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Letter from the Executive Director

Sitting in a hastily assembled home office in March 2020, I called an older Rosedalian who was on my mind and asked if she needed any groceries dropped off. "Oh, I'm fine, honey," she said, "my neighbor already made a run for a bunch of us. But there's a couple other people I'm worried about, can you give them a call?"

Last year brought some extraordinary circumstances, and Rosedalians responded in the most ordinary way — by connecting and caring for their neighbors. Rosedale Development Association followed their lead and quickly adapted our work to fit the needs of the community. From swiftly acting to assist the most vulnerable to reconnecting to the community through the Rosedale Recovery survey, we met the challenges of 2020 hand-in-hand with the Rosedale community.

I am grateful to have weathered 2020 with you,

Erin Stryka



Board of Directors

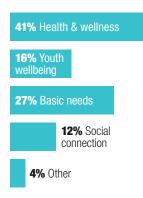
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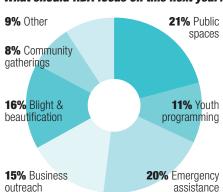
Rosedale Recovery survey

RDA has always viewed our neighbors as the experts on Rosedale, and as priorities and challenges greatly changed throughout 2020, we turned to Rosedalians to share their expertise. In August, we conducted a communitywide Rosedale Recovery survey and a series of diverse focus groups to learn how RDA could best serve Rosedale during this turbulent period. Survey results and collected feedback (to the right) showed residents' deep care for this community and trust in RDA.

Top 3 most pressing concerns



What should RDA focus on this next year?



"Rosedale has potential to become a model for other cities to follow in America, we are race, economically, politically diverse and have people all over the board in their beliefs that seem to respect each other. RDA can further lead the way. Thank you for your work. Shalom."

"Working together as a team for the community makes me feel good about Rosedale."

"I was born and raised in Rosedale and I raised my kids here also. It is a warm, friendly, neighbor-loving community where you know and genuinely love your neighbor."

"[In Rosedale] there is ample opportunity to connect with others, and the community cares."

"I love my neighbors. My family has lived in this community for years. It's home."

64

"At home" activity box and virtual program participants

13

Christmas in October homes and minor home repair projects

157

Volunteers engaged in outdoor community beautification and home improvement projects

842

Meals served through the Rainbow Summer Program summer food site



Staying flexible to meet community needs

As an organization rooted in community gathering, RDA had to rapidly adapt when we could no longer come together in-person. From shifting our entire summer reading program to an online format in just a few weeks, to altering our minor home repair program to only outdoor projects, RDA creatively changed our existing programming to be safe and accessible during the pandemic.

We also implemented new changes that allowed Rosedalians to feel part of the community while remaining physically distant, including family activity boxes, weekly #workingwednesday community cleanup days, and easily fillable advocacy forms on our website, which we then sent to local decision makers.

The combination of dedicated board and staff, valuable partnerships in the region, responsive funders, and a close relationship with the Rosedale community continue to give RDA the flexibility needed to weather challenges as they arise.



In the height of the crisis, RDA's funders and partners placed their trust in RDA to do what was best for the community. This meant that in addition to delivering program content into Rosedale homes, RDA was able to distribute meals to any community member through the summer program site.

170

Honkin' Halloween kits distributed to youth

42

Social media posts shared with timely Covid-19 updates

17

Print and e-news articles addressing pandemic-related information and resources

12

Average attendees at monthly Rosedale Leadership Council meetings



Fostering feelings of kinship and belonging within our community

While social distancing and small gatherings were vital for safety in 2020, these things left many Rosedalians feeling isolated and disconnected to the community. When the stayat-home orders were issued, RDA quickly mobilized neighbors to check in on one another and identify individuals who would need assistance during that time.

As we learned how to conduct programs in a safe way, we hosted a drive-through Honkin' Halloween parade, and a luminary hike through the Rozarks during the holidays. And when we felt the need to reconnect to our community and focus on their current challenges, we held the Rosedale Recovery survey and focus groups.

RDA also played an important role in connecting people to reliable and timely information about Covid-19 and our government's response through our website, social media channels, email and mail newsletters. In the midst of much misinformation, we made it easy for Rosedale to receive factual news about the pandemic.



Rosedale's beloved green spaces saw increased usage throughout 2020. RDA celebrated this community asset by illuminating the Fisher Park Rozarks trail and hosting the "Rozarks Luminary Hike", which helped Rosedalians feel more connected to their neighbors and community during the darkest days of winter.

\$2,782

In rent assistance for residents

\$5,392 In utility payments for

\$520 In grocery assistance

600

residents

"Back snack" kits distributed in partnership with Rainbow Mennonite Church



Taking initiative to achieve a goal

On March 17, 2020, the last day that the RDA offices were fully open before the stay-at-home orders were issued, there was a line out the door of neighbors who were out of a job and concerned about how they would provide food and shelter for their family. Despite so many unknowns, RDA knew that we could rapidly act to address the solvable problems that Rosedalians were facing.

This included distributing more assistance to residents than ever before, mobilizing volunteers for grocery pickups and drop offs, and nurturing community stewards through the Summer Youth Employment program for projects like trail building and neighborhood beautification.

Through generous funders unrestricting their funds and a number of private donations, RDA was able to work swiftly and efficiently throughout the pandemic.



Students in action! Rather than work in a Rosedale business as in years past, seven SYE students were employed to take on Rosedale community projects, including maintaining three miles of Rozarks trails, assisting in three community gardens, and cleaning up litter and graffiti at 11 sites in Rosedale.

ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC. Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2020		ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC. Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets	
ASSETS		For the Year Ended December 31, 2020	
CURRENT ASSETS:		REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT:	
Cash	\$ 204,088	Contributions and grants:	
Contributions receivable	97,218	Foundations	\$ 329,692
Government grants and contracts receivable	5,397	Government grants	58,388
Other receivables	706	Corporations	63,432
Prepaid expenses	4,818	Individuals	12,302
Total current assets	312,227	Religious organizations	4,545
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET	77,825	In-kind	5,611
Total assets	\$ 390,052	Fees for service	2,000
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	+	Rental income	9,092
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		Net assets released from restrictions	
Accounts payable	\$ 4,147	Total revenue, gains and other support	485,062
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	11,182	EXPENSES:	,
Other accrued liabilities	550	Program expenses:	
Refundable advances on government grants	836	ARCH	203,123
Total current liabilities	16,715	ARCH Plus	112,345
Paycheck Protection Program Loan	47,167	Total program expenses	315,468
Total liabilities	63,882	Supporting services:	,
NET ASSETS:		Administration	101,887
Without donor restrictions	76,499	Fundraising	38,772
With donor restrictions	249,671	Total supporting services	140,659
Total net assets	326,170	Total expenses	456,127
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 390,052	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	28,935
		NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	297,235
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NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR

326,170

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