medical bills, transportation, and mental health support such as therapy. Together Rising provided a grant to a nurse on the frontlines of the pandemic, Fitz, to provide her with food, transportation, masks, and to help cover outstanding medical bills after her kidney and pancreas transplant. Another individual grant was directed to a young mom, Mackayla, pictured to the right, who was caring for her newborn daughter, Avery, while also in treatment for stage four throat cancer. Together Rising sent Mackayla a grant to cover unpaid treatment costs, travel, diapers, formula, food, and housing.



Supporting families devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic



Photo courtesy of Direct Relief

In response to devastating job losses and furloughs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, Together Rising distributed \$816,485 in grants to organizations, families, and individuals in need of urgent support throughout the pandemic. In partnership with Together Rising's long-time partner, Direct Relief, a \$314,854.10 grant delivered 449 oxygen concentrators to critically ill COVID-19 patients in India. Another \$365,000 grant provided critically needed mental health support to Navajo Nation nurses and medical staff on the frontlines of the pandemic.

In addition to granting to organizations helping meet families' most urgent needs throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Together Rising also provided grants directly to individuals and families, assisting them with critical necessities, such as keeping food on the table, and keeping the lights on after changes in financial stability caused by the pandemic.

Reuniting separated families and protecting detained children

We invested a total of \$699,269 in grants to continue to reunify families who were separated at the U.S. border under the zero-tolerance policy and to protect detained children. Throughout the year, Together Rising deployed grants to Al Otro Lado, Justice in Motion, and Safe Passage Project. We supported their critical work of locating parents who were deported without their children. In total, we reunited 38 parents with their children. We also covered the cost of travel fees, finding sponsors, living expenses, and mental health services. The grants also helped to provide advocates for refugee unaccompanied children and to provide the children with critical social work services in connection with health, educational, and mental health challenges.



Photo courtesy of Al Otro Lado

TOTAL GIFTS DISTRIBUTED

In 2021, Together Rising distributed \$7,629,762.00 directly to individuals, families, and organizations.

\$7.62M

Distributed to individuals, families & boots-on-the-ground organizations

95%

Percent of expenses spent on Programs and Services

PROGRAM PERCENTAGE FOR 2021

In 2021, 95% of our functional expenses went to Programs directly assisting people in crisis.

TOTAL GIFTS DISTRIBUTED BY YEAR

As of 12/31/2021, Together Rising has distributed \$31,207,414.30 to people in crisis.

